



Saint Nicholas Greek Orthodox Cathedral Pittsburgh, PA

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JANUARY 2022 NEWSLETTER

CHURCH SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PAGEANT on Sunday, December 19th



Our Mission & Vision Statements

The **MISSION** of St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Cathedral is to Proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ in a Spirit of Unity and Love for All through Worship, Service, Education, Fellowship and Outreach.

Our **VISION** is to be a Welcoming and Growing Parish, Striving to Live the New Life in Christ according to the Teachings and Traditions of the Greek Orthodox Faith.

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Orthros 8:45 a.m.

Divine Liturgy 10 a.m.

Summer Hours (July & August):

Orthros 8:00 a.m.

Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m.

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If you are interested in renting either our small or large hall,
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FATHER'S MESSAGE

FATHER CHRISTOPHER'S MESSAGE – JANUARY 2022

I am the door; if anyone enters by me, he will be saved, and will go in and out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly. I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.

– John 10:9-11

Beloved Sisters and Brothers in Christ:

Greetings of the New Year in our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!

The New Year is a time when many of us resolve to adopt personal reforms, which, we hope, will improve our health and our outlook on life. Some of us might join a gym, others begin to diet, others decide it is time to curb their obsession with the distractions on their cellphones, while still more resolve to finally separate from their favorite yet ultimately dangerous habits, such as tobacco, alcohol, illicit drugs, or gambling chips. Many try, but not all succeed. And those who do often find themselves tempted to return to their former ways – especially when disappointment, loss, or just the stresses of modern life make it all seem unbearable. Our current situation, where we find ourselves dealing with an often-deadly epidemic that just seems to go on and on, constantly mutating into ever-more-deadly forms, has raised the level of anxiety and dread to an even higher level – and there is no end in sight. No wonder if many have turned to various distractions in order not to think about it. We live in a time when it is far too easy to fall into the darkness of alienation and hopelessness.

On the other hand, the “abundant life” that our Lord refers to, in His “Good Shepherd” discourse from the Gospel according to John, points us towards a different way of dealing with the pains and setbacks of life. First of all, He made it clear that those who trust in and follow Him will be taken care of. He says, “I am the door” to the sheepfold (fenced-in area, where the sheep would spend the night). This statement is, at first, hard to follow: how can a person be a door? The best explanation I have read is that in Jesus’ time, a good shepherd actually *was* the door to the sheepfold: he would sleep there, right in front of the only entrance to the enclosure, regardless of whether or not there was an actual gate. In this way, he could keep the sheep safely inside, while also preventing any intruders from entering and harming or stealing the animals.

Interestingly, shepherds and goatherders were not well thought of in Jesus’ day – probably because their way of life involved dealing with and living among “unclean” animals, far away from access to the “finer things” such as regular hygiene, clean clothes, and tasty food. But this attitude of disdain was mostly found among the higher classes – the wealthy, the powerful, and the well-connected. Common people – mostly sedentary farmers, who worked the fields – lived lives that weren’t so different from that of their shepherding neighbors. Certainly, our Lord, who grew up in a small farming village, admired them – as did David the King, Jesus’ ancestor (who grew up as a shepherd, tending his father’s flocks).

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What is important for us to remember is that we, the faithful of God, are Christ's "logical sheep" – that is, creatures who can talk and reason, but who nevertheless have need of direction, nurturing, and loving care. Jesus came into the world to save us from the "thief," (the evil one), who wants to "steal and kill and destroy" – that is, steal our hearts and deceive us and use us for his own nefarious and deadly purposes. If we follow in our Lord's footsteps, on the other hand, He promised that He would lead us in the direction that is most conducive for our salvation.

Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, our Good Shepherd, doesn't just lead us out of danger, however. His mission wasn't simply to create a shield wall between us and the evil one with all his minions; rather, it was to liberate us altogether from the tyranny of the devil, who held sway over the hearts and minds of humanity. "I came," He said, "so that they may have life, and have it abundantly." Humanity went from the status of hopeless prisoners in the clutches of death and despair, to children of God — for we become by grace what the Lord is by nature: sons and daughters of our Heavenly Father.

