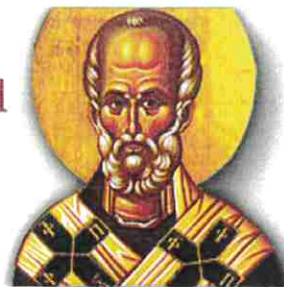




Saint Nicholas Greek Orthodox Cathedral Pittsburgh, PA

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MARCH 2022 NEWSLETTER



MARCH 25, 2022

The Annunciation to the Theotokos is one of the Great Feasts of the Orthodox Church, celebrated **March 25** since it marks both the anniversary of the [Greek War of Independence](#) against the Ottomans and the Feast of the Annunciation, a significant celebration in the Orthodox Church.

The Feast of the Annunciation marks the visit of the angel Gabriel to the Virgin Mary, during which he told her that she would be the mother of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

More importantly, since it occurs nine months before the birth of Jesus on Christmas Day, the Annunciation marks the actual incarnation of Jesus Christ – the moment that Jesus was conceived and that the Son of God became the son of the Virgin.

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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Service Schedule

Fall and Winter Hours (September-June):
 Orthros 8:45 a.m.
 Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m.
Summer Hours (July & August):
 Orthros 8:00 a.m.
 Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m.

Hall Rentals

If you are interested in renting either our small or large hall, please contact our Events Coordinator, Mary Olszewski, at 412-628-9466 or events@stnickspgh.org for more information and availability.

Metropolis	412-621-5529	www.pittsburgh.goarch.org
Archdiocese	212-570-3500	www.goarch.org

CHECK US OUT ON THE WEB

www.stnickspgh.org
www.stnickscathedralroom.com

And look for us on our Facebook page:

https://www.facebook.com/Saint-Nicholas-Greek-Orthodox-Cathedral-Pittsburgh-PA

Watch Sunday services streaming live from St Nicholas Cathedral at 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 by clicking please donate button - or you may access the donation page by using <https://abundant.co/stnickspgh/give>

ORGANIZATIONS

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Little Angels/HOPE/JOY	Nikki Lykos	412-897-8208
60 Club	Fran Hanna	412-731-0790
Garden Club	Elaine Andrianos	412-731-4334
Choir	Steve Andrews	412-561-9102
Organist	Haley Cobb	
Chanter	Amy Hogg	412-345-1812
Sexton	Jimmy Machin	724-413-4309
Prosfora	Argy Darakos	412-319-7330
	Jim Hages	412-523-7937
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GOYA	Kelly Gary	412-741-8567
JOY	Aimee Walker	412-398-6094
Boys Basketball:	Ted Hages	412-523-3571
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	Yianni Leventopoulos	412-916-1770
Girls Basketball:	Nikki Lykos	412-897-8208
	Maria Sfanos	412-512-8746

PARISH COUNCIL COMMITTEE CHAIRS

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Community Center & Catering	James Stamatelos
Finance	James Machin
Food Festival	John Frentzos
Fundraising	George Bellios
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Maintenance	Victor Bertolina
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Stewardship	Michelle Kotsagrellos
Technology	Sophia Panagis
Youth	Ted Hages
Building Security	Van Paras
Outreach	Peter Krelis

Important Notice Greek Orthodox Metropolis of Pittsburgh

His Eminence, after consultation with his advisors, and in consideration of the steady and considerable decline in case rates since the high points in early-to-mid January (depending on the state) is making the following adjustments to the pandemic policy:

- Masking, while still strongly encouraged, is not mandated. His Eminence continues to urge the faithful to take reasonable steps to protect their neighbor, especially the most vulnerable among us. Consideration should be made for environment as well - whether the gathering space is small (meeting room or classroom) or large (Church, gym); whether circulation is better or worse; etc.
- Virtual participation in critical meetings should still be offered. Parishes are free to implement stricter measures based on case rates in their areas (as many have done in previous months).

We will continue to closely monitor the situation and will let you know if anything changes.

