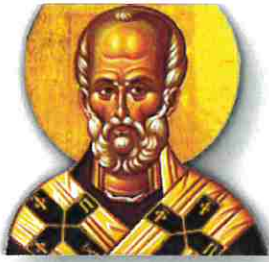


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Tone 8

Orthros Gospel 6



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 souls of the servants of God, Gus Mastros and George Kefalos (40 days), and Trisagion Services for Katie Kefalos (5 years), Mary Kefalos (1 year), and Nick & Bessie Tsouris.

PLEASE JOIN US for coffee and fellowship following services in the Large Hall hosted by GOYA and sponsored by the families of George Kefalos and Gus Mastros.

TODAY: PLEASE WELCOME FATHER TOM CONSTANTINE.

THIS WEEK AT ST. NICHOLAS

- **Tuesday, Oct. 11, 2022:** GOYA Basketball 7:00 p.m.
- **Saturday, Oct. 15, 2022** GREEK SCHOOL 10:00 a.m.
- **Sunday, Oct. 16, 2022:** Memorial Service for Peggy Smyrnes-Williams (1 year) and Trisagion Service for John Hanna (16 yrs.) & Mandia Lykiardopoulos.

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SPECIAL HYMNS AND READINGS FOR TODAY:

The first hymn to be chanted as the clergy exit the altar for the small entrance is the Resurrectional Apolytikion for the week (Plagal 4th, or 8th Tone): Ἐξ ὕψους κατήλθες ὁ εὐσπλαγχνος, ταφήν κατεδέξω τριήμερον, ἵνα ἡμᾶς ἐλευθερώσῃς τῶν παθῶν. Ἡ ζωὴ καὶ ἡ Ἀνάστασις ἡμῶν, Κύριε δόξα σοι. You descended from on high, O compassionate One, and condescended to be buried for three days, so that from the passions You might set us free. Our life and resurrection, O Lord, glory be to You. [SD]

The clergy invite the faithful to pray along with them, as they praise the Lord and reenter the altar: Δεῦτε προσκυνήσωμεν καὶ προσπέσωμεν Χριστῷ. Σῶσον ἡμᾶς Υἱὲ Θεοῦ, ὁ ἀναστὰς ἐκ νεκρῶν, ψάλλοντάς σοι, Ἀλληλούϊα. 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]

After the Small Entrance, the Resurrection Apolytikion is repeated. Then, we hear the hymn for the holy Apostle James, son of Alphaeus, who is commemorated today: Ἀπόστολε Ἅγιε Ἰάκωβε, πρέσβευε τῷ ἐλεήμονι Θεῷ, ἵνα πταισμάτων ἄφεσιν, παράσχῃ ταῖς ψυχαῖς ἡμῶν. O holy Apostle James, make intercession to our merciful God, that He grant our souls forgiveness of offenses. [SD]

The hymn for our Patron, St. Nicholas, follows:

Κανόνα πίστεως καὶ εἰκόνα πραότητος, ἐγκρατείας Διδάσκαλον, ἀνέδειξέ σε τῇ ποιμνῇ σου, ἡ τῶν πραγμάτων ἀλήθεια· διὰ τοῦτο ἐκτίσω 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 appropriate to this season:

Προστασία τῶν Χριστιανῶν ἀκαταίσχυντε, μεσιτεία, πρὸς τὸν Ποιητὴν ἀμετάθετε, μὴ παρίδῃς, 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. O Protection of Christians that never falls, intercession with the Creator that never fails, we sinners beg you, do not ignore the voices of our prayers. O good Lady, we implore you, quickly come unto our aid, when we cry out to you with faith. Hurry to intercession, and speed to make supplication, O you who ever protect, O Theotokos, them that honor you.

EPISTLE READING: 2 Κορ. 6:16-18; 7:1. Ἀδελφοί, ὑμεῖς ἐστε ναὸς Θεοῦ ζῶντος, καθὼς εἶπεν ὁ Θεὸς ὅτι ἐνοικήσω ἐν αὐτοῖς καὶ ἐμπεριπατήσω, καὶ ἔσομαι αὐτῶν Θεός, καὶ αὐτοὶ ἔσονται μοι λαός. Διὸ ἐξέλθετε ἐκ μέσου αὐτῶν καὶ ἀφορίσθητε, λέγει Κύριος, καὶ ἀκαθάρτου μὴ ἅπτεσθε, κἀγὼ εἰσδέξομαι ὑμᾶς, καὶ ἔσομαι ὑμῖν εἰς πατέρα, καὶ ὑμεῖς ἔσεσθέ μοι εἰς υἱοὺς καὶ θυγατέρας, λέγει Κύριος παντοκράτωρ. Ταῦτας οὖν ἔχοντες τὰς ἐπαγγελίας, ἀγαπητοί, καθαρίσωμεν ἑαυτοὺς ἀπὸ παντὸς μολυσμοῦ σαρκὸς καὶ πνεύματος, ἐπιτελοῦντες ἁγιωσύνην ἐν φόβῳ Θεοῦ.

