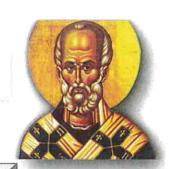


Saint Nicholas Greek Orthodox Cathedral Pittsburgh, PA



419 S Dithridge Street, Pittsburgh PA 15213 412-682-3866

IUNE 2022 NEWSLETTER



SUNDAY JUNE 12, 2022

The Feast of Holy Pentecost is celebrated each year on the fiftieth day after the Great and Holy Feast of Pascha (Easter) and ten days after the Feast of the Ascension of Christ. The Feast is always celebrated on a Sunday. The Feast commemorates the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles on the day of Pentecost, a feast of the Jewish tradition. It also celebrates the establishment of the Church through the preaching of the Apostles and the baptism of the thousands who on that day believed in the Gospel message of salvation through Jesus Christ.

The Feast is also seen as the culmination of the revelation of the Holy Trinity.

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.

ST. NICHOLAS GREEK ORTHODOX CATHEDRAL 419 S. Dithridge Street Pittsburgh, PA 15213

412-682-3866 (Office) 412-683-4960 (fax) church@stnickspgh.org

Reverend Father Christopher Bender, Dean 724-630-3483 frebender@verizon

Reverence 412-736-

Reverend Deacon Robert Lykos 412-736-2762 robertlykos@gmail.com

Barbara Manners	Office Manager	412-682-3866
Mary Olszewski	Events Coordinator	412-628-9466
Vincent Nelson	Maintenance	412-537-4073

2022 Parish Council

Peter Nychis, *President* (412-824-4477)
John Frentzos, *Vice President* (412-287-0275)
James Machin, *Treasurer* (724-413-3607)
Dean Panagulias, *Assistant Treasurer* (412-596-2501)
Michelle Kotsagrelos, *Secretary* (412-680-1416)
Sophia Panagis, *Assistant Secretary* (412-759-5760)
Simon Barber (412-860-3313)
George Bellios (412-897-5354)
Victor Bertolina (412-860-2315)
Arthur Dordas (412-719-7796)
Ted Hages (412-523-3571)
Maria Hnarakis (201-232-2505)
Peter Krelis(412-370-2809)
Van Paras (412-527-4248)

Jim Stamatelos(412-585-3928) Service Schedule

Fall and Winter Hours (September-June):
Orthros 8:45 a.m.
Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m.
Summer Hours (July & August):
Orthros 8:15 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.

Metropolis412-621-5529www.pittsburgh.goarch.orgArchdiocese212-570-3500www.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

	<u>ORGANIZATIONS</u>	
Church School	Michelle Kotsagrelos	412-680-1416
Greek School	Maria Stamoolis	412-963-7283
Philoptochos		412-519-8684
GOYA Advisors	Linda Hages	412-523-7938
	Jimmy Machin	724-413-4309
Little Angels/HC	PE/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
	Tulla Velisaris	412-889-1648
St Nicholas Dano	cers	
GOYA	Kelly Gary	412-741-8567
JOY	Aimee Walker	412-398-6094
Boys Basketball:	Ted Hages	412-523-3571
	Nick Strauch	724-931-0364
	Yianni Leventopoulos	412-916-1770
Girls Basketball	: Nikki Lykos	412-897-8208
	Maria Sfanos	412-512-8746

PARISH COUNCIL COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Cemetery	Peter Nychis
Community Center & Catering	James Stamatelos
Finance	James Machin
Food Festival	John Frentzos
Fundraising	George Bellios
Greek Affiliations	Michelle Kotsagrelos
Human Resources	Simon Barber
Maintenance	Victor Bertolina
Religious & Greek Education	Fr. Christopher Bender
Social	Maria Hnarakis
Stewardship	Michelle Kotsagrelos
Technology	Sophia Panagis
Youth	Ted Hages
Building Security	Van Paras
Outreach	Peter Krelis

FATHER'S MESSAGE

June 1, 2022

Beloved Sisters and Brothers in Christ:

Why do we come to Church? And why do we attend *this* Church? Why do we make the effort at all? Plenty of other people do not, including many of our friends, neighbors, and relatives. Perhaps we ourselves feel indifferent to what goes on during worship, and only come on rare occasions. As we prepare to celebrate the Feastday of Holy Pentecost, the "Birthday of the Church," perhaps it might be a good time to explore these and other questions.

People of different faiths have different answers to this question. But a surprising number in every congregation would probably answer, "I come for the fellowship, and to see my friends." Studies show that many church-goers do so because of the social benefits they derive, not because they have any real interest in the faith. This can be especially true in an ethnic community such as our own Archdiocese, where the temptation to view our parishes more as Greek enclaves than as houses of worship is real for many.

The problem with this kind of attitude is that can rarely be maintained over the years, because it does not have a firm foundation. It does not speak to the depths of our heart; nor does it address our deepest needs. Thus, when difficulties, disappointments or conflicts arise, either within the parish or in our personal lives, it becomes very easy to grow disillusioned and fall away. Furthermore, as the generations pass our children feel less and less Greek – and therefore, less likely to consider it important to spend Sunday mornings with fellow Greeks.

If someone were to ask us, then, why it matters that we go to Church – and not just any church, but the Orthodox Church – how should we answer? There are a number of reasons, which can only be briefly enumerated here:

- 1) Orthodoxy means, first of all, "true worship." Jesus promised and declared to the Samaritan woman at the well, "But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for the Father is seeking such to worship Him. God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth" (John 4:23-24). That is exactly what our Church has striven to do, in an unbroken tradition, for the last 2,000 years. At the Last Supper, our Lord also promised that after He left the earth, He would send the Holy Spirit the Comforter, or Paraclete in Greek to be with the disciples and "teach [them] all things." This is what happened fifty days after the Resurrection, on Pentecost, when the tongues of fire descended upon the apostles. The Church in all its fullness of which we are the continuation and heir was born on that day, as we shall shortly celebrate (June 12, this year). From that time forth, the Gospel has been preached, the faithful have received Baptism, and the Eucharist has been celebrated, as the Lord commanded.
- 2) Orthodoxy also means "true faith." Everything we preach, teach, and believe, as Orthodox Christians, has its roots in the revelation given to the world by our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, the Word of God, which is recorded in the Holy Scriptures. Revelation also reflects the faithful witness of the Holy Apostles, that is, those who both knew Christ and were inspired by the Holy Spirit. Carried on and amplified over the centuries, we call this Holy Tradition, the life of the Holy Spirit in the Church.
- 3) "True faith" matters, on the other hand, because it accurately reflects, as best we are able, what God said about Himself in revealing Himself to us. It tells us who God is, so that we can come to know Him and love Him more deeply, in a real and personal way. He no longer remains a stranger to us.
- 4) In Christ's High Priestly Prayer at the Lord's Supper, he humbly beseeched His Father: "that they all may be one, as You, Father, are in Me, and I in You; that they also may be one in Us" (John 17:21). Based on this quote from the Bible, our Church Fathers taught that salvation is nothing less than *union with God and each other for all eternity*. It means that we are given the privilege, through grace, to become what Christ, the Word of God, is by nature: God's sons and daughters, united with Him and each other in a relationship of perfect love. This is the ultimate goal of human life, the end point of our earthly journey and our Church is the place where we turn, to learn where we are going, and why.

FATHER'S MESSAGE, Con't

5) As guides and intercessors before the Heavenly Throne, we have the Theotokos and all the saints from every era, who pray for us and with us, and who quietly inspire us, through the Holy Spirit. This is called the "Communion of the saints." We decorate our sanctuaries with icons – holy images – which depict for us not only the saints, but also events from the life of Christ. These remind us that we a part of a much larger whole, which began in Jerusalem with the Pentecost event, and stretches into eternity.