"Abundant life" for the Christian is not defined according to the values of this world. The old joke – half-told in jest, half quite seriously – that "he who dies with the most stuff wins the game" does not hold sway. In fact, none of that matters, because we can't take it with us. As the Lord himself said, "Take heed, and beware of all covetousness; for a man's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions." (Luke 12:15). What, then, does it consist in? If we look at the example of our Savior, what He taught and lived, we see a person who loved all people unconditionally; who was all about forgiveness and patience, not judgment and condemnation; who, at the same time, preached against injustice and greed; who healed all who came to Him in supplication – even those who were considered "unclean outcasts," such as lepers and the woman with the issue of blood; who didn't care how "inappropriate" it was to talk to or heal strangers, such as the Samaritan woman at Jacob's Well and her neighbors. He did what was necessary to relieve suffering – thus, He healed the Canaanite woman's daughter, who came from a pagan people, long considered enemies by the Jews, and he brought a Roman centurion's servant back to life. He prayed for all, and told His disciples to "go, and make disciples of all nations" (Matthew 28:19). As the Apostle Paul wrote, in instructing his disciple Timothy about ministering to all who come to him: "This is good, and it is acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth" (I Timothy 2:3-4).

FATHER'S MESSAGE, Con't

In short, to live the new life in Christ is to love as He loved – both our Father in heaven and our fellow human beings (who are our brothers and sisters in Christ, either in fact or potentially) without reservation or conditions. It is to be slow to judge, and quick to embrace. It is to forgive, and then forget. It is to recognize that in Christ we are all one family, sisters and brothers of the same Father in heaven, becoming by grace what our Lord and Savior is by nature. It is to desire the best for others, and not their misfortune – even when they make it clear that they want quite the opposite for us. It is to seek for our fulfillment in work and in life according to our God-given talents and skills, and to give glory to God for all we are able to accomplish that is for the good.

In these dark, plague-ridden times, living abundantly also means holding onto hope – the hope that the virus will fade, and that medical experts will continue to develop treatments for it. In the meantime, we can follow Christ's example of lovingkindness by protecting ourselves and others through measures that have been proven effective, such as wearing masks indoors in public and getting vaccinated. In fact, doctors say that the best way right now to protect and show love towards others who cannot protect themselves as easily, such as the immunocompromised or young children, is to be vaccinated. It is not 100% effective against infection – no vaccine is – but it reduces the severity of the disease if you get it, as well as hospitalizations and fatalities. In short, the vaccine SAVES LIVES. Millions of them. It may even save YOUR life, one day – or the life of someone near and dear to you, who will catch the virus due to exposure to you while contagious, and subsequently die. The Orthodox Church has no religious objections to the vaccine; to the contrary, most hierarchs, from Patriarch Bartholomew to Archbishop Elpidophoros to the rest of our Holy Synod, strongly support the vaccine as a loving and life-saving measure. Please, get vaccinated!

With prayers that all may be blessed with good health and a renewed spirit in the New Year, rich with God's grace and loving presence in your hearts and in your homes, I remain,

With love in Christ,

Rev. Father Christoph H. Bender

Rev. Protopresbyter Christopher H. Bender, Dean

SACRAMENTAL LIFE

Baptisms

With much joy, let us welcome into the Family of Faith Spiro Wilson Fletcher and Anthony Vincent Fletcher sons of Joseph Rudyard Fletcher and Alexa Papas Fletcher,
sponsors were
Anthony Van Papas and Nicole Elena Papas
and baptized on December 11, 2021.

We would also like to welcome into the Family of Faith Carlos Constantinos Guerrero son of Carlos Andreas Guerrero and Maria Demetriou,
sponsor was Hara Demetriou
and baptized on December 17, 2021.

Funerals

Our deepest condolences to the families of:
Nick P. Pappas who passed away on Saturday, November 27, 2021.
A private funeral was held Monday, November 29th at St Nicholas Cathedral.

D. John Powers who passed away on Wednesday, December 15, 2021.
A private funeral was held Saturday, December 18th at St Nicholas Cathedral.

May God grant them eternal rest & may their memory be eternal.

Theophany & the Blessing of the Waters

“WHAT IS THEOPHANY?” Every year on January 5 & 6 we celebrate the great feastday of the Theophany of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. The Baptism of Christ in the River Jordan by St. John the Baptist presents us with a great mystery of God: “He who is the Master of all is baptized by a servant, and He gives mankind cleansing through water.”

“WHAT IS A HOUSE BLESSING?” In celebration of Theophany, Orthodox Christians invite Christ not only into their hearts, but also their homes. We call upon Him to bring the blessings and spiritual cleansing of the Jordan into our daily lives. We do this each year by having the priest bless our homes with the Holy Water from the service of Theophany, offering prayers for our health, our family, and the Lord’s abundant blessings in the coming year.