Your servant in His vineyard,

+ Fr George S. Callos
Chancellor

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Thank You Parishioners

Stewardship Appreciation and Financial Update From the Stewardship Committee

Last December, the Stewardship Committee made an appeal to our parishioners for contributions to close the budget deficit for 2021. Covid reduced church activities, caused us to scale back our Food Festivals, and curtailed our hall rentals for much of the year. The parish generously responded. ***Your end-of-year donations virtually eliminated the entire projected 2021 deficit in the General Fund.***

We are happy to report that all signs are pointing in a positive direction for 2022. Most church activities have been restored and a full, week-long Food Festival is planned for May. We look forward to everyone joining again in the Lenten and Holy Week services.

Thank you again for your generosity. It has helped our Parish get through the many Covid disruptions.

FATHER'S MESSAGE

Beloved Sisters and Brothers in Christ:

*Peace I leave with you, my peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you.
Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.*

-- John 14:27

It may seem hard to believe, but the Great Fast is just about to begin. Already in February, we “opened the Triodion” – that is, the special book of hymns that are proper to Lent. We heard the usual series of pre-Lenten Gospel readings that begin with the parable of the Publican and the Pharisee – reminding us once again of the necessity and desirability of humility; followed by that of the Prodigal Son – teaching us of the liberation that comes with sincere repentance; and finally of the Last Judgement – which emphasizes the importance of paying attention to the welfare of our neighbor in need. We have now also entered Cheesefare week (if we follow the Fast), when we stop eating meat, and then, come next Monday, March 7, we celebrate dairy as well, as we enter into Great Lent on February 27. The necessity of controlling our appetites, if we want to rise above them and focus instead on God, is brought home to us in this way. During the period of the Fast, the number of worship services is multiplied. This, too, is meant to assist us, in drawing closer to God. But it also provides us with the opportunity to experience what it is like to live in the light of *God's peace*.

The services, with their beautiful chants, meaningful prayers, and mystical atmosphere, can have a profound effect on us. Indeed, they have the potential to produce an attitude of peace and calmness in the soul of those whose hearts are open. We bring to Church with us all the stresses and frustrations, all the heartache and disappointment, which the world heaps on so many of us on a regular basis. During the course of the service, however, we feel our bodies begin to relax as we enter into the rhythm of worship, and our thoughts, which had been racing a mile a minute, begin to slow down, as we allow the Spirit to work within us. Gradually, we begin to put all the petty frustrations of life into perspective, and to realize that they do not rule us, after all. “Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid,” said our Lord. He has given us His peace.

But, this will remain a superficial and fleeting experience, unless our worship is also accompanied by the desire to renew our lives and achieve reconciliation on the three levels of self, neighbor, and God. This takes place through the process of *metanoia*, or repentance.

The content of the hymns and prayers already call us to repent and return to our heavenly Father in the same way as the Prodigal Son does in our Lord's beautiful parable. Again and again, they speak to us of that great necessity. Many of often say, “What do I have to repent of? I am a good person. I've never killed anyone, I don't cheat or tell lies, and I go to Church every Sunday – usually.” But, to think this way is to misunderstand completely what is at stake here. Sin is a universal condition for human beings. This is because our life in this fallen world is characterized by a state of *alienation*, which is expressed in the degree of conflict and division that exists both within and between us. Father Vladimir Zelinsky, a renowned Russian Orthodox theologian, describes the situation as follows, in his article, “The Theological and Spiritual Aspects of Reconciliation in an Orthodox Key”:

Two persons, as it were, live in our soul and body; one of them is peaceful and passionless, claimed to existence by God and destined to be with Him in love and communion; the other distorted by sinful passions, aimed to self-love and self-gratification. We find this drama of inner split already in the New Testament; even St Paul confesses to be in “opposition” to himself. “Now if I do what I do not want to do, it is no longer I who do it, but it is sin living in me that does it” (Rom. 7, 20). This testimony does not concern the human weakness of the greatest apostle alone but, more deeply, the intrinsic ambiguity of human nature, a nature in which one part severely judges the other. Every man lives in inner struggle. . . .

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The great monastic saints of the Church realized this ambiguity. Perhaps that is why they never stopped to focus on their own need for repentance and forgiveness, and routinely called themselves, along with St. Paul, the “chief” of all sinners (cf. I Tim. 1:15). The inner struggle between good and evil, between blessing and temptation, never ceases – even for the most holy among us.

