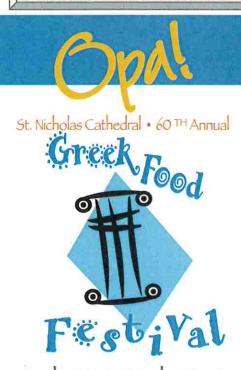


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MAY 2022 NEWSLETTER



Sunday, May 1 - Saturday, May 7

Delicious Greek Food • Luscious Sweet Pastries • Lively Greek Music Entertainment by our St. Nicholas Dancers

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- Calling the Church Office, 412-682-3866
- Texting 412-726-4334, or,
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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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Fall and Winter Hours (September-June):
Orthros 8:45 a.m.
Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m.
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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, please contact our Events Coordinator, Mary Olszewski, at 412-628-9466 or events@stnickspgh.org for more information and availability.

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FATHER'S MESSAGE

The Angel cried aloud to the Lady full of grace: Rejoice, O pure Virgin; and again I say Rejoice. Your Son has truly risen from the grave on the third day!

Shine! shine, O new Jerusalem! For the glory of the Lord has dawned upon you. Rejoice, now, and be glad O Zion. O pure Theotokos rejoice and celebrate, the Resurrection of the One to Whom you have given birth.

- Ode 9 of the Pascha Canon

May 1, 2022

Beloved Sisters and Brothers in Christ:

XPIΣΤΟΣ ANEΣΤΗ! CHRIST IS RISEN!

What a joyous season we now celebrate! The Resurrection of our dear Lord and Savior Jesus Christ has once again been proclaimed and commemorated by our Church in glorious springtime splendor and jubilant hymns! May this forty-day paschal season be marked by us with celebration and thanksgiving, as we gather to glorify our Savior in hymns and divine services. May this same Spirit also inspire us, as we work together as an entire community to welcome the many guests we expect to have from May 1-7 for our annual Greek Food Festival.

In truth, we can't do it without you! The success of this annual endeavor has always depended, in large measure, on the good will of our entire church family, and the joyous way in which so many of us volunteer our time and talents however we can. Thank you in advance to all those who will be able to come forward this year. What a beautiful way to express our commitment to be good Stewards, in addition to our annual monetary pledge! This year's Festival also faces a special challenge, because the number of temporary workers we have been able to identify and hire for the week has plummeted, in line with labor-shortage trends in the larger society. It will also cost us more per hour to employ those whom we do find.

Now, some more thoughts about the importance of Pascha: Why do we place so much of an emphasis on this holiday? Indeed, we value it so highly, that we consider it to be in a class of its own, the "Feast of Feasts" above and beyond the twelve "Great Feasts" on the Orthodox Church calendar. The simple answer is that it changed the course of human history for all time, by opening up once again the way that previously had been blocked that leads to eternal life in God's presence. Jesus Christ conquered death by death, as we sing in the paschal anthem, "Christos Anesti," and rose again on the third day. In doing so, He liberated all of humanity from the tyranny of death, and showed us a new way to live, one that is based on faith, hope, and *agape* love, which "bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things" (1 Corinthians 13:7) – that is, it is a love that is not resentful and prioritizes the needs of others over the self, trusts implicitly in the promises of the Lord, does not succumb to despair, and exercises patience in the face of difficult circumstances.

FATHER'S MESSAGE, Con't

I am sure that all of us are painfully aware that we are living in an era that is marked, not by the prevalence of *agape* love, but rather, it's opposite: crass selfishness and greed, coupled with unbridled ambition, thirst for power, and contempt for others (especially those different from oneself). To be honest, though, I am not sure if it there was ever any better time – because all of this is a result of our fallen nature. There have always been "wars, and rumors of wars," various kinds of injustice, and acts of cruelty.

What makes our time so alarmingly dangerous are the various capacities that our remarkable scientific discoveries and technological developments have made possible: not just the comfort and ease of our lives, with food to spare and clothes to wear, houses that are warm in the winter and cool in the summer, jets that will fly us anywhere on the planet, but also the alarming developments in instruments of war and mass destruction, as well as environmental challenges such as climate disruption, and the growing numbers of those who are desperately poor, as a result. This is our reality. But, we mustn't stop there.

