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Orthros Gospel 7

Tone 4



WELCOME TO ST. NICHOLAS CATHEDRAL!

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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/ and click on "Live Streaming Click Here."

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TODAYS MEMORIAL SERVICE is being chanted for the souls of the servants of God, *Thomas Kavouras (40 days) and Nicolaos Hnarakis (30 years)*. May God grant them eternal rest.

PLEASE JOIN US for coffee and fellowship following services in the Fellowship Room hosted by GOYA.

THIS WEEK AT ST. NICHOLAS:

- **Monday, May 23:** St. Nicholas Golf Outing
- **Wednesday, May 25:** Parish Council Meeting 7:00 p.m.
- **Saturday, May 28:** Greek School 10:00 a.m.
- **Sunday, May 29:** Memorial Service for Peter Faines (40 days)

**REMINDER: Summer Church Service Hours will begin on Sunday, June 12, 2022
Orthros 8:15 a.m. and Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m.**

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SPECIAL HYMNS OF THE DAY:

The first hymn chanted at the Small Entrance is the Festal Apolytikion for Pascha in Tone 5:

Χριστός ἀνέστη ἐκ νεκρῶν, θανάτῳ θάνατον πατήσας, καί τοῖς ἐν τοῖς μνήμασι ζωὴν χαρισάμενος. Christ is risen from the dead, by death trampling down upon death, and to those in the tombs He has granted life.

At the procession with the Gospel, the special Eisodikon (Entrance Hymn) for the Paschal season is chanted:

Ἐν Ἐκκλησίαις εὐλογεῖτε τὸν Θεόν, Κύριον ἐκ πηγῶν Ἰσραὴλ. Σῶσον ἡμᾶς, Υἱέ Θεοῦ, ὁ ἀναστάς ἐκ νεκρῶν, ψάλλοντάς σοι, Ἀλληλούϊα. In the congregations bless God, the Lord from the springs of Israel. Save us O Son of God, who did rise from the dead, we sing to you Alleluia.

After the Entrance Hymn the Priest enters into the Sanctuary, while we hear the Resurrection Apolytikion in Tone 4: Τὸ φαιδρὸν τῆς ἀναστάσεως κήρυγμα, ἐκ τοῦ Ἀγγέλου μαθοῦσαι αἱ τοῦ Κυρίου Μαθήτριάι, καὶ τὴν προγονικὴν ἀπόφασιν ἀπορρίψασαι, τοῖς Ἀποστόλοις καυχώμεναι ἔλεγον· Ἐσκύλευται ὁ θάνατος, ἡγέρθη Χριστὸς ὁ Θεός, δωρούμενος τῷ κόσμῳ τὸ μέγα ἔλεος.

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]

Then, the hymn for the feast of Mid-Pentecost, which took place this past Wednesday, is chanted:

Μεσοῦσης τῆς ἑορτῆς, διψῶσάν μου τὴν ψυχὴν, εὐσεβείας πότισον νάματα ὅτι πᾶσι Σωτὴρ ἐβόησας· ὁ διψῶν, ἐρχέσθω πρὸς με καὶ πινέτω· Ἡ πηγὴ τῆς ζωῆς, Χριστὲ ὁ Θεὸς δόξα σοι. Mid-way in the feast, refresh my thirsty soul with the flowing waters of piety. For You cried out to all, O Savior, "Let him who thirsts come to me and drink." You, O Christ our God, are the Fountain of Life, glory to You.

Following this, we chant the Hymn for our Church's Patron Saint, St. Nicholas (Tone 4):

Κανόνα πίστεως καὶ εἰκόνα πραότητος, ἐγκρατείας Διδάσκαλον, ἀνέδειξε σε τῇ ποιμνῇ σου, ἡ τῶν πραγμάτων ἀλήθεια· διὰ τοῦτο ἐκτίσω τῇ ταπεινώσει τὰ ὑψηλά, τῇ πτωχείᾳ τὰ πλούσια, Πάτερ Ἱεράρχα Νικόλαε· πρέσβευε Χριστῷ τῷ Θεῷ, σωθῆναι τὰς ψυχὰς ἡμῶν. 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.

Finally, we hear the Kontakion of Pascha in the Eighth Tone:

Εἰ καὶ ἐν τάφῳ κατήλθες ἀθάνατε, ἀλλὰ τοῦ Ἄδου καθεῖλες τὴν δύναμιν, καὶ ἀνέστης ὡς νικητής, Χριστὲ ὁ Θεός, γυναιξὶ Μυροφόροις φθεγγόμενος. Χαίρετε, καὶ τοῖς σοῖς Ἀποστόλοις εἰρήνην δωρούμενος ὁ τοῖς πεσοῦσι παρέχων ἀνάστασιν. Though You went down into the tomb, You destroyed Hades' power, and You rose the victor, Christ God, saying to the myrrh-bearing women, "Hail!" and granting peace to Your disciples, You who raise up the fallen.

