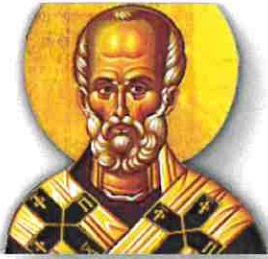


SUNDAY OCTOBER 30, 2022 – FIFTH SUNDAY OF LUKE

Holy Hieromartyr Zenobius and his Sister Zenobia

Orthros Gospel 9

Tone 3



WELCOME TO ST. NICHOLAS CATHEDRAL!

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Our Sunday worship schedule: Sept 11 – May 31: Orthros 8:45 a.m. & Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m.

WELCOME, VISITORS! You are honored guests here at St. Nicholas Cathedral and welcome at all our services. We invite you to receive the Holy Eucharist (Communion) if you are an Orthodox Christian who has prepared yourself through fasting, prayer, and confession. If you are not Orthodox, or are Orthodox but have not prepared, we respectfully invite you instead to come forward at the end of the service for a blessing by the priest and a piece of blessed bread (antidoron).

Our Mission & Vision Statements

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

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

Watch Sunday services, which are still streaming live from St Nicholas Cathedral at www.stnickspgh.org and click on "Live Streaming Click Here."

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

TODAYS MEMORIAL SERVICE is being chanted for the soul of the servant of God, Russell J. Paras (1 year) and **TRISAGION SERVICE** for Metropolitan Maximos, Eleftherios Hages, and Eugenia Hages.

PLEASE JOIN US for coffee and fellowship following services in the Large Hall hosted by GOYA and sponsored by the family of Russell Paras.

THIS WEEK AT ST. NICHOLAS

- Tuesday, Nov. 1, 2022: BOYS Basketball 7:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, Nov. 2, 2022: GIRLS Basketball 7:00 p.m.
- Saturday, Nov. 5, 2022: GREEK SCHOOL 10:00 a.m.

PLEASE NOTE:

Fr. Bender will be Away Nov. 2nd -10th.

In the event of a pastoral emergency, please contact Father Joe Cervo of Presentation of Christ Church in East Pittsburgh - (1-330-284-8353).

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TODAY'S SPECIAL HYMNS AND READINGS

First, we hear the Resurrection hymn in the Tone of the week (3) as the clergy exit the Sanctuary:

Εὐφραινέσθω τὰ οὐράνια, ἀγαλλιέσθω τὰ ἐπίγεια, ὅτι ἐποίησε κράτος, ἐν βραχίονι αὐτοῦ, ὁ Κύριος, ἐπάτησε τῷ θανάτῳ τὸν θάνατον, πρωτότοκος τῶν νεκρῶν ἐγένετο, ἐκ κοιλίας ἄδου ἐρρύσατο ἡμᾶς, καὶ παρέσχε τῷ κόσμῳ τὸ μέγα ἔλεος. Let the heavens sing for joy, and let everything on earth be glad. For with His arm the Lord has worked power. He trampled death under foot by means of death; and He became the firstborn from the dead. From the maw of Hades He delivered us; and He granted the world His great mercy. [SD]

The clergy face the Altar as they chant the Entrance Hymn:

Δεῦτε προσκυνήσωμεν καὶ προσπέσωμεν Χριστῷ. Σῶσον ἡμᾶς Υἱὲ Θεοῦ, ὁ ἀναστὰς ἐκ νεκρῶν, ψάλλοντάς σοι, Ἀλληλουῖα. Come, let us worship and bow down before Christ. Save us, O Son of God, risen from the dead. We sing to You, Alleluia. [GOA]

Next, the hymn for our patron saint, Nicholas of Myra, is sung (Tone 4):

Κανόνα πίστεως καὶ εἰκόνα πραότητος, ἐγκρατείας Διδάσκαλον, ἀνέδειξέ σε τῇ ποιίμνῃ 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 seasonal Kontakion for the Theotokos (Tone 2):

Προστασία τῶν Χριστιανῶν ἀκαταίσχυντε, μεσιτεία πρὸς τὸν Ποιητὴν ἀμετάθετε. Μὴ παρίδης ἄμαρ-τωλῶν δεήσεων φωνάς, ἀλλὰ πρόφθασον, ὡς ἀγαθή, εἰς τὴν βοήθειαν ἡμῶν, τῶν πιστῶς κραυγαζόντων σοι· Τάχυνον εἰς πρεσβείαν, καὶ σπεῦσον εἰς ἱκεσίαν, ἡ προστατεύουσα αἰεὶ, Θεοτόκε, τῶν τιμώντων σε.