So, we are called to attain unity not just with God, but also with one another. We are not saved as individuals, but rather as members of the Church, and of each other. In this regard, it is good to remember that the Church is far more than a place to come for services. It is also a living, breathing organism, the very Body of Christ. And just as the Lord exists in two natures, the divine and the human, so also does His Church: spotless and perfect in its divinity, and full of flaws and shortcomings, among its human members. As St. Paul puts it, "we have this treasure in earthen vessels" (2 Cor. 4:7), the "treasure" being faith born of the saving grace of God, while the "earthen vessels" – i.e., clay pots, which are rarely perfect, and can easily break – refer to our all-too-human weaknesses and imperfections. We all know that membership in the Church does not automatically make one an angel. Our shortcomings and passions – our egotism, lust, greed, envy, pride, gluttony, etc. – follow us in the door, and keep company with us even at the most sacred moments. That is why, during worship in the Orthodox tradition, we are constantly asking God to forgive us for our sins.

We are also called – expected – to forgive one another, as Jesus taught us and we claim to do, every time we say the Lord's Prayer. St. Paul, too, taught that we must "Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ" (Gal. 6:2). Perhaps we might remind ourselves of this, the next time we become annoyed with a fellow parishioner or feel offended. Rather than walking away or possibly even quitting the Church as so many do, we can thank God for giving us this opportunity to learn patience and forbearance – as the Fathers recommend. We should never forget that many times when folks are surly or unpleasant, there is a reason why. Being a good neighbor, in such cases, may mean trying to find a way to respond with both self-respect and with concern for the other— in other words, to find a way that addresses the situation without making matters worse. Eventually, if enough trust can be established, the person will open up and share their burden.

We speak of the "mysteries" of our faith – the sacraments – as opportunities that God provides to impart heavenly grace and blessings through earthly means – such as the prayers of the priest and the material elements (water for baptism, bread and wine for the Eucharist, etc.) used in the rite. When people connect in Christian love – when the lonely person gains a friend, or former enemies overcome their differences, or when the subject is gently changed to bring an end to the repeating of malicious gossip – this is no less a "mystery" that expresses God's grace. "For where two or three are gathered together in My name, there am I in the midst of them," our Lord promised (Matt. 18:20). A visit to the hospital, then, or time spent rolling grape leaves with old friends – or hours spent on the Food Festival serving lines – can become occasions for Christ's gracious presence.

Regardless of how it happens, we all must recognize that the Church is not just a place to go for socialization or ethnic solidarity. It is not just a pretty room where we spend some time once a week passively waiting for the first opportunity to escape and get to our real goal, the doughnut line. It is the Lord's gift to us, through the Holy Spirit. It is the unique place where the people of God gather in faith to receive and celebrate and share the saving love of our Heavenly Father, and ultimately, to enter into union with Him and find our way into our true and final home, the "homeland of our heart's desire" (in Heaven).

May you and yours have a most blessed celebration of Holy Pentecost and a pleasant and restful summer!

With love in Christ,

Fr. Christopher Bender

Rev. Fathe Christoff H. Bend-

SACRAMENTAL LIFE

Wedding

CONGRATULATIONS to Antegoni Kyros and Dimitrios Simeakin who were united in the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony on Saturday May, 28, 2022. May God grant them Many Years!

Funeral

Our deepest condolences to the family of:

Thomas Kavouras the father of Andron Kavouras a member of

St. Nicholas Cathedral,

who passed away on Monday, April 13th

His funeral was private.

PARISH COUNCIL UPDATES

Save the date(s):

Food Festival Thank You Luncheon—Sunday, June 26, 2022

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.

FOOD FESTIVAL UPDATE

A HEARTFELT THANK YOU to everyone who volunteered and helped to make this year's Greek Food Festival one of our most memorable and successful in years! We owe a special debt of gratitude to those who came forward, whether from the Parish Council or from the larger community, to exercise leadership, as well as to all those who put in an enormous number of hours as volunteers, in order to make it happen. We cannot possibly name all of you here, but we cordially invite you and the entire parish to join us for a Thank You Luncheon on Sunday, June 26, after services, when we can thank you in person.





SUNDAY, JUNE 26, 2022

For more information contact:
Michelle Kotsagrelos
412-680-1416

The Food Festival is over (and it was a success). So, Parish Council would like to invite you to a

THANK YOU LUNCHEON

Immediately after the Divine Liturgy (11:30 a.m.) in the Cathedral Room

St. Photios Awards Banquet



CONGRATULATIONS once again to the 2022 St. Photios Honorees from St. Nicholas Cathedral, REBECCA BERTOS and LINDA HAGES, pictured here, together with family and friends, at the banquet on April 30.

As with all of our past honorees, we remain deeply indebted to them for their example of faith, their many years of service to our parish, and their loving presence in our community.

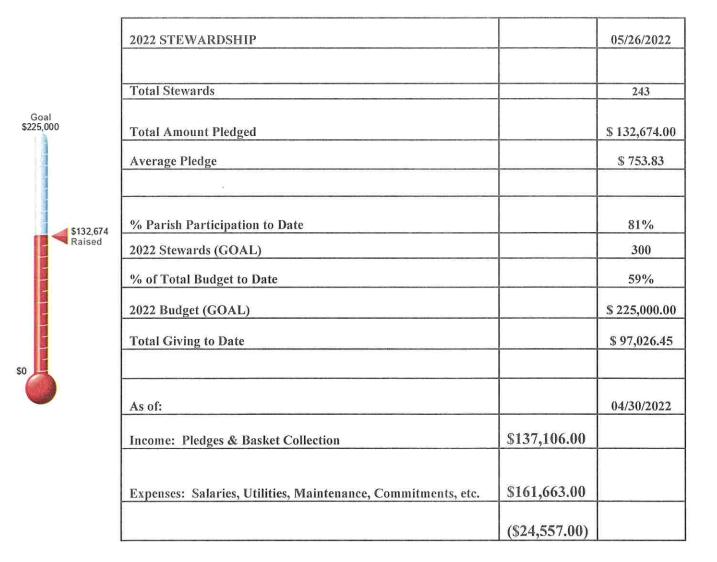
May the Lord continue to bless them and their families for many years to come.