What does it mean, to “repent”? It means, first of all, to take stock of ourselves, to be totally frank and absolutely honest about who we really are inside, and exactly how far we have fallen short in our efforts to live our lives in conformity with God’s will. Second, it means that, having recognized this, to express our regret and sorrow about our sinful thoughts and deeds, and resolve to sin no more. This does not mean, of course, that we will never sin again, but rather, that we will make a sincere effort from now on to reform our lives, as best as we are able.

The reason why sin is so toxic – and so tragic – is because of the breach, the violent tear, that it introduces into human existence and relationships. An individual caught in the grip of an addictive behavior, for instance, often wants nothing more than to stop – and yet, cannot overcome the compulsive desire that fuels the addiction. He or she is fighting a war inside. Similarly, a married person might fall into an adulterous affair for a variety of reasons – anger, resentment, or just boredom – not realizing that the end result of what at first seemed just a casual “fling” is the destruction and loss of all that he or she holds dear – marriage, spouse, family, children, home, and even many friends. And how many siblings have ended their lives in a state of anger and bitterness towards one another, because of disagreements over matters of inheritance?

Left to our own devices, we are entirely incapable of resolving all the differences and complications in our lives. It is humanly impossible. The good news, however, is that we do not have to do it all on our own. That is why Jesus died for us – “for the life of the world” (John 6:51). And our Lord said that, “What is impossible with men is possible with God” (Luke 18:27). Through Christ and in Christ we are forgiven and reconciled with our Father in heaven. To be sure, God never forces Himself on us. As the Lord says in Revelation 3:20, “Behold, I stand at the door and knock.” But we must open the door – to say “Yes” to God. The sacrament of Confession is the gift that God has given us, through the Church, to effect this reconciliation. And through this restoration of relationship, by God’s grace and with His help, we can also find it in ourselves to come to terms with – to ask forgiveness of and, yes, forgive, our alienated relative, friend, or neighbor. We might even find it possible to forgive ourselves – sometimes the hardest task of all!

The somber yet beautiful services of the Lenten season give us a foretaste, then, of what it means to acquire the peace of God. The words of the hymns show us the way, by calling us to repentance. Repentance opens the door that leads to reconciliation with God, with self, and with each other. In short, we accept for ourselves what Christ has done for us on the Cross. And in doing so, we acquire His peace, which “surpasses all understanding” (Phil. 4:7). What a splendid gift – truly, a “pearl of great price.”

Wishing you a most blessed beginning of the Great Fast, and looking forward to seeing you in Church, I remain, with love in Christ,

Rev. Father Christoph H. Bender

Fr. Christopher Bender, Parish Priest

SACRAMENTAL LIFE

Baptism

With much joy, let us welcome into the Family of Faith Alina Pantages, daughter of Dean and Leiren Pantages sponsor was Christen Pantages and baptized on February 20, 2022.

PHILOPTOCHOS NEWS

If you know anyone who is shut in, has been recently hospitalized, moved into a long-term care facility, or maybe in need, please see a board member or reach out to me directly. Our main mission is to support those in our community in any way they may need. Please don't hesitate to reach out.

Our membership drive is in full swing, if you haven't submitted your membership for 2022, please see a board member. We have spanakopita rolls for sale, again please see a board member if you wish to buy any rolls, they are \$10.

We have a busy couple months ahead. Our next board meeting is Tuesday March 1st. March 12th we will join the church youth in a Day of Service, where we work to improve the common areas of the church. All help is greatly appreciated. We will begin at 10 am and continue throughout the day.

We will be selling Lenten soups again this year. Pick up will be after church, more information to follow soon.

Friday April 15th we will be baking Easter bread beginning at 9am, any amount of time you can spare to help is greatly appreciated. After a two-year hiatus we will be serving the Palm Sunday Luncheon (4/17) and the Anastasi Meal (4/24), we look forward to sharing these meals with you.

