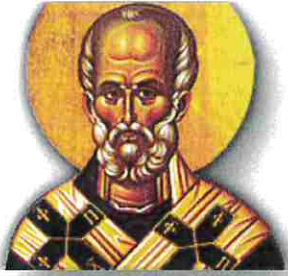


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## **WELCOME TO ST. NICHOLAS CATHEDRAL!**

VISIT [www.stnickspgh.org](http://www.stnickspgh.org) TODAY for news and updates about our parish!

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PROTOPSALTIS: Amy Hogg

CHANTER: Steve Andrews

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**Our Sunday worship schedule: Sept. 5 – May 31: Orthros 8:45 a.m. & Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m.**

**WELCOME, VISITORS!** You are honored guests here at St. Nicholas Cathedral and welcome at all our services. We invite you to receive the Holy Eucharist (Communion) if you are an Orthodox Christian who has prepared yourself through fasting, prayer, and confession. If you are not Orthodox, or are Orthodox but have not prepared, we respectfully invite you instead to come forward at the end of the service for a blessing by the priest and a piece of blessed bread (antidoron).

### **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.

Watch Sunday services, which are still streaming live from St Nicholas Cathedral at [www.stnickspgh.org](http://www.stnickspgh.org) and click on "Live Streaming Click Here."

On-Line Giving donations are up and running on our web page [www.stnickspgh.org](http://www.stnickspgh.org) by clicking please donate button - or you may access the donation page by using <https://abundant.co/stnickspgh/give>

**TODAYS MEMORIAL SERVICE** is being chanted for the soul of the servant of God, *Ernie Mandros* (1 year). May God grant him eternal rest.

**PLEASE JOIN US** for coffee and fellowship following services in the Small Hall, hosted by GOYA and sponsored by the family of Ernie Mandros.

**TODAY: Souzoukakia Prep**

### **THIS WEEK AT ST. NICHOLAS:**

- **Monday, Jan 10:      Souzoukakia Prep & GOYA GIRLS Basketball 6:30 p.m.**
- **Tuesday, Jan 11:      GOYA BOYS Basketball 7:00 p.m.**
- **Wednesday, Jan 12:      Orthodoxy 101 (via Zoom) 7:30 p.m.**
- **Friday, Saturday, & Sunday Jan 14-16:  
GOYA Basketball Tournament @ All Saints Church, Canonsburg PA**
- **Saturday, Jan. 15:      Greek School 10:00 a.m.**

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*As the Clergy exit the Altar for the Small Entrance with the Gospel, the hymn for the Feast of Theophany is heard:*

At Your baptism in the River Jordan, O Lord, the worship due to the Holy Trinity was made manifest, for the voice of the Father bore you witness, by calling You the Beloved Son; and the Holy Spirit, in the form of a dove, confirmed the earnest of this declaration. You who appeared O Christ God, and did fill the world with light, glory to You.

Ἐν Ἰορδάνῃ βαπτιζομένου σου, Κύριε, ἡ τῆς Τριάδος ἐφανερώθη προσκύνησις: τοῦ γὰρ Γεννήτορος ἡ φωνὴ προσεμαρτύρει σοι, ἀγαπητόν σε Υἱὸν ὀνομάζουσα: καὶ τὸ Πνεῦμα ἐν εἶδει περιστράς ἐβεβαίον τοῦ λόγου τὸ ἀσφαλές: ὁ ἐπιφανεῖς, Χριστὲ ὁ Θεός, καὶ τὸν κόσμον φωτίσας, δόξα σοι.

*At the procession with the Gospel the clergy chant the usual Eisodikon (Entrance Hymn) and reenter the Altar:*

“Come let us worship and fall down before Christ. Save us O Son of God, who arose from the dead. We sing to you, Alleluia.”

