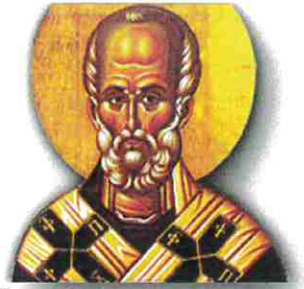




## Saint Nicholas Greek Orthodox Cathedral Pittsburgh, PA

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### *JULY/AUGUST 2022 NEWSLETTER*



### AUGUST 15

The Feast of the Dormition of Our Most Holy Lady, the Theotokos and Ever-Virgin Mary is celebrated on August 15 each year.

The Feast commemorates the repose (dormition and in the Greek *kimisis*) or "falling-asleep" of the Mother of Jesus Christ, our Lord. The Feast also commemorates the translation or assumption into heaven of the body of the Theotokos.

### Our Mission & Vision Statements

The **MISSION** of St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Cathedral is to Proclaim **the Gospel** of Jesus Christ in a Spirit of Unity and Love for All through Worship, Service, Education, Fellowship and Outreach.

Our **VISION** is to be a Welcoming and Growing Parish, Striving to Live the New Life in Christ according to the Teachings and Traditions of the Greek Orthodox Faith.



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## FATHER'S MESSAGE

(Please note: from time to time I am asked to deliver presentations on subjects related to my educational training in Orthodox social ethics and environmental issues. In 2016, I was asked to participate in a panel discussion on "Water" – which was a focus of concern that year internationally – at our Archdiocese's Clergy-Laity Congress. Since then, things have only gotten worse. Here is a slightly modified version of that presentation. – Fr. Christopher)

### WATER IN THE BIBLE AND IN LIFE: GOD'S GIFT AND HUMANITY'S RESPONSE

From the very first verse of Genesis, where we read that "the Spirit of God was moving over the face of the waters," we find that references to *water* abound in the Holy Bible. Water is the source of life and sustenance: in Genesis, water brings forth the first living creatures (Genesis 1:20-22); the Garden of Eden is full of life-sustaining trees (including the Tree of Life) that are watered by a stream that wells up from the earth (Genesis 2:8-10); in Deuteronomy 8:7, we learn that a good land has "brooks, streams, and deep springs gushing out into the valleys and hills"; in Psalm 104, the sea abounds with all sorts of life, including "leviathan, which you formed to frolic there (v. 26)." Water sustains life and allows it to prosper. It is something holy, a gift from God.

This sense of water as something holy grows much more overt in the New Testament. Thus, water in the hands of John the Forerunner brings forgiveness of sins, while it is sanctified for all time, when Jesus, the sinless Lamb of God, submits to be baptized by his cousin, "to fulfill all righteousness" (Matthew 3:15). Water is so precious, that the Lord uses it as a metaphor for the giving of the Holy Spirit, both when he speaks to the woman at the well and when he speaks of himself as the source of "living water." Thus, in John 4:14 he tells the Samaritan woman, "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." And in John 7:37-38 he proclaims, as he is teaching in the Temple, "If any one thirst, let him come to me and drink. He who believes in me, as the scripture has said, 'Out of his heart shall flow rivers of living water.'"

John goes on to explain, "Now this he said about the Spirit, which those who believed in him were to receive. . ." (John 7:39) – after Jesus' glorification, which was not long-delayed in coming. For, the Lord's crucifixion was in fact his "Hour of Glory." At that moment, which is the fulcrum of all history, an instrument of torture and death became the source of our salvation. The wood of the cross, a product of seed, soil, and *water*, is revealed as the Tree of Life, and the blood of the Lamb, as it *waters* the earth, redeems us from our sins. Christ's glorious three-day Resurrection signals the defeat of sin and death, and the beginning of the transfiguration of the world into God's Kingdom, which shall be consummated at the end of time.

We may also recall the river that flows from the throne of God in the New Jerusalem depicted in the last chapter of Revelation: "Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb through the middle of the street of the city; also, on either side of the river, the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, yielding its fruit each month. The leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations" (Revelation 22:1-2, ESV). Water is associated, then, with the origin of life, with the perpetuation of life, with fruitful life, with renewal of life through forgiveness of sins, and, most significantly, with *eternal life*. Water nourishes the Tree of Life at the beginning of time, and at the end of time. The leaves of the tree bring healing to the nations, because Christ's sacrifice on the Cross has borne rich fruit by redeeming all the peoples of the earth, and, indeed, the entire universe, from corruption, sin, and death. We may notice that John depicts both the Father and the Son sitting on thrones. But, where is the Holy Spirit? Let us consider the river that flows from beneath God's throne: in line with the imagery twice repeated in John's gospel, perhaps it is none other than the "living water" of the Holy Spirit, bringing solace and healing to a suffering humanity! In this case, the transfiguration of nature has been completed, and water has found its true *telos* as the ultimate source of spiritual healing.



## FATHER'S MESSAGE, Con't

To be sure, water has another aspect to it. It can bring death, as well as life: when there is too much (as in the great flood of Noah), or when there is too little (as in the time of Jeremiah, when a great drought crippled Judah). But, these events are understood as more or less a “just rebuke” from God for the sins and recalcitrance of the people – in the case of the great flood, because of the exceeding wickedness and depravity of all of humanity, and in the case of the great drought, because of the apostasy and iniquity of the rulers and the inhabitants of Judah.

Scriptural witness also tells us that God considers it our duty to make clean water accessible to all, because it is a basic human need. In Ezekiel 38:18, the prophet speaks “the word of the Lord” – that is, harsh words against “the shepherds” of Israel – that is, the ruling class, which has oppressed the common people (the “sheep.”): “Is it not enough for you to feed on the good pasture, that you must tread down with your feet the rest of your pasture; and to drink of clear water, that you must foul the rest with your feet?” In this case, the focus has changed: God speaks of how the powerful and selfish among us humans abuse the gifts of the earth, including polluting otherwise potable water. In Job 24:11, the protagonist complains about the injustices that the poor suffer at the hands of those who hold power over them, including depriving them of enough to drink: “they tread the wine presses, but suffer thirst.” In Isaiah 32:6, the prophet labels as “iniquity” depriving the thirsty of drink. Similarly, the Son of man, in the parable of the sheep and the goats, says that refusing to provide drink to those who were thirsty will be among the crimes which will deserve eternal punishment at the Last Judgment.

