

JUNE 5, 2022 – THE 318 HOLY FATHERS OF THE 1ST ECUMENICAL COUNCIL;

Hieromartyrs Dorotheus, Bishop of Tyre and Christopher of Rome; 10 Martyrs of Egypt – Marcian, Nicander, Hyperchios, Apollo, Leonidas, Arius, Georgios, Selenios, Irene, and Pambo; Conon of Rome; and Mark of Chios

Tone 6

Orthros Gospel 10



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."

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>

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

TODAY: All Graduates HONORED Also: Church School Graduation and Greek School Graduation with a Program to follow. Presbyteria Sunday

THIS WEEK AT ST. NICHOLAS:

- **Monday, June 6:** OPEN GYM Basketball 7:00 p.m.
- **Saturday, June 11:** Saturday of the Souls Orthros 9:00 a.m., Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m.
- **Sunday, June 12:** Summer Church Service Hours Begin
Orthros 8:15 a.m., Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m.

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SPECIAL HYMNS AND READINGS OF THE DAY

Instead of the usual refrain for the Second Antiphon, we sing:

Σῶσον ἡμᾶς Υἱὲ Θεοῦ, ὁ ἐν δόξῃ ἀναληφθεὶς ἀφ' ἡμῶν εἰς τοὺς οὐρανοὺς, ψάλλοντάς σοι, Ἀλληλούϊα.

Save us, O Son of God, who were taken up in glory to heaven from us. We sing to You, Alleluia.

The first hymn chanted at the Small Entrance is the hymn for the Ascension (Tone 4):

Ἀνελήφθης ἐν δόξῃ, Χριστέ ὁ Θεὸς ἡμῶν, χαροποιήσας τοὺς Μαθητάς, τῇ ἐπαγγελίᾳ τοῦ ἁγίου

Πνεύματος, βεβαιωθέντων αὐτῶν διὰ τῆς εὐλογίας, ὅτι σὺ εἶ ὁ Υἱὸς τοῦ Θεοῦ, ὁ λυτρωτὴς τοῦ κόσμου.

You ascended in glory, O Christ our God, after You filled the Disciples with joy, by promising to send them the

Holy Spirit, and You blessed them and established their faith, that You are the Son of God,

the Redeemer of the world.

After the procession with the Gospel the usual Eisodikon (Entrance Hymn) in Tone 2 is chanted:

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

After the Entrance Hymn the Clergy enter into the Sanctuary, while we hear the Resurrection Apolytikion (Tone 6):

Ἀγγελικαὶ δυνάμεις ἐπὶ τὸ μνήμα σου, καὶ οἱ φυλάσσοντες ἀπενεκρώθησαν, καὶ ἴστατο Μαρία ἐν τῷ τάφῳ, ζητοῦσα τὸ ἄχραντόν σου σῶμα. Ἐσκύλευσας τὸν Ἄδην, μὴ πειρασθεὶς ὑπ' αὐτοῦ, ὑπὶντησας τῇ Παρθένῳ, δωρούμενος τὴν

ζωήν, ὁ ἀναστὰς ἐκ τῶν νεκρῶν, Κύριε δόξα σοι. When the angelic powers appeared at Your grave, the soldiers guarding it feared and became as dead. And standing by the sepulcher was Mary who was seeking Your

immaculate body. You devastated Hades, not afflicted by it. You went to meet the Virgin, and granted eternal life.

You resurrected from the dead. O Lord, glory to You.

Then, the hymn for the Ascension is repeated. Next we hear the hymn for the Holy Fathers:

Ὑπερδεδοξασμένος εἶ, Χριστέ ὁ Θεὸς ἡμῶν, ὁ φωστῆρας ἐπὶ γῆς τοὺς Πατέρας ἡμῶν θεμελιώσας, καὶ δι' αὐτῶν πρὸς τὴν ἀληθινὴν πίστιν, πάντας ἡμᾶς ὁδηγήσας· πολυεύσπλαγχνε, δόξα σοι.

You are greatly glorified, O Christ our God, who established our Fathers as luminaries upon the earth, and through them led us all to the true Faith. O Most compassionate, 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, ἀνέδειξέ σε τῇ ποιμνίῃ 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 the Ascension in the Sixth Tone:

Τὴν ὑπὲρ ἡμῶν πληρώσας οἰκονομίαν, καὶ τὰ ἐπὶ γῆς ἐνώσας τοῖς οὐρανόις, ἀνελήφθης ἐν δόξῃ, Χριστέ ὁ Θεὸς ἡμῶν, οὐδαμόθεν χωριζόμενος, ἀλλὰ μένων ἀδιάστατος, καὶ βοῶν τοῖς ἀγαπῶσί σε· Ἐγὼ εἰμι μεθ' ὑμῶν, καὶ οὐδεὶς καθ' ὑμῶν. O Christ our God, upon fulfilling Your dispensation for our sake, You ascended in Glory, uniting the earthly with the heavenly. You were never separate but remained inseparable, and cried out to those who love You, "I am with you and no one is against you."