In addition, the following hymn to the Theotokos is chanted after the Consecration of the Gifts during the Paschal season:

Ὁ Ἀγγελος ἐβόα τῇ κεχαριτωμένῃ, Ἀγνὴ Παρθένε, χαῖρε, καὶ ἄλιν ἐρῶ, χαῖρε, ὁ σὸς Υἱὸς ἀνέστη τριήμερος ἐκ τάφου. Εὐφραίνου, ἀγάλλου, ἡ θεία πύλη τοῦ φωτός· ὁ γὰρ δύνας ἐν τάφῳ, Ἰησοῦς ἀνέτειλε, λάμπας ἡλίου φαιδρότερον, καὶ τοὺς πιστοὺς πάντας καταυγάσας, θεοχαρίτωτε Δέσποινα. 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. Be glad and exultant, divine gate of the light. For your Son, namely Jesus, having set within the tomb, rose and is shining more brightly than the sun, and He has fully illumined all the faithful, O Lady full of the grace of God. [SD]

Apostolic Reading: Acts 11: 19-30. In those days, those apostles who were scattered because of the persecution that arose over Stephen traveled as far as Phoenicia and Cyprus and Antioch, speaking the word to none except Jews. But there were some of them, men of Cyprus and Cyrene, who on coming to Antioch spoke to the Greeks also, preaching the Lord Jesus. And the hand of the Lord was with them, and a great number that believed turned to the Lord. News of this came to the ears of the church in Jerusalem, and they sent Barnabas to Antioch. When he came and saw the grace of God, he was glad; and he exhorted them all to remain faithful to the Lord with steadfast purpose; for he was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and of faith. And a large company was added to the Lord. So Barnabas went to Tarsus to look for Saul; and when he had found him, he brought him to Antioch. For a whole year they met with the church and taught a large company of people; and in Antioch the disciples were for the first time called Christians. Now in these days prophets came down from Jerusalem to Antioch. And one of them named Agabos stood up and foretold by the Spirit that there would be a great famine over all the world; and this took place in the days of Claudius. And the disciples determined, everyone according to his ability, to send relief to the brethren who lived in Judea, and they did so, sending it to the elders by the hand of Barnabas and Saul.

Gospel Reading: John 4:5-42. At that time, Jesus came to a city of Samaria, called Sychar, near the field that Jacob gave to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and so Jesus, wearied as he was with his journey, sat down beside the well. It was about the sixth hour. There came a woman of Samaria to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." For his disciples had gone away into the city to buy food. The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans. Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him and he would have given you living water." The woman said to him, "Sir, you have nothing to draw with, and the well is deep; where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our father Jacob, who gave us the well, and drank from it himself, and his sons, and his cattle?" Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will thirst again, but whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him will never thirst; the water that I shall give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life." The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, that I may not thirst, nor come here to draw." Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come here." The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband'; for you have had five husbands, and he whom you now have is not your husband; this you said truly." The woman said to him, "Sir, I perceive that you are a prophet. Our fathers worshiped on this mountain; and you say that Jerusalem is the place where men ought to worship." Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem will you worship the Father. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for such the Father seeks to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth." The woman said to him, "I know that the Messiah is coming (he who is called Christ); when he comes, he will show us all things." Jesus said to her, "I who speak to you am he." Just then his disciples came. They marveled that he was talking with a woman, but none said, "What do you wish?" or, "Why are you talking with her?" So the woman left her water jar, and went away into the city and said to the people, "Come, see a man who told me all that I ever did. Can this be the Christ?" They went out of the city and were coming to him. Meanwhile the disciples besought him, saying "Rabbi, eat." But he said to them, "I have food to eat of which you do not know." So the disciples said to one another, "Has anyone brought him food?" Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of him who sent me, and to accomplish his work. Do you not say, 'There are yet four months, then comes the harvest'? I tell you, lift up your eyes, and see how the fields are already white for harvest. He who reaps receives wages, and gathers fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. For here the saying holds true, 'One sows and another reaps.' I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor; others have labored, and you have entered into their labor." Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman's testimony. "He told me all that I ever did." So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there two days. And many more believed because of his word. They said to the woman, "It is no longer because of your words that we believe, for we have heard ourselves, and we know that this is indeed Christ the Savior of the world."

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

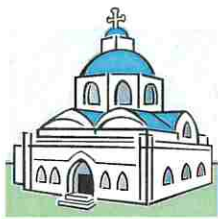
If you have already submitted your 2022 Stewardship Commitment, THANK YOU! If not, please take the time to make financial Stewardship Commitment today and complete the talent portion of the card to enable OUR Community to grow and carry on the mission of our faith.

HELP US REACH/ EXCEED OUR GOAL!!



