



Saint Nicholas Greek Orthodox Cathedral Pittsburgh, PA

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SEPTEMBER 2022 NEWSLETTER



JOIN US AT THE Church Picnic!

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2022

Our Picnic will be held after church at the
Anderson Shelter in Schenley Park.

Location: Schenley Drive off Blvd of Allies

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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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.

Metropolis	412-621-5529	www.pittsburgh.goarch.org
Archdiocese	212-570-3500	www.goarch.org

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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>

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Philoptochos	Maria Bardakos	412-519-8684
GOYA Advisors	Linda Hages	412-523-7938
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Little Angels/HOPE/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
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	Jim Hages	412-523-7937
Kolyva	Tulla Velisaris	412-889-1648
St Nicholas Dancers		
GOYA	Kelly Gary	412-741-8567
JOY	Aimee Walker	412-398-6094
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	Nick Strauch	724-931-0364
	Yianni Leventopoulos	412-916-1770
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Maintenance	Victor Bertolina
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Building Security	Van Paras
Outreach	Peter Krelis

FATHER'S MESSAGE

Beloved Sisters and Brothers in Christ: Greetings of the Ecclesiastical New Year in Christ! This month, instead of my own words, please read this important pastoral message from His All Holiness Patriarch Bartholomew, in observance of the *Indiction*. As a reminder, since 1989, this day has been set aside for prayers for the protection of the Environment.

Have a blessed month!
Father Christopher

† B A R T H O L O M A I O S

**BY GOD'S MERCY ARCHBISHOP OF CONSTANTINOPLE NEW ROME
AND ECUMENICAL PATRIARCH TO THE WHOLE FULLNESS OF THE CHURCH:
GRACE, PEACE, AND MERCY FROM THE CREATOR OF ALL THAT EXISTS –
OUR LORD GOD AND SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST**

Most Reverend Brother Hierarchs and Beloved Children in the Lord:

As we enter, with God's blessing, the new ecclesiastical year today, we honor with the Feast of the Indiction, the "Day of protecting the natural environment" and offer glory and gratitude to the Creator of all for the "great gift of creation."

We proclaim once again with all our heart that the respect for creation and the constant concern for its protection belong to the core of our Orthodox identity as one of its most precious elements. The Church recognizes and teaches that the cause of human alienation from the "very good" creation and one's fellow human beings is the "alienation from God." It boldly reminds us that there is no authentic freedom without the Truth and outside the Truth, which is the power that truly liberates. "Know the truth, and the truth will free you" (John 8.32).

For over three decades, the Holy Great Church of Christ has emphatically and dynamically promoted the eco-friendly message of Orthodoxy through its diverse initiatives. September 1, 1989, will forever be marked as and signify the commencement of a movement that produced much fruit, raised awareness about the spiritual and ethical roots and parameters of the destruction of the natural environment. Since then, it has mobilized individuals and institutions, inspired the rest of the Christian world, highlighted the way of responding to this great challenge – a way that passes first through an understanding of its connection with the crisis of human freedom and the need for radical change in mentality and conduct with a view to creation, and secondly through a common and universal action given the global dimensions and tragic consequences of the ecological destruction we are seeing.

An invaluable legacy for the future lies in the many important writings in the field of theological ecology, among which the works of the professor and academician, His Eminence Elder Metropolitan John of Pergamon, retain a prominent place. An inexhaustible source of inspiration will be the introductions to the nine international ecological symposia, in which renowned specialist scientists and representatives of politics, culture and the spirit participate. These texts are particularly useful for environmental education, which claims an important role in modern education. It has been rightly said that "in the future, an education without an ecological orientation will be a parody of education".

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An inexhaustible source of inspiration will also be found in the presentations of the nine water-borne international symposia, which hosted renowned specialists and scientists as well as representatives of the political, cultural and religious spheres. These texts are especially beneficial for environmental learning, which has carved out a significant place in contemporary schooling. As it has rightly been said: "In the future, an education without ecological orientation will be a parody of education."