“WHAT DO I NEED TO DO?” When Fr. Christopher visits, please have ready: 1) a list of names of your family members, 2) an icon. He will begin the service in the dining room or in the area of your home where you keep your icons, and then he will ask you to guide him around the house so that he may sprinkle the Holy Water throughout it. During the service, please turn off televisions, radios, etc., and silence your cell phones, so that full concentration may be given to the service.

“WHAT ABOUT BUSINESSES?” You may also request a blessing for your office or business. What better way to offer thanks to the Lord for your livelihood which He provides and to ask for His continued blessings upon it?

BLESSING OF HOMES: After the Holy Water Service on January 6, Fr. Christopher will begin blessing the homes of our parish with holy water. This year he will be blessing homes by appointment from January 6 on.

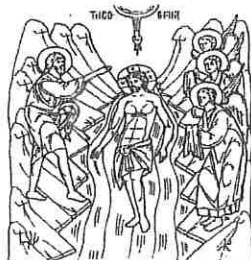
IN ORDER TO HAVE YOUR HOUSE BLESSED, please fill out this form and return it to the church office. If you are mailing it, please address it to Fr. Christopher and mark it ATTN: HOUSE BLESSING. He will call you to schedule a time for your house blessing.

Name: _____

Telephone: _____

Address: _____

PREFERRED TIME OF VISIT: Morning Afternoon Evening



Philoptochos News

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Philoptochos is continuously preparing for fundraisers and our on-going outreach programs, which is the very essence of Philoptochos. You are cordially invited to participate in our efforts. **Please take a minute to see what Philoptochos is all about!**

Upcoming Events:

Attention All Parish Organizations and Greater Pittsburgh Hellenic Organizations! St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Cathedral's **Vasilopita Cutting** will be on **Sunday, January 9, 2022**. Please have a representative from your organization present to receive your Vasilopita piece. Proceeds to Benefit St. Basil's Academy.

MEETINGS:

A **Philoptochos Board Meeting** will be held Tuesday, **January 4, 2022, at 7:00 p.m.** in the St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Cathedral Conference Room.

The **General Meeting** will be held **Tuesday, February 8, 2022, at 7:00 p.m.** in the St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Cathedral Conference Room. Fresh new faces are welcome! Your time, talent and treasure, is needed so we can continue to help those individuals in need – PHILOPTOCHOS' MISSION.

Yours in Christ,
Maria Bardakos, President

GOYA NEWS

Our GOYA was so excited to participate in the annual St. Nicholas Bazaar by providing the food, the games for children and a toy sale. It was a fun day for our entire St. Nicholas family.

The annual GOYA Christmas Party took place on December 19 after church and the Christmas Pageant. Thank you to the Kefalos and Kristian families for hosting everyone with an afternoon filled with food, fun and fellowship.

Our girls and boys have been practicing and are looking forward to the upcoming Metropolis Basketball tournaments. Our first tournament will be held January 14-16 hosted by the Sts. Constantine and Helen Church in Reading, Pa. Thank you to the GOYAns, Parents, Chaperones and Coaches for all their hard work and dedication.

PASTICHIO FOR SALE – This year the 9 by 13 pans are \$35. Checks can be made to St. Nicholas GOYA. Cash is also acceptable. For pastichio pickups, call the church office or contact Alea Melacrinos Mavrogeorgis via text 412 726-5940. Please identify who you are in a detailed message.

Hello everyone! Now that the official Goya season has begun, the St. Nicholas merchandise is available for purchase. We will be selling sweatshirts, customizable with a last name on the back. (Cost=\$30) There are also sweatpants with the logo on St. Nicks down the pant leg. (Cost= \$25). If you are interested in purchasing you can text the number 412-576-6603, or reach out to Alexis Hammerling.