In these latter cases, we understand that it is no longer an “act of God” that deprives people of water, but rather, human agency. In our time, sound science is telling us that our worldwide, industrialized, fossil-fuel-dependent economy has brought on profound changes in the climate. Global warming, along with overuse of the land, is causing massive, long-lasting droughts in much of the world – including our own Southwest – with much of the worst desertification happening in some of the poorest and most crowded countries on earth, which do not have the resources to deal with such problems. Or, water may exist, but it is no longer safe to drink, because it is contaminated due to sewage or toxic chemicals. In such cases, far from being a source of blessings and vital life, it becomes instead a source of illness and death. Not all human growth and change, we must remind ourselves, is toward the good and the light of Christ. Sometimes – no, often – the opposite is true.

What can we do about any of this? I realize that most of us would probably respond, “Absolutely nothing. What do we have to do with such matters?” Well, for one thing, eventually, people who do not have adequate and safe food and water where they live have a huge reason to abandon their ancestral homes – even if they don’t want to – and migrate elsewhere: put simply, they want to stay alive. Often, these days, this means that they end up on our border. The sad part is that solutions do exist that could ameliorate the crisis, but many of the nations which are suffering the worst effects often do not have the financial resources or the political will and scientific knowledge to implement them. Could we not become instruments of God's justice, to give voice to the voiceless and work through our elected representatives to assist those countries in need of help and new technologies – so that their citizens can remain in their ancestral homes? After all, no one can live without good, clean, and adequate water. Similarly, in the interest of slowing the rate of global climate change and desertification, we can reduce our own “carbon footprint,” by joining the growing number of Americans and others in the developed world who are adopting new technologies such as solar panels and electric vehicles. Clearly, we have much work to do, if we are to fulfill our Lord's command, even from afar, to “give something to drink” to those who thirst. Let us begin.

*Rev. Father Christoph H. Bender*

Rev. Protopresbyter Christopher H. Bender

## *SACRAMENTAL LIFE*

### **WEDDING**

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Alica Mathews and Nicholas Andrew Balouris who were united in the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony on Saturday June 4, 2022. May God grant them Many Years!

### **FUNERALS**

**Our deepest condolences to the family of:**

***Dino Peter Copetas*** who passed away on Friday May 27, 2022.  
His funeral was on Tuesday, May 31<sup>st</sup>.

**Our deepest condolences to the family of:**

***Beulah Ann Mougianis*** who passed away on Saturday June 11, 2022.  
Her funeral was on Wednesday June 15<sup>th</sup>.

**Our deepest condolences to the family of:**

***Esther Rafaloski*** who passed away on Friday June 17, 2022.  
Her funeral was on Tuesday June 21<sup>st</sup>.

**Our deepest condolences to the family of:**

***Mary Vasilakis*** who passed away on Saturday June 25, 2022.  
Her funeral was on Thursday June 30<sup>th</sup>.

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

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## *PARISH COUNCIL UPDATES*

### **Save the date(s):**

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.

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Re-dedicate yourself to God by participating  
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### **HELP US REACH/EXCEED OUR GOAL**



2022 STEWARDSHIP		06/27/2022
Total Stewards		253
Total Amount Pledged		\$ 134,574.00
Average Pledge		\$ 735.37
% Parish Participation to Date		84%
2022 Stewards (GOAL)		300
% of Total Budget to Date		60%
2022 Budget (GOAL)		\$ 225,000.00
Total Giving to Date		\$110,246.60
As of:		05/31/2022
Income: Pledges & Basket Collection and Food Festival	\$435,855.00	
Expenses: Salaries, Utilities, Maintenance, Commitments, etc.	\$229,785.00	
	\$206,070.00	

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## GOYA NEWS

On June 4th, our GOYA participated in the Metropolis Sand Volleyball Tournament hosted by St. Paul, North Royalton, Ohio. We took two teams for the one day event. We are thankful to the St. Paul GOYA for providing a wonderful day of games, good food and hospitality. Our GOYA had the honor of receiving the Sportsmanship Award during this tournament. Thank you to our GOYAns, Coaches, and Parents/Chaperones for making this event possible.

On June 12th, our GOYA had their end of the year meeting along with holding their annual elections. Thank you to the outgoing officers: Ben Kefalos, Tommy Kristian, Aryiro Bouzos, Ava Bardakos, Alexis Hammerling, Kalliope Kristian, Mia Velisaris, and Yanna Mavrogeorgis. Everyone wished our high school graduate Ben Kefalos the best as he will be attending the University of Pittsburgh School of Engineering.

Congratulations to the incoming officers: Kalliope Kristian, Alexis Hammerling, Jasmine Peterson, Toulia Darakos, Christina Coutris, Dimitra Coutris, and Nina Velisaris. Our officers will be meeting in August to start planning the upcoming GOYA 2022-2023 year.