Sustainable development is a one-way street. It will secure ecological balance in the present and constitute a guarantee for the future, but it has its conditions: it must become an ecologically-centered economy, with massive changes in agricultural and biomechanical productivity, the production and use of energy, the movement and transportation of goods, new models of consumption, and so on.

Unfortunately, good intentions, agreements and proclamations often remain theoretical, merely "big words," without any impact on action, "superficial injunctions," as it has been written. Humankind has not learned from the consequences of climate change, the destructive fires, heat waves, and floods, the rapid reduction in biodiversity, the pollution of the atmosphere and seas, the deforestation and social repercussions of the environmental crisis, above all revealed in the mass migrations for ecological reasons we are witnessing.

Humanity continues to be deluded about the innate capacity of nature to protect itself and overcome human-induced damages. We know, and yet we continue to act as if uninformed, suppressing the truth that with regard to its relationship to the natural environment, our modern technocratic and econo-centered civilization does not comprise progress, since the greatest devastation of the natural environment has taken place in our own time, an age where science and commerce prevail. Climate change is an immense source of destruction caused by human irresponsibility; it glaringly reflects the moral impasse of our model of organization in the life of our economy. We only have a future if we understand that not only does the protection of the integrity of creation *not* comprise a hurdle for economic development, but that it is actually the vehicle for real progress.

This year, the celebration of the Day of Prayer for the Protection of Creation is accompanied by the sound of weapons in Ukraine, by the cry of the victims of military violence, the bombardment of cities and infrastructures, the groaning of nature and moaning of refugees. Every war is a humanitarian and ecological catastrophe. The ongoing violence, beyond the thousands of human lives, also destroys the natural environment that it pollutes, forcing nations and peoples to return to ways of securing energy efficiency through means that are unfriendly to the environment. Thus, humanity enters a new vicious cycle of destructive impasses, which confirm the saying that *homo sapiens* to this day continues to behave simultaneously as *homo demens*, (mad man) – i.e., as imprudent and irrational.

Brothers and sisters in the Lord and blessed children,

For the Church, the elements of the world – according to a theological formulation – "are not simply utilitarian or useful material for the individual needs of human beings, but they are actions of the Person of the one Creator". Everything created by God blesses, praises and exalts God to the ages – indeed, the heavens declare His glory. This is the message expressed by the concern of the Great Church of Christ for the protection of creation. The life of the Church of Christ is a foretaste of all that we expect in the Kingdom of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. On our way to the Eschaton (the "last days"), the Holy Church offers to the world the Gospel of grace as its guide and proclaims with unswerving certainty that evil, in all its forms, will not have the final word in history.

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In closing, we wish you a blessed and fruitful new ecclesiastical year, and we call upon all of you, through the intercessions of the First-among-the-saints Theotokos Pammakaristos, the lifegiving grace and great mercy of the Creator and Redeemer of all, the pioneer and perfecter of our immaculate faith to whom be the glory and the dominion unto everlasting ages. Amen!

September 1, 2022

†Bartholomew of Constantinople

Fervent supplicant for all before God

SACRAMENTAL LIFE

Funerals

Our deepest condolences to the families of:

George N. Kefalos who passed away on Monday August 8, 2022.
His funeral was on Monday August 22, 2022.

Kostas J. Mastro who passed away on Sunday, August 28, 2022.
His funeral was on Wednesday August 31, 2022

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

PARISH COUNCIL UPDATES

Save the date(s):

Church Picnic—Sunday, September 11, 2022

Cathedral Ball—Saturday, November 26, 2022

Cemetery

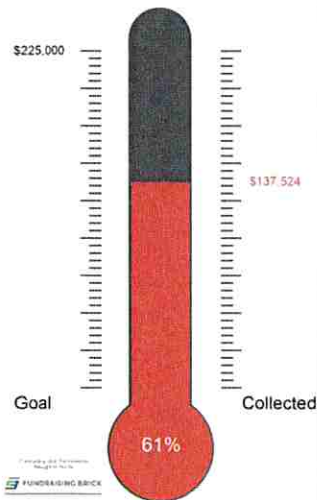
Fifty (50) new graves were purchased at Homewood Cemetery.
\$2,695.00 per grave for parishioners.