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



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

2022 STEWARDSHIP, Con't

2022 St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Cathedral Stewards 05/26/22

Ms. Debra Adams

James & Electra Agras

Mr. & Mrs. Emanuel Amorgianos

Ms. Anna Andrews

Mr. Anthony Andrews

Mr. Steven Andrews

Mrs. Elaine Andrianos

Mr. & Mrs. Theodore Andrianos

Mr. & Mrs. Eugene Andriotis

Mr. George Anthon

Mr. & Mrs. Yianni Antoniades

Mr. & Mrs. Nick Antonuccio

Mr. & Mrs. Spilios Argiropoulos

Mr. & Mrs. Harry Avery

Mr. & Mrs. Christopher Ban

Mr. & Mrs. Simon Barber

Ms. Maria Bardakos

Mr. & Mrs. Alexander Baughman

Mr. & Mrs. Eric Baughman

Mr. & Mrs. Maurcie Bedel

Ms. Andrea Beldecos

Fr. Christopher & Dr. Filitsa Bender

Ms. Sophia Bender

Mr. & Mrs. Victor Bertolina

Ms. Pamela Bertos

Mrs. Rebecca Bertos

Dr. & Mrs. Paul Blastos

Mrs. Elaine Bolanis

Mrs. Mary Brahos

Mr. & Mrs. Terry Carlisano

Mr. & Mrs. William Chapas

Deacon E.P. Christulides

Mr. & Mrs. George Chronis

Mr. Greg Cominos

Mr. & Mrs. Spencer Cominos

Mrs. Marion Constantinides-Bennett

Mr. Philip Contacos

Ms. Jamie Contis

Mr. & Mrs. Nick Contis

Mrs. Sandra Contis

Mr. Charles G. Copetas Mr. & Mrs. Dino P. Copetas

Mrs. Helen G. Copetas

Mrs. Helen M. Copetas

Mrs. Maria Copetas

Mrs. Theodora Copetas

Mr. Vasili Copetas

Mrs. Vasso Copetas

Mr. & Mrs. William Copetas

Mr. & Mrs. Louis Countouris

Mr. & Mrsl Yianni Coutris

Mr. & Mrs. Nevin Craig

Mr. John Dakis

Mr. & Mrs. George Darakos

Mr. & Mrs. Taki Darakos

Ms. Bridgette Daugherty Mrs. Denise Daugherty

Dr. & Mrs. K.C. Davides

M. & M. D. L. Davi

Mr. & Mrs. Rob Day Mr. & Mrs. Petros Delivorias

Mr. & Mrs. Petros Delivori

Mrs. Christine DeMatteo

Mrs. Christine Dickos

Mr. Arthur J. Dordas

Mr. & Mrs. Nikolas Doris

Mr. & Mrs. Randy Eberhardt

Dr. & Mrs. Demetrius Ellis

Mrs. Elaine Ellis

Mr. & Mrs. George Ellis

Mr. & Mrs. James Elsen

Dr. & Mrs. Mike Epitropoulos

Mr. & Mrs. George Faines

Mrs. Mary Faines

Ms. Alexandra Fatandas

Mrs. Virginia Fekaris

Mrs. Alice K. Flocos

Mr. & Mrs. Ronald Frank

Mr. & Mrs. John Frentzos

M. C. WIS. JOHN FICHCE

Mrs. Kalliope Frentzos

Mrs. Alice Gary

Dr. & Mrs. Anthony Gialamas

Mrs. Alexandra Gregory

Mr. & Mrs. Michael Gregory

Mr. & Mrs. James P. Hages

Mr. Ted Hages

Ms. Aphrodite Halleran

Dr. & Mrs. Dean Hanna

Mrs. Frances Hanna

Mrs. Frances Hanna Mrs. Rania Harris

Ms. Maria Hnarakis

Mr. & Mrs. Charles Hogg

Mr. & Mrs. Nick Kakavis

Mrs. Lucia Kalaras

Mr. & Mrs. John Kamarados

Mr. Peter Kamaras

Ms. Christine Kanakis

Mr. Kyle Glaser & Ellie-Anne Karras

Mr. & Mrs. Foster Kartsotis

Mrs. Georgia Katsafanas

Mr. Lee Katsafanas

Mr. Andron Kavouras

Mr. & Mrs. Nicholas Kefal Mr. & Mrs. Christopher Kefalos

Mr. Constant March

Mr. George Kefalos

Mr. & Mrs. Steven Kefalos

Mr. & Mrs. Georgios Kitsios Mrs. Mary Kleissas

Mr. & Mrs. Nicholas Kleissas

Ms. Nicole Klidas

Mr. Konstantinos Koromvokis

Mrs. Estair Kotsagrelos

Ms. Michelle Marie Kotsagrelos

Mr. Chris Kouklis

Mr. & Mrs. William Kozy

Ms. Christine Krelis

Ms. Georgia Krelis

Mr. Peter Krelis Mr. & Mrs. John Kristian

Mr. & Mrs. James T. Kukunas

Ms. Antegone Kyros

Dr. & Mrs. James Kyros Ms. Constantina Lardas

Mr. & Mrs. Emmanuel Lardas Mr. & Mrs. Kemon Lardas Mr. & Mrs. Michael Leombruno

Mr. & Mrs. Kleanthis Lardas Mr. & Mrs. Nicholas D. Lardas Ms. Toni Lawson

Mr. & Mrs. Peter Leventopoulos

Mr. & Mrs. Stephen Lipecky

Dn. & Mrs. Robert Lykos

Mr. & Mrs. James D. Machin

Mr. James L. Machin

Dr. Nicoletta Machin & Dr. Suman Yadam

Mr. & Mrs. Spero Maginas

Ms. Karen Malobicky

Mr. Christopher Mandros

Mrs. Eugenia Manganas

Ms. Barbara Manners

Ms. Electra Markopoulos

Mr. Greg Markopoulos

Mrs. Helen Mastros

Mr. Kostas J. Mastros Ms. Alisa Mathews

Ms. Dana Mathews

Mr. & Mrs. Dimitrios Mavrogeorgis

Mr. & Mrs. John C. McCann

Drs. Thomas & Dana McClure

Mr. & Mrs. Thomas McGuire

Mrs. Patricia McKee

Mr. & Mrs. Christos S. Melacrinos Mr. & Mrs, Peter Menniti

Mr. & Mrs. William Michaels

Mr. & Mrs. Eric Mitchell

Mr. & Mrs. Milton Moratis

Mrs. Venetia Moreno

Mr. Paul L. Moses

Mrs, Beulah Mougianis

Mr. & Mrs. Peter Nychis

Ms. Mary Olszewski

Mrs. Tara Pallas-Sheetz

Ms. Sophia Panagis Mr. Dean Panagulias

Mr. & Mrs. Robert Panagulias

Ms. Catherine E. Pandeladis

Mrs. Georgia Pandeladis

Mr. & Mrs. John N. Panos

Mr. & Mrs. Dean Pantages Dr. & Mrs. Spiro Papas

Mr. John C. Paras

Mr. Van Paras

Mrs. Constance Paras Jennings

Mr. & Mrs. David Parlour

Mr. & Mrs. Dean Paul

Mr. & Mrs. Robert Pease Mr. & Mrs. Jake Persinger

Mrr. & Mrs. George Peters

Mrs. Stamatia Peters

Drs. Emanuel & Maria Petroulakis

Mr. & Mrs. John Peterson Ms. Constance Petros

Mrs. Vera Poland

Mrs. Barbara Polimus Mrs. Helene Powers

Mrs. Esther Rafaloski Mr. & Mrs. George Raftis

9

2022 St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Cathedral Stewards 05/26/22

Mr. & Mrs. George Raftis III Mr. & Mrs. Eugene Rakoczy Mr. Anastasios Raptis Mr. & Mrs. Nikolaos Sarioglou Mrs. Angela Sfamenos⁺ Mr. & Mrs. George Sideris Mr. & Mrs. Francis Silva-Muracca Mr. & Mrs. Raj Snyder-Aneja Mr. George Sockos Mr. & Mrs. James Stamatelos Ms. Catherine Stamoolis Mr. & Mrs. Constantine Stamoolis Mrs. Toula Stathopoulos Mr. & Mrs. James Stratigos Mr. Nicholas Strauch Mr. & Mrs. Pat Strauch Mrs. Argie Stuart Mr. & Mrs. Robert Swisher Mrs. Katia Sycara & Mr. Michael Lewis Ms. Evangeline Theodoridis Mrs. Kay Thimoleas Mr. & Mrs. Stephen Thomas

Mrs. Chrisoula Torlidas Mr. & Mrs. Andreas Tsourekis Mr. & Mrs. Peter Tsudis Mrs. Joanna Tzortzis Ms Mary Vasilakis Mrs. Panagiota Vasilakis Mr. Sam Vassilaros & Ms. Alexa Loufman Mrs. Stella Vassilaros

Mr. & Mrs. Perry Velisaris Mrs. Angela Vergos Mr. Chris Vergos & Ms. Amber Lilly Mrs. Elaine Vitsas

Mr. & Mrs. John Velisaris

Mr. John Vitsas Mrs. Frances Vlahos Mrs. Helen Waskoskie Mrs. Stacey Whipple

Mr. & Mrs. Leo Yannopoulos Mr. & Mrs. Peter Yannopoulos Mr. & Mrs. Anthony Zaras

Dr. Katerina Zavaras Mr. & Mrs. Demetri Zervoudis

Mr. & Mrs. Defictif Zervoud Mr. & Mrs. Michael Zikos Mrs. Sophia Zozos



Saint Nicholas Greek Orthodox Cathedral Pittsburgh, PA	2022 ST. NICHOLAS (CONFIDENTIAL FA	GREEK ORTHODOX C AMILY STEWARDSHIP	
Last Name	First Name	menn — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — —	
Address	City	State	Zip
(Alternate address if applicable)			
Home Phone Work I	Phone	Cell Phone	
Email			
PLEASE provide pertinent information	on reverse side about yo	our family members- T	HANK YOU!
TREASURE- Total Gift for 2022 \$	Contribution Frequency: c	o Weekly □ Monthly □ Qu	arterly 🗆 Annually
□ Please send Stewardship Envelopes □ I don	't use envelopes	Statement delivery:	🗆 US Mail 🗆 Email
Saint Nicholas Greck Orthodox Cathedral Pittsburgh, PA		r items below that you or a e or interest. Place initials ember after each item chec	of the
□ Visitation of Elderly □ □ Outreach I □ Youth Ministry □ □ Gardening	nool	gmt Cookin	ıg/Festival
TIME- St. Nicholas Cathedrai	is grateful for our m	any volunteers. Th	iank you!
Name & relationship i.e., self, spouse, child, etc.	Date of birth Marital Status	Occupation OR school/g	rade

St. Nicholas Church School



From the Church School Desk!