*GOYA NEWS, Con't*



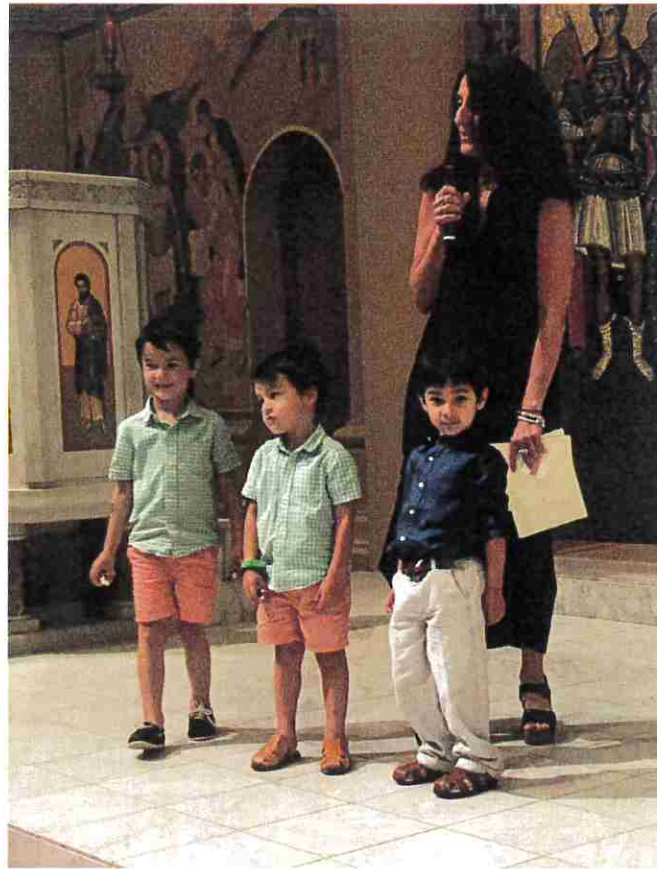


## *Oasis Intergenerational Tutoring Program*

OASIS INTERGENERATIONAL TUTORING: *An Hour a Week Can Change a Child's Life. Become an Oasis tutor.* Volunteers tutor students in the Pittsburgh Public, Woodland Hills, Wilkinsburg, Duquesne City, and the Environmental Charter School Districts in grades K-4 in reading and writing. Free training will be given to adults age 50 and over. Training will involve face-to-face tutoring as well as mandated reporter training. All materials and clearances are provided by Oasis. Three training sessions will be held on Wednesday, August 10<sup>th</sup> and Thursday, August 11<sup>th</sup>; Wednesday, August 24<sup>th</sup> and Thursday, August 25<sup>th</sup>; and Wednesday, September 14<sup>th</sup> and Thursday, September 15<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Training is held at the Oasis Office, 411 Seventh Avenue (Duquesne Light Building), downtown Pittsburgh. For more information on how to become an Oasis tutor, please call John D. Spehar, Director, Pittsburgh Oasis Intergenerational Tutoring Program at (412) 393-7648 or by e-mail at [jdspehar@oasisnet.org](mailto:jdspehar@oasisnet.org). Oasis Tutoring is a Program of Literacy Pittsburgh.

St. Nicholas Church School Graduation 6/5/2022

Pre-School



Kindergarten  
and First Grade



St. Nicholas Church School Graduation 6/5/2022



2nd -3rd Grades



4th & 5th Grades



High School



High School Graduates



## GREEK SCHOOL

St. Nicholas Greek School ended with an “End of the Year Program and Party” as we honored the graduates on June 5, 2022. The graduates were Rosie Andriotis, Demetri Darakos, Ignatios Darakos, Alexandra Karamalidis, Sofia Kopteridou, Sophia Stamoolis, and Panagiotis Stamoolis. The program and party were very enjoyable and fun-filled.

Next year, St. Nicholas Greek School doors will open for the 2022-2023 school year on ***Saturday, September 10 at 10am***. The curriculum entails all the skills for acquiring the Greek language, along with learning Greek history, culture, Orthodoxy, hymns, and songs. Children’s classes run on Saturdays from 10am until 12:30pm. We offer classes from Pre-K (4 years old) until 7<sup>th</sup>. Children entering First, should be in First or Higher in their American School. We are looking forward to utilizing the Papaloizos Geia Xara Series e-books and games more effectively in the coming year. The upgrade in the church’s internet made a big difference and was very much appreciated by everyone. Using laptops in the classrooms ran much smoother with the upgrade.

St. Nicholas Cathedral also offers Adult Greek Language Classes during the weeknights in October until the end of May for an hour and a half each. Starting dates will be announced in the coming weeks. Classes are offered in Beginning, Intermediate, and Advanced Levels, where there is adequate enrollment for each level.

New students planning to enroll in the coming year, please let Maria Stamoolis know during the summer.

E-mail at [mstamoolis@verizon.net](mailto:mstamoolis@verizon.net) or phone 412.874.4422 cell.

# GREEK SCHOOL, Con't

## ST. NICHOLAS CATHEDRAL GREEK LANGUAGE SCHOOL REGISTRATION FOR CHILDREN 2022 - 2023

### Yearly Tuition for Children

1 student=\$250; 2 students =\$450; 3 students=\$675; 4 students=\$900  
Make checks payable to **St. Nicholas Cathedral** with Greek School in the memo.

Child's LAST NAME (English&Greek) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Child's First Name (English &Greek) \_\_\_\_\_  
 ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_  
 CITY \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_  
 HOME PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ primary CELL \_\_\_\_\_  
 Primary E-MAIL \_\_\_\_\_  
 Another CELL phone to receive info. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Another E-MAIL to receive info. \_\_\_\_\_  
 FATHER'S NAME (English & Greek) \_\_\_\_\_  
 MOTHER'S NAME (English & Greek) \_\_\_\_\_  
 School District Child Attends \_\_\_\_\_

Child's Age	Grade American School	Name Day	Birthdate	Grade Greek School

Any food allergies? Please list \_\_\_\_\_

IN case of EMERGENCY Εν ώρα ΑΝΑΓΚΗΣ Please give the names of relatives or other persons that could be reached. Children will be taken to Children's Hospital.