In the light of the Resurrection, it is important for us to see the world and all of humanity in it as our Lord did, as "sheep without a shepherd" (Matthew 9:36) who are far more apt to go astray out of fear or ignorance, than out of evil intention. For, what is *also our reality* is the recognition that the vast majority of humans are *not*, in fact, wicked plunderers and murderers. Rather, we are, or strive to be, good, law abiding and peaceful folk, who believe in the rule of law, try to act fairly and gladly step up when need arises, whether to help others who are suffering from privation or catastrophe, or to answer the call when our country is threatened, or the Church needs us. We are like small trees in a large and dark forest, which nevertheless seek for the light, and patiently grow, until they are tall enough to benefit from the direct rays of the sun. This tendency exists in all human beings – on some level. But, we who are Christians believe that it is the *light of Christ, the Risen Lord*, which beckons us, and inspires us to seek after the Good and resist evil. As Ode 9 of the Paschal Canon proclaims, "Shine! shine, O new Jerusalem! For the glory of the Lord has dawned upon you." We are God's children by grace, imbued with the light that knows no night, and called to be ambassadors for God's Kingdom of justice and love, even in times of peril and confusion.

As such, beloved brothers and sisters in Christ, let us embrace the light from above, and become beacons of hope and of God's *agape* love to all those around us – not just at this time of year, but all the time. We have so much to give thanks for, and even more that we can offer others, in God's name. $A\Lambda H\Theta\Omega\Sigma$ ANE Σ TH! TRULY HE IS RISEN!

With love in the Risen Lord,

Father Christopher Bender, Dean

Rev. Fathe Christoff H. Bench

SACRAMENTAL LIFE

Funeral

Our deepest condolences to the family of:

Angela Sfamenos who passed away on Monday, April 11th Her funeral was Thursday, April 14st.

Georgia Krelis who passed away on Monday, April 11th Her funeral was Friday, April 15st.

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

PARISH COUNCIL UPDATES

Save the date(s):

Golf Outing—Monday, May 23, 2022 at Shannopin Country Club (See flyer)

Church Picnic—Sunday, September 11, 2022

Cathedral Ball—Saturday, November 26, 2022

Cemetery

Fifty (50) new graves were purchased at Homewood Cemetery. \$2,695.00 per grave for parishioners.

St. Photios Awards Banquet

CONGRATULATIONS to our 2022 St. Photios Awards recipients: LINDA HAGES and REBECCA BERTOS!

THANK YOU to both of you for your dedication to our parish and many years of service. May our Risen Lord graciously bless you now and always!

Also, their photos!

LINDA HAGES

Linda was born in Astoria, New York and later raised in Macon, Georgia before moving to Pittsburgh. After graduating from Duquesne University, she began working at the Diocese of Pittsburgh, serving as secretary for her uncle, Metropolitan Maximos.

Along with her normal duties she was also instrumental in the publication of The Illuminator. She "retired" from the Metropolis to become a stay-athome mom, and it was during this time that she started volunteering at St. Nicholas Cathedral by helping a couple of days a week in the office. As her children grew, she became active in the youth ministries of the church when her eldest son, Ted, became of age, ultimately leading to her becoming a JOY advisor and later GOYA advisor.

During this time, she became a second and third grade church school teacher and is blessed to be teaching today with her youngest son, Nicholas. Linda has served as Philoptochos secretary, chaired the St. Lazarus breakfast, food festival pastry day shift, several GOYA basketball and volleyball tournaments and served on many committees. Along with her husband, Jim, she has chaired the food festival ad book, food festival mailer and instructed JOY Greek dance.

As a former and founding member of the Grecian Odyssey Dancers, she now proudly supports the next generation of young Greek dancers by managing and maintaining the costumes for the St. Nicholas Dancers. Linda's passion has been, and continues to be, the youth and life of the Church and she is blessed to continue serving one of the most important church ministries as a co-advisor of the St. Nicholas GOYA and church school teacher.