TODAY'S APOSTOLIC READING: Acts 20:16-18, 28-36. In those days, Paul had decided to sail past Ephesos, so that he might not have to spend time in Asia; for he was hastening to be at Jerusalem, if possible, on the day of Pentecost. And from Miletos he sent to Ephesos and called to him the elders of the church. And when they came to him, he said to them: "Take heed to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made

you overseers, to care for the church of God which he obtained with the blood of his own Son. I know that after my departure fierce wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock; and from among your own selves will

arise men speaking perverse things, to draw away the disciples after them. Therefore, be alert, remembering that for three years I did not cease night or day to admonish every one with tears. And now I commend you to God and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all those who are sanctified. I coveted no one's silver or gold or apparel. You yourselves know that these hands ministered to my necessities, and to those who were with me. In all things I have shown you that by so toiling one must help the weak, remembering the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said, 'it is more blessed to give than to receive.' " And when he had spoken thus, he knelt down and prayed with them all. [RSV]

Ἐν ταῖς ἡμέραις ἐκείναις, ἔκρινεν ὁ Παῦλος παραπλεῦσαι τὴν Ἑφεσον, ὅπως μὴ γένηται αὐτῷ χρονοτριβῆσαι ἐν τῇ Ἀσίᾳ· ἔσπευδε γάρ, εἰ δυνατόν ἦν αὐτῷ, τὴν ἡμέραν τῆς πεντηκοστῆς γενέσθαι εἰς Ἱεροσόλυμα. Ἀπὸ δὲ τῆς Μιλήτου πέμψας εἰς Ἑφεσον μετεκαλέσατο τοὺς πρεσβυτέρους τῆς ἐκκλησίας. Ὡς δὲ παρεγένοντο πρὸς αὐτόν, εἶπεν αὐτοῖς· Προσέχετε οὖν ἑαυτοῖς καὶ παντὶ τῷ ποιμνίῳ ἐν ᾧ ὑμᾶς τὸ Πνεῦμα τὸ Ἅγιον ἔθετο ἐπισκόπους, ποιμαίνειν τὴν ἐκκλησίαν τοῦ Κυρίου καὶ Θεοῦ, ἣν περιποιήσατο διὰ τοῦ ἰδίου αἵματος. Ἐγὼ γὰρ οἶδα τοῦτο, ὅτι εἰσελεύσονται μετὰ τὴν ἄφιξίν μου λύκοι βαρεῖς εἰς ὑμᾶς μὴ φειδόμενοι τοῦ ποιμνίου· καὶ ἐξ ὑμῶν αὐτῶν ἀναστήσονται ἄνδρες λαλοῦντες διεστραμμένα τοῦ ἀποσπᾶν τοὺς μαθητὰς ὀπίσω αὐτῶν. Διὸ γρηγορεῖτε, μνημονεύοντες ὅτι τριετίαν νύκτα καὶ ἡμέραν οὐκ ἐπαυσάμην μετὰ δακρύων νουθετῶν ἕνα ἕκαστον. Καὶ τὰ νῦν παρατίθεται ὑμᾶς, ἀδελφοί, τῷ Θεῷ καὶ τῷ λόγῳ τῆς χάριτος αὐτοῦ τῷ δυναμένῳ ἐποικοδομῆσαι καὶ δοῦναι ὑμῖν κληρονομίαν ἐν τοῖς ἡγιασμένοις πασιν. Ἀργυρίου ἢ χρυσοῦ ἢ ἱματισμοῦ οὐδενὸς ἐπεθύμησα· αὐτοὶ γινώσκετε ὅτι ταῖς χρεαίαις μου καὶ τοῖς οὖσι μετ' ἐμοῦ ὑπηρέτησαν αἱ χεῖρες αὐταὶ πάντα ὑπέδειξα ὑμῖν ὅτι οὕτω κοπιῶντας δεῖ ἀντιλαμβάνεσθαι τῶν ἀσθενούντων, μνημονεύειν τε τῶν λόγων τοῦ Κυρίου Ἰησοῦ, ὅτι αὐτὸς εἶπε· μακάριόν ἐστι μᾶλλον διδόναι ἢ λαμβάνειν. Καὶ ταῦτα εἰπὼν, θείξ τὰ γόνατα αὐτοῦ σὺν πασιν αὐτοῖς προσηύξατο.