2 Corinthians 6:16-18; 7:1. Brethren, you are the temple of the living God; as God said, "I will live in them and move among them, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. Therefore come out from them, and be separate from them, says the Lord, and touch nothing unclean; then I will welcome you, and I will be a father to you, and you shall be my sons and daughters, says the Lord Almighty." Since we have these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from every defilement of body and spirit, and make holiness perfect in the fear of God.

[RSV]

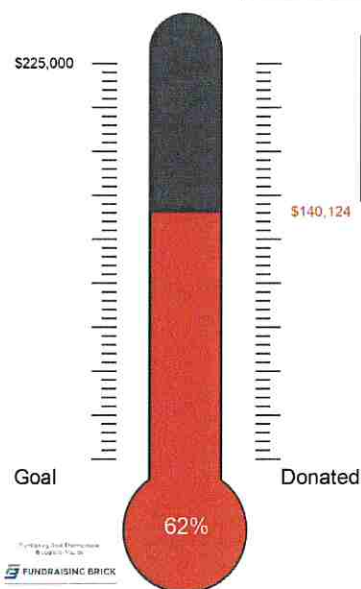
GOSPEL READING: Κατά Λουκάν ζ' 11-16. Τῷ καιρῷ ἐκείνῳ, ἐπορεύετο ὁ Ἰησοῦς εἰς πόλιν καλουμένην Ναΐν· καὶ συνεπορεύοντο οἱ μαθηταὶ αὐτοῦ ἱκανοὶ καὶ ὄχλος πολὺς. ὥς δὲ ἤγγισε τῇ πύλῃ τῆς πόλεως, καὶ ἰδοὺ ἐξεκομίζετο τεθνηκὼς υἱὸς μονογενῆς τῇ μητρὶ αὐτοῦ, καὶ αὕτη ἦν χήρα, καὶ ὄχλος τῆς πόλεως ἱκανὸς ἦν σὺν αὐτῇ. καὶ ἰδὼν αὐτὴν ὁ Κύριος ἐσπλαγχνίσθη ἐπ' αὐτῇ καὶ εἶπεν αὐτῇ· Μὴ κλαῖε· καὶ προσελθὼν ἥψατο τῆς σοροῦ, οἱ δὲ βαστάζοντες ἔστησαν, καὶ εἶπε· Νεανίσκε, σοὶ λέγω, ἐγέρθητι. καὶ ἀνεκάθισεν ὁ νεκρὸς καὶ ἤρξατο λαλεῖν, καὶ ἔδωκεν αὐτὸν τῇ μητρὶ αὐτοῦ. ἔλαβε δὲ φόβος πάντας, καὶ ἐδόξαζον τὸν Θεόν, λέγοντες ὅτι Προφῆτης μέγας ἠγγήγερται ἐν ἡμῖν, καὶ ὅτι ἐπεσκέψατο ὁ Θεὸς τὸν λαὸν αὐτοῦ.

Luke 7:11-16. At that time, Jesus went to a city called Nain, and his disciples and a great crowd went with him. As he drew near to the gate of the city, behold, a man who had died was being carried out, the only son of his mother, and she was a widow; and a large crowd from the city was with her. And when the Lord saw her, he had compassion on her and said to her, "Do not weep." And he came and touched the bier, and the bearers stood still. And he said, "Young man, I say to you, arise." And the dead man sat up, and began to speak. And he gave him to his mother. Fear seized them all; and they glorified God, saying, "A great prophet has arisen among us!" and "God has visited his people!" [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 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!!



| <u>2022</u> | <u>STEWARDSHIP</u> |
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| Total Stewards | 271 (GOAL 300) |
| Total Pledged | \$140,124.00 GOAL (\$225,000.00) |
| Avg. Pledge | \$729.81 |

GREEK SCHOOL

Adult Greek Classes with Toulia Protopapa began the week of October 4th

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| Beginners | Thursdays | 6:00 p.m. -7:30 p.m. |
| Intermediate | Wednesdays | 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. |
| Advanced | Tuesdays | 6:15 p.m. - 7:45 p.m. |