"Behold, children are a heritage of the Lord, the fruit of the womb a reward." Psalm 127:3.

BECKY BERTOS

To my extended family of St Nicholas and our beloved priest, Father Bender,

I am so humbled and proud to be one of this year's recipients of the St Photios award and would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to all. Over 65 years ago, St Nicholas became for me and later my entire family, a 2nd home and a place where my heart and soul are nurtured. I'm so honored to become a part of this beautiful group of recipients who have given so much over the years. God willing we will get through this time quickly and meet once again in our beautiful church and later at the official banquet with His Eminence Metropolitan Savas where I can thank and hug all of you in person.

May God bless and grant everyone health, happiness and love especially during this crisis and may the Panagia protect us.

Yours in Christ,

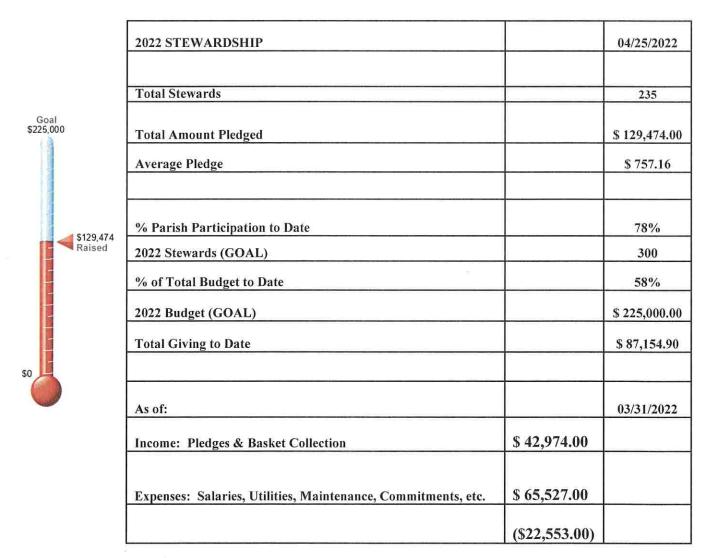
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St. Nicholas Church School

Christ is Risen! Truly He is Risen!

Thank you to **the Kotsagrelos Family** for organizing a delicious **Communion Breakfast** after the Divine Liturgy Saturday, April 16, 2022, (St. Lazarus Day) and the **Agape Service Coffee Hour** & **Easter Egg Hunt** on Easter Sunday, April 24, 2022!

A special thank you to our Myrophores (Myrrh Bearing Women) Zoe Darakos, Esther Hogg and Yoanna Lykos who participated in the Good Friday evening service, our GOYA young women who received and distributed the light at the Anastasi Service, and to the Altar Boys.

As with all "school" years, Church School must end. **Church School Graduation** will be **Sunday**, **June 5**, **2022**. All students present will receive their graduation certificate and an icon. The teachers and staff will receive a gift, too. Special books will be given to the Kindergarten class (The Bible for Young People) and the High School Graduates (the New Orthodox Study Bible (Old and New Testament)).

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

Yours in Christ, Miss Michelle

GREEK SCHOOL

St. Nicholas Cathedral Greek School is preparing to adjust their activities for the month of May. Classes for the first Saturday of May, May 7, will be conducted on-line through zoom. The following Saturdays of May 14 and 21 will return to inperson instruction. Then with Saturday, May 28th being Memorial Day weekend, there will not be any classes on that Saturday. During mid-May, students from our school, as well as other schools, will be taking the internationally-known Ellinomatheas Exams at St. Nicholas Cathedral. St. Nicholas Cathedral is the designated testing center for our Metropolis.

May is also the time when any students who want to take the Regents Exams need to register for that exam which is being administered in June. It is also the month when teachers plan on giving their own yearly exams for evaluating instruction.

June 4th will be the last class day for St. Nicholas Cathedral Greek School, as well the day that a fun-filled End of the Year Program and Party will take place.