O Protection of Christians that cannot be put to shame, mediation unto the creator most constant: O despise not the voices of those who have sinned; but be quick, O good one, to come unto our aid, who in faith cry unto thee: Hasten to intercession and speed thou to make supplication, O thou who dost ever protect, O Theotokos, them that honor thee.

TODAY'S Epistle Reading: 2 Corinthians 11:31 – 12:9. Ἀδελφοί, ὁ Θεὸς καὶ Πατὴρ τοῦ Κυρίου Ἰησοῦ Χριστοῦ οἶδεν, ὁ ὢν εὐλογητὸς εἰς τοὺς αἰῶνας, ὅτι οὐ ψεύδομαι. Ἐν Δαμασκῷ ὁ ἐθνάρχης Ἀρέτα τοῦ βασιλέως ἐφρούρει τὴν πόλιν Δαμασκηνῶν πιάσαι με θέλων· καὶ διὰ θυρίδος ἐν σαργάνῃ ἐχαλάσθην διὰ τοῦ τείχους καὶ ἐξέφυγον τὰς χεῖρας αὐτοῦ. Καυχᾶσθαι δὴ οὐ συμφέρει μοι· ἐλεύσομαι δὲ εἰς ὁπτασίας καὶ ἀποκαλύψεις Κυρίου. Οἶδα ἄνθρωπον ἐν Χριστῷ πρὸ ἐτῶν δεκατεσσάρων· εἴτε ἐν σώματι οὐκ οἶδα, εἴτε ἐκτὸς τοῦ σώματος οὐκ οἶδα, ὁ Θεὸς οἶδεν· ἄρπαγέντα τὸν τοιοῦτον ἕως τρίτου οὐρανοῦ. Καὶ οἶδα τὸν τοιοῦτον ἄνθρωπον· εἴτε ἐν σώματι εἴτε χωρὶς τοῦ σώματος οὐκ οἶδα, ὁ Θεὸς οἶδεν· ὅτι ἡρπάγη εἰς τὸν παράδεισον καὶ ἤκουσεν ἄρρητα ῥήματα ἃ οὐκ ἐξὸν ἀνθρώπῳ λαλῆσαι. Ὑπὲρ τοῦ τοιούτου καυχῆσομαι, ὑπὲρ δὲ ἐμαυτοῦ οὐ καυχῆσομαι εἰ μὴ ἐν ταῖς ἀσθενείαις μου. Ἐὰν γὰρ θελήσω καυχῆσασθαι, οὐκ ἔσομαι ἄφρων·

ἀλήθειαν γὰρ ἐρῶ· φείδομαι δέ, μή τις εἰς ἐμέ λογίσηται ὑπὲρ ὃ βλέπει με ἢ ἀκούει τι ἐξ ἐμοῦ. Καὶ τῇ ὑπερβολῇ τῶν ἀποκαλύψεων, ἵνα μὴ ὑπεραίρωμαι, ἐδόθη μοι σκόλοψ τῇ σαρκί, ἄγγελος Σατᾶν, ἵνα με κολαφίζῃ, ἵνα μὴ ὑπεραίρωμαι. Ὑπὲρ τούτου τρίς τὸν Κύριον παρεκάλεσα ἵνα ἀποστῇ ἀπ' ἐμοῦ· καὶ εἴρηκέν μοι· Ἀρκεῖ σοι ἡ χάρις μου· ἡ γὰρ δύναμίς μου ἐν ἀσθενείᾳ τελειοῦται· ἥδιστα οὖν μᾶλλον καυχῆσομαι ἐν ταῖς ἀσθενείαις μου, ἵνα ἐπισκηνώσῃ ἐπ' ἐμέ ἡ δύναμις τοῦ Χριστοῦ.