Yours in Christ,
Maria Bardakos
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PARISH COUNCIL UPDATES

Finance

General Assembly approved **adjusted 2022 Budget** (Increase Stewardship income to \$225,000.00, Reduce Festival income to \$80,000.00 and Transfer \$35,000.00 from Community Center to General Fund)

Community Center

22 Weddings and 13 Other Events Booked for 2022
More Bartenders are being hired
New stage curtains, podium and remote projector screen purchased

Food Festival

Working on Marketing (billboards, mailers, QR code and yard signs)
Cooks and Gyro John confirmed
Ad Book—looking for old stories

Fundraising

Golf Outing May 23, 2022, Shannopin Country Club

Maintenance

Working on lighting in Sanctuary and surge/lightning suppressors
Acoustics in the Sanctuary are being addressed
Renewing Lakewood Mechanical, Inc. Contract
Approved three (3) year Gas Contract with Interstate Gas Supply

Technology

Updating website
Looking for webmaster

Youth

Congratulations to our GOYAns at the Basketball Tournament at “Holy Saints” (Steubenville, OH)
Senior Girls: Third Place
Junior Girls: Second Place
Senior Boys: Lost Consolation
Day of Service with Philoptochos (cleaning the church) Saturday, March 12, 2022

Security

Working on addressing and prioritizing SSA& Vulnerability Study findings

Outreach

Suggestion boxes will be in the Narthex and Atrium

WELCOME—AMY HOGG

Dear Members and Friends of St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Cathedral, please join our Parish Council and Clergy in welcoming with open arms our new Chanter, Amy Hogg (pronounced with a long “o,” as in the word “road”), as well as her beautiful family. She comes to us well-prepared, with years of experience as a Byzantine music student, chanter, teacher, online program host, and alumna of the Byzantine Music program at our own Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology in Boston. She is also a dedicated and faithful Orthodox Christian. As you can read below in the cover letter she wrote to accompany her resume, Amy and her family have chosen to make this their new spiritual home, and not the just “the place where Mommy works.” We sincerely hope that they will feel welcome here, and be part of our church family for many years to come! – Fr.Christopher

November 15, 2021

Dear Father Christopher and Parish Council Members,

I am honored to be considered for the position of Protopsaltaria. I am familiar with the long-standing tradition of excellence in music ministry at St. Nicholas, as I have chanted services at St. Nicholas in the past, and I am a member of the Byzantine Choir of the Greek Orthodox Metropolis of Pittsburgh. I bring skills and experience to the analogion, as well as a commitment to excellence and improvement in the ministry. I am a strong chanter, have good interpersonal skills, and have been making a contribution to Byzantine music advocacy and education for several years. I have chanted at St. George Antiochian Cathedral in Oakland since 2012 and have enjoyed leading the Byzantine choir there in the absence of the head chanter. I received my Performer's Certificate in Byzantine Music from Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology in 2017. I have taught and presented at many workshops in the GOA and Antiochian Archdiocese, and I co-host the AFM Byzantine chant podcast “A Sacrifice of Praise.” In 2020, two colleagues and I co-founded the Trisagion School of Byzantine Music, a thriving online chant school with enrollment of around 100 students each term. Because our school's instructors and students spend increased hours serving their parishes during festal periods, we take breaks for a month at Nativity, all of Lent, and during July and August. Due to these breaks and the fact that my teaching hours at the school are flexible and primarily in the evening, I am free for feast day services and sacraments in addition to Sunday mornings.

My first goal as head chanter would be to ensure beautiful and smooth chanting of the services under the direction of the clergy. While the primary language I chant in is English, I am also able to chant in Spanish and Greek. I have roughly a B2 level of proficiency in Spanish and have studied Koine and modern Greek periodically for the last five years. If a language other than English is preferred for parts of the service, it will be helpful to me if I am told in advance. At the same time, I will continue to work on my Greek language skills to increase my mastery and fluency with the hope that in time this would be less necessary. As I feel more at ease with the GOA service rubrics and traditional Greek repertoire, I am interested in serving in a greater capacity by working on broader educational endeavors, whether that be with parish clergy, the Metropolis of Pittsburgh, leaders of the National Forum or George Theodoridis, Archon Mousikodidaskalos of the GOA. My husband and three children are open and supportive of me taking on this position. However, I must stress that this is a family matter and not an individual decision. My family is very active at St. George, with my husband serving on St. George's parish council, and my children doing things like serving in the altar, singing in the four-part liturgical choir, reading in services occasionally, and getting involved in Teen SOYO. I sincerely hope that similar opportunities will open up for them here, and that they will be made to feel welcome. Thank you very much for this opportunity to minister to the St. Nicholas Cathedral community, and I look forward to discussing how best to move forward.