September 27, 2020

GOYA SWEATSHIRTS

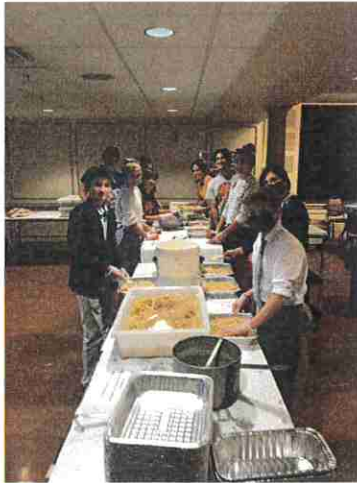
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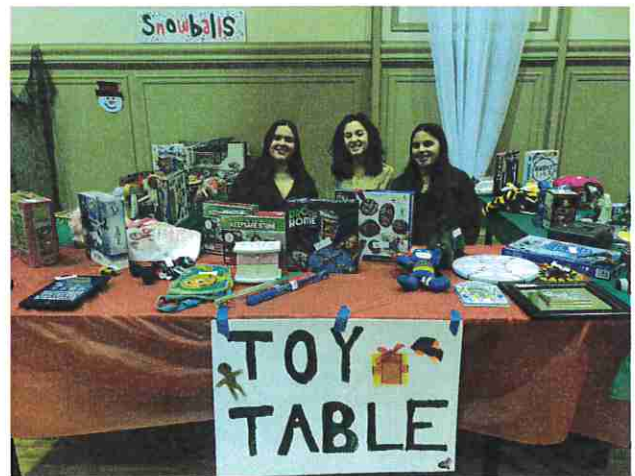
GOYA CHRISTMAS PARTY on December 19th



GOYA Making Pastichio Friday, December 3rd.



ST NICHOLAS BAZAAR Sunday, December 12th



GREEK SCHOOL

St. Nicholas Greek School

The last day of 2021 was celebrated with the children doing an amazing job singing Christmas Carols in Greek. It was followed by a Christmas Party in the Crystal Room with food, refreshments, and making Christmas ornaments.

Classes will resume on Saturday, January 8, 2022. The Annual cutting of the Vasilopita for Greek School will also take place that day with a surprise singer.

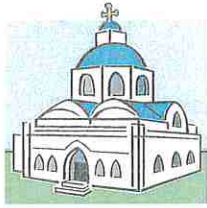
January 30, which is the Feast Day of the Three Hierarchs and Greek Letters falls on Sunday this year and there will be a small presentation. We will also hold an Artoclasia for Greek School and our parish, as well as, a Trisagion for those who had an integral part of our school. That will be followed by our Annual Bake Sale to help raise funds for Greek School.

Adult Greek School continues to be taught on Monday and Wednesday evenings for the Intermediate and Advanced classes.

The Greek School staff, students, and parents wish to everyone --
Ευτυχισμένο το νέο έτος με υγεία!!

GREEK SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PARTY on Saturday December 18th.





St. Nicholas Church School

From the Church School Desk!

Now that the New Year has begun, it is time to say thank you for the jobs well done in 2021 and to look forward to the rest of the Church School year!

Church School, organized by Sophia Bender, had a very successful Bake Sale and sponsored a Balloon artist at the **St. Nicholas Day Bazaar**. Thank you, Sophia, for your efforts!

Many hats, mittens, scarves, gloves, etc. will be delivered to **Neighborhood Resilience Project** for their **Project Bundle-up**. Thanks to all who contributed to this worthwhile cause.

The Church School children presented their **Christmas Pageant** under the direction of Joanna Darakos and Aimee Walker on Sunday, December 19, 2021. It was a beautiful program (especially the sheep) enjoyed by the whole congregation. Thank you, Joanna and Aimee!

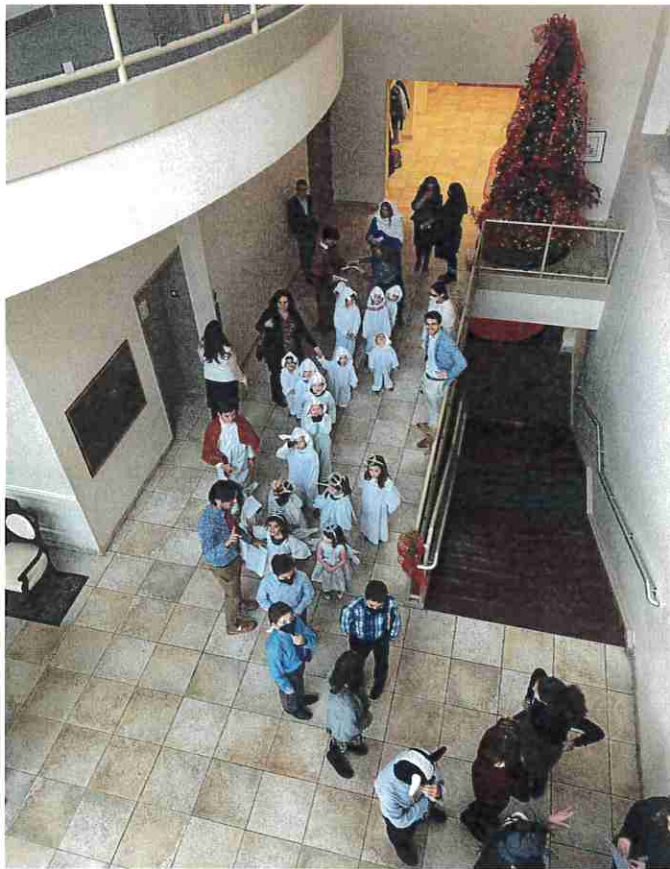
The St. Nicholas Church School teachers, staff and students want to wish our GOYANs (and Church School students) Good Luck at their upcoming **GOYA Basketball Tournament** at Sts. Constantine & Helen (Reading, PA) on 01/14-16/22.