Brethren, the God and Father of the Lord Jesus, he who is blessed forever, knows that I do not lie. At Damascus, the governor under King Aretas guarded the city of Damascus in order to seize me, but I was let down in a basket through a window in the wall, and escaped his hands. I must boast; there is nothing to be gained by it, but I will go on to visions and revelations of the Lord. I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven-whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows. And I know that this man was caught up into Paradise-whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows-and he heard things that cannot be told, which man may not utter. On behalf of this man I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. Though if I wish to boast, I shall not be a fool, for I shall be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think more of me than he sees in me or hears from me. And to keep me from being too elated by the abundance of revelations, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan, to harass me, to keep me from being too elated. Three times I besought the Lord about this, that it should leave me; but he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." I will all the more gladly boast of my weaknesses, that the power of Christ may rest upon me. [RSV]

TODAY'S Gospel Reading: Luke 16: 19-31. Εἶπεν ὁ Κύριος· Ἄνθρωπός τις ἦν πλούσιος, καὶ ἐνεδιδύσκετο πορφύραν καὶ βύσσον εὐφραινόμενος καθ' ἡμέραν λαμπρῶς. Πτωχὸς δέ τις ἦν ὀνόματι Λάζαρος, ὃς ἐβέβλητο πρὸς τὸν πυλῶνα αὐτοῦ ἡλκωμένος καὶ ἐπιθυμῶν χορτασθῆναι ἀπὸ τῶν ψιχίων τῶν πιπτόντων ἀπὸ τῆς τραπέζης τοῦ πλουσίου· ἀλλὰ καὶ οἱ κύνες ἐρχόμενοι ἐπέλειχον τὰ ἔλκη αὐτοῦ. ἐγένετο δὲ ἀποθανεῖν τὸν πτωχὸν καὶ ἀπενεχθῆναι αὐτὸν ὑπὸ τῶν ἀγγέλων εἰς τὸν κόλπον Ἀβραάμ· ἀπέθανε δὲ καὶ ὁ πλούσιος καὶ ἐτάφη. καὶ ἐν τῷ ἅδῃ ἐπάρας τοὺς ὀφθαλμοὺς αὐτοῦ, ὑπάρχων ἐν βασάνοις, ὁρᾷ Ἀβραάμ ἀπὸ μακρόθεν καὶ Λάζαρον ἐν τοῖς κόλποις αὐτοῦ. καὶ αὐτὸς φωνήσας εἶπε· πάτερ Ἀβραάμ, ἐλέησόν με καὶ πέμψον Λάζαρον ἵνα βάψῃ τὸ ἄκρον τοῦ δακτύλου αὐτοῦ ὕδατος καὶ καταψύξῃ τὴν γλῶσσάν μου, ὅτι ὀδυνῶμαι ἐν τῇ φλογὶ ταύτῃ. εἶπε δὲ Ἀβραάμ· τέκνον, μνήσθητι ὅτι ἀπέλαβες σὺ τὰ ἀγαθὰ σου ἐν τῇ ζωῇ σου, καὶ Λάζαρος ὁμοίως τὰ κακά· νῦν δὲ ὧδε παρακαλεῖται, σὺ δὲ ὀδυνᾷσαι· καὶ ἐπὶ πᾶσι τούτοις μεταξὺ ἡμῶν καὶ ὑμῶν χάσμα μέγα ἐστήρικται, ὅπως οἱ θέλοντες διαβῆναι ἔνθεν πρὸς ὑμᾶς μὴ δύνωνται, μηδὲ οἱ ἐκεῖθεν πρὸς ἡμᾶς διαπερῶσιν. εἶπε δὲ· ἐρωτῶ οὖν σε, πάτερ, ἵνα πέμψῃς αὐτὸν εἰς τὸν οἶκον τοῦ πατρὸς μου· ἔχω γὰρ πέντε ἀδελφούς· ὅπως διαμαρτύρηται αὐτοῖς, ἵνα μὴ καὶ αὐτοὶ ἔλθωσιν εἰς τὸν τόπον τοῦτον τῆς βασάνου. λέγει αὐτῷ Ἀβραάμ· ἔχουσι Μωϋσέα καὶ τοὺς προφῆτας· ἀκουσάτωσαν αὐτῶν. ὁ δὲ εἶπεν· οὐχί, πάτερ Ἀβραάμ, ἀλλ' ἐάν τις ἀπὸ νεκρῶν πορευθῇ πρὸς αὐτούς, μετανοήσουσιν. Εἶπε δὲ αὐτῷ· εἰ Μωϋσέως καὶ τῶν προφητῶν οὐκ ἀκούουσιν, οὐδὲ ἐάν τις ἐκ νεκρῶν ἀναστῇ πεισθήσονται.