In Christ, Amy Hogg

(Name _____)

**ST. NICHOLAS GREEK ORTHODOX CATHEDRAL
NAMES FOR SATURDAYS OF THE SOULS 2022**

(February 26, March 5 & 12 & June 11)

"Again, we pray for the repose of the souls of the departed servants of God . . . and for the forgiveness of all their sins, both voluntary and involuntary."

(Please note: First names only; use complete baptismal name, if known -Greek or English)

Orthodox Christians
FIRST NAMES ONLY

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GOYA NEWS

Our St. Nicholas GOYA attended the 2nd Metropolis Basketball Tournament hosted by Holy Saints, Steubenville on February 11-13. This was a fun weekend for all our GOYAns. **Our Junior Girls won 2nd place and our Senior Girls won 3rd place.** Thank you to everyone who helped make this weekend possible. Our GOYAns are looking forward to this last tournament hosted by Holy Cross, Pittsburgh, February 25-27, where our graduating seniors will be honored.

On March 12, our St. Nicholas GOYA will participate in the **"Day of Service"** in a combined service project bringing together our St. Nicholas Philoptochos and our youth. We will be cleaning and organizing parts of the church in need of attention - library, classrooms, GOYA room, etc. All are encouraged to participate in this community service project.

Our GOYA is excited to be hosting the upcoming **Metropolis Volleyball Tournament** on **Saturday, April 9** at St. Nicholas. Practice will start for all GOYAns (7th to 12th grade) on Tuesdays starting March 8.

Dance practice for our GOYAns will start on Sunday, March 13 in preparation for their daily performances in our Annual Greek Food Festival, May 1-7.

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



GREEK SCHOOL

**Celebrate the Evangelismos and
Greek Independence Day!**

**With a luncheon and program sponsored by
St. Nicholas Cathedral Greek School**

Sunday, March 27th 2022

Luncheon-12:30pm, Program-1:15pm



**For luncheon reservations, by Mar. 20:
Call/Text Lisa Kristian at 412-600-2140 or Email lisakristian@yahoo.com**

Luncheon – all tickets \$15

Then come and celebrate together POEMS! SONGS! PLAY and more!



St. Nicholas Church School

From the Church School Desk!

Church School students in grades 7th–12th can 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.

Sunday, March 13, 2022, the Church School students will participate in the **Sunday of Orthodoxy Icon Procession** with their favorite icon!

St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Cathedral's Church School Open House will be **Sunday, April 10, 2022**, where parents and grandparents attend Church School to see firsthand what their children are learning.

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

Yours in Christ,
Miss Michelle



Church School Students:

Please bring an icon
Sunday, March 13, 2022
for the
Sunday of Orthodoxy
Icon Procession

St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Cathedral
Church School Open House

Sunday, April 10, 2022



Join your Child or Grandchild for Church
Worship, Holy Communion & Church School!



St. Nicholas
Oratorical Festival

March 2022

For more information, please contact Chairman
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2022 STEWARDSHIP

Our Church. Our Spiritual Home

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



2022 STEWARDSHIP		01/21/2022
Total Stewards		167
Total Amount Pledged		\$ 106,132.00
Average Pledge		\$ 829.16
% Parish Participation to Date		56%
2022 Stewards (GOAL)		300
% of Total Budget to Date		47%
2022 Budget (GOAL)		\$ 225,000.00
Total Giving to Date		\$ 53,421.35
As of:		01/31/2022
Income: Pledges & Basket Collection	\$ 30,281.00	
Expenses: Salaries, Utilities, Maintenance, Commitments, etc.	\$ 40,177.00	
	(\$ 9,896.00)	

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2022 St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Cathedral Stewards 02/21/22

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Pittsburgh, PA

**2022 ST. NICHOLAS GREEK ORTHODOX CATHEDRAL
CONFIDENTIAL FAMILY STEWARDSHIP CARD**

Last Name _____ First Name _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

(Alternate address if applicable) _____

Home Phone _____ Work Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

Email _____

PLEASE provide pertinent information on reverse side about your family members-THANK YOU!