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



2022 STEWARDSHIP		08/24/2022
Total Stewards		265
Total Amount Pledged		\$ 137,524.00
Average Pledge		\$ 735.42
% Parish Participation to Date		88%
2022 Stewards (GOAL)		300
% of Total Budget to Date		61%
2022 Budget (GOAL)		\$ 225,000.00
Total Giving to Date		\$140,839.70
As of:		07/31/2022
Income: Pledges & Basket Collection and Food Festival	\$454,827.00	
Expenses: Salaries, Utilities, Maintenance, Commitments, etc.	\$312,928.00	
	\$141,900.00	

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>

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Last Name _____ First Name _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

(Alternate address if applicable) _____

Home Phone _____ Work Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

Email _____

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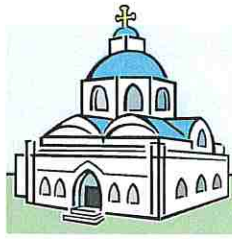
TALENT- Please check the items below that you or a family member has some expertise or interest. Place initials of the specific family member after each item checked.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Philoptochos _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ | | |

TIME- St. Nicholas Cathedral is grateful for our many volunteers. Thank you!

Name & relationship i.e., self, spouse, child, etc. Date of birth Marital Status Occupation OR school/grade

St. Nicholas Church School



“The Orthodox Christian Church: Your Spiritual Home”

Sunday, September 18, 2022, the bells will start to ring again for the beginning of Church School with an Agiasmo Service (Blessings of the Water)!

This year’s Church School theme is **“The Orthodox Christian Church: Your Spiritual Home.”**

Every week your child is encouraged to bring “a donation” to Church School (this will help them learn the lesson of “stewardship,” including their TIME, Talent and treasure), plus, be assigned homework: Do something nice for someone!

Please take the time to look over the attached 2022-2023 Church School Calendar, fill out the registration form (and bring it on or before the 18th) and volunteer **your** time, talent and treasure to help **our** children.

I would like to thank the parents in advance for sharing your children with us every Sunday! But, what can you do to help? You can help our Church School program, in the final analysis, your child, by bringing him/her every Sunday. Encourage your child to tell you about the lesson taught for the day, as well as, the craft brought home. Pray with your child. (Each lesson should begin and end with Prayer.) Attend worship services together as a **family**; Divine Liturgy starts at 10:00 a.m.

Yours in Christ,
Miss Michelle

YOUTH SAFETY

YOUTH SAFETY WORKERS

Who is considered a Youth Safety Worker?

- **All Clergymen (Bishops/Priests/Deacons, both Active & Retired)**
- **Pastoral Assistants & Youth Directors**
- **People assisting, in any ministry, where the participants are under 18 years of age or in high school, whichever is later.**
 - ◊ **Including Parish Youth Safety Administrators, Church School Teachers, Dance Directors, Greek School Teachers, Youth Advisors (including Chaperones & Drivers)**
 - ◊ **Even... Parents who occasionally help-out, but are alone with other people's children.**

Each Youth Safety Worker is required to register yearly with the church.

Registration is available through the church office. In addition, all Youth Safety Workers are required to take two courses in Armatus Praesidium (on-line training platform) annually and to complete a background check every other year.

Here is the website: <https://armatus2.praesidiuminc.com/armatusUser/login>. The first course, Youth Safety, has two parts. The second course, Youth Worker Regulations, has one part. Prompt completion is necessary as one cannot participate in any youth programs without being registered, having a background check, having PA state clearances, and completing the two courses.

Those interested in becoming a Youth Safety Worker and have not started the process or need to determine what documentation you need to complete, please contact Taki Darakos, edarakos@aol.com, 412-944-4961.

**Registration Form
St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Cathedral
Church School**

Parent's Names

Address

Phone Numbers

Home _____

Work _____

Cell _____

E-mail _____

Children	Grade	Birthday	Nameday	Allergies
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May we call you to volunteer for one of our projects?

