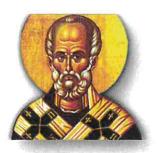
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Questions about our Parish? Email church@stnickspgh.org or call 412-682-3866

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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PLEASE JOIN US for coffee and fellowship following services in the Large Hall hosted by Parish Council.

TODAY: PLEASE WELCOME FATHER TOM CONSTANTINE

THIS WEEK AT ST. NICHOLAS

Monday August 1, 2022: Small Paraklesis Service 7:00 p.m.
 Wednesday August 3, 2022: Small Paraklesis Service 7:00 p.m.
 Thursday August 4, 2022: Great Paraklesis Service 7:00 p.m.
 Baturday August 6, 2022: Holy Transfiguration of Christ

Orthros 9 a.m. Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m.

Sunday August 7, 2022: Memorial Service for Mary Vasilakis (40 days).

REMINDER: Fr. Bender will be out of the Office until July 31st. Fr. Dean Kokanos is available in case of a Pastoral Emergency: 412-760-7203.

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SPECIAL HYMNS AND READINGS OF THE DAY:

The first hymn at the Small Entrance is this week's Resurrection hymn in Tone 6 (Plagal 2nd): Άγγελικαὶ δυνάμεις ἐπὶ τὸ μνῆμά σου, καὶ οἱ φυλάσσοντες ἀπενεκρώθησαν, καὶ ἵστατο Μαρία ἐν τῷ τάφῳ, ζητοῦσα τὸ ἄχραντόν σου σῷμα. Ἐσκύλευσας τὸν Ἅδην, μὴ πειρασθεὶς ὑπ' αὐτοῦ, ὑπήντησας τῇ Παρθένῳ, δωρούμενος τὴν ζωήν, ὁ ἀναστὰς ἐκ τῷν γεκρῷν, 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. [SD]

At the procession with the Gospel the usual **Eisodikon (Entrance Hymn)** in Tone 2 is chanted: Δεῦτε προσκυνήσωμεν καὶ προσπέσωμεν Χριστῷ. Σῶσον ἡμᾶς Υἱὲ Θεοῦ, ὁ ἀναστὰς ἐκ νεκρῶν, ψάλλοντάς σοι Άλληλούϊα. "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 return to the Sanctuary, while the Resurrection hymn is repeated.

Next, we hear the Troparion for the Feastday of the Transfiguration (August 6):

Μετεμορφώθης ἐν τῷ ὄρει Χριστὲ ὁ Θεός, δείξας τοῖς Μαθηταῖς σου τὴν δόξαν σου, καθὼς ἠδυναντο. Λάμψον καὶ ἡμῖν τοῖς ἀμαρτωλοῖς, τὸ φῶς σου τὸ ἀΐδιον, πρεσβείαις τῆς Θεοτόκου, φωτοδότα δόξα σοι.

You were transfigured upon the mountain, O Christ our God, showing to Your disciples Your glory as much as they could bear. Do also in us, sinners though we may be, shine Your everlasting light, by the intercessions of the Theotokos, O Giver of light. Glory to You.

This is followed by the Apolytikion for St. Evdokomov, whose memory we celebrate today:
- - - Ταχὺ προκατάλαβε. Mode 4. Come quickly. Ἐκ γῆς ὁ καλέσας σε, πρὸς αἰωνίους μονάς, τηρεῖ καὶ μετὰ θάνατον ἀδιαλώβητον, τὸ σῶμά σου, Ἅγιε· σὺ γὰρ ἐν σωφροσύνη, καὶ σεμνῆ πολιτείᾳ, μάκαρ ἐπολιτεύσω, μὴ μολύνας τὴν σάρκα· διὸ ἐν παἐρἡησίᾳ Χριστῷ, πρέσβευε σωθῆναι ἡμᾶς.

The Master who called you to eternal mansions on high * preserves incorrupt your body even after you died, * O holy Evdokimos; * for you had led a lifestyle of self-restraint and decorum, * never staining your flesh; and therefore truly you are blessed. * With confidence intercede with Christ to save our souls. [SD]

Next, we chant the Hymn for our Church's Patron Saint, St. Nicholas (Tone 4):
Κανόνα πίστεως καὶ εἰκόνα πραότητος, ἐγκρατείας Διδάσκαλον, ἀνέδειξέ σε τῇ ποίμνῃ 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 (Tone 2) for the upcoming Feastday of the Transfiguration: Επί τού όρους μετεμορφώθης, καί ως εχώρουν οι Μαθηταί σου τήν δόξαν σου, Χριστέ ο Θεός εθεάσαντο, ίνα όταν σε ίδωσι σταυρούμενον, τό μέν πάθος νοήσωσιν εκούσιον, τώ δέ κόσμω κηρύξωσιν, ότι σύ υπάρχεις αληθώς, τού Πατρός τό απαύγασμα. You were transfigured upon the mount, O Christ our God, and Your disciples, in so far as they could bear, beheld Your glory. Thus, when they see You crucified, they may understand Your voluntary passion, and proclaim to the world that You are truly the radiance of the Father.