TODAY'S GOSPEL READING: Jn. 17:1-13. At that time, Jesus lifted up his eyes to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him power over all flesh, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they know you the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth, having accomplished the work which you gave me to do; and now, Father, you glorify me in your own presence with the glory which I had with you before the world was made. I have manifested your name to the men whom you gave me out of the world; yours they were, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything that you have given me is from you; for I have given them the words which you gave me, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you did send me. I am praying for them; I am not praying for the world but for those whom you have given me, for they are mine; all mine are yours, and yours are mine, and I am glorified in them. And now I am no more in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, keep them in your name, which you have given me, that they may be one, even as we are one. While I was with them, I kept them in your name, which you have given me; I have guarded them, and none of them is lost but the son of perdition, that the scripture might be fulfilled.

Τῷ καιρῷ ἐκείνῳ ἐπάρας ὁ Ἰησοῦς τοὺς ὀφθαλμοὺς αὐτοῦ εἰς τὸν οὐρανόν, εἶπε· Πάτερ, ἐλήλυθεν ἡ ὥρα· δόξασόν σου τὸν υἱόν, ἵνα καὶ ὁ υἱὸς σου δοξάσῃ σέ, καθὼς ἔδωκας αὐτῷ ἐξουσίαν πάσης σαρκός, ἵνα πᾶν ὃ δέδωκας αὐτῷ δώσῃ αὐτοῖς ζωὴν αἰώνιον. αὕτη δέ ἐστιν ἡ αἰώνιος ζωή, ἵνα γινώσκωσιν σέ τὸν μόνον ἀληθινὸν Θεὸν καὶ ὃν ἀπέστειλας Ἰησοῦν Χριστόν. ἐγὼ σε ἐδόξασα ἐπὶ τῆς γῆς, τὸ ἔργον ἐτελειώσα ὃ δέδωκάς μοι ἵνα ποιήσω· καὶ νῦν δόξασόν με σύ, πάτερ, παρὰ σεαυτῷ τῇ δόξῃ ἣ εἶχον πρὸ τοῦ τὸν κόσμον εἶναι παρὰ σοί. Ἐφάνέρωσά σου τὸ ὄνομα τοῖς ἀνθρώποις οὓς δέδωκάς μοι ἐκ τοῦ κόσμου. σοὶ ἦσαν καὶ ἐμοὶ αὐτοὺς δέδωκας, καὶ τὸν λόγον σου τετηρήκασι. νῦν ἔγνωκαν ὅτι πάντα ὅσα δέδωκάς μοι παρὰ σοῦ εἰσιν· ὅτι τὰ ῥήματα ἃ ἔδωκάς μοι δέδωκα αὐτοῖς, καὶ αὐτοὶ ἔλαβον καὶ ἔγνωσαν ἀληθῶς ὅτι παρὰ σοῦ ἐξηλθον, καὶ ἐπίστευσαν ὅτι σύ με ἀπέστειλας. ἐγὼ περὶ αὐτῶν ἔρωτῶ· οὐ περὶ τοῦ κόσμου ἔρωτῶ ἀλλὰ περὶ ὧν δέδωκάς μοι, ὅτι σοὶ εἰσι, καὶ τὰ ἐμὰ πάντα σὰ ἐστίν καὶ τὰ σὰ ἐμὰ, καὶ δεδόξασμαι ἐν αὐτοῖς. καὶ οὐκέτι εἰμὶ ἐν τῷ κόσμῳ, καὶ αὐτοὶ ἐν τῷ κόσμῳ εἰσὶ, καὶ ἐγὼ πρὸς σέ ἔρχομαι. Πάτερ ἅγιε, τήρησον αὐτοὺς ἐν τῷ ὀνόματί σου οὓς δέδωκάς μοι, ἵνα ὧσιν ἐν καθὼς ἡμεῖς. ὅτε ἤμην μετ' αὐτῶν ἐν τῷ κόσμῳ, ἐγὼ ἐτήρουν αὐτοὺς ἐν τῷ ὀνόματί σου οὓς δέδωκάς μοι ἐφύλαξα, καὶ οὐδεὶς ἐξ αὐτῶν ἀπώλετο εἰ μὴ ὁ υἱὸς τῆς ἀπωλείας, ἵνα ἡ γραφὴ πληρωθῇ. νῦν δὲ πρὸς σέ ἔρχομαι, καὶ ταῦτα λαλῶ ἐν τῷ κόσμῳ ἵνα ἔχωσιν τὴν χαρὰν τὴν ἐμὴν πεπληρωμένην ἐν αὐτοῖς. But now I am coming to you; and these things I speak in the world, that they may have my joy fulfilled in themselves." [RSV]

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	246 (GOAL 300)
Total Pledged	\$133,124.00 GOAL (\$225,000.00)
Avg. Pledge	\$747.89



From the Church School Desk:

Today is **Church School Graduation**. All students present will receive their graduation certificate and an icon. Special books will be given to the Kindergarten class (The Bible for Young People) and the Graduates (the Orthodox Study Bible).

Thanks for sharing your children with us every Sunday.

See you in September!

Yours in Christ,
Miss Michelle

**GREEK
SCHOOL**

Greek School's "End of the Year Program and Graduation Party" is
TODAY.

Greek School Graduates will be recognized in church. 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.



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).

Archiepiscopal Encyclical on the National Sisterhood of Presvyteres Sunday

June 5, 2022

Unto the Most Reverend and Right Reverend Hierarchs, Pious Priests and Deacons, the Monks and Nuns, Presidents and Members of Parish Councils, Honorable Archons of the Ecumenical Patriarchate, Members of Leadership 100, the Day and Afternoon Schools, Philoptochos Societies, the Youth, Greek Orthodox Organizations, and the entirety of the Christ-named Plenitude of the Holy Archdiocese of America.

My Beloved Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Οὗτοι πάντες ἦσαν προσκατεροῦντες ὁμοθυμαδὸν τῇ προσευχῇ καὶ τῇ δεήσει σὺν γυναιξὶ καὶ Μαρίας τῇ μητρὶ τοῦ Ἰησοῦ καὶ σὺν τοῖς ἀδελφοῖς αὐτοῦ. (Πράξεις 1:14)

These all continued with one accord in prayer and supplication, with the women, and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with His brothers and sisters. (Acts 1:14)

Once again, but for only the second time, we are celebrating National Sisterhood of Presvyteres Sunday. This day – the closest Sunday to June 4th, the Feastday of the Holy Sisters Mary and Martha – has been chosen because it reflects with great distinctiveness the service and ministry of our Presvyteres. Especially in this Centennial Year of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America, the role and contributions of the Presvyteres is rightly praised, for they have been part of the backbone of our Church since its inception. They have taught in Greek and Sunday Schools, led in organizing social services of the communities, and continuously support the clergy of the Church.

The Apostolic quote above illustrates how the women of the Church were significantly involved in the first days of the Church. And on this Sunday of the Holy Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council, which is a bridge between the feasts of Ascension and Pentecost, we should be mindful of our Holy Mothers as well. And this gives us special cause to recognize all the Presvyteres throughout the Sacred Archdiocese of America.

Therefore, let us demonstrate our love and respect for the Presvyteres of our National Church. They make many sacrifices to allow their husbands to serve our parishes, and provide an essential ministry to the Parishes by their example and their leadership. They are most worthy of our honor and gratitude, and of this very special awareness that we bring to their service to Christ and His Holy Church on this National Sisterhood of Presvyteres Sunday.

With paternal blessing and love in Christ,

†ELPIDOPHOROS
Archbishop of America

(Name _____)

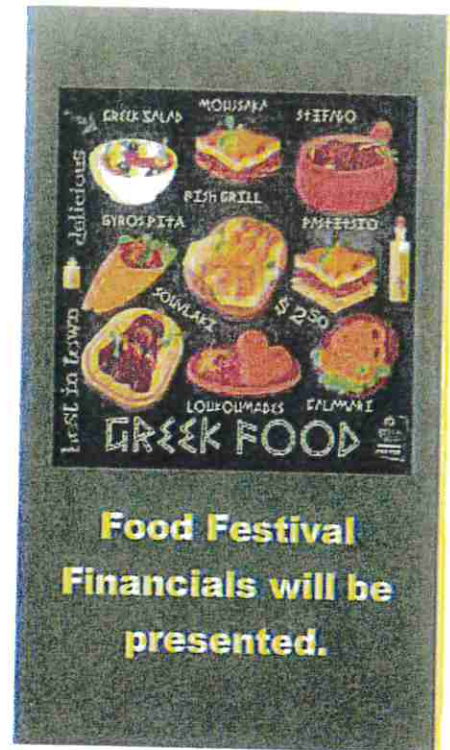
**ST. NICHOLAS GREEK ORTHODOX CATHEDRAL
NAMES FOR SATURDAYS OF THE SOULS JUNE 11, 2022**

"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



SUNDAY, JUNE 26, 2022



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

JUNE 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
5 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	11 Saturday of Souls Orthros 9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy 10:00 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
19 Sunday of All Saints Orthros 8:15 a.m. Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m. HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!	20 Parish Council Meeting 7:00 p.m. <i>Please note: Apostles Fast begins Monday, June 20th and lasts until Wednesday, June 29th.</i>	21	22	23	24	25
26 2nd Sunday of Matthew Orthros 8:15 a.m. Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m. Food Festival THANK YOU LUNCHEON	27	28	29 HOLY APOSTLES PETER AND PAUL Orthros 9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m.	30		