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Check us out on social media:

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YouTube - Watch recordings of Dr. John Mark Reynolds (President), Ms. Cate Gilbert (Head of School), and other staff members of the Central Office as they share information about TSCS and Pittsburgh!

Donate!

Funding is critical. To move past our initial planning phase, we must raise \$200,000. When this goal is met, we will be able to hire our own head of school and move forward with securing a location. We are almost halfway to our goal!

Your contribution goes directly to TSCS Pittsburgh to help move this effort forward. You can make a donation online here.

Greetings in Christ,

We are excited to share with you that a new, Orthodox Christian, classical school is planned to open and serve the Orthodox community of greater Pittsburgh in fall of 2023. This school, which will be a branch campus of The Saint Constantine School (TSCS), which is based in Houston, TX, will provide an outstanding educational environment centered on the life of the Church. TSCS is a vibrant, successful, and growing pan-Orthodox Christian, classical school that educates students from K-12 and also has a fully accredited college. Since opening in 2016, it has grown over 400% and now educates more than 400 students! Notably, graduates of TSCS have been accepted to prestigious universities such as Georgetown and Rice. However, without exception and without sacrificing outstanding academics, TSCS prioritizes the formation of each student, fully created by God.

When TSCS began, its founders had a vision to open branch campuses throughout the United States. The branch campus model enables many local schools in different markets to build upon TSCS's success in Houston and share resources. It also helps to keep costs down for local families, as many functions will be handled in one central office. Pittsburgh has been identified as one of the first cities for a branch campus due to its large Orthodox population. its economy based on high tech and education, and the strong desire of local parents and community members who want to bring Orthodox classical education to the city. Please see the steps below on how we are opening a branch

STEPS TO OPEN A BRANCH CAMPUS IN PITTSBURGH 🏃



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Phase 2: PREPARATION

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Phase 3: OPERATIONS

We encourage you to share this opportunity with your family and friends and anyone else in your community who may be interested. There are many ways to get involved, including joining our launch committee. Please reach out with any questions or to get additional information. We are always directly available through our email address, below. No question is too big or too small!

We ask for your prayers and for your support as, God-willing, we continue to grow together.

In Christ,

The Saint Constantine School, Pittsburgh Launch Committee

Pittsburgh@saintconstantine.org

Keeping up with Philoptochos...

Christ is Risen! Truly He is Risen!

I am honored to lead this amazing group of women who tirelessly support our mission.

I am also humbled by the generosity of our members and benefactors.

OUTREACH:

FOOD BANK:

The Food Bank supports several of our parishioners and continues to need your support. You can donate by making a check payable to the "St. Nicholas Philoptochos Food Bank" or through United Way by designating the St. Nicholas Food Bank through your employers United Way contribution. Just designate #3288. Any questions, please contact Elaine Andrianos (412-731-4334) or Denise Daugherty (412-508-1326).

FEEDING THE HOMELESS:

Another hot meal for Neighborhood Resilience Project (NRP) was provided by Christos Mediterranean Grille. We are always grateful for support. If you know of a family run or small business that would like to provide a hot meal for NRP please reach out. In our effort to help those in need we want to support local small businesses in the process.

Friday, May 20, 2022, we will be making sandwiches with LITTLE ANGELS, HOPE & JOY for NRP. If you would like to help or donate any supplies, please contact Nikki Lykos. As always, we not only provide sustenance and monetary support; we also provide comfort, hope, and friendship. If you know of someone or an organization in need in any way, please reach out to a Board Member or to me directly.

FUNDRAISERS:

To fulfill our mission of helping those in need, fundraisers continue to be the primary source of income for Philoptochos. If you have an idea, please contact any member of Philoptochos.

EASTER BREAD:

Thank you, Nikki Lykos and Alisa Mathews, for chairing the Easter Bread baking! Thank you to ALL the women (and men) who helped prepare the dough, assemble, bake, wrap and sell the bread. Over 300 breads were made and sold.