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

<u>2022</u>	<u>STEWARDSHIP</u>
Total Stewards	241 (GOAL 300)
Total Pledged	\$132,174.00 GOAL (\$225,000.00)
Avg. Pledge	\$755.28



From the Church School Desk:

CHRIST IS RISEN! TRULY HE IS RISEN!

The Church School year is winding down to a close. Today is the last day of class, and **Church School Graduation** is on Sunday, June 5, 2022.

Yours in Christ,
Miss Michelle

PLEASE HELP WITH THE SUMMER COFFEE HOURS!

Volunteers (organizations and/or individual families) are requested to come forward and take responsibility for one or more of the Coffee Hours this summer, **beginning on June 5, 2022**.
(The GOYA will resume serving coffee in September).



GREEK SCHOOL

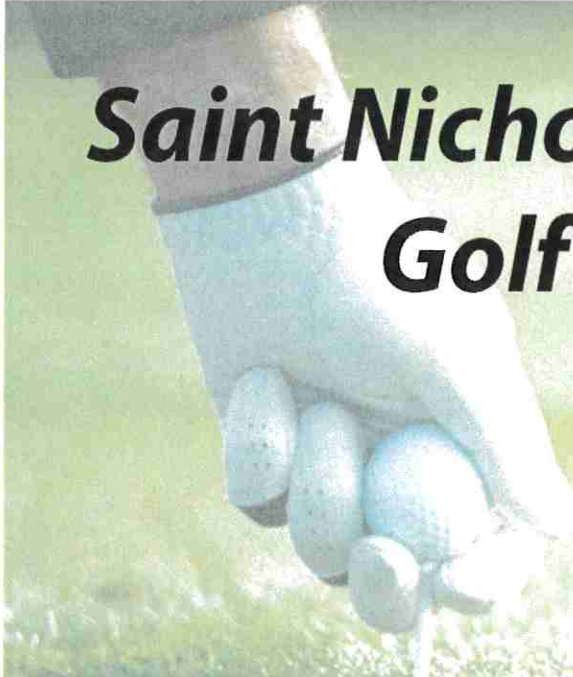
Greek School's "End of the Year Program and Graduation Party" is changed to Sunday, June 5. Greek School Graduates will be recognized in church on Sunday, June 5. This year, Promotional Certificates will be handed out during the End of the Year Program and Party.

GOYA NEWS

PASTITSIO: The 9 by 13 pastitsio pans are \$35. Checks can be made to St. Nicholas GOYA. Cash is also acceptable. The pastitsio is still available for purchase. For pastitsio pickups, call the church office or contact Alea Melacrinou Mavrogeorgis via text 412 726-5940. Please identify who you are in a detailed message.

SIXTY CLUB NEWS

Thank you to all who made our trip to Anthos Bakery and Cafe a big success. The food and camaraderie were both excellent. God willing, we'll do it again.



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

THE MEMORIAL DAY TRISAGION SERVICES - May 31, 2022

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES:

Divine Liturgy at Homewood Cemetery at 9:30 a.m., ending with Trisagion Service;

The second Trisagion service at Wilkinsburg Cemetery at 12 Noon.

Please indicate at which cemetery your loved one names should be read

First Names Only- Please Print Clearly!

"May their memory be eternal!"

FIRST NAME ONLY**CEMETERY**

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:

(Name _____)

**ST. NICHOLAS GREEK ORTHODOX CATHEDRAL
NAMES FOR SATURDAYS OF THE SOULS JUNE 11, 2022**

“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

Others

MAY/JUNE 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
22 SUNDAY OF SAMARITAN WOMAN Orthros 8:45 a.m. Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m.	23 ST. NICHOLAS GOLF OUTING AT SHANNOPIN COUNTRY CLUB 11:00 a.m.	24 GOYA Volleyball 7:00 p.m.	25 Parish Council Meeting 7:00 p.m.	26	27	28
29 SUNDAY OF MAN BORN BLIND Orthros 8:45 a.m. Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m.	30 Church Office Closed MEMORIAL DAY Divine Liturgy / Trisagion at Homewood Cemetery 9:30 a.m. Trisagion at Wilkinsburg Cemetery 12:00 noon	31 GOYA Volleyball 7:00 p.m.	1 Leave-taking of Pascha AT Holy Cross Church – Orthros 8:30 am, Divine Liturgy, 9:30 am	2 HOLY ASCENSION AT St. Nick's Orthros, 9 a.m. Divine Liturgy, 10 a.m.	3	4
5 Fathers of the 1st Ecumenical Council Orthros 8:45 a.m. Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m. ALL GRADUATES HONORED Also: Church School Graduation Greek School Graduation & Program	6	7	8	9	10	11 Saturday of Souls Orthros, 9 a.m., Divine Liturgy 10 a.m.
12 HOLY PENTECOST Orthros 8:15 a.m. Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m. Great Vespers follows immediately. <i>Please note: Summer Hours begin today!</i>	13	14	15	16	17	18