*Then, the hymn for the Feast is repeated, followed by the Resurrection Apolytikion for the tone of the week (Mode 4):*

When the women Disciples of the Lord had learned from the Angel the joyful message of the Resurrection and rejected the ancestral decision, they cried aloud to the Apostles triumphantly: Death has been despoiled, Christ God has risen, granting His great mercy to the world. [SD] Τὸ φαιδρὸν τῆς ἀναστάσεως κήρυγμα, ἐκ τοῦ Ἀγγέλου μαθοῦσαι αἱ τοῦ Κυρίου Μαθήτριαι, καὶ τὴν προγονικὴν ἀπόφασιν ἀπορρίψασαι, τοῖς Ἀποστόλοις καυχώμεναι ἔλεγον· Ἐσκύλευται ὁ θάνατος, ἠγέρθη Χριστὸς ὁ Θεός, δωροῦμενος τῷ κόσμῳ τὸ μέγα ἔλεος.

*Next, we hear the hymn for St. Nicholas, our Patron:*

The truth of things have revealed you to your flock as a rule of faith, an icon of meekness, and a teacher of temperance; for this cause you have achieved the heights by humility, riches by poverty. O Father and Hierarch Nicholas, intercede with Christ God that our souls be saved. Κανόνα πίστεως καὶ εἰκόνα πραότητος, ἐγκρατείας Διδάσκαλον, ἀνέδειξέ σε τῇ ποιίμνῃ σου, ἡ τῶν πραγμάτων ἀλήθεια: διὰ τοῦτο ἐκτήσω τῇ ταπεινώσει τὰ ὑψηλά, τῇ πτωχείᾳ τὰ πλούσια, Πάτερ Ἱεράρχα Νικόλαε: πρέσβευε Χριστῷ τῷ Θεῷ, σωθῆναι τὰς ψυχὰς ἡμῶν.

*Finally, the Kontakion for the Feast (Mode 4):*

You appeared to us on earth today, O Master, and Your light was signed on us who cry aloud to You and say with understanding, O Christ our God: You came and shone forth, O Light unapproachable.

Ἐπεφάνης σήμερον τῇ οἰκουμένη, καὶ τὸ φῶς σου, Κύριε, ἐσημειώθη ἐφ' ἡμᾶς, ἐν ἐπιγνώσει ὑμοῦντάς σε: Ἦλθες, ἐφάνης, τὸ φῶς τὸ ἀπρόσιτον.

**Today's Epistle Reading: Ephesians 4:7-13.** Brethren, grace was given to each of us according to the measure of Christ's gift. Therefore, it is said, "When he ascended on high he led a host of captives, and he gave gifts to men." (In saying, "He ascended," what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? He who descended is he who also ascended far above all the heavens, that he might fill all things.) And his gifts were that some should be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ. [RSV]

**Today's Gospel Reading: Matthew 4:12-17.** At that time, Jesus heard that John had been arrested, He withdrew into Galilee; and leaving Nazareth He went and dwelt in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, that what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: "The land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, toward the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles, the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned." From that time Jesus began to preach, saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." [RSV]

**2022 Stewardship Pledge Cards are in the Narthex**  
***(Just ask a member of Parish Council)***



If you have already submitted your 2021 Stewardship Commitment, **THANK YOU!** If not, please take the time to make your financial Stewardship Commitment today and complete the talent portion of the card to enable **OUR Community to grow and carry on the mission of our faith.**

***HELP US REACH/ EXCEED OUR GOAL!!***

***Our Church.  
Our Spiritual  
Home***

<u>2022</u>	<u>STEWARDSHIP</u>
Total Stewards	90 (GOAL 300)
Total Pledged	\$72,301.00 (GOAL \$185,000.00)
Avg. Pledge	\$871.10

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## **PHILOPTOCHOS NEWS**

### **Upcoming Events:**

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

### **MEETINGS:**

A Philoptochos **General Meeting** will be held **Tuesday, February 8, 2022, at 7:00 p.m.** in the St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Cathedral Conference Room.

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## **GOYA NEWS**

**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 Melacrinou Mavrogeorgis via text 412 726-5940. Please identify who you are in a detailed message.



## From the Church School Desk:

The St. Nicholas Church School teachers, staff and students want to wish our GOYANs (and Church School students) Good Luck at the **GOYA Basketball Tournament** at All Saints (Canonsburg, PA) next weekend!