SCRIPTURE READINGS – see next page

Epistle: Romans 15:1-7. Brethren, we who are strong ought to bear with the failings of the weak, and not to please ourselves; let each of us please his neighbor for his good, to edify him. For Christ did not please himself; but, as it is written, "The reproaches of those who reproached thee fell on me." For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Welcome one another, therefore, as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. [RSV]

Gospel: Matthew 14: 14-22. At that time, as Jesus passed on from there, two blind men followed him, crying aloud, "Have mercy on us, Son of David." When he entered the house, the blind men came to him; and Jesus said to them, "Do you believe that I am able to do this?" They said to him, "Yes, Lord." Then he touched their eyes, saying, "According to your faith be it done to you." And their eyes were opened. And Jesus sternly charged them, "See that no one knows it." But they went away and spread his fame through all that district. As they were going away, behold, a dumb demoniac was brought to him. And when the demon had been cast out, the dumb man spoke; and the crowds marveled, saying, "Never was anything like this seen in Israel." But the Pharisees said, "He casts out demons by the prince of demons." And Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every disease and every infirmity among the people. [REV]

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 mar 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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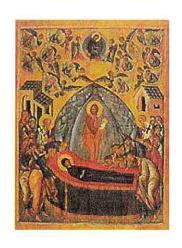
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2022	STEWARDSHIP			
Total Stewards	260 (GOAL 300)			
Total Pledged	\$135,724.00 GOAL (\$225,000.00)			
Avg. Pledge	\$733.64			

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Greek School

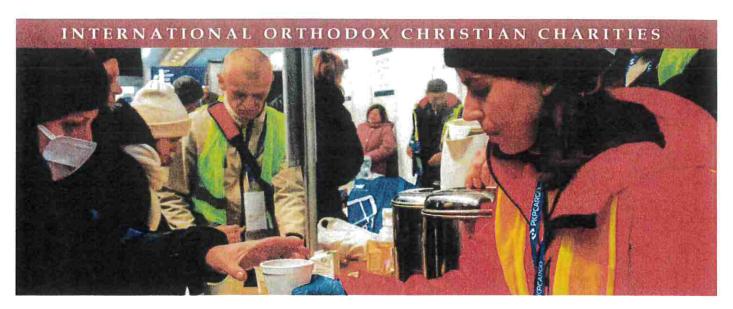
Greek School for children will **start on Saturday**, **September 17, 2022**, not on September 10. There will be registration for Greek School after Divine Liturgy on Sunday, September 11. Adult classes TBA will begin in October.



NAMES FOR THE PARAKLESIS SERVICES: August 1st – 12th, 2022

First Names Only - Please Print Clearly!

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Ukrainian Relief Dinner & Prayer Service

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

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Tickets held at door, not mailed. Tables for groups of 8 only. For info or to volunteer call Zelfa 412-417-4706.



AUGUST 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday		
7 th Sunday of Matthew Orthros 8:15 a.m. Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m.	AUGUST 1 Small Paraklesis Service 7:00 p.m.	2	3 Small Paraklesis Service 7:00 p.m.	Great Paraklesis Service 7:00 p.m.	5	6 Holy Transfiguration of Christ Orthros 9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m.		
	FALLING ASLEEP (KOIMISIS) OF THE THEOTOKOS 14-DAY FAST							
7 8th Sunday of Matthew Orthros 8:15 a.m. Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m.	8 Small Paraklesis Service 7:00 p.m.	9	Small Paraklesis Service 7:00 p.m.	Great Paraklesis Service 7:00 p.m.	12	13		
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9th Sunday of Matthew Orthros 8:15 a.m. Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m. LAST DAY OF FAST Great Vespers in Aliquippa or Oakmont	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)	16	17	18	19	20		
21 10 th Sunday of Matthew Orthros 8:15 a.m. Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m.	Parish Council Meeting 7:00 p.m.	23	24	25	26	27		
11 th Sunday of Matthew Orthros 8:15 a.m. Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m.	Beheading of St. John the Baptist Orthros 9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m.	30	31					