Finishing up my 15th year as Church School Director, I want to thank Father Christopher, Deacon Robert, my teachers (Pam Bertos, Presbytera Filitsa & Aimee Walker, Linda Hages & Nicholas Hages, Sophia Bender & Denise Daugherty, Joanna Darakos & Anna Spanos and Lee Katsafanas & Dina Persinger), the students and YOU (the St. Nicholas parishioners) for helping to make this year a memorable one. We all came together to enrich the lives of our children. St. Nicholas is our spiritual family and we all took part in educating our youth (the you of tomorrow). As a community, we showed our children our love and devotion to our Orthodox faith. Thank you for sharing your children with us every Sunday!

Church School did a lot this year and here is a recap:

An **Agiasmo Service** was done on Sunday, October 3, 2021, to start off the Church School year!

Sunday, November 14, 2021, was **Godparent/Special Friend Sunday**. Godparents/Special Friends worshiped during the Divine Liturgy, received Holy Communion together and attended Church School to see what their Godchild/Special Friend learns there (and made cards to send to children's Hospital for Make a Difference Day). Afterwards many attended the Coffee Hour hosted by Philoptochos. It was the start of a wonderful day together!

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

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

Many hats, mittens, scarves, gloves, etc. that decorated our Christmas Tree were delivered to FOCUS for their **Project Bundle-up**. We collected 25 Hats, 31 pairs of Gloves/Mittens, 4 Scarves, 2 pairs of socks and 1 set of earmuffs! Thanks to all who contributed to this worthwhile cause.

The St. Nicholas Church School teachers, staff and students supported our GOYANs (and Church School students) at the All Saints (Canonsburg, PA), Holy Saints (Steubenville, OH) and Holy Cross **GOYA Basketball Tournaments** they attended (1/14--16/22, 02/11-13/22 and 2/25-27/22). Both the boys and the girls' teams did well. They also supported them at the **GOYA Volleyball Tournament** (we hosted) on 04/09/22.

St. Nicholas Church School Con't

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

St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Cathedral's Church School Open House was Sunday, April 10, 2022, where parents and grandparents attended church school to see firsthand what their children are learning.

Thank you to the Kotsagrelos Family for organizing a delicious Communion Breakfast after the Divine Liturgy Saturday, April 16, 2022, (St. Lazarus Day) and for organizing the Agape Service Coffee Hour and 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 fourteen (14) young women who received and distributed the light at the Anastasi Service, and to the Altar Boys.

Thank you to the **GOYAns** for assembling the white candles used for the Good Friday Evening, Anastasi and Agape Services, decorating the Kouvouklion, preparing the leaves for the Holy Saturday Morning Service and assembling the Luminaries!

Congratulations to our St. Nicholas Oratorical Festival participant (and finalists) who took the time out of her busy schedule to research and write about her faith. **Mia Velisaris** (Senior Division) represented our parish at the Metropolis Level at Holy Trinity Cathedral (Camp Hill, PA) on Saturday, May 7, 2022. Congratulations Mia, we are proud of you!

And, as with all 'school' years, Church School had to end. **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 graduates (the Orthodox Study Bible (New Testament and Psalms).

Have a wonderful summer and see you in September!

Yours in Christ, Miss Michelle

St. John Chrysostom Oratorical Festival Speech

Mia Velisaris Senior Division

Topic 1- Iconography Reverend Fathers, Distinguished Judges, Fellow Speakers, Ladies and Gentlemen, Christos Anesti.

One of my earliest memories within the church took place during a celebration of Divine Liturgy one Sunday morning. I looked around at all the "pictures" on the walls. I remember thinking they were so vibrant and colorful, and I remembered seeing them at home. I stretched my neck as far back as it could go, and stood in awe at the sights above me, it was the "big picture." "Who is that?" I asked my mom, I was 6 and a little restless, like many other 6 year old's in church. She told me that it was Jesus watching down on all the children to make sure they weren't misbehaving in church...I soon came to realize that part of her response was untrue. As the weeks progressed and I attended more Sunday school sessions, I learned what Icons were and why they were so important in the Greek Orthodox faith.

Icons represent people and stories found in the Bible. They were created to give Orthodox Christians a deeper look into our faith, and we can use them within the church as well as in our routines and experiences throughout everyday life. In our Sunday worship, Icons are a source for centering our focus. One of the first actions we choose upon entering the church is venerating the icons, showing our respect to the gifts of holiness in our lives from whomever is pictured within them. It is very important to note though, that we do not worship the icons as God Himself, rather they greatly assist us in our worship of God. Each aspect of an icon is written with a purpose. Let's examine the icons of the Panagia, for example. The Theotokos is presented with red garments on the outside and blue garments underneath. The red garments on the outside represent her humanity while the blue, on the underlayer, represents her divinity. These intricate choices transcend the use of colors in other artworks. In a dazzling photograph or beautiful landscape painting, we enjoy a blue sky or a red flower because it leaves us with joy. But in the icon of Theotokos, red and blue allow us to see a spiritual truth only visible when we look past the ways of this world and instead gaze at the Mother of God.

Outside of the church walls, through the blessing of participation in our youth programming at Camp Nazareth, I have had the wonderful opportunity to learn more and to strengthen my faith. In recent years, I have experienced the presence of the weeping Kardiotissa Icon, "The Tender Heart". One of the nights at camp each week is devoted to celebrating the Paraklesis service, in honor of the Theotokos. This service includes a multitude of beautifully scripted hymns that we sing together in supplication and for the intercession of our Holy Mother of God. As a GOYAN, the Kardiotissa Icon is included in the Paraclesis service. Campers are taught that witnessing the crying icon is very sacred, and that most people never experience this great miracle, and that we should not only be thankful, but cherish each moment of the service. From the time I learned about crying icons, there has always been a fear inside of me, for what reason I'm not sure. I wasn't afraid of icons, and I had seen people cry before, yet I could never figure out why the knot in my stomach would appear every time I thought about this wonderful miracle. It was at that very moment when I stepped into the chapel at camp, with the icon weeping in front of me, that my whole body felt at ease.

The knot was gone, tensions in my body that I didn't even know existed, completely faded away, I have never felt the utter peace and tranquility like I did in that moment. I felt safe, like no hardships of my life or of the world could disrupt me. It occurred to me that I wasn't the only one feeling this way, I turned to my left and right only to find everyone else in the church was feeling, if not the same as me, some sort of eye opening, time stopping emotions. We were told stories of countless miracles performed by the weeping icon, and all of a sudden, I started to cry. At first, I tried to hide it but noticed that, again, I wasn't alone in this feeling. The vulnerability and raw emotion that I witnessed on that day was something like no other. The toughest of tough were doubled over, sobbing into their hands, at the thought of ever questioning God and His works. That was the big takeaway of the experience, it was so real, that the feeling of doubt or questioning of the faith helped to show me my unworthiness. Not only this, but I felt purified by the touch of Her tears. The Panagia, our Most Holy Mother of God, shared her tears of sorrow with our blemished humanity. Just like an earthly mother sheds tears for her children time and time again in times of sorrow and in distress, our Divine Mother also sheds tears for all her children. Yet, the sweet fragrance of her myrrh-flowing tears represents hope... just as a mother has hope for her children. This experience with this icon truly enhanced my worship by serving as a window into our faith and connecting to our lives the things that we cannot see.