Emergency Name \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE \_\_\_\_\_  
 Emergency Name \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

### Parent Volunteering – Your Help is Needed!

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| <input type="checkbox"/> serving on Greek School Committee<br><input type="checkbox"/> with Costume fitting<br><input type="checkbox"/> with St. Nicholas Bazaar<br><input type="checkbox"/> with Christmas Caroling in nursing homes<br><input type="checkbox"/> with copying | <input type="checkbox"/> Substituting<br><input type="checkbox"/> March 25 <sup>th</sup> Luncheon<br><input type="checkbox"/> with Greek Language Festival<br><input type="checkbox"/> with Bake Sale<br><input type="checkbox"/> being a teacher's assistant |
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*GREEK SCHOOL, Con't*

**ST. NICHOLAS CATHEDRAL**  
**GREEK LANGUAGE SCHOOL REGISTRATION FOR ADULTS**  
**2022 - 2023**

Please select

\_\_\_ Beginners

\_\_\_ Intermediates

\_\_\_ Advanced

Yearly Tuition \$ 350 per student

Checks payable to

**St. Nicholas Cathedral**

Memo: Greek School

Books are purchased by students  
on their own

Please print

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Home phone \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Cell phone \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency contact \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency phone \_\_\_\_\_

Have you had previous Greek lessons? \_\_\_\_\_

If so where \_\_\_\_\_

Why do you want to learn Modern Greek? \_\_\_\_\_

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# GREEK SCHOOL, Con't

## St. Nicholas Cathedral Greek Language School Special Events Calendar 2022 - 2023

### September

10 Start of Classes for Children at 10 a.m. report to classroom Aghiasmo at noon, Ice Cream Social. Registration Forms and Money is due.

### October

3 Start of Adult Classes TBA  
29 Classes and OXI Day, Aghia Skepi Activities

### November

19 Classes then Open House  
26 **No Classes – Thanksgiving Break**

### December

11 *Sunday*, Divine Liturgy for **St. Nicholas Feast Day and Bazaar**, sing Carols  
17 Classes then Greek School Christmas Party & Τα Κάλαντα των Χριστουγέννων  
24,31 **No Classes – Christmas Break**, visiting nursing homes and singing Carols

### January 2023

7 Classes Resume and cutting of Vasilopita at noon and carols, hymns  
14 Report Cards  
29 *Sunday*, Celebration of Three Hierarchs in Church with a memorial, an Artoclasia, and honoring children who succeeded in passing Ellinomatheas Exam from Greece, small presentation  
Annual Bake Sale

### February

1 **Start of Registration for Ellinomatheas**    **Error! Hyperlink reference not valid.**  
27 *Monday* Lent begins

### March

3,10,17,24,31 *Fridays*- Services for ***Salutations to Panaghia Oi Χαιρετισμοί***

4 Fitting of Costumes. Costumes remain at church. If you have an evzone Costume for a boy and a girl's costume, please use them.

Approx.15 Ellinomatheas Forms due & money

25 March 25<sup>th</sup> Liturgy, classes and set up

26 *Sunday*, **Evangelismos and Greek Independence Program** and Luncheon  
Children dressed costumes and sit in church. Procession, luncheon, program

## *GREEK SCHOOL, Con't*

### **St. Nicholas Cathedral Greek Language School Special Events Calendar 2022 - 2023**

#### **April**

- 8 **Saturday of Lazarus**, Liturgy at 10am, followed by breakfast, classes, then cross making of palms
- 9 *Sunday*, Western Easter/ Orthodox Palm Sunday
- 15 **No Classes – Holy Saturday**
- 16 **Pascha**
- 22 **Greek Language Festival** at St. Nicholas mandatory attendance
- 29 Classes & finals

#### **May**

- 6 Classes & makeup finals
- 7-13 **Not in person Classes, use of zoom – St. Nicholas Festival**
- Approx. 15,16,17 Testing for Ellinomatheas Exams A1,2, B1 –B2, Γ1—Γ2
- 20 End of Year Program/ Graduation Party, Distribution of Certificates, Report Cards
- 21 Honoring Graduates of Greek school

#### **June**

- Approx. 20 **L.O.T.E. Testing** – Comprehensive Exam of Modern Greek

**GREEK  
SCHOOL  
GRADUATION  
6/5/2022**



GREEK SCHOOL GRAUDATION & PROGRAM  
SUNDAY, JUNE 5, 2022







# Greek Day at Kennywood

July 19, 2022

## Greek Day at Kennywood!

Come Join Us For the Fun!

This year everyone's Greek!

Tickets may be purchased at [www.presentationofchristpqh.org](http://www.presentationofchristpqh.org) BEFORE July 12,  
or by emailing your ticket request and mailing address to

[PresentationOfChristOffice@Gmail.com](mailto:PresentationOfChristOffice@Gmail.com)

Tickets will not be sold at the door.

Greek Dancing!

Greek Food!

Greek Fun!



Age 4-64 - \$35  
Seniors 65+ - \$30

*Gerontissa Theophano and the Sisters warmly welcome you to the  
Nativity of the Theotokos Monastery's Summer Feast Days*

All 3 will be held on Saturdays this year because of weekday construction activities

**Memorial Commemoration - Come Honor the Memory of  
Gerontissa Taxiarchia**



**July 30th - Saturday**

9:00 am: Hours, Divine Liturgy, Memorial Service

*In 2014, on the 20th Anniversary of the repose of*

*Gerontissa Taxiarchia,*

*we launched the capital campaign to build the new  
monastery, something she very much desired. Since then, all  
proceeds commemorating our Holy Gerontissa*

*have gone to the construction project.*

*We invite you to come and honor her by giving in her memory!*



**Prophet Elias  
Feast Day**

**July 15<sup>th</sup> - Friday**

5:00 pm: Vespers, Orthros

**July 16<sup>th</sup>  
Saturday**

9:00 am: Hours, Divine Liturgy



**Nativity of the Theotokos  
Feast Day**

**September 9<sup>th</sup> - Friday**

5:00 pm: Vespers, Orthros

**September 10<sup>th</sup>  
Saturday**

9:00 am: Hours, Divine Liturgy





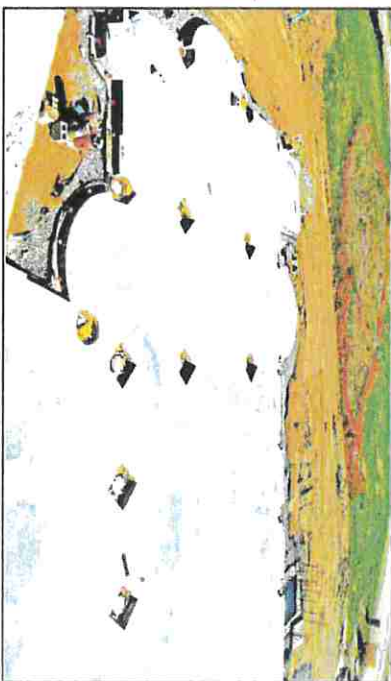
Spend peaceful days at the Monastery with your family & friends!