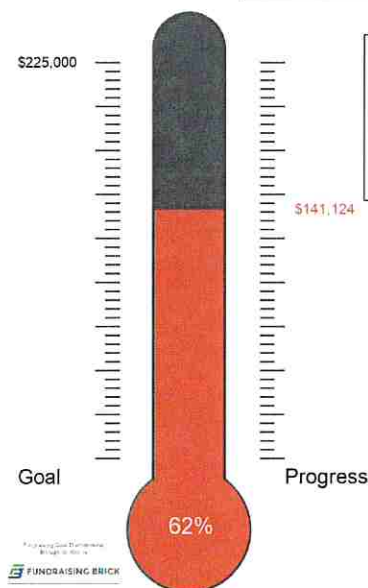
The Lord said, "There was a rich man, who was clothed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, full of sores, who desired to be fed with what fell from the rich man's table; moreover, the dogs came and licked his sores. The poor man died and was carried by the angels to Abraham's bosom.

The rich man also died and was buried; and in Hades, being in torment, he lifted up his eyes, and saw Abraham far off and Lazarus in his bosom. And he called out, 'Father Abraham, have mercy upon me, and send Lazarus to dip the end of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in anguish in this flame.' But Abraham said, 'Son, remember that you in your lifetime received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in anguish. And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been fixed, in order that those who would pass from here to you may not be able, and none may cross from there to us.' And he said, 'Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father's house, for I have five brothers, so that he may warn them, lest they also come into this place of torment.' But Abraham said, 'They have Moses, and the prophets; let them hear them.' And he said, 'No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.' He said to them, 'If they do not hear Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced if someone should rise from the dead.' "

2022 Stewardship Pledge Cards are in the Narthex
(Just ask a member of Parish Council)

If you have already submitted your 2022 Stewardship Commitment, THANK YOU! If not, please take the time to make financial Stewardship Commitment today and complete the talent portion of the card to enable OUR Community to grow and carry on the mission of our faith.

HELP US REACH/ EXCEED OUR GOAL!!



***Our Church. Our
Spiritual Home***

<u>2022</u>	<u>STEWARDSHIP</u>
Total Stewards	275 (GOAL 300)
Total Pledged	\$141,124.00 GOAL (\$225,000.00)
Avg. Pledge	\$731.21

Sixty Club News

General Meeting, November 6, during coffee hour.
Please bring your coffee and snack and sit at designated tables for a brief meeting.

It's that time again; dues for 2022 to 2023 are now due.
Please make checks for \$15.00 payable to St. Nicholas Sixty Club and mail to the church or deliver to anyone on the Planning Committee:

Alice Gary, Fran Hanna, Argie Stuart, Helen Waskoskie

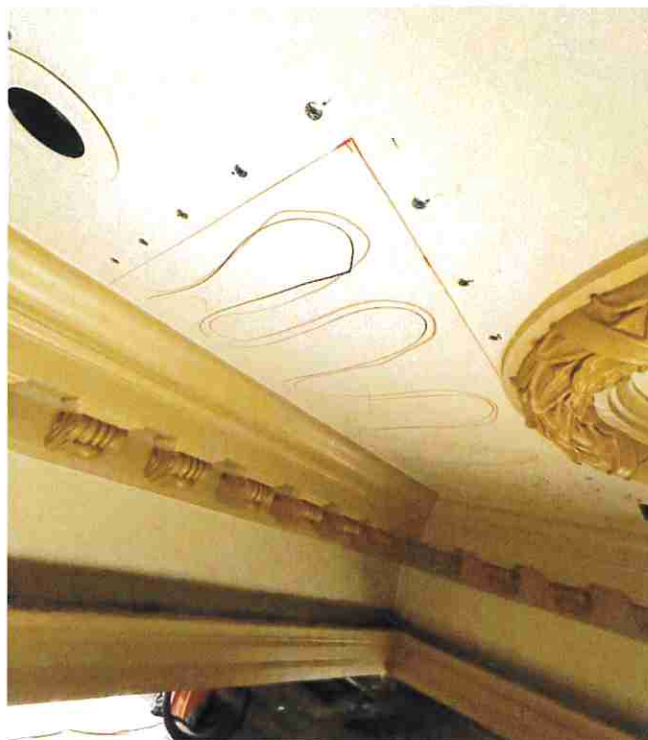
GARDEN CLUB NEWS

**The St. Nicholas Garden Club will be meeting
Sunday, November 13 after church.**

All are welcomed!

Cathedral Ceiling Repair Update #7, October 30

The repair effort is now in full swing. During the past week, NIKO construction installed the plaster washers (see pictures below). These washers mechanically fasten areas where the plaster is still in good condition in order to prevent future plaster failures. Next week, areas with deteriorated plaster will be cut out of the ceiling and the re-plastering of these areas will start.



Plaster washers installed around the edges of an area of cracked & debonded plaster marked for cutout and re-plastering



A regular pattern of plaster washers installed in an area of sound plaster. These bolts will hold the plaster even if debonding occurs in the future. The rectangle near the bottom is an AC duct.

At the General Assembly, the overall plan for the ceiling repair and restoration was approved with a not-to-exceed cost of \$425,000. This not-to-exceed figure is higher than the estimated total cost of \$385,000 reported in the Newsletter. The \$385,000 figure still the best estimate of the total cost; no recent developments have increased the cost estimate. This plan, and its approved motion, has been posted on the St. Nicholas website as "Plan and Motion for Sanctuary Ceiling Restoration", along with the full engineering reports and all previous updates (under the Information tab).

Upcoming Events to help pay for the ceiling - Save the date; on January 21, we are planning a Greek2Go event as a fund raiser for the ceiling restoration. Other fundraising activities are being planned (Greek concert and dance for January 7 and Greek soup sales) as well as a broader capital campaign. More information to follow.

If you would like more detail on the repair effort, feel free to ask Vic Bertolina, Jim Machin, or Van Paras during any coffee hour.

Have a Ball
at the Cathedral!
(a good old fashioned
“Γλέντι/Glendi”/Greek Dance!)

Saturday, November 26, 2022
8:00 PM to 12:00 Midnight

Music by **“Ta Filarakia”**

\$40.00 for Adults
\$20.00 for Under Age 18

Ticket Price Includes:

Mezedes (Heavy Appetizers) **and Dance**
(Cash Bar)

For more information or
to purchase tickets, please contact:

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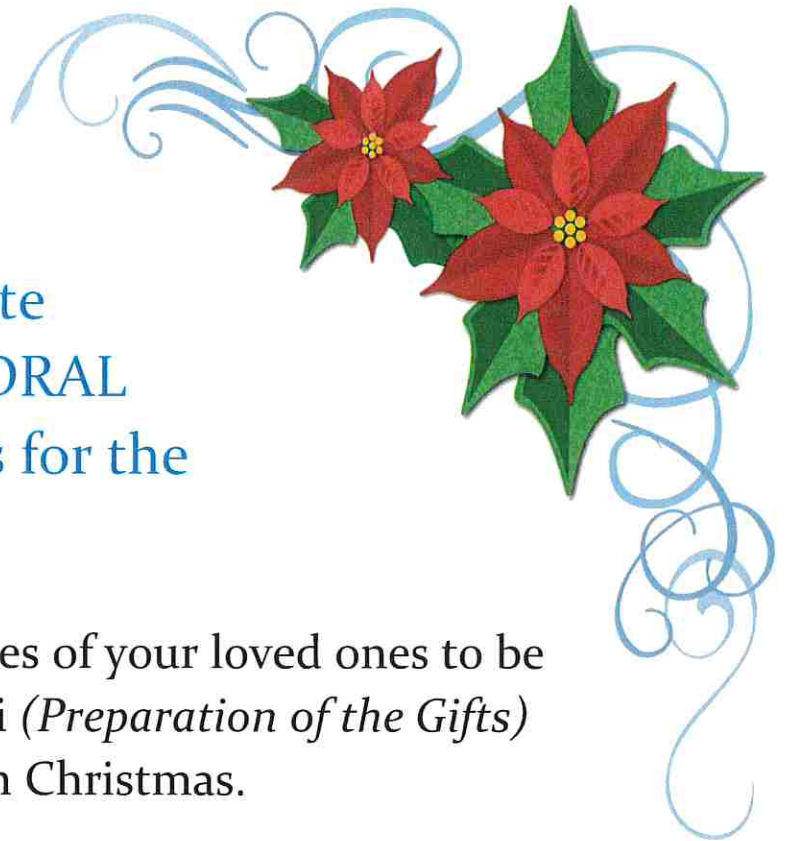
Name & Address: _____

Your list of names to read (*please print*): _____

Kindly return this form, along with your check, and mail to:
St. Nicholas Cathedral, 419 S. Dithridge St., Pittsburgh, PA 15213

All names MUST be submitted NO LATER than December 5, 2022!!

Christ is Born!
Glorify Him!



PLEASE HELP US decorate
OUR BELOVED CATHEDRAL
with beautiful poinsettias for the
Nativity Season.

If you wish, please list the names of your loved ones to be
remembered in the Proskomidi (*Preparation of the Gifts*)
at every Divine Liturgy through Christmas.

For the Health of: _____

In Memory Of: _____

Name & Address: _____

Suggested donation:

\$25 OR MORE, payable to St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Cathedral (memo: Poinsettia)

PLEASE HAVE YOUR ORDERS IN NO LATER THAN December 11, 2022.

Please, either place in the Sunday offering tray or mail it to:

419 S. Dithridge St., Pittsburgh, PA 15213

NOVEMBER 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
PLEASE NOTE: ALL REGULARLY SCHEDULED WORSHIP SERVICES WILL TAKE PLACE IN THE CRYSTAL ROOM (SMALL HALL)						
30 5 th Sunday of Luke Orthros 8:45 a.m. Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m.	31	1 NOVEMBER GOYA BOYS Basketball 7:00 p.m.	2 GOYA GIRLS Basketball 7:00 p.m.	3	4	5 Greek School 10:00 a.m.
PLEASE NOTE: Fr. Bender will be away from November 2-10.						
6 7 th Sunday of Luke Orthros 8:45 a.m. Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m.	7	8 GOYA BOYS Basketball 7:00 p.m.	9 GOYA GIRLS Basketball 7:00 p.m.	10	11 Veterans Day	12 Greek School 10:00 a.m.
Father Bender away.						
13 8 th Sunday of Luke Orthros 8:45 a.m. Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m.	14 GOYA BOYS Basketball 7:00 p.m.	15 Nativity Fast begins Philoptochos Board Meeting 6:30 p.m.	16 GOYA GIRLS Basketball 7:00 p.m.	17	18	19 Greek School 10:00 a.m.
Father Bender away at Clergy Retreat Nov 14th-16th						
20 9 th Sunday of Luke Orthros 8:45 a.m. Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m.	21 Entrance of the Theotokos into the Temple Orthros 8:45 a.m. Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m. Parish Council Meeting 7:00 p.m.	22 GOYA BOYS Basketball 7:00 p.m.	23 GOYA GIRLS Basketball 7:00 p.m.	24 Happy Thanksgiving! (Office Closed)	25	26 NO Greek School
27 13 th Sunday of Luke Orthros 8:45 a.m. Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m.	28	29 GOYA BOYS Basketball 7:00 p.m.	30 GOYA GIRLS Basketball 7:00 p.m.			