To some, icons are merely pictures of Saints, and to be honest, there were times when I thought that way too. It was until that moment, that encounter with the beautiful weeping Icon of the Theotokos, that I truly realized the true meaning of iconography, serving as a "window to heaven," and the course of my faith changed forever. Our Mother of God repeatedly shows her "tender heart" and helps us to refocus on divine things in our Christ-like nature.

GREEK SCHOOL

On June 5th the St. Nicholas Greek School End of the Year Program and Graduation Party will be held. There are seven graduates being honored this year. We Congratulate Rosie Andriotis, Demetri Darakos, Ignatios Darakos, Alexandra Karamalidis, Sofia Kopteridou, Sophia Stamoolis, and Panagiotis Stamoolis. All graduates receive their diplomas, a graduation St. Nicholas icon medal medallion, an Iveron Icon which is a copy of the Miraculous Myrrh streaming icon which for over a decade exhumes myrrh and many miracles are attributed to it. We wish to all the children much success in their future years and to always pray to Christ and Panaghia for guidance for all their decisions. We are hoping many graduates will return and volunteer their time to help our school.

We are thankful to those who came and read or chanted prayers during the beautiful "Salutation to our Most Holy Theotokos Services." We thank Victoria and Yanna Mavrogeorgis, Marianna Christou, Connie Stamoolis, Toula Darakos, Panagiotis Stamoolis, and Deacon Haralambos (who helps our Greek School an immeasurable amount of time). This year Connie, Toula, Panagiotis, and Deacon chanted the prayers. A special thank you goes to Father Chris and our community who support this ministry.

From Maria Stamoolis, Kyriaki Maniati, Sophie Vroulou, Elissavet Voreadi, Katia Liangou, Dimitra Agapitou, Toula Protopapa, Aikaterini Mavriki – «Καλές Διακοπές»

GOYA NEWS

Our St. Nicholas GOYA had a wonderful time dancing everyday for our St. Nicholas Food Festival. On Saturday, the last day of the festival we honored our graduating dancing seniors. They are Ben Kefalos, Fania Parlour, Mina Andrews and Nick Neuschwander. Thank you to our instructors Kelly Gary and Jimmy Machin for all their dedication, time and talent. Thank you to our GOYAns and parents for the huge commitment in coming, practicing and dancing all seven nights of the festival. There was a special moment during Saturday evening's dance performance when some of our former GOYAns performed the zeibekiko dance in memory of their friend and former GOYAn Dimitri Menas, who passed away last July. May his memory be eternal.

The GOYAns continued their annual service project by placing American flags at the graves of our veterans at the St. Nicholas Cemetery in Wilkinsburg over the Memorial Day weekend.

Our GOYA is looking forward to attending the Metropolis Volleyball Tournament on Saturday, June 4, hosted by St. Paul, North Royalton, Ohio.







Philotochos News

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:

Friday, May 20, 2022, 150 bagged lunches were made with LITTLE ANGELS, HOPE & JOY for NRP. 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.

Another hot meal for Neighborhood Resilience Project (NRP) will be provided by Christos Mediterranean Grille in June. We are always grateful for their 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.

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.

SPANAKOPITA:

Philoptochos has a limited quantity of our delicious Spanakopita Logs available for sale. **ONLY \$10.00 PER LOG; GET YOURS TODAY!** They make great house gifts when attending a party, a great snack or side dish for any day of the week and are always a hit at a gathering.

MOTHER'S DAY HONOREES/MEMORIALS:

Philoptochos thanks all our parishioners who supported the Mother's Day card fundraisers by honoring/memorializing the special women who had touched their lives.

FATHER'S DAY CARDS:

This popular fundraiser honors Fathers, Uncles, Nounos, Papous and "special" 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 Father's Day (and the Ecclesia). It is a wonderful way to honor and remember those who are thought of in a loving way.

Philotochos News Con't

MEMBERSHIP:

Thank you to Michelle Kotsagrelos for chairing the successful membership drive (70 MEMBERS). Although the drive is over, it is never too late to join/renew your membership. Philoptochos would like to thank those who have joined or renewed their membrship for 2022:

Aphrodite Amorgianos Steven Andrews Elaine Andrianos Vasie-Leigh Andriotis Maria Bardakos Presbytera Filitsa Bender Maria Bender Sophia Bender Alesandra Bergstrom Rebecca Bertos Joan Blastos Valerie Carlisano Constance Chapas Dn. E.P. Christulides Theodora Ciotti Sandra Contis Maria Coutris Argyro Darakos

Denise Daugherty
Alexandra Davides
Marie Drelles
Penny Falck
Virginia Fekaris
Alice Flocos
Kelly Gary
Dr. Lydia Georgiades

Dr. Lydia Georgiades Alexandra Gregory Frances Hanna Rania Harris Amy Hogg Georgia Katsafanas Kosta Mastros Alisa Mathews Alea Mavrogeorgis Dana McClure Marcie McGuire Patti McKee Joanne Melacrinos Leona Mitchell Venetia Moreno Vicki B. Nychis Sophia Panagis Lillian Panagulias Cathy Pandeladis Georgia Pandeladis John Paras Barbara Polimus Tulla Rakoczy

Marina Lardas

Lucia Leventis

Nikki Lykos

Dae Machin

Cristina Silva-Muracca
Catina Stamoolis
Toula Stathopoulos
Diane Strauch
Argie Stuart
Donna Thomas
Penny Thomas
Carol Tsudis
Carrie Velisaris
Katherine Velisaris
Tulla Velisaris
Elaine Vitsas

Dr. Katerina Zavaras Betty Zervoudis

GRADUATE SUNDAY:

Amy Kleissas

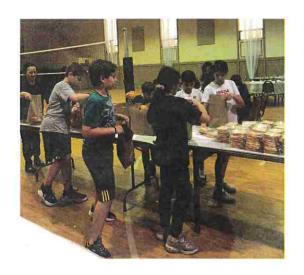
Sunday June 5' 2022, we will honor High School, College and Graduate School Graduates. Afterwards, Philoptochos will be sponsoring the Coffee Hour. We hope you will join us in celebrating the accomplishments of parish's youth.

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

JOY, HOPE & LITTLE ANGELS











Philoptochos Mother's Day Honorees

All Mothers & Friends of St. Nicholas Anonymous

Michelle Aivaloitis
Barbara Polimus

Aphrodite Amorgianos
Denise & Bridgette Daugherty

Kathy Amurgis
Michelle Kotsagrelos

Anna Andrews
Alisa Mathews
Denise & Bridgette Daugherty

Elaine Andrianos
Theo Andrianos

Emilee Andrianos
Elaine Andrianos
Theo Andrianos

Balaci Kristian Tommy, Kalliope & Antoni Kristian

Presbytera Filitsa Bender Sophia & Maria Bender Fr. Christopher Bender

Melissa Bennett Katherine, James & William Bennett

Rebecca Bertos Pamela Bertos

Dee Chronis Elaine Vitsas

Margaret Cochran
Peter & Carol Tsudis

Lenna Cominos Houston & Evina Frentzos

Eleni Contis

Maria, Yianni, Dimitra, Christina &
Evangelos Coutris
Yoanna & Stamatia Lykos
Mia, Perry, Dimitri & Nina Velisaris

Melissa Contis Stamatia Lykos

Argy Darakos
The Darakos Family

Christy Edgos Houston & Evina Frentzos

Virginia Fekaris Elaine Andrianos Denise & Bridgette Daugherty

Keli Frentzos Tommy, Kalliope & Antoni Kristian

Popie Frentzos

Tommy, Kalliope & Antoni Kristia

Houston & Evina Frentzos

Barbara Garbinski Melissa Bennett

Alice Lardas Gary
Elaine Andrianos

Alexandra Gregory
Michael Gregory

Rebecca Gregory
Michael Gregory

Holly Guna Kalliope Kristian

Frances Hanna
Dean Hanna
Tara A. Pallas-Sheetz

Kimberly Hanna Frances Hanna

Maria Hnarakis Nikki & Maddi Kazas

Isabella Kang Barbara Polimus

Amy Kleissas Nick Kleissas

Mary Kleissas Nick Kleissas

19

Philoptochos Mother's Day Honorees

Estair Kotsagrelos

Michelle Kotsagrelos Georgette Nelson Aimee Walker Stacey Whipple Tyson, Tyrann & Tyra Nelson Brooke & Drew Walker