I appreciate the support from all of you and thanks for sharing your children with us every Sunday!

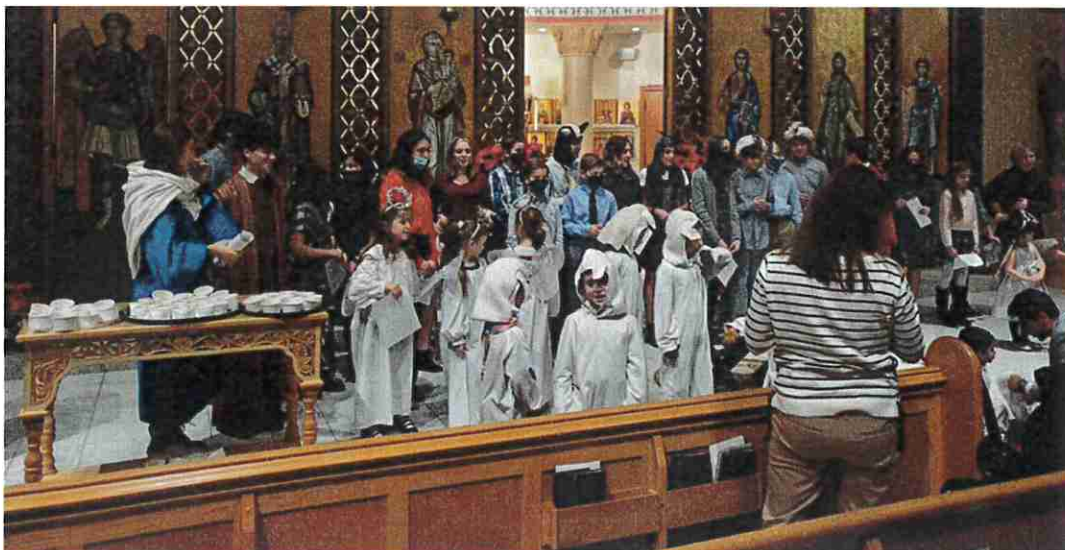
Looking forward to seeing everyone January 9th!

Yours in Christ,
Miss Michelle

CHURCH SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PAGEANT on Sunday, December 19th



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STEWARDSHIP

“And now these three remain: Faith, Hope and Love. But the greatest of these is LOVE.”
Corinthians 13:13

Re-dedicate yourself to God by participating
in the Divine Liturgy each Sunday and offer your
TIME, Talent and treasure.

HELP US REACH/EXCEED OUR GOAL



2021 STEWARDSHIP		12/27/2021
Total Stewards		313
Total Amount Pledged		\$ 144,749.00
Average Pledge		\$ 670.13
% Parish Participation to Date		104%
2021 Stewards (GOAL)		300
% of Total Budget to Date		78%
2021 Budget (GOAL)		\$ 185,000.00
Total Giving to Date		\$ 209,141.34
As of:		11/30/2021
Income: Pledges & Basket Collection, Fall Food Festival and Greek2Go	\$ 461,125.00	
Expenses: Salaries, Utilities, Maintenance, Commitments, etc.	\$ 404,987.00	
	\$ 56,138.00	

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2022 STEWARDSHIP		12/27/2021
Total Stewards		68
Total Amount Pledged		\$ 54,441.00
Average Pledge		\$ 800.60
% Parish Participation to Date		23%
2022 Stewards (GOAL)		300
% of Total Budget to Date		29%
2022 Budget (GOAL)		\$ 185,000.00
Total Giving to Date		\$ 7,150.00
As of:		11/30/2021
Income: Pledges & Basket Collection, Fall Food Festival and Greek2Go	\$ 461,125.00	
Expenses: Salaries, Utilities, Maintenance, Commitments, etc.	\$ 404,987.00	
	\$ 56,138.00	

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2022 St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Cathedral Stewards 12/27/21

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PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Congratulations to the following members of the St. Nicholas Cathedral Parish Council, who were re-elected for a term of three years on December 12, 2021:

Dr. George Bellios, Arthur Dordas, and Peter Nychis.