MOTHER'S DAY & FATHER'S DAY CARDS:

This popular fundraiser honors Mothers/Fathers, Aunts/Uncles, Nounas/Nounos, Yiayias/Papous and "special" women/men, both living and those who have passed. A card is sent to the honoree and their name is also listed in the bulletin on Mother's/Father's Day (and the Newsletter). It is a wonderful way to honor and remember those who are thought of in a loving way.

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PALM SUNDAY LUNCHEON, EASTER EGG DYING AND ANASTASI MEAL

After a two (2) year hiatus due to the pandemic, Sunday, April 17, 2022, Philoptochos sponsored the Palm Sunday Luncheon (which has become a tradition). A special thank you goes to Joe Bardakos (who also made the fresh homemade bread from Bridge City Brinery), Vasili Copetas and Dean Panagulias for preparing the delicious fish plaki lunch with all the fixings (rice, green beans, salad and peach crisp); thank you to all the Philoptochos women for helping set-up, cook, serve and clean-up.

Thank you to Nikki Lykos who helped me dye, polish and wrap 15 dozen eggs for the Anastasi and Agape Services.

Again, the Anastasi Meal was sponsored by Philoptochos. Lamb (prepared by Nick Lefcakis), rice, Avgolemono soup (compliments of Ritter's Diner), cheese (compliments of Stamoolis Brothers, too), Tsoureki and dessert were shared by the St. Nicholas Family.

MEETINGS:

Our next meeting is a Board Meeting and will be our last meeting until the fall.

Yours in Christ, Maria Bardakos 412-519-8684 marbard47@gmail.com

GOYA NEWS

The St. Nicholas GOYA hosted the Metropolis Volleyball Tournament on Saturday, April 9th. There were more than 250 in attendance with 16 teams representing 15 parishes participating from throughout the Metropolis.

The day started with a prayer offered by Fr. Chris and was filled with games, sportsmanship and fellowship. Thank you to John Dakis for volunteering all his time time and talent in the kitchen with providing a delicious lenten lunch for all attending. Thank you to Ed Guminski for securing the referees. Thank you to Nick Lardas for donating the use of his scaffolding used by the referees. Thank you to Jim Kyros for always scheduling the games and overseeing the event all day. Thank you to Michelle Kotsagrelos and Bunny Manners for taking care of registration. Thank you to Toula Darakos for making all the parish posters that were displayed and then given to the parishes. Thank you to Jimmy Machin and his team for coaching the GOYAns. Congratulations to both our Senior and Junior Teams who both earned 2nd place. Thank you to everyone who helped throughout the day including score-keepers, line judges, concession stand workers, bakers, lunch servers and everyone who donated items. Thank you to all the GOYAns, parents and all the parishioners for helping host this wonderful day for all our youth.

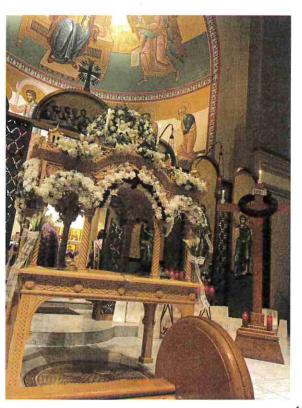
The GOYAns spent the day on Holy Friday attending church services and helping with decorating the Kouvouklion, candle assembly, luminaries assembly, Altar service and singing in the choir. They provided a lenten lunch for everyone followed by a discussion with Fr. Chris and Deacon Bob. It was a wonderful and appropriate way for our GOYAns to spend the day on Holy Friday.