Substitute Teacher _____

Oratorical Festival _____

St. Nicholas Bazaar _____

Communion Breakfast _____

Christmas Pageant _____

Easter Egg Hunt _____

Snacks _____

Outreach Projects _____

Thanks for sharing your children with us every Sunday!

Church School Schedule 2022 -2023

Sunday, September 18, 2022		Church School Begins
Sunday, November 27, 2022	No Classroom Attendance	Thanksgiving Break
Sunday, December 11, 2022		St. Nicholas Bazaar
Sunday, December 18, 2022		Christmas Pageant
Sunday, December 25, 2022	No Classroom Attendance	Christmas Break
Sunday, January 1, 2023	No Classroom Attendance	Christmas Break
Sunday, January 8, 2023		Church School Resumes & Vasilopita Cutting
Sunday, March 5, 2023	Participation in Procession	Sunday of Orthodoxy
Sunday, March 19, 2023		Godparent/Parent Sunday
Saturday, April 8, 2023	Saturday of Lazarus	Communion Breakfast/Making of Palm Crosses
Sunday, April 9, 2023	Classroom Attendance	Palm Sunday
Sunday, April 16, 2023	No Classroom Attendance	Easter Sunday
Sunday, May 7, 2023	No Classroom Attendance	Food Festival
Sunday, May 21, 2023		Commencement

GREEK SCHOOL

St. Nicholas Greek Language School will be opening its doors for the 2022-2023 school year on **Saturday, September 17**. Students, accompanied by a parent, are to report directly to their classrooms at 10 a.m. At noon, there will be an Aghiasmo Service (Blessing of the Water) then followed by the Annual Ice Cream Social.

This year registration will take place on Sunday, September 11, after Divine Liturgy at church. Classes (PK – 7th) run from 10 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. Children should be in First Grade or higher in their American School to start First Grade Greek School. The curriculum entails speaking, reading, and writing in Greek along with learning prayers, hymns, songs, and poems. Greek history, customs and our Orthodox faith are all an integral part of our curriculum. Students are learning a very special language.

The Greek Orthodox Metropolis of Pittsburgh's 8th Annual Greek Language Festival is scheduled to be held at St. Nicholas Cathedral on Saturday, April 22, 2023. Students, families, and teachers from various Greek Schools of the Metropolis along with friends of Greek Education, come and enjoy the festivities, artistic presentations, competitive fun and more.

Adult Greek Language Classes start in October and are on weeknights for an hour and a half on their scheduled night. Classes are divided up by their designated levels per evening. Adult classes will be announced later.

For information or questions please email Maria at mstamoolis@verizon.net or call at 412.874.4422.

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
<input type="checkbox"/> with Costume fitting
<input type="checkbox"/> with St. Nicholas Bazaar
<input type="checkbox"/> with Christmas Caroling in nursing homes
<input type="checkbox"/> with copying | <input type="checkbox"/> Substituting
<input type="checkbox"/> March 25 th Luncheon
<input type="checkbox"/> with Greek Language Festival
<input type="checkbox"/> with Bake Sale
<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? _____

GREEK SCHOOL, Con't

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

September

- 17 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 Xairpetismoí***
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 25th 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

Keeping up with Philoptochos

After a brief summer hiatus, Philoptochos is looking forward to a busy fall. As usual we will have our fundraisers and continue our out-reach programs, the essence of Philoptochos. We invite you all to participate in our efforts.

NEIGHBORHOOD RESILIENCE PROJECT (NRP)

Over the summer we had a last-minute request for a hot meal. We were able to fulfill this request from Pastoli's Pizza in Squirrel Hill. A huge thank you goes out to Chris at Pastoli's Pizza in Squirrel Hill for providing pizza, dessert, and drinks on short notice for our friends at NRP. They even delivered it for us even though it's out of their delivery area. It was greatly appreciated and enjoyed by those in need. If you find yourself in the area and craving pizza, pay a visit.

If you know of a family run or small business that would like to provide a hot meal for NRP please reach out. We make an effort to support local small businesses in the process. If you know anyone who owns a small locally owned business willing to prepare a hot meal for 50 people, please reach out to a board member. The business will be compensated for the meals.

