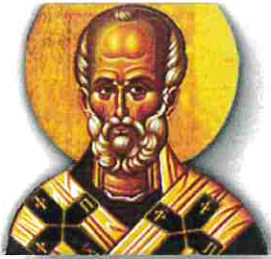


## July 3, 2022 – Third Sunday of Matthew

Ss. Yakinthos of Caesarea; Anatolios, Patriarch of Constantinople; Theodotos & Theodota the Martyrs

Orthros Gospel 3

Tone 2



### WELCOME TO ST. NICHOLAS CATHEDRAL!

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**Our Sunday worship schedule: June 12 – Sept 5: Orthros 8:15 a.m. & Divine Liturgy 9:30 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.

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On-Line Giving donations are up and running on our web page [www.stnickspgh.org](http://www.stnickspgh.org) by clicking please donate button - or you may access the donation page by using <https://abundant.co/stnickspgh/give>

**TODAY'S MEMORIAL SERVICE** is being chanted for the souls of the servants of God, *Dino P. Copetas* (40 days) and *Dimitrios Menas* (1 year).

**OUR DEEPEST CONDLNCES** TO the Family of Mary Vasilakis who passed away on June 25, 2022. Her funeral took place on June 30<sup>th</sup>. May God grant her eternal rest.

**PLEASE JOIN US** for coffee and fellowship following services in the Large Hall hosted by Philoptochos and sponsored by the Dino P. Copetas & Dimitrios Menas families.

**TODAY:** Fr. Bender away at Archdiocese Clergy-Laity Congress (NYC) after Liturgy.

#### THIS WEEK AT ST. NICHOLAS

- **Monday, July 4:** CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED – INDEPENDENCE DAY.
- **Sunday, July 10:** Memorial Service for Beulah Mougianis (40 days).

Fr. Bender will be away at the Archdiocese Clergy-Laity Congress (NYC) Sunday, July 3<sup>rd</sup> after Liturgy to Friday July 8<sup>th</sup> returning in the afternoon.

In the event of a pastoral emergency during this time, please contact Father Dean Kokanos (412) 760-7203.

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**SPECIAL HYMNS OF THE DAY (SMALL ENTRANCE):**

*The first hymn chanted at the Small Entrance is the Resurrection Apolytikion in Tone 3:*

When You descended unto death, O Lord who yourself are immortal Life, then did You mortify Hades by the lightning flash of Your Divinity. Also when You raised the dead from the netherworld, all the Powers of the heavens were crying out: O Giver of life, Christ our God, glory to You. [SD]

*The usual Eisodikon (Entrance Hymn) chanted by the priest in Tone 2 follows:*

Δεῦτε προσκυνήσωμεν καὶ προσπέσωμεν Χριστῷ. Σῶσον ἡμᾶς Υἱὲ Θεοῦ, ὁ ἀναστὰς ἐκ νεκρῶν, ψάλλοντάς σοι Ἀλληλούϊα. 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 reenter the Sanctuary while the Resurrection Apolytikion is repeated. After that, the Apolytikion for the Patron Saint of our church is chanted:*

Κανόνα πίστεως καὶ εἰκόνα πραότητος, ἐγκρατείας Διδάσκαλον, ἀνέδειξέ σε τῇ ποιμνῇ σου, ἡ τῶν πραγμάτων ἀλήθεια· διὰ τοῦτο ἐκτήσω 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 in Tone 4 of the Theotokos:*

Προστασία τῶν Χριστιανῶν ἀκαταίσχυντε, μεσιτεία πρὸς τὸν Ποιητὴν ἀμετάθετε. Μὴ παρίδης ἀμαρτωλῶν δεήσεων φωνάς, ἀλλὰ πρόφθασον, ὡς ἀγαθή, εἰς τὴν βοήθειαν ἡμῶν, τῶν πιστῶς κραυγαζόντων σοι· Τάχυνον εἰς πρεσβείαν, καὶ σπεῦσον εἰς ἱκεσίαν, ἡ προστατεύουσα ἀεὶ, Θεοτόκε, τῶν τιμώντων σε. A protection of Christians unshamable, Intercessor to our Holy Maker, unwavering, Please reject not The prayerful cries of those who are in sin. Instead, come to us, for you are good; Your loving help bring unto us, Who are crying in faith to you: Hasten to intercede And speed now to supplicate, As a protection for all time, Theotokos, for those who honor you.

**TODAY'S EPISTLE READING: 2 Cor. 6:1-10.** Brethren, working together with him, then, we entreat you not to accept the grace of God in vain. For he says, "At the acceptable time I have listened to you, and helped you on the day of salvation." Behold, now is the acceptable time; behold, now is the day of salvation. We put no obstacle in any one's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, but as servants of God we commend ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, beatings, imprisonments, tumults, labors, watching, hunger; by purity, knowledge, forbearance, kindness, the Holy Spirit, genuine love, truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; in honor and dishonor, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; as unknown, and yet well known; as dying, and behold we live; as punished, and yet not killed; as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything. [RSV]

**TODAY'S GOSPEL READING: Matthew 6:22-33.** The Lord said, "The eye is the lamp of the body. So, if your eye is sound, your whole body will be full of light; but if your eye is not sound, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light in you is darkness, how great is the darkness! No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon.

Therefore, I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you shall eat or what you shall drink, nor about your body, what you shall put on. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And which of you by being anxious can add one cubit to his span of life? And why are you anxious about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin; yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is alive and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you, O men of little faith? Therefore, do not be anxious, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' For the Gentiles seek all these things; and your heavenly Father knows you need them all. But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things shall be yours as well." [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 your 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.**

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<u>2022</u>	<u>STEWARDSHIP</u>
<b>Total Stewards</b>	<b>253 (GOAL 300)</b>
<b>Total Pledged</b>	<b>\$134,574.00 GOAL (\$225,000.00)</b>
<b>Avg. Pledge</b>	<b>\$735.37</b>

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, Wilksburg, 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.



# 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  
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Greek Dancing!



Greek Food!

Greek Fun!



Age 4-64 - \$35  
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*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  
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family & friends!

Enjoy our home-made pastries,  
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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  
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Chapel concrete slab poured

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121 St. Elias Lane - Saxonburg, PA 16056



## *Ukrainian Relief Dinner & Prayer Service*

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

ST. NICHOLAS GREEK ORTHODOX CATHEDRAL  
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Vera 412-833-0839, or Mary Ann 724-263-5605.

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# JULY 2022

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
3	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Matthew</b> Orthros 8:15 a.m. Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m.	4	5	6	7	8	9
		Church Office Closed <b>Independence Day</b>					
<b>Fr. Bender away at Archdiocese Clergy-Laity Congress (NYC) Sunday after Liturgy to Friday</b>							
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	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 am	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.						