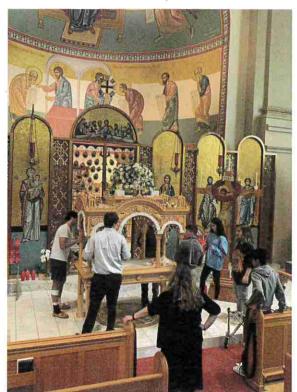






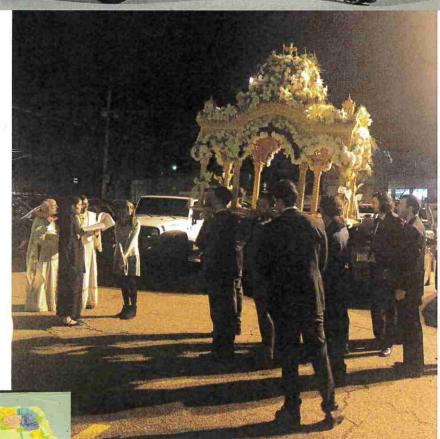


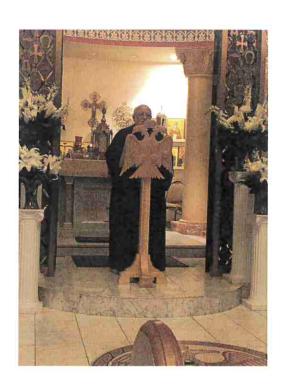


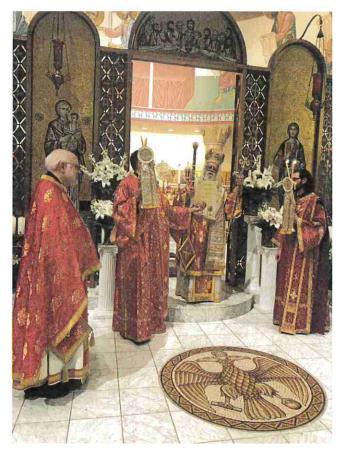














THE 2022 PITTSBURGH SUMMER GREEK FESTIVALS GUIDE

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	It's a great tradition, and it's back again in full strength and in person: 38 days of Greek Festivals in the Pittsburgh region, so plan well and you can eat Greek all summer! Post this schedule on your refrigerator and share copies with others. We look forward to seeing you! LOCATION DATES	
	St. Nicholas (Pittsburgh/Oakland)	

THE **2022** PITTSBURGH SUMMER GREEK FESTIVALS: ALL THE DETAILS

SEE BELOW FOR FESTIVAL HOURS & HOST PARISH WEB SITES, CHECK FOR UPDATES.

Don't cook tonight...go Greekl Please pass copies on to your friends! Greek food is always enjoyed best with good company!

Parish Dates		Address	Phone	Website	Hours	
		419 S. Dithridge Street Pittsburgh (Oakland)	412-682-3866	www.StNicksPgh.org	Sun: 12p-8p; Mon-Thu: 11a-9p; Fri-Sat: 11a-10p	
		601 West McMurray Road Canonsburg	724-745-5205	www.AllSaintsCbg.org	Mon-Fri: 11a-9p	
Holy Cross June 14-17		123 Gilkeson Road Pittsburgh (Mt. Lebanon)	412-833-3355	www.HolyCrossPgh.org	Tue-Thu: 11a-8p Fri: 11a-9p	
Kimisis Tis Theotokou June 16-18 2		2111 Davidson Street Aliquippa	724-375-5341	www.Theolokou.org	Thu-Sat: 11a-8p	
Holy Dormition June 24-26		12 Washington Avenue Oakmont	412-828-4144 www.DormitionPgh.org		Fri-Sun: 12p-11p Dinner until 8pm	
Holy Trinity (Ambridge) July 12-16		2930 Beaver Road Ambridge	724-266-5336	www.htgoc.org	Tue-Sat: 11a-10p	
Saint Spyridon July 15		1207 Grand Boulevard Monessen	724-684-5411	stspyridon.pa.goarch.org	Fri: 11a-8p	
Ypapanti August 18-20 (Presentation of Christ)		1672 Electric Avenue East Pittsburgh	412-824-9188	www.greekburgh.com	Thu-Sat: 11a-9p	
Saint George August 27-28 315 W. Englewood Avenu New Castle		315 W. Englewood Avenue New Castle	724-654-8521	www.stgeorgenewcastle.org	Sal-Sun: 11a-7p	
Holy Trinity (Pittsburgh)	September 1-4	985 Providence Boulevard Pittsburgh (across from Passavant Hospital)	412-366-8700	www.HolyTrinityPgh.org	Thu-Sun: 11a-9p	

Thank you for enjoying our great Greek food and visiting our churches. Want to also help these communities feed, minister to and provide health care for the hungry and needy of the Hill District and the Pittsburgh area? Support the Neighbor Resilience Project by visiting neighborhoodresilience.org, a philanthropic ministry united in faith and joined by a desire to provide action-oriented and sustainable solutions for poverty-and-trauma-affected communities in the Pittsburgh area.