Tasso & Faith Whipple

Michelle Kotsagrelos

Tyson Nelson Faith Whipple

Lisa Kristian

Houston & Evina Frentzos

Marina Lardas

Barbara Polimus

Stephanie Levine

Terry & Valerie Carlisano

Janet Lykos

Yoanna & Stamatia Lykos

Nikki Lykos

Dimitra, Christina & Evangelos Coutris Yoanna & Stamatia Lykoso

Dina Machin

Alexandros Tsiatis

Thalia Mandros

Joanne Mandros Kozy

Evelyn Mastros

Helen Mastros Nicholas Mastros

Helen Mastros

Nicholas Mastros

Marcella McGuire

Tom McGuire

Patti McKee

Liz Peterson

Beulah Wougiannis Lisa Kristian

Georgette Nelson

Tyson, Tyrann & Tyra Nelson

Brooke Walker

Sue Neuendorf

Sophia & Maria Bender

Callie Pallas-DeSimone

Tara A. Pallas Sheetz

Florence L. Pallas

Tara Pallas-Sheetz

Sophia Panagis

Nicoletta & Magdalinoula Kazas

Lillian B. Panagulias

Dean Panagulias

Cathy Pandeladis

Nicoletta & Magdalinoula Kazas

Georgia Pandeladis

Cathy Pandeladis

Arlene Paras

Constance Paras Jennings

Elizabeth Peterson

Patti McKee

Tulla Rakoczy

The Darakos Family

Electra Roman

Michelle Kotsagrelos

Peggy Rose

Michael Gregory

Maria Sfanos

Kalliope Kristian

Kay Thimoleas

Denise & Bridgette Daugherty

Popie Tousimis

Elaine Andrianos

Philoptochos Mother's Day Honorees

Mara Tsudis

Peter & Carol Tsudis

Trudy Trifanoff

John, Mary & Jasmine Peterson

Christina Tsiatis

Alexandros Tsiatis

Semie Tsudis

Peter & Carol Tsudis

Mary Vasilakis

Denise & Bridgette Daugherty

Tulla Velisaris

Maria, Yianni, Dimitra, Christina &

Evangelos Coutris

Yoanna & Stamatia Lykos

Mia, Perry, Dimitri & Nina Velisaris

Elaine Vitsas

Dee T. Chronis

Alexis Vitsas

Aimee Walker

Brooke & Drew Walker

Tasso Whipple

Lorraine K. Watts

Tara Pallas-Sheetz

Stacey Whipple

Tasso & Faith Whipple

Eleni Yannopoulos Marinakis

Paulette Yannopoulos

Emily Yannopoulos

Peter Yannopoulos

Paulette Yannopoulos

Drew Walker

Paulette Yannopoulos

Peter Yannopoulos

Sophia Zozos

Nikki Lykos

Names listed were received as of May 5, 2022. We apologize for any misspellings or omissions.

Philoptochos Mother's Day Memorials

All Mothers & Friends of St. Nicholas

Anonymous

Presbytera Maria Andreou

Mitzie Andrews

Maria Janik

Bertha Andrews

Terry & Valerie Carlisano

Bessie Andrews

Anna Andrews

Steve Andrews

Artemis Aspromigos

Nick Kleissas

Betty V. Athens

Mitzie Andrews Maria Janik

Pauline Geanopulos Barry

Michelle Kotsagrelos

Georgette Nelson

Aimee Walker

Stacey Whipple

Mary Bender

Fr. Christopher & Presbytera Filitsa Bender

Sophia & Maria Bender

Elaine Christ

Becky Craig

Martha Kartsotis

Deaconess Mary Christulides

Denise & Bridgette Daugherty

Philoptochos Mother's Day Memorials

Stella Chronis Elaine Vitsas

Mary Cominos

Dee T. Chronis
Elaine Vitsas

Eleni C. A. Contis Alexandra Davides

Catherine Contis
Jamie Contis
John, Mary & Jasmine Peterson

Petroula Delivorias
Petros & Marlene Delivorias

Rigo Diacopoulos

Elias Diacopoulos

Ksenia Dordas Becky Craig

Dina Edgos Houston & Evina

Martha Flocos

Martha Kartsotis

Patti McKee

Sophia Hatzivasiliou Fr. Christopher & Presbytera Filitsa Bender Sophia & Maria Bender

Sophie James
John, Mary & Jasmine Peterson

Joann Jennings
Constance Paras Jennings

Maria P. Kappas Frances Hanna

Emorfia Kotsagrelos Michelle Kotsagrelos Georgette Nelson Aimee Walker Stacey Whipple

Evangeline Lardas Nick & Zoe Lardas Maria Loizos Stella Vassilaros

Lola Lykos The Lykos Family

Hermione Malachias Nick & Zoe Lardas

Athena Malanos Nick Kleissas

Kiki Markopolous
Greg & Electra Markopolous

Georgette Morrison Helen Mastros

Krina S. Moses Paul L. Moses

Julia F. Pallas

Tara A. Pallas-Sheetz

Florence L. Pallas

Tara A. Pallas-Sheetz

Caroline Panos

Denise & Bridgette Daugherty
Anna Andrews

Mary Papandreas
Elaine Andrianos

Lillian Paras
Constance Paras Jennings

Maria Paras
Constance Paras Jennings

Toula Peterson
John, Mary & Jasmine Peterson

Marika Petinos
Alice Lardas Gary

22

Eugenia Petritis
Eugenia & Emanuel Vergis

Sophia Petritis
Eugenia & Emanuel Vergis

Philoptochos Mother's Day Memorials

Angela Sfamenos

Steve Andrews Anna Andrews

Denise & Bridgette Daugherty

Betty H. Sheetz

Tara A. Pallas-Sheetz

Cleopatra Spathis

Demetri & Irene Ellis

Mary Stefanowicz

Petros & Marlene Delivorias

Rose Stoyias

The Lykos Family

Helen Telakis

Dee T. Chronis Elaine Vitsas

Rose Tsuris

Barbara Polimus

Catherine G. Vasilakis

Mary Vasilakis

Polyxeni Vassilaros

Stella Vassilaros

Olga Velis

Mitzie Andrews Maria Janik Eleni Velisaris

The Lykos Family

Aikaterini Vergis

Eugenia & Emanuel Vergis

Sophia Vergis

Eugenia & Emanuel Vergis

Polyxeni Vassilaros

Stella Vassilaros

Barbara Vitsas

Martha Kartsotis Patti McKee

Danica "Daisy" Vucinich

Dr. Dana Vucinich-McClure

Catherine Vitsas

Martha Kartsotis Patti McKee

Doris B. Watts

Tara A. Pallas-Sheetz

Anastasia Wimmer

Demetri & Irene Ellis

Demetra Xyftis

Cathy Pandeladis

Names listed were received as of May 5, 2022. We apologize for any misspellings or omissions.



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 Philoptochos, 419 S. Dithridge St. Pittsburgh, PA 15213 Yes, I would like to celebrate Father's Day by honoring someone special. (Minimum gift of \$5.00 per name please.) Enclosed is my gift of \$______(all donations are tax-deductible) Your Name Your Address_____ __ State_____ Zip____ HONOREE'S WILL RECEIVE A SPECIAL FATHER'S DAY ACKNOWLEDGEMENT CARD. (THE AMOUNT OF YOUR GIFT WILL NOT BE DISCLOSED) Please accept this gift in memory of my father. Please accept this gift in honor of my father. Name Address ____ State Zip Please accept this gift in honor of: Please accept this gift in memory of: Address City______State_____Zip___

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

ATTENTION

FELLOW PARISHIONERS of ALL AGES

The Planning Committee of the Sixty Club invites you to join a Fall Outing on October 19 –20 to Lancaster, PA.