We thank them for their time in office and their willingness to continue to serve, and pray that our Lord will bless and guide them in their sacred task.

PLEASE NOTE: The Parish Council Affirmation of Office for 2022 will take place this year on Sunday, January 9th.

The new officers will be elected immediately afterwards.



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**2022 ST. NICHOLAS GREEK ORTHODOX CATHEDRAL
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FOOD FESTIVAL COOKING SCHEDULE

January

Souzoukakia	Saturday, January 8, (9:00 – 4:00) Sunday, January 9, (12:00 – 4:00) Monday, Jan. 10, (9:00a.m. – 8:00 pm)
Spanakopita	Thursday, January 20, (9:00 – 4:00) Friday, January 21, (9:00—4:00) Saturday, January 22, (9:00—4:00) Sunday, January 23, (12:00—4:00) Monday,, January 24, (9:00am—8:00 pm) Tuesday, January, 25 (9:00-4:00)
Pasta Flora	Sunday, January 30, (9:00—4:00) Possibly Monday, January 31, (9:00—4:00)

February

Galatouboureko	Saturday, February 5 (9 a.m.—1:00 p.m. only kitchen) Sunday, Monday: February 6 & 7
Pastitsio	Friday, Saturday : February 18 & 19
Koulourakia	Sunday and Monday, February 27 & 28

March

Kourambiethes	Tuesday: March 8
Baklava	Sunday, Monday : March 13 & 14
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April

Tiropita	Saturday, Sunday & Monday: April 2,3 & 4
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NET PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT THE METROPOLITAN'S BENEVOLENCE FUND

NO REFUNDS AVAILABLE AFTER APRIL 18, 2022

PLEASE NOTE: The Annual Metropolis of Pittsburgh St. Photios Awards Banquet is scheduled to resume on Saturday, April 30, 2022, as indicated in the flyer above.

This will give us all a chance to extend congratulations and a big **Thank You** to our original nominees from 2020/2021—**Rebecca Bertos and Linda Hages**—who will finally be honored!

I hope that I will see as many of you as possible at this beautiful event, which is always a joy to attend.

Father Christopher

JANUARY 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 New Year's Day/ St. Basil the Great/ Circumcision of Christ. Orthros 8:45 a.m., Hierarchical Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m. Please Welcome Bishop Joachim of Amisos
2 Sunday before Epiphany Orthros 8:45 a.m. Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m.	3 GOYA GIRLS Basketball 6:30 p.m.	4 GOYA BOYS Basketball 7:00 p.m.	5 Eve of Theophany Vespers Divine Liturgy 6:00 p.m. w/Great Agiasmos	6 Theophany of our Lord God & Savior Jesus Christ Orthros 9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m. w/Great Agiasmos	7 Synaxis of St. John the Baptist Orthros 9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m.	8 Greek School 10:00 a.m.
9 Sunday after Epiphany Orthros 8:45 a.m. Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m. Vasilopita Cutting Parish Council Affirmation of Office	10 GOYA GIRLS Basketball 6:30 p.m.	11 GOYA BOYS Basketball 7:00 p.m.	12 Orthodoxy Now (via Zoom) 7:30 p.m.	13	14	15 Greek School 10:00 a.m.
				GOYA Basketball Tournament at Sts. Constantine and Helen Church (Reading, PA)		
16 12th Sunday of Luke Orthros 8:45 a.m. Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m. <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content;"> GOYA away Tournament </div>	17 St Anthony the Great Orthros 9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m. Parish Council Meeting 7:00 p.m. GOYA GIRLS Basketball 6:30 p.m.	18 GOYA BOYS Basketball 7:00 p.m.	19 Orthodoxy Now (via Zoom) 7:30 p.m.	20	21	22 Greek School 10:00 a.m.
23 14th Sunday of Luke Orthros 8:45 a.m. Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m.	24 GOYA GIRLS Basketball 6:30 p.m.	25 GOYA BOYS Basketball 7:00 p.m.	26 Orthodoxy Now (via Zoom) 7:30 p.m.	27	28	29 Greek School 10:00 a.m.
30 The Three Hierarchs: Basil the Great, Gregory the Theologian & John Chrysostom Orthros 8:45 a.m. Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m.	31 GOYA GIRLS Basketball 6:30 p.m.					

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