This free guide is provided as a public service of Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church (Pittsburgh). Online at HolyTrinityPgh.org/pittsburgh-greek-festivals-guide.



St. Nicholas Philoptochos believes in honoring the women in our lives.

Honor your wife, mother, grandmother, godmother, sister,
aunt or a special friend with a gift to Philoptochos.

Your donation will enable us to continue our work of charitable giving
to individuals and families in need, area food banks, shelters for the homeless,
social-service agencies, and countless research efforts in the battle against cancer
and other catastrophic diseases.

So join us this Mother's Day by honoring someone you love with a gift to Philoptochos.

List additional names and addresses on the back of this flyer and indicate In Honor or In Memory



ST. NICHOLAS PHILOPTOCHOS BELIEVES IN HONORING THE MEN IN OUR LIVES.

HONOR YOUR HUSBAND, FATHER, GRANDFATHER, GODFATHER, BROTHER, UNCLE OR A SPECIAL FRIEND WITH A GIFT TO PHILOPTOCHOS.

YOUR DONATION WILL ENABLE US TO CONTINUE OUR WORK OF CHARITABLE GIVING TO INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES IN NEED, AREA FOOD BANKS, SHELTERS FOR THE HOMELESS, SOCIAL-SERVICE AGENCIES, AND COUNTLESS RESEARCH EFFORTS IN THE BATTLE AGAINST CANCER AND OTHER CATASTROPHIC DISEASES.

SO JOIN US THIS FATHER'S DAY BY HONORING SOMEONE YOU LOVE.
WITH A GIFT TO PHILOPTOCHOS.

Please make check payable and send to: Father's Day, St. Nicholas Philoptoches, 419 S. Dithridge St. Pittsburgh, PA 15213

Yes, I would like to celebrate Father's Day i	by honoring someone special. (Minim	um gift of \$	5.00 per name please.)
Enclosed is my gift of \$(all d	donations are tax-deductible)		
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ST. NICHOLAS WOULD LIKE TO ACKNOWLEDGE ALL OF OUR GRADUATES IN JUNE!

Please fill out this short questionnaire and submit to church office via email (church@stnickspgh.org), fax (412-683-4960) or mail (419 S. Dithridge Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15213). Thank you!

Name
Phone:
Month of Graduation
High School:
Or
University/ Graduate School:
Degree Earned:
***Please email a recent photo to church@stnickspgh.org so that we can include in the next issue of the Newsletter.
Awards and Honors:
Activities:
Future Plans:

Saint Nicholas Cathedral Golf Outing

Registration/Lunch Buffet 11:00 Shotgun Start 12:30 Cocktails 5:30 Dinner/Auction Prizes 6:00 Golf Foursome \$750 (By 5/16/22) Individual \$200 Gold Tee and Prize Sponsorships Available

> Monday, May 23, 2022 Shannopin Country Club

Reservations by phone or email at 412-421-0294 / bellios216@gmail.com

Golf Entry Form

\$200 Entry Fee Includes:
Green Fee, Cart, Range Balls, Golf,
Lunch and Dinner

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Saint Nicholas Cathedral Golf Outing and Silent Auction

Monday May 23rd, 2022 Shannopin Country Club 1 Windmere Rd, Pittsburgh, PA 15202 (412) 761-2900 Collared Shirt Required Metal Spikes are not permitted

Saint Nicholas Greek Orthodox Cathedral 419 S Dithridge St, Pittsburgh, PA 15213 Phone (412) 682-3866