We are planning a tour that includes two shows: <u>DAVID</u> at the Sight and Sound Millennium Theatre and <u>Saturday Night Fever</u> at the Dutch Apple Dinner Theater, three meals, one overnight accommodation at Heritage Hotel, transportation, taxes, baggage handling, <u>all gratuities</u>, and even a little time at the Bird-in-Hand Farmers Market.

Those who have ever attended a performance at the Millennium Theater can attest to the outstanding attention paid to special effects in every production.

For details and prices based on 25 participants, contact any member of the Committee. Please note that single rooms are available as well as doubles.

We should, actually, add an additional treat: we would be traveling in the middle of Fall Foliage Days! Please give this little excursion some attention and let us know your thoughts on any activities you would enjoy.

The Planning Committee Alice Gary, Fran Hanna, Lillian Panaguli Argie Stuart, Helen Waskoskie

THE 2022 PITTSBURGH SUMMER GREEK FESTIVALS GUIDE

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! TO SEE LOCATION DATES TO SEE LOCATION
□ St. Nicholas (Pittsburgh/Oakland)

THE 2022 PITTSBURGH SUMMER GREEK FESTIVALS: ALL THE DETAILS

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
Saint Nicholas	May 1-7	419 S. Dithridge Street Pittsburgh (Oakland)	412-682-3866	www.StNicksPgh.org	Sun: 12p-8p; Mon-Thu: 11a-9p; Fri-Sat: 11a-10p
All Saints	June 6-10	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	2111 Davidson Street Aliquippa	724-375-5341	www.Theotokou.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 (Presentation of Christ)	August 18-20	1672 Electric Avenue East Pittsburgh	412-824-9188	www.greekburgh.com	Thu-Sat: 11a-9p
Saint George	August 27-28	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.



CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES!



ALL GRADUATES WILL BE HONORED ON SUNDAY JUNE 5, 2022.

Also: Church School Graduation, and Greek School Graduation with a program to follow.



Congratulations! ALEXANDER COPETAS

Graduation:June, 2022 from Mt. Lebanon High School

Future Plans: College



Congratulations! FANIA ELISABETH PARLOUR

Graduation:

January, 2022 from Fox Chapel High School

Awards and Honors: Honor Roll all 4 years

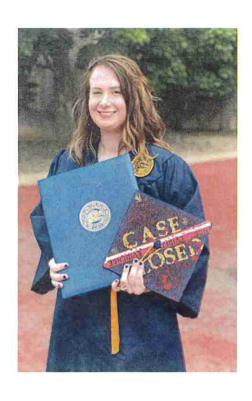
Activities:

Past President of GOYA

Midnight Helpers Aid Team organizer, volunteer
Volunteer St. Margaret Hospital
GOYA: volleyball, basketball and dance
Pittsburgh Girls Choir 3 years
Killer Whales Swim Team 1 year

Future Plans:

Will attend Kent State University and study Health Science and Wellness



Congratulations! ALLUISON BAUGHMAN

Graduation:

May 2022 from West Virginia University

Degree Earned:

Bachelor of Science in Forensic Examiner
Minor Degree in Foreign Literature in Translation (FLIT)
Certificate in Bloodstain Pattern Analysis
Certificate in Forensic Photography
Certificate in Crime Scene Investigation
Certificate in Science and Technology of Fingerprints
Certificate in Latent Fingerprints

Future Plans:

Employment vs Graduate School for Pathology Assistant, or a combination of both



Congratulations!

CARA (Baughman) REEDY

Graduation:

April, 2022 from Samford University

Degree(s) Earned:

Doctorate in Physical Therapy

Future Plans:

Accepted position as a licensed Physical Therapist (DPT) at EW Motion Therapy in Alabama Addition to the family expected in September 2022 and it's a Boy!



415 SOUTH DITHRIDGE STREET PITTSSURGH 13, FA. 电影响

The American Legion was chartered and incorporated by Congress in 1919 as a patriotic veterans organization devoted to mutual helpfulness. It is the nation's largest veteran's service organization, committed to mentoring youth and sponsorship of wholesome programs in our communities, advocating patriotism and honor, promoting strong national security, and continued devotion to our fellow service members and veterans.

The Pittsburgh Hellenic Post No. 595 of the American Legion is dedicated to those Americans of Hellenic descent who served our country and to those who made the supreme sacrifice in order that this land of ours shall remain free.

Pittsburgh Hellenic Post No. 595 has met at St. Nicholas Cathedral since its founding in 1938. The post meets the second Sunday of every month and is seeking new members. Service men and women interested in joining may call any of the listed officers below.

1. Van Parasvanparaspgh@gmail.com412.527.42482. Taki Darakosedarakos@aol.com412.944.49613. Gus Stamoolisgstamoolis@verizon.net412.913.6451

AMERICAN LEGION HELLENIC POST 595 DECEASED MEMBERS AS OF MAY 24 2022

KILLED IN ACTION

1	James	Annis	11
2	Nicholas E.	Aspromigos	K
3	Eleftherios S.	Bukes	U
4	James S.	Bukes	Н
5	John N.	Coumountzis	Н
6	James N.	Dristas	П
7	James N.	Elenis	П
8	Xenophon	Evgenides	П
9	Elias N.	Gianaris	11
10	Charles F.	Kiragis	II
11	George	Kiragis	П
12	George A.	Kontogiannis	1
13	Paraskevas P.	Mandros	11
14	James J.	Maniatis	11
15	Michael C.	Manos	ji
16	Nicholas M.	Manos	11
17	Zacherias L.	Mavronicolas	1
18	Anthony G.	Morrison	K
19	George C.	Mugianis	
20	Othon A.	Tremis	3 11
21	Dean P.	Trigonides	11

DECEASED MEMBERS

1	George J.	Alevizos		-
2	Arthur	Ananias		
3	George M.	Andrews		-
4	Harry N.	Andrews	_	
5	Louis N.	Andrews		Ī
6	Mike	Andrews	К	
7	Chris	Andrianos		
8	Anastasios	Andromalos		Ī
9	Mennel G.	Anthon		Ī
10	Anthony P.	Antonopoulos		Ī
11	Paul	Apostolos		Ī
12	Peter A.	Arvanitas		Ī
13	Angelos	Aspromigas		Ī
14	George L.	Banes		Ī
15	Gust	Bardakos		
16	George	Bekas	K	
17	Frank	Beldecos		
18	Nicholas	Beldecos		
19	Harry R.	Bender		Ī
20	Leo P.	Birris		
21	James	Bistolas		
22	Emmanuel	Bolarakis		
23	James A.	Boumbouras		
24	Peter A.	Boumbouras		
25	Sophocles	Boumbouras		
26	William M.	Buck		

_	I = WWI
	II= WWII
	K= KOREA
	K= KOREA P=PANAM
	V=VIETNA
_	1

	27	David E.	Calhoun	
	28	Peter A.	Caloyer	
Ī	29	Anargyros E.	Camarinos	
	30	Louis	Captaingeorge	
	31	Theodore	Captaingeorge	
	32	Peter H.	Cardiges	
-	33	John N	Chirigos	11
_	34	Nicholas J.	Chirigos	
_	35	Gregorios	Christodoulou	
	36	Peter M.	Chronis	
_	37	John N.	Clothakis	
_	38	William	Contis	
	39	Alex C	Copetas	KP
_	40	Charles L.	Copetas	-
-	41	James	Cosmides	
-	42	Anthony	Coutsoumbis	111
	43	George N.	Dakis	K
-	44	Gus	Dakis	-
-	45	Paul	Davliakos	- 11
-	46	James P.	Demas	
_	47	John N.	Demas	-
-	48	Nicholas P.	Demas	11
_	49	George J.	Dermaris	
	50	John	Dermaris	_
-	51	Sotirios N.		
	52		Diacoyanis	-
_	53	George Lakos Andrew A.	Diakos Dordas	-
_	54			-
_	55	George D.	Dragonas	
_		Rocco A.	Duranti	
_	56	Peter G.	Ellis	II
_	57	George	Fafalis	
_	58	Peter G.	Faines	11
_	59	George	Fekaris	
	60	Steve J.	Fekaris	
_	61	Frank	Filis	
	62	George N.	Flocos	
	63	Nicholas Ted	Flocos	_
	64	Nicholas P.	Flocos	_
	65	Peter N.	Flocos	П
	66	James N.	Fotis	
	67	Nicholas W.	Frangis	
	68	John	Frentzos	
	69	Thomas J.	Frentzos	
_	70	William J.	Futules	
	71	Nick C.	Ganas	
	72	George	Gannis	
	73	Roy A.	Gartaganis	
-	74	James	Gary	К