Enjoy our home-made pastries, frappes & items made by the Sisters, available for purchase.

Visitors should be modestly dressed for all visits to the Monastery. Women are asked to wear long skirts & men to wear long pants.

*Come see our progress!  
Become a part of  
building a Holy Monastery in America!*

*Donate to build for the Glory of God  
& the intercessions of  
His Holy Mother, The Theotokos.*



Chapel concrete slab poured

*Please RSVP so that the Monastery has adequate hospitality:*

Email us: [info@NativityoftheTheotokosMonastery.org](mailto:info@NativityoftheTheotokosMonastery.org) OR Call us: (724) 352 - 3999

Visit our web site & browse our Online Gift Shop & place preliminary orders at our web site:

[www.NativityoftheTheotokosMonastery.org](http://www.NativityoftheTheotokosMonastery.org)

We thank you for your love and support, the Sisters of the Nativity of the Theotokos Greek Orthodox Monastery  
121 St. Elias Lane - Saxonburg, PA 16056



INTERNATIONAL ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN CHARITIES



## *Ukrainian Relief Dinner & Prayer Service*

Sunday, September 25, 2022 | Service 4:00 PM • Dinner 5:00 PM

ST. NICHOLAS GREEK ORTHODOX CATHEDRAL

419 South Dithridge St. • Pittsburgh (Oakland) 15213

LED BY OUR BELOVED HIERARCHS

Metropolitan SAVAS, Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America

Metropolitan GREGORY of Nyssa, Carpatho-Russian Orthodox Church of the USA

Archbishop MELCHISEDEK, Orthodox Church in America

Archbishop DANIEL, Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA

Bishop THOMAS, Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese of North America

Bishop IRINEJ, Serbian Orthodox Church in North & South America

*Tickets \$50 • RSVP By September 20, 2022 • Net proceeds will benefit IOCC's Ukraine Crisis Response*

SPONSORSHIPS AVAILABLE

Grand Benefactor \$10,000 • Benefactor \$5,000 • Humanitarian \$2,500 • Patron \$500 • Friend \$250

Register online at [ioccc.org/pittsburgh](https://ioccc.org/pittsburgh)

Or contact Zelfa 412-417-4706/[zkhalil1@live.com](mailto:zkhalil1@live.com),  
Vera 412-833-0839, or Mary Ann 724-263-5605.

Make checks payable to IOCC with "Ukraine Relief" in memo.

Mail to IOCC c/o Nick Terezis, 306 Marberry Drive, Pittsburgh, PA 15215.

Tickets held at door, not mailed. Tables for groups of 8 only.

For info or to volunteer call Zelfa 412-417-4706.



## *Keeping up with Philoptochos...*

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

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

### **OUTREACH:**

#### **FOOD BANK:**

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

#### **FEEDING THE HOMELESS:**

Another hot meal for Neighborhood Resilience Project (NRP) was provided by Christos Mediterranean Grille 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. The meal is served on Wednesdays and should be enough to feed 50 people. In our effort to help those in need we want to support local small businesses in the process. Please reach out to me, Maria Bardakos (412-519-8684).

### **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.

#### **FATHER'S DAY HONOREES/MEMORIALS:**

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

#### **GRADUATE SUNDAY:**

Sunday June 5, 2022, we honored High School, College and Graduate School Graduates. Afterwards, Philoptochos sponsored the Coffee Hour. We are humbled by the support for our recent Graduates, many blessings to those who graduated!

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

We continue to support the Food Bank, NRP, and others in need throughout the summer and into the fall. We will have a Board Meeting in September. God willing, we will have our normal fundraisers: Spanakopita and Vasilopita. We are hoping to add a Soup Fundraiser and are looking into another Cooking Class – this time in person.

## *Philotochos News Con't*

### **MEMBERSHIP:**

Thank you to Michelle Kotsagrellos for chairing the successful membership drive (71 MEMBERS). Although the drive is over, it is never too late to join/renew your membership. Philotochos would like to thank those who have joined or renewed their membership for 2022:

Aphrodite Amorgianos  
Steven Andrews  
Elaine Andrianos  
Vasie-Leigh Andriotis  
Alisa Balouris  
Maria Bardakos  
Presbyteria 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  
Alexandra Gregory  
Frances Hanna  
Rania Harris  
Amy Hogg  
Georgia Katsafanas  
Amy Kleissas  
Michelle Marie Kotsagrellos  
Christine Krelis  
Georgia Krelis<sup>+</sup>

Marina Lardas  
Lucia Leventis  
Nikki Lykos  
Dae Machin  
Kosta Mastros  
Alea Mavrogeorgis  
Dana McClure  
Marcie McGuire  
Patti McKee  
Joanne Melacrinis  
Leona Mitchell  
Venetia Moreno  
Vicki B. Nychis  
Sophia Panagis  
Lillian Panagulias  
Cathy Pandeladis  
Georgia Pandeladis  
John Paras  
Mary Peterson  
Barbara Polimus  
Tulla Rakoczy  
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

If you know of anyone in need, please reach out to me or a Board Member.