TREASURE- Total Gift for 2022 \$ _____ Contribution Frequency: ☐ Weekly ☐ Monthly ☐ Quarterly ☐ Annually

☐ Please send Stewardship Envelopes ☐ I don't use envelopes Statement delivery: ☐ US Mail ☐ Email



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TALENT- Please check the items below that you or a family member
has some expertise or interest. Place initials of the
specific family member after each item checked.

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|------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Greek Language School _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Church School _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Office/Newsletter _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Church Choir _____ |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Philoptochos _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ | | |

TIME- St. Nicholas Cathedral is grateful for our many volunteers. Thank you!

Name & relationship i.e., self, spouse, child, etc.	Date of birth	Marital Status	Occupation OR school/grade
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Many of you have been contributing, but **PLEASE** complete
a Stewardship Card.

Our website may be used to fill out a Stewardship Card and
make a payment <https://www.stnickspgh.org>
or call the church office (412-682-3866).

FOOD FESTIVAL UPDATE

Our Thanks

Many thanks to those of you who have popped in for a few hours to help. You are a welcome sight...enthusiastic, encouraging, supportive.

Many thanks to our regulars, a very small handful of dedicated parishioners who have given 24/7 of their time and energy. Knowing you can always be counted on is reassuring.

Our Progress

Because of you all, we've made so far Moussaka, Pastitsio, Souzoukakia, Spanakopita, Galatoboureko, Pasta Flora and Koulourakia for 25,000 to 35,000 festival goers. No small feat!

Our Needs

It's easy to understand with so much product to be made, why our core group, mostly composed of seniors, is "running low on steam" and wondering, "Where are the others?"

If you believe in the festival and would like it to continue as it has for the past 60 years, make it happen and VOLUNTEER. No experience needed, training on the spot, guys as welcomed as gals.

March, 2022, Revised, 2/18/22

Kourambiethes	Saturday, March 5
Tiropita	Saturday, March 12, 9:00 – 1:30 Sunday, March 13
Finikia	Saturday, March 19

April

Baklava	Friday, Saturday, Sunday, April 1, 2, 3
Diples	Monday, April 11

St. Nicholas Greek Food Festival

Sunday, May 1 to Saturday, May 7, 2022

St. Nicholas Greek Food Festival

Dear Friends,

Well, we had to take a little break, but now we are back again and excited to have ALL those familiar faces share in our Food Festival experience. This year, St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Cathedral will be hosting its 60th annual Greek Food Festival from **May 1 thru May 7**. Once again, we would like to give you the opportunity to be part of our Festival by advertising in our **2022 Food Festival Ad Book**.

This is a great way to advertise your business to the thousands of people who come to enjoy our great Greek food, our music and our Greek hospitality. The money raised through our Food Festival benefits the St. Nicholas Cathedral Building Fund and since St. Nicholas is a 501(C)3 that makes your contribution tax deductible.

On the back of this letter you will find this year's advertising contract detailing ad sizes and prices. Please consider placing an ad by completing the form with your contact information, payment type, and ad size selection. You may submit completed contracts and ads via e-mail to **foodfestadbook@stnickspgh.org**, or mail to:

St. Nicholas Cathedral
c/o Greek Food Festival Ad Book Committee
419 South Dithridge Street
Pittsburgh, PA 15213

DEADLINE FOR ALL ADS is April 4, 2022

Premium pages include **center pages** and **inside cover**.

All ads are in **color**.

Please send ads in **JPEG** format.

See ad rates on the other side for pricing.