Church School students in grades 7<sup>th</sup>–12<sup>th</sup> have the opportunity to learn more about their faith and participate in the **St. Nicholas Oratorical Festival** that will be held in **March 2022**. For more information, please contact Chairman Eve Elsen at 412-580-9415 or eve.m.elsen@gmail.com.

And thanks for sharing your children with us every Sunday.

Yours in Christ  
*Miss Michelle*

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## FOOD FESTIVAL COOKING SCHEDULE

### JANUARY

Souzoukakia	Sunday, Monday, January 9 and 10
Spanakopita	Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday, Monday and Tuesday, January 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25
Pasta Flora	Sunday and Monday, January 30, 31

**2022 Food Festival Preparations.** Let's ring in the New Year **TODAY- January, 9 and 10** as we begin our January food festival preparations starting with

### **Souzoukakia:**

Sunday, 12 noon to 4pm; Monday, 9am to 8pm  
(Evening cooking unless we finish earlier).

# 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.

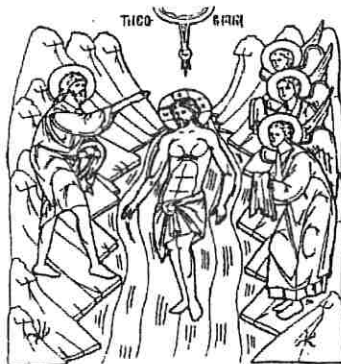
**IN ORDER TO HAVE YOUR HOUSE BLESSED, please fill out this form and return it to the church office. If you are mailing it, please address it to Fr. Christopher and mark it ATTN: HOUSE BLESSING. He will call you to schedule a time for your house blessing.**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

PREFERRED TIME OF VISIT: Morning                      Afternoon                      Evening



# ANGELO TSAROUCHAS

FRIDAY  
FEBRUARY 4TH

SAINT NICHOLAS  
GREEK ORTHODOX CATHEDRAL  
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PITTSBURGH, PA 15213



DOORS OPEN AT 7 PM  
SHOW STARTS AT 8PM



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PART OF THE PROCEEDS WILL BENEFIT THE CHURCH.

# JANUARY 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
<p><b>Sunday after Epiphany</b> Orthros 8:45 a.m. Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m.</p> <p><b>Vasilopita Cutting</b></p> <p><b>Parish Council Affirmation of Office</b></p> <p>GOYA GIRLS BB</p>	<p><b>GOYA GIRLS Basketball</b> 6:30 p.m.</p>	<p><b>GOYA BOYS Basketball</b> 7:00 p.m.</p>	<p><b>Orthodoxy Now</b> (via Zoom) 7:30 p.m.</p>			<p><b>Greek School</b> 10:00 a.m.</p>
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16	17	18	19	20	21	22
<p><b>12th Sunday of Luke</b> Orthros 8:45 a.m. Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m.</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content; margin: 10px auto;"> <p>GOYA BB Tournament</p> </div>	<p><b>St Anthony the Great</b> Orthros 9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m.</p> <p><b>Parish Council Meeting</b> 7:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>GOYA GIRLS Basketball</b> 6:30 p.m.</p>	<p><b>GOYA BOYS Basketball</b> 7:00 p.m.</p>	<p><b>Orthodoxy Now</b> (via Zoom) 7:30 p.m.</p>			<p><b>Greek School</b> 10:00 a.m.</p>
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
<p><b>14th Sunday of Luke</b> Orthros 8:45 a.m. Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m.</p>	<p><b>GOYA GIRLS Basketball</b> 6:30 p.m.</p>	<p><b>GOYA BOYS Basketball</b> 7:00 p.m.</p>	<p><b>Orthodoxy Now</b> (via Zoom) 7:30 p.m.</p>			<p><b>Greek School</b> 10:00 a.m.</p>
30	31					
<p><b>The Three Hierarchs: Basil the Great, Gregory the Theologian &amp; John Chrysostom</b> Orthros 8:45 a.m. Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m.</p>	<p><b>GOYA GIRLS Basketball</b> 6:30 p.m.</p>					