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



## *Philoptochos Father's Day 2022 Honorees*

**Theo Andrianos**

Elaine Andrianos  
Emillee, Lilly and Olivia Andrianos

**Harry Athanasiou**

Corey Gregory

**George Bellios**

Talia Cominos

**Father Christopher Bender**

Presbytera Filitsa Bender  
Sophia & Maria Bender  
St. Nicholas Cathedral Altar Boys  
St. Nicholas Cathedral Church School  
St. Nicholas Cathedral GOYA

**Archdeacon Euripides Christulides**

Denise & Bridgette Daugherty

**George Chronis**

Elaine Vitsas

**Nick Contis**

Stamatia Lykos

**Spencer Cominos**

Dina & Talia Cominos  
Houston & Evina Frentzos

**Yianni Coutris**

Dimitra, Christina & Evangelos Coutris

**John Edgos**

Lenna, Dina & Talia Cominos  
Houston & Evina Frentzos

**Spiro Edgos**

Dina & Talia Cominos  
Houston & Evina Frentzos

**Dr. Demetri Ellis**

Melissa Bennett  
Patricia DiNatale

**John Frentzos**

Dina & Talia Cominos  
Houston & Evina Frentzos  
Tommy, Kalliope & Antoni Kristian

**Dr. Michael Gabriel**

Patricia DiNatale

**Chris Geronimos**

Ted Hages

**Michael Gregory**

Alexandra Gregory

**James Hages**

Ted & Nicholas Hages

**Dean J. Hanna**

Frances Hanna

**John Jennings**

Constance Paras Jennings

**Joti Kang**

Barbara Polimus

**Nicholas Kleissas**

Amy Kleissas

**John Kristian**

Houston & Evina Frentzos  
Tommy, Kalliope & Antoni Kristian

**Emmanuel Lardas**

Barbara Polimus

**David Levine**

Terry and Valerie Carlisano

## *Philoptochos Father's Day 2022 Honorees*

**Deacon Robert Lykos**  
Yoanna & Stamatia Lykos  
St. Nicholas Cathedral GOYA

**James Machin**  
Nicholas Hages

**Nicholas Malachias**  
Nick & Zoe Lardas

**Nicholas Mastros**  
Helen Mastros

**Brian Nelson**  
Tyson, Tyrann & Tyra Nelson  
Brooke Walker

**Elias Panos**  
Antoni Kristian

**Orestes Paras**  
Constance Paras Jennings

**Mark Peterson**  
Henry, Elise and Louie Peterson  
Patti McKee

**Steven Roman**  
Michelle Kotsagrelis

**Lance Rose**  
Michael Gregory

**Paul Sfanos**  
Kalliope Kristian

**Gus Stamoolis**  
Aimee Walker

**R.J. Thieneman**  
Peter & Carol Tsudis

**Milan Trifanoff**  
John, Mary & Jasmine Peterson

**Perry Velisaris**  
Dimitra, Christina & Evangelos Coutris  
Yoanna & Stamatia Lykos

**Jason Walker**  
Brooke & Drew Walker  
Tasso Whipple

**Tasso Whipple**  
Tyra Nelson

**Leo Yannopoulos**  
Paulette Yannopoulos  
Peter, Emily & Leo Yannopoulos

**Peter Yannopoulos**  
Paulette & Leo Yannopoulos  
Emily & Leo Yannopoulos  
Drew Walker

**All Fathers and Friends of St. Nicholas**  
Anonymous

As of 6/16/22  
We apologize for any misspellings or  
omissions.

## *Philoptochos Father's Day 2022 Memorials*

### **His Eminence Metropolitan Maximos**

Jim & Linda Hages  
Ted & Nicholas Hages

### **Rev. Father Evangelos Andreou**

Mitzie Andrews  
Maria Janik

### **Emanuel Amurgis**

Michelle Kotsagrellos

### **Demo Andrews**

Mitzie Andrews  
Maria Janik

### **Louis Andrews**

Terry and Valerie Carlisano

### **Theodore Andrews**

Anna Andrews  
Steve Andrews

### **Angelo Aspromigos**

Amy & Nick Kleissas

### **Nick Athens**

Mitzie Andrews  
Maria Janik

### **Dimitri Belegris**

Jim & Linda Hages  
Ted & Nicholas Hages

### **Gust Bellios**

George & Maive Bellios

### **Harry Bender**

Fr. Christopher & Presbytera Filitsa  
Sophia & Maria Bender

### **George Bertos**

Pamela Bertos

### **George Christ**

Martha Kartsothis

### **Paul Chronis**

Elaine Vitsas

### **R.W. Cochran**

Peter & Carol Tsudis

### **Bill Cominos**

Elaine Vitsas

### **John Cominos**

Dina & Talia Cominos

### **Constantine A. Contis**

Alexandra Davides

### **John G. Contis**

Dn. Robert, Nikki, Yoanna & Stamatia Lykos

### **Gus Dakis**

Alexandra Gregory

### **Harry Darakos**

The Darakos Family

### **Ron (Richards) Daugherty**

Denise & Bridgette Daugherty

### **Andreas Delivorias**

Petros & Marlene Delivorias

### **Constantine A. Davides**

Alexandra Davides

### **Dinos Dickos**

Christine Dickos

### **Jules Falck**

Penny Falck

### **Robert Charles Falck**

Penny Falck

### **Peter Faines**

George & Jennifer Faines



## *Philoptochos Father's Day 2022 Memorials*

**Peter Flocos**

Martha Kartsotis  
Patti McKee

**Tom Frentzos**

Houston & Evina Frentzos  
Tommy, Kalliope & Antoni Kristian

**Charles Garbinski**

Melissa Bennett

**Michael Geanopoulos**

Estair Kotsagrellos  
Michelle Kotsagrellos  
Georgette Nelson  
Aimee Walker  
Stacey Whipple

**George Gregory**

Alexandra Gregory  
Michael Gregory

**Eleftherios Hages**

Jim & Linda Hages  
Ted & Nicholas Hages

**Anastasios Hatzivasiliou**

Fr. Christopher & Presbytera Filitsa  
Sophia & Maria Bender

**Pete Kappas**

Frances Hanna

**John W. Katsafanas**

Alice Flocos

**Gus Kleissas**

Nick & Amy Kleissas

**George Kotsagrellos**

Estair Kotsagrellos  
Michelle Kotsagrellos  
Georgette Nelson  
Aimee Walker  
Stacey Whipple

**Anest (Tasso) Kotsagrellos**

Estair Kotsagrellos  
Michelle Kotsagrellos  
Georgette Nelson  
Tyson, Tyrann & Tyra Nelson  
Aimee Walker  
Brooke & Drew Walker  
Stacey Whipple  
Tasso & Faith Whipple

**James N. Lardas**

Nick & Zoe Lardas

**George Loizos**

Stella Vassilaros

**Dimitrios Lykos**

Dn. Robert, Nikki, Yoanna & Stamatia  
Lykos

**George Lykos**

Dn. Robert, Nikki, Yoanna & Stamatia  
Lykos

**Achilles Malanos**

Amy & Nick Kleissas

**George Mandros**

Joanne Mandros Kozy

**Athanasios Markopoulos**

Greg & Electra Markopoulos

**Jose Moreno**

Denise & Bridgette Daugherty

**Anthony Morrison**

Helen Mastro

**Nickolas Pandeladis**

Cathy Pandeladis  
**Leonard Panos**  
Denise & Bridgette Daugherty

**Sotirios N. Papandreas**

Elaine Andrianos

## *Philoptochos Father's Day 2022 Memorials*

**John Paras**

Constance Paras Jennings

**Russell Paras**

Constance Paras Jennings

**Robert Peterson**

John, Mary & Jasmine Peterson

**Gust Petinos**

Alice Lardas Gary

**Mario Biagio Quinque**

Anonymous

**George Raftis**

Alexandra Gregory

**Ronnie Regan**

Constance Paras Jennings

**Marinos Sfamenos**

Anna Andrews

Denise & Bridgette Daugherty

**Walter Stefanowicz**

Petros & Marlene Delivorias

**Haralambos Stoyias**

Dn. Robert, Nikki, Yoanna & Stamatia Lykos

**Paul Telakis**

Elaine Vitsas

**Dan Thimoleas**

Denise & Bridgette Daugherty

**Louis Torlidas**

Penny Falck

**Angelo Tsudis**

Peter & Carol Tsudis

**Theodore Tsuris**

Barbara Polimus

**George K. Vasilakis**

Mary Vasilakis

**George L. Vassilaros**

Stella Vassilaros

**Leonidas G. Vassilaros**

Stella Vassilaros

**Arthur Velis**

Mitzie Andrews

Maria Janik

**Yianni Velisaris**

Dn. Robert, Nikki, Yoanna & Stamatia Lykos

**Gust Vitsas**

Martha Kartsotis

Patti McKee

**Louis G. Vitsas**

Martha Kartsotis

Patti McKee

**Bob Walker**

Jason & Aimee Walker

Brooke & Drew Walker

**Joseph Wimmer**

Demetri & Irene Ellis

**Paul Wylie**

George & Jennifer Faines

**Leontios Xyftis**

Cathy Pandeladis

**All Fathers and Friends of St. Nicholas**

Anonymous

As of 6/16/22

We apologize for any misspellings or omissions

# 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: *DAVID* at the Sight and Sound Millennium Theatre and *Saturday Night Fever* at the Dutch Apple Dinner Theater, three meals, one overnight accommodation at Heritage Hotel, transportation, taxes, baggage handling, all gratuities, 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!*

## LOCATION

## DATES

- ☐ St. Nicholas (Pittsburgh/Oakland) ..... May 1-7
- ☐ All Saints (Canonsburg) ..... June 6-10
- ☐ Holy Cross (Pittsburgh/Mt. Lebanon) ..... June 14-17
- ☐ Kimisis Tis Theotokou (Aliquippa) ..... June 16-18
- ☐ Holy Dormition (Oakmont) ..... June 24-26
- ☐ Holy Trinity (Ambridge) ..... July 12-16
- ☐ St. Spyridon (Monessen) ..... July 15
- ☐ Greek Day at Kennywood ..... July 19
- ☐ Presentation of Christ/Ypapanti (East Pgh.) ..... August 18-20
- ☐ St. George (New Castle) ..... August 27-28
- ☐ Holy Trinity (Pittsburgh/North Hills) ..... September 1-4

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

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

Don't cook tonight...go Greek! 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	<a href="http://www.StNicksPgh.org">www.StNicksPgh.org</a>	Sun: 12p-8p; Mon-Thu: 11a-9p; Fri-Sat: 11a-10p
All Saints	June 6-10	601 West McMurray Road Canonsburg	724-745-5205	<a href="http://www.AllSaintsCbg.org">www.AllSaintsCbg.org</a>	Mon-Fri: 11a-9p
Holy Cross	June 14-17	123 Gilkeson Road Pittsburgh (Mt. Lebanon)	412-833-3355	<a href="http://www.HolyCrossPgh.org">www.HolyCrossPgh.org</a>	Tue-Thu: 11a-8p Fri: 11a-9p
Kimisis Tis Theotokou	June 16-18	2111 Davidson Street Aliquippa	724-375-5341	<a href="http://www.Theotokou.org">www.Theotokou.org</a>	Thu-Sat: 11a-8p
Holy Dormition	June 24-26	12 Washington Avenue Oakmont	412-828-4144	<a href="http://www.DormitionPgh.org">www.DormitionPgh.org</a>	Fri-Sun: 12p-11p Dinner until 8pm
Holy Trinity (Ambridge)	July 12-16	2930 Beaver Road Ambridge	724-266-5336	<a href="http://www.htgoc.org">www.htgoc.org</a>	Tue-Sat: 11a-10p
Saint Spyridon	July 15	1207 Grand Boulevard Monessen	724-684-5411	<a href="http://stspyridon.pa.goarch.org">stspyridon.pa.goarch.org</a>	Fri: 11a-8p
Ypapanti (Presentation of Christ)	August 18-20	1672 Electric Avenue East Pittsburgh	412-824-9188	<a href="http://www.greekburch.com">www.greekburch.com</a>	Thu-Sat: 11a-9p
Saint George	August 27-28	315 W. Englewood Avenue New Castle	724-654-8521	<a href="http://www.stgeorgenewcastle.org">www.stgeorgenewcastle.org</a>	Sat-Sun: 11a-7p
Holy Trinity (Pittsburgh)	September 1-4	985 Providence Boulevard Pittsburgh (across from Passavant Hospital)	412-366-8700	<a href="http://www.HolyTrinityPgh.org">www.HolyTrinityPgh.org</a>	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](http://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](http://HolyTrinityPgh.org/pittsburgh-greek-festivals-guide).



# CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES!



**Congratulations!**

**Jessica H. Falck**

**Graduation:**

2022 from James Madison University

**Degree(s) Earned:**

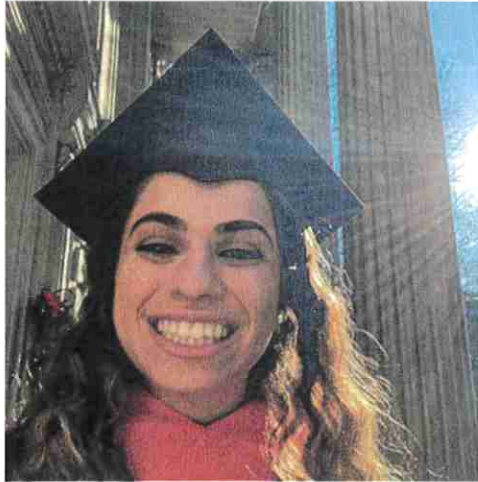
Bachelor of Science and MAT in Elementary Education

**Future Plans:**

Jessica was hired with the Long Island NY school system after graduation

CLASS OF 2022





## **Congratulations! Victoria Mavrogeorgis**

### **Graduation:**

December, 2021 from Swanson School of Engineering at the University of Pittsburgh, and Graduate School

### **Degree(s) Earned:**

Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering

### **Awards and Honors:**

Victoria also obtained an Undergraduate Certificate in Sustainability during her time at Pitt. At Swanson's 2021 Fall Design Expo, Victoria and her team won 2nd place for their design and prototype of a Modular Shipping Container

### **Activities:**

Victoria is a member of the American Society of Mechanical and Engineers, and the Society for Women Engineers. She was also a member of the local OCF chapter and the Hellenic Student Association at Pitt. Victoria currently serves as a youth liaison in the Pan-Icarian Brotherhood

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**Congratulations!**

**ANDREAS PALJUG**

**Graduation:**

December, 2021 from Georgia Institute of Technology

**Degree(s) Earned:**

Bachelor of Science in Computer Science

**Awards and Honors:**

Graduated with Highest Honors and a  
Minor in Music Grand Challenge Program

**Activities:**

School Jazz Ensemble, Many other bands with friends, Studied  
abroad in Barcelona, Internships with Amazon and Bose, and  
Enjoyed Skiing and Skateboarding

**Future Plans:**

Working for Apple in San Diego, CA

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**Congratulations!**

**YASMINA ANDREWS**

**Graduation:**

June, 2022 from Winchester Thurston High School

**Awards and Honors:**

Paraskevi Mavrogeorgis Award

PA Junior Academy of Science 1st & 2nd Place Awards

**Activities:**

Music Lessons & performances—violin, banjo, guitar, ukulele

Winchester Thurston High School Theatre

LGBTQ Student Union member

Fashion Club

Cornell University Summer Collage Course

GOYA Dancing

**Future Plans:**

Attending Otis College of Arts and Design in Los Angeles, CA  
in the fall of 2022 To study Fashion Design

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# JULY 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
3 <b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Matthew</b> Orthros 8:15 a.m. Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m.	4 Church Office Closed <b>Independence Day</b>	5	6	7	8	9
Fr. Bender away at the 46th Biennial Clergy-Laity Congress (NYC) Sunday after Liturgy to Friday afternoon.						
10 <b>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Matthew</b> Orthros 8:15 a.m. Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m.	11	12	13	14	15	16
17 <b>Sunday of the Holy Fathers</b> Orthros 8:15 a.m. Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m.	18 <b>Parish Council Meeting</b> 7:00 p.m.	19	20	21	22	23
Fr. Bender will be out of the Office from July 17 (after Liturgy) until July 31. (Next 2 Sundays). Fr. Dean Kokanos is available in case of a pastoral emergency: 412-760-7203.						
24 <b>6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Matthew</b> Orthros 8:15 a.m. Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m.	25	26	27	28	29	30
Fr. Bender away until July 31. Please welcome Fr. Tom Constantine on July 24 and 31.						
31 <b>7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Matthew</b> Orthros 8:15 a.m. Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m.						



# August 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Small Paraklesis Service 7:00 p.m.	2	3 Small Paraklesis Service 7:00 p.m.	4 Great Paraklesis Service 7:00 p.m.	5	6 Holy Transfiguration of Christ Orthros 9 a.m. Divine Liturgy 10 a.m.
FALLING ASLEEP (KOIMISIS) OF THE THEOTOKOS 14-DAY FAST						
7 8 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Matthew Orthros 8:15 a.m. Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m.	8	9	10	11	12	13
KOIMISIS OF THE THEOTOKOS FAST CONTINUES						
14 9 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Matthew Orthros 8:15 a.m. Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m. LAST DAY OF FAST  Great. Vespers in Aliquippa or Oakmont	15 Koimisis Tis Theotokou Orthros 8:45 a.m., Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m. at St. Nicholas  (Or check Nameday Celebrating Parishes for service times) FEASTDAY!	16	17	18	19	20
21 10 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Matthew Orthros 8:15 a.m. Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m.	22 Parish Council Meeting 7:00 p.m.	23	24	25	26	27
28 11 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Matthew Orthros 8:15 a.m. Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m.	29 Beheading of St. John the Baptist Orthros 9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m. STRICT FAST!	30	31			
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