FOOD BANK:

The food bank supports our parishioners and is always in need of support. We accept monetary donations; checks can be made payable to "St. Nicholas Philoptochos Food Bank" or through your employers United Way contribution (designate #3288). Any questions, please contact Elaine Andrianos (412-726-4334) or Denise Daugherty (412-508-1326).

SHUT-IN VISITATIONS AND SUPPORT:

St. Nicholas parishioners who are homebound are looking forward to our fall visit. We give each person a mum. If you are interested in visiting our homebound or know of anyone who should be added to our list, please contact Mary Peterson (412-337-6759). We make other visits throughout the year and send cards. We are always looking for help in keeping our homebound parishioners as involved as possible.

FUNDRAISERS:

Fundraisers are our primary source of income to support and fulfill the Philoptochos mission: “help the poor, the destitute, the hungry, the aged, the sick, the unemployed, the orphaned, the imprisoned, the widowed, those with disabilities and the victims of disasters.” Our fundraisers include: spanakopita rolls, New Year’s Bread, Easter Bread, and Palm Sunday Luncheon. We have had great success in the past thanks to your generous support. I am personally looking forward to another amazing Palm Sunday Luncheon. We are always open for new fundraising ideas.

If you have any ideas please reach out to any member of Philoptochos or contact me, Maria Bardakos (412-519-8684).

MEETINGS:

Our first board meeting will be this month, a date and time will be determined soon. Our first general meeting will be in October after church, the date and time will be provided soon.

MEMBERSHIP:

We continue to accept membership dues. As always, I am honored to lead this amazing group of women who tirelessly support our mission. I am humbled by the generosity of our members and benefactors.

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

TO ALL MEMBERS and FRIENDS

FLIGHT 93 MEMORIAL and QUEECREEK MINE

Tuesday, October 4, 2022

\$119.00/per person, includes lunch at Coal Miners' Café

Departure 7:45 a.m.-- return 5.00 p.m.

Short restroom stop enroute

(Please be at St. Nicholas by 7:30 a.m.)

(Be prepared—bring a mask and \$2.00 to \$3.00 driver's gratuity)

Payment due September 13, 2022.

Contact Fran Hanna (412-731-0790) or Alice Gary (412-249-8612).

The above price is based on 20 participants.

Make checks payable to St. Nicholas Cathedral Sixty Club.

The Quecreek Mine disaster took place in Somerset County, PA, when nine miners were trapped underground for over 77 hours from July 24 to 28, 2002. Hear the fascinating step-by- step miraculous rescue of all nine miners.

We all know the importance of the Flight 93 Memorial. When we visited several years ago the memorial was not completed, it is now. Join us in paying our respects to those who gave their lives for our country.

Please tell your friends about this trip.
They do not need to be our parishioners.
All are welcome.

GOYA NEWS

Our St. Nicholas GOYA officers met to start planning this year's calendar. All St. Nicholas teens (Grades 7-12) are invited to attend and participate in the many exciting GOYA activities.

The GOYA kick-Off Party will take place on Saturday, September 10 hosted by the Hammerling family. The GOYA will be hosting their first meeting on Sunday, September 18 after Liturgy in the GOYA Room. Everyone is encouraged to attend and participate.

Our GOYA will resume their coffee hour service to the parish on September 18.

The following **Sunday, September 25 the Annual Car Wash** will take place after Liturgy. Please support the fundraising efforts of our GOYAnS as the proceeds benefit their ministry. Thank you for your support.

Contact Information - Please call the church office if you would like to be added to our GOYA emails/communications.

Welcome Brunch for College Students

Every year when college begins their fall semester in the Pittsburgh area our St. Nicholas Cathedral Moms and Dads offers their Annual Welcome Brunch for Students. This year the Brunch took place on Sunday, August 28, after Liturgy. It was a wonderful event and attended by many students and their families enrolled at the surrounding colleges and universities. We are grateful to be able to host these students and want to let them know that they may consider St. Nicholas Cathedral their church during their time here in Pittsburgh. We met students from as far away as Chicago, New York, Boston and Texas attending schools in Pittsburgh. And as one recent graduate posted on social media, "One of my absolute favorite memories of being a student in Pittsburgh."