If you have a new ad or logo that you would like to use this year, please send a **JPEG** file to the email shown above. If you would like to use an ad previously placed in the ad book, please indicate that on the ad contract. (Please note that all ads will be in color this year.)

For additional information or if you have any questions, please call Lenna Cominos at (412) 370-8181, or send an e-mail to **foodfestadbook@stnickspgh.org**.

We sincerely hope that you will play a part in making this year's edition of our ad book a success.

Best regards,

Elaine Andrianos, Simon Barber, Lenna Cominos, Alisa Mathews

St. Nicholas Ad Book Committee

St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Cathedral

**2022 GREEK FOOD FESTIVAL
ADVERTISING CONTRACT**



Name _____

Business _____

Address _____

Phone/ Cell _____

Email _____

AD DEADLINE APRIL 4, 2022

Ad Size	Color
Outside Back Cover/ 4.5w x 7.5h	\$750
Premium Full Pages/ 4.5w x 7.5h	\$650
Full Page/ 4.5w x 7.5h	\$600
Half Page/ 4.5w x 3.75h	\$350
Quarter Page/ 4.5w x 1.8750h	\$200
Patron/ listing	\$50

☐ Use same ad as previous year

Please make check payable and mail to St. Nicholas Cathedral. ☐ Check enclosed ☐ Bill me

Authorized Signature _____ Date _____

Please print or attach ad copy, or email ad file in a **JPEG** format to: **foodfestadbook@stnickspgh.org**

Date Received:

Check Number:

Receipt Number:

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Triumph of Orthodoxy Pan-Orthodox Vespers

Sunday March 13, 2022 at 4:30pm

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601 W. McMURRAY RD., CANONSBURG, PA 15317



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SAVE THE DATE

Saint Nicholas Cathedral Golf Outing

Monday May 23, 2022
Shannopin Country Club

Registration 11:00

Shotgun Start 12:00

Foursomes and
sponsorships available



St. Photios Awards Banquet

His Eminence Metropolitan Savas

Cordially invites you to celebrate the dedicated volunteers
of our Holy and God-protected Metropolis of Pittsburgh at the

2022 Metropolis of Pittsburgh St. Photios Awards Banquet



Saturday, April 30, 2022

4:00 pm Hors d'oeuvres, 5:00 pm Dinner

DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Pittsburgh-Cranberry

910 Sheraton Drive, Mars, Pennsylvania 16046

April 1, 2022 – Banquet Reservation & Sponsorship deadline

**Banquet Reservations: \$95/adult
\$25/ child (under 12)**

**Make Checks Payable to:
Greek Orthodox Metropolis of Pittsburgh**

Mail to:
Greek Orthodox Metropolis of Pittsburgh
Attn: St. Photios Awards Banquet
5201 Ellsworth Ave
Pittsburgh, PA 15232

**Please refer questions to: Mary Doreza, 412-877-3415
doreza@verizon.net**

Net proceeds to benefit the Metropolitan's Benevolence Fund

No Refunds Available after April 18, 2022

St. Photios Awards Banquet



Greek Orthodox Metropolis of Pittsburgh

St. Photios Awards Banquet

2022 ST. PHOTIOS AWARDS BANQUET

Saturday, April 30, 2022

DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Pittsburgh-Cranberry

910 Sheraton Drive, Mars, PA 16046

4:00 P.M. Hors d'oeuvres

5:00 P.M. Dinner

DINNER RESERVATIONS FORM

\$95.00 per adult

\$25.00 per child under 12

(Tables of 10)

Note: Parking is free at the hotel.

Name

Parish

Address

Phone (.....)

City/State/Zip

**** No refunds after April 18, 2022. ****

E-Mail

Reservations Due by April 1, 2022.

Number of Reservations x \$95.00ea + x \$25.00ea = \$..... total

NOTE: Awardees attend gratis (no charge) as guests of His Eminence. Do not pay for awardees.

Amount enclosed

Names of those included in this Reservation (write additional names on back of this page):

If including Awardees with your table, please list their names below, but do not include payment for awardees.