AMERICAN LEGION HELLENIC POST 595 DECEASED MEMBERS

AS OF MAY 24 2022

			AS
75	Thomas	Gatakis	
76	George	Gavaletas	
77	Clifford T.	Geanopulos	
78	Pasquale	Gennaro	
79	Demetrios	Georgalas	
80	Harry	Georges	
81	James	Georgetson	
82	George D.	Gianakos	
83	Gust	Gianopulos	
84	John G.	Gianos	
85	Sam P.	Gidas	
86	Nicholas P.	Gobos	
87	Emanuel	Gregory	
88	Nick	Hadgis	
89	Eleutherios	Hages	
90	Clarence R.	Halleran	
91	Ann P.	Halkias	
92	Nicholas	Halkias	
93	Peter	Haritos	
94	Walter J.	Hartig	
95	Steve	Hilas	7
96	Rev. Timothy	Hountras	
97	Nicholas	Kalmer	
98	Dean	Kamaras	11
99	Peter	Kapernaros	
100	George	Kappas	
101	James A.	Karabetsos	
1.02	Stanley	Kastanis	
103	Basil P.	Katsafanas	
104	Dinos W.	Katsafanas	
105	Nicholas P. (Perry	/) Katsafanas	
106	Peter W.	Katsafanas	
107	Steve P.	Kavalis	
108	George	Kokinakis	
109	Louis P.	Kontos	
110	Anest G.	Kotsagrelos	V
111	Samuel G.	Kotsenas	
112	James P.	Kourakos	
113	Nicholas O.	Kratsas	
114	Thomas V.	Kricos	
115	Aristoclis	Kristakis	
116	Donald P.	Ladakos	
117	Christ S.	Lardas	
118	James C.	Lardas	V
119	Konstantinos N.	Lardas	
120	Clarence	Lazaros	IIP
121	Christ D.	Lebesis	
122	John S.	Levendos	
123	George D.	Lickas	

C 40 ha				
124	Constantine	Lihas		
1.25	William C.	Limberiou		
126	Jack N.	Loizes		
127	Theodore N.	Loomis	11	
128	A. James	Lozos		
129	Peter G.	Machedon		
130	George	Mageras		
131	Michael G.	Manesiotis		
132	Christ D.	Manner		
133	James C.	Manos		
134	Theos E.	Manos		
135	Thomas E	Marcinko	11	
136	Jack P.	Margaros		
137	Nicholas J.	Mastros		
138	Marinos G.	Matgouranis		
139	Apostolos	Mellas		
140	Nicholas	Michopoulos		
141	George	Migias		
142	George	Mitchell		
143	James	Mitchell		
144	Peter	Mitchell		
145	Nicholas	Mustakis		
146	John W.	Nassikas		
147	George P.	Nichols		
148	John	Nickolas		
149	Michael	Nicoloudis		
150	Andrew	Nodaras		_
151	Michael	Orfanopoulos	11	
152	C.J.	Panagulias		
153	Paul C.	Panagulias		
154	Nicholas	Papadakos	П	
155	George	Papapetrou		
156	Mike J.	Papas		
157	George	Papazis		
158	Pete G.	Pappas		
159	Nick L.	Pastikos		Ī
160	Antonios	Paterakis		
161	Theodore	Peters		
162	John N.	Patikas		
163	George H.	Petousis		
164	Harry G.	Petropoulos		
165	Nicholas	Petrou		
166	William P.	Phaturos		Ī
167	George	Pigounakis		j
168	James J.	Plakidas		
169	Gregory	Plemenos		
1		The state of the s		+
170		Polimus		
170 171	Michael M Gust M.	Polimus Politis	11	

AMERICAN LEGION HELLENIC POST 595 DECEASED MEMBERS

AS OF MAY 24 2022

173	Spiros G.	Raftis	11
174 George		Retetagos	
175	Christ	Rigos	
176	Bill N.	Roomeliotis	K
177	William S.	Rukutis	
178	Kim N.	Sappas	
179	William	Sarhosis	
180	James	Savouras	
181	Robert P.	Skarlis	
182	Michael J.	Scoulos	
183	Robert S.	Sefer	
184	Paul M.	Sergakis	
185	George	Shorall	
186	Eleftherios	Silvestros	
187	Anthony	Sotereanos	11
188	George	Sourlas	
189	Evangelos P.	Stamoolis	
190	Peter	Stathopoulos	
191	Nicholas L.	Stefanelis	
192	Demetri	Stephanou	
193	Gregory E.	Stratakis	
194	Mike	Supertzi	
195	James C.	Tangalos	
196	William	Tangalos	К
197	Dan	Thimoleas	K
198	George	Thimoleas	
199	George N.	Thomas	
200	William L.	Torlidas	K
201	Spiro G.	Trahanis	
202	Xenophone	Trikalitis	
203	Peter J.	Tsakonas	
204	George D.	Tsounos	11
205	Angelo	Tsourekis	
206	Emanuel	Tsouris	V
207	Peter T.	Tsuris	
208	Elias G.	Tzotzos	
209	Peter	Valsamis	K
210	Antonios	Vasillas	
211	Stelios	Vassilaros	
212	John	Vassos	
213	Alex L.	Vellis	
214	Paul P.	Verghies	
215	George	Vlahakis	
216	Harry J.	Vlahos	
217	David A.	Walthour	
218	Anthony A.	Zachos	
219	Louis E.	Zambelas	
220	James	Zanos	11
221	Simon	Zaferson	

4	ULL				
	222	James N.	Zafris		
	223	Evangelos	Zanicopoulos		
	224	Peter J.	Zikos		E
	225	George	Zorbas		
	226	Nicholas	Zorbas	110	
	227	Steven	Zorbas	K	
	228	Theo G.	Zorbas		
İ	229	Gus L.	Zozos	К	

JUNE 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Leave-taking of Pascha at Holy Cross Church Orthros 8:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m.	HOLY ASCENSION at St. Nicholas Orthros 9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m.	3	GOYA Volleyball Tournament At St. Paul, North Royalton, Ohio
Fathers of the 1st Ecumenical Council Orthros 8:45 a.m. Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m. ALL GRADUATES HONORED High School and College, Church School, Greek School Graduation & Program	6	7	8	9	10	Saturday of Souls Orthros 9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m.
HOLY PENTECOST Orthros 8:15 a.m. Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m. Great Vespers follows immediately. Please note: Summer Hours begin today!	13	14	15	16	17	18
Sunday of All Saints Orthros 8:15 a.m. Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m. HAPPY	Parish Council Meeting 7:00 p.m.	21 e: Apostles Fasi	22 begins Monday, J	23 une 20th and lasts	24 until Wednesda	25 /, June 29th .
26 2nd Sunday of Matthew Orthros 8:15 a.m. Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m. Food Festival THANK YOU LUNCHEON	27	28	HOLY APOSTLES PETER AND PAUL Orthros 9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m.	30		
			35			

St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Cathedral 419 S. Dithridge Street Pittsburgh, PA 15213

Non-profit Org. U.S. Postage Paid Pittsburgh, PA Permit No 287