Thank you to all who helped make this event hosted by the Moms and Dads of St. Nicholas possible through their donations of food and monetary contributions, and their time to setup, decorate, serve and socialize with the students. Every student received a welcome bag full of snacks and home baked koulourakia and chocolate chip cookies, along with a welcome letter from Fr. Chris and a flyer inviting them to attend our annual church picnic. We also collected their names and contact information so that we may stay in touch.

**WELCOME COLLEGE BRUNCH
SUNDAY AUGUST 28, 2022**



Please Join Us for Our Annual



Date: Sunday, September 11, 2022

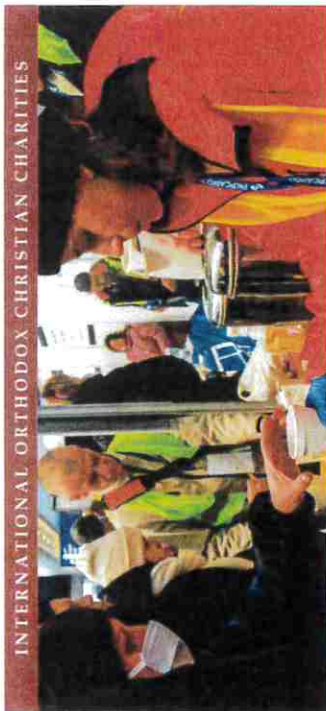
Time: Begins after church services end (approx. 12:00 p.m.)

Location: Anderson Shelter (Schenley Park, directions below) Food:
Served at 1:00 p.m.

Bring your Family and Friends to celebrate the end of Summer
with Great Food, Drinks and Fellowship!!!

Directions – from the church: Turn left onto Fifth Ave. Turn left onto Bigelow Blvd.
Cross over Forbes Ave. At the light, turn left onto Schenley Drive and head toward
Phipps Conservatory. At the stop sign, turn right. Once you cross the Panther
Hollow Bridge, make an immediate right at the end of the bridge.
Look for our signs and Greek Flag!!

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INTERNATIONAL ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN CHARITIES

Ukrainian Relief Dinner & Prayer Service

Sunday, September 25, 2022 | Service 4:00 PM • Dinner 5:00 PM
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Archbishop DANIEL, Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA
Bishop THOMAS, Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese of North America
Bishop IRINEI, Serbian Orthodox Church in North & South America

Tickets \$50 • RSVP by September 20, 2022 • Net proceeds will benefit IOCC's Ukraine Crisis Response
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Register online at ioccc.org/pittsburgh

Or contact Zelia 412-417-4706 / zkhall@live.com,
Vera 412-833-0839, or Mary Ann 724-263-5605.

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

Mailed to IOCC c/o Nick Teredes, 306 Marberry Drive, Pittsburgh, PA 15215.

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

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

*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 15th - Friday

5:00 pm: Vespers, Orthros

July 16th
Saturday



Nativity of the Theotokos
Feast Day

September 9th - Friday

5:00 pm: Vespers, Orthros

September 10th
Saturday

9:00 am: Hours, Divine Liturgy

9:00 am: Hours, Divine Liturgy





Present

"Remember September"

"HRIPSIME'S AGONY, ATHENA'S MOURNING, AND RACHEL'S HEARTBREAK"
A Centennial Memorial of the Martyrs of the Christian Genocide in Asia Minor, the Pontus, Anatolia (1915-1922),
and the Jewish martyrs of the Holocaust
September 11 – 25, 2022

For Details: Pahellenicfoundation.org/RememberSeptember

7 PM, Sunday September 11, 2022: Genocide in Asia Minor, the Pontus, and Anatolia (1915-1923) as the "Final Solution's" Inspiration. Formal Opening of the Program and Greetings by Distinguished Guests.

7 PM, Monday September 12, 2022 : "Tetraodeon Tribute to the Neomartyrs of Asia Minor". A musical/hymnologic commemoration of the Greeks in Anatolia, The Pontus, and Asia Minor who were slaughtered in the Christian Genocide.