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Make checks payable to:
Greek Orthodox Metropolis of Pittsburgh

Please refer questions to:
Mary Doreza
412-877-3415
doreza@verizon.net

Mail checks, reservation names,
sponsorship forms, & donations to:
Greek Orthodox Metropolis of Pittsburgh
Attn: St. Photios Awards Banquet
5201 Ellsworth Ave
Pittsburgh, PA 15232

Please do not contact hotel with Banquet questions; only contact hotel for overnight room reservations.

For overnight room reservations:

Contact the DoubleTree Hotel at (724) 776-6900

A rate of \$109.00 per night has been secured

Use the group name "Saint Photios Awards Dinner"

Deadline for room reservations at this rate is April 9, 2022.

St. Photios Awards Banquet



Greek Orthodox Metropolis of Pittsburgh

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Program Book Sponsorship Form

\$3000+	Grand Benefactor	Amount Enclosed:
\$1000--\$2,999	Benefactor
\$750--\$999	Patron	Check #
\$500--\$749	Sponsor
\$250--\$499	Supporter	
\$100--\$249	Friend	

Sponsor Address: _____

Name as you wish it to be listed:

Make checks payable to: Greek Orthodox Metropolis of Pittsburgh

Mail form and check to: Greek Orthodox Metropolis of Pittsburgh

Attn: St. Photios Awards Banquet

5201 Ellsworth Ave

Pittsburgh, PA 15232

Must be received by April 1, 2022, to be included in the book.

- Donors will be listed by Contribution Level in the St. Photios Awards Banquet Program Book, which will be distributed at the Dinner on Saturday, April 30, 2022, at the DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel in Mars, PA.
- Net proceeds from this event will benefit the Metropolitan's Benevolence Fund.

Questions—Mary Doreza (412-877-3415) doreza@verizon.net

MARCH 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wed	Thur	Friday	Saturday
		1 Philoptochos Board Meeting 7:00 p.m.	2 Orthodoxy 101 On Zoom 7:30 p.m.	3	4	5 2 nd Saturday of Souls Orthros 9 a.m. Divine Liturgy 10 a.m. Greek School 10:00 a.m.
6 Forgiveness Sunday Orthros 8:45 am Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m. Vespers of Forgiveness 5:30 p.m.	7 Καθαρά Δευτέρα – Αρχίζει η Μεγάλη Σαρακοστή Great Lent begins – day of Strict Fast Great Compline 6 pm	8 GOYA Volleyball 7:00 p.m.	9 Presanctified Liturgy 6 p.m. NO Orthodoxy 101	10	11 1 st Salutations to the Theotokos service 7 pm	12 3 rd Saturday of Souls Orthros 9 a.m. Divine Liturgy 10 am GOYA Day of Service Greek School 10:00 a.m.
13 Triumph of Orthodoxy Orthros 8:45 am Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m. Pan-Orthodox Triumph of Or- thodoxy Vespers At All Saints Church Canonsburg 4:30 p.m.	14	15 GOYA Volleyball 7:00 p.m.	16	17	18 2 nd Salutations to the Theotokos service 7 pm	19 Greek School 10:00 a.m.
		Fr. Christopher away at annual Metropolis Lenten Clergy Retreat (Antiochian Village)				
20 Sunday of St. Gregory Palamas Orthros 8:45 am Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m.	21	22 GOYA Volleyball 7:00 p.m.	23 Presanctified Liturgy 10 a.m. Orthodoxy 101 On Zoom 7:30 p.m.	24	25 ANNUNCIATION TO THE THEOTOKOS Orthros 9 a.m. Divine Liturgy 10 a.m.. 3 rd Salutations to the Theotokos 7:00 p.m.	26 Greek School 10:00 a.m.
27 Sunday of the Veneration of the Holy Cross Orthros 8:45 a.m. Divine Liturgy 10 a.m. Celebration of Greek Independence Day: Greek School – Luncheon and Program after Church	28 Parish Council Meeting 7:00 p.m.	29 GOYA Volleyball 7:00 p.m.	30 Presanctified Liturgy 6 p.m. NO Orthodoxy 101	31		
		GREEK DANCE PRACTICE WILL BEGIN ON SUNDAYS THIS MONTH. First Practice 3/13/22.				

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