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Details

- Scramble (Best Ball)
- Locker Service in the Clubhouse
- On course beverages and snacks
- Buffet Lunch/Dinner
- Skill Prizes
- Team Prizes
- Commemorative Gift for Each Golfer

Schedule of Events

Registration/Lunch:

11:00AM - 12:00PM

Shotgun Start:

12:30PM

Cocktails:

5:30PM

Dinner/Prizes/Auction: 6:00PM

bellios216@gmail.com For more information 412-421-0294

Saint Nicholas Cathedral All Proceeds Benefit

Sponsorship Opportunities

\$2,500 Golfer Gift Sponsorship:

Name on each golfer gift

- One foursome
- Program and verbal recognition

- \$1,500 Gold Sponsorship:
 - dinner and on course beverages Gold for Four including lunch
- One tee and One green sponsorship
- Program and verbal recognition

\$1,500 Beverage Cart Sponsorship:

- Name and/or Logo on the beverage cart used throughout the event
- Sponsorship listing in program book Golf for Four, including lunch, dinner and

Foursome:

 Golf for Four, including lunch, dinner and oncourse beverages/snacks

Single Golfer: \$200 beverages/snacks

Tee or Green Sponsorship:

- Name and/or Logo on Tee or green
- signage

Sponsorship listing in program book

- Program Sponsorship:
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.51,500 \$200 \$750 5200 .5100 The sign for my sponsorship should read as follows: (Please reply by May 16, 2022 with payment in full) Registration Form Beverage Cart Sponsorship. Tee or Green Sponsorship. Golfer Gift Sponsorship.. Program Sponsorship. Gold Spansorship. Single Golfer... Foursome. Dinner. 0000000

Payment Method Check (made payable to:

☐ Visa ☐ Master Card

Saint Nicholas Cathedral)

(Credit Cards will be processed on/or before June 30") Account No.

Zip_ Name on Card Billing Address Exp. Date_ State

Saint Nicholas Greek Orthodox Cathedral Mail this form with Payment to: 419 S Dithridge St,

Phone Number

Pittsburgh, PA 15213

JOIN CHAPTER ICAROS FOR THE 20th ANNUAL STEVE MANNERS ICARIAN OPEN



Steve Manners and Mike Aivaliotis

Saturday, May 28, 2022 Meadowink Golf Course

4076 Bulltown Road, Murrysville, PA 15668

Don't be left out! Get a foursome together... We will make foursomes as best we can for the rest.

PRICE: \$115.00 includes green fees, cart, snack at turn, beer, and steak dinner

AGENDA: 12:00pm: Registration

1:00pm: Modified Shotgun Start

6:00pm: Dinner w/emcee Mike Aivaliotis

RESERVATIONS: Anna Aivaliotis at 412-310-7290 or annaca@pitt.edu

Dress Code: Collared shirts. No cut-offs. Reminder: PA LCB does not allow you to bring your own beer.

JOIN CHAPTER ICAROS FOR THE 45th ANNUAL MEMORIAL WEEKEND MINI CONVENTION DANCE!

Sunday, May 29, 2022 ~ 9:00pm-2:00am

Dormition of the Theotokos Greek Orthodox Church Hall, 12 Washington Ave., Oakmont, PA 15139

Adults: \$25.00 Children (12 and under): \$5.00

Cash Bar . Mezethes . Chinese Raffle

Live Music by Ta Filarakia, featuring Victoria Mavrogeorgis on Violi!

Contact: Michelle Kotsagrelos at 412-680-1416 or mmk8317@hotmail.com

MAY 2022

Sunday	ı	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday		
THOMAS SUN- DAY Orthros 8:45 a.m. Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m.	2			Greek Food y and Thursday:	11:00 a.m2:00				
GREEK FOOD FESTIVAL Itsburgh Marathon until 11:00 a.m. Park by Carnegie Library		Friday: 11:00 a.m2:00 p.m. & 4:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. Music until midnight Saturday: 1:00 p.m10:00 p.m. Music till midnight							
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