7 PM, Tuesday September 13, 2022: "Etty: Writing as Resistance". Adapted from the diaries of Etty Hillesum and performed by Susan Stein. Directed by Austin Pendleton. In-Person Event. Details at: Pahellenicfoundation.org/RememberSeptember.

7 PM, Wednesday September 14, 2022 : "A Prisoner of War's Story" by Stratis Doukas. For the first time ever, the story will be presented in its English translation.

3 PM, Thursday September 15, 2022 : "The Students of Umberto Primo" - a post-film discussion with Alessandra Maioletti (director), Diane Boulanger (Executive Producer) & Avi Ben Hur. Details at Pahellenicfoundation.org/RememberSeptember

7 PM, Friday September 16, 2022 : "Experience and Creations: Vaggelis Anetopoulos".

3 PM, Saturday September 17, 2022: Commemorating the Armenian Genocide Through Testimony: An Interactive Discussion with the University of Southern California Shoah Foundation - The Institute for Visual History and Education.

7 PM, Saturday September 17, 2022: "Memories of Asia Minor in Poem". The winning entries in response to an international poetry competition on the theme will be presented; This competition is a collaboration between the European Art Center of Greece (EUARCE) and the American Hellenic Foundation of Western Pennsylvania. Details at Pahellenicfoundation.org/RememberSeptember.

7 PM, Sunday September 18, 2022 : "HRIPSIME'S AGONY, ATHENA'S MOURNING, AND RACHEL'S HEARTBREAK". A Musical and poetic Centennial commemoration of, and tribute to the martyrs of the Christian Genocide in Anatolia, the Pontus, and Asia Minor, and the Jews in the Holocaust.

5 PM, Sunday September 25, 2022: "Mapping Migration, Learning from Oral History: Ottoman Greek Immigration to Western Pennsylvania", A Lecture-Presentation by Dr. Yiorgo Topalidis, Ph.D., Samuel Proctor Oral History Project, University of Florida.

7 PM, Sunday, September 25, 2022: "The Builders from Asia Minor". A Short Documentary about the immigrants and refugees from Asia Minor, the Pontus, and Anatolia who helped shape the Greek-American Communities of the Tri-State Area. With Hymns dedicated to the Neomartyrs of Asia Minor by members of the Byzantine Choir of the Greek Orthodox Metropolis of Pittsburgh. Details at Pahellenicfoundation.org/RememberSeptember.

SEPTEMBER 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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<i>PLEASE NOTE: ALL REGULARLY SCHEDULED WORSHIP SERVICES WILL TAKE PLACE IN THE CRYSTAL ROOM (SMALL HALL)</i>						
4 12th Sunday of Matthew Orthros 8:15 a.m. Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m.	5 Labor Day CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED	6	7	8	9 Nativity of the Theotokos FEAST DAY 5:00 pm Vespers, Orthros AT HOLY NATIVITY OF THEOTOKOS MONASTERY	10 Nativity of the Theotokos FEAST DAY 9:00 am: Hours, Divine Liturgy AT HOLY NATIVITY OF THEOTOKOS MONASTERY
11 Sun. before Holy Cross NOTE: WINTER HOURS BEGIN Orthros 8:45 am Divine Liturgy 10:00 am Parish Picnic: Noon—?	12	13	14 ELEVATION OF THE HOLY CROSS Orthros 9 a.m. Divine Liturgy 10 a.m.	15	16	17 Greek School Begins 10:00 a.m.
18 Sunday after Holy Cross Orthros 8:45 am Divine Liturgy 10:00 am Church School begins	19 Parish Coun- cil Meeting 7 p.m.	20	21	22	23	24 Greek School 10 a.m.
25 1 st Sunday of Luke Orthros 8:45 am Divine Liturgy 10:00 am We host IOCC Fund- raiser Dinner for Ukrainian refugees, 4 pm GOYA CAR WASH	26 Falling- asleep of John the Evangelist & Theologian Orthros, 9 a.m. Divine Liturgy 10 a.m.	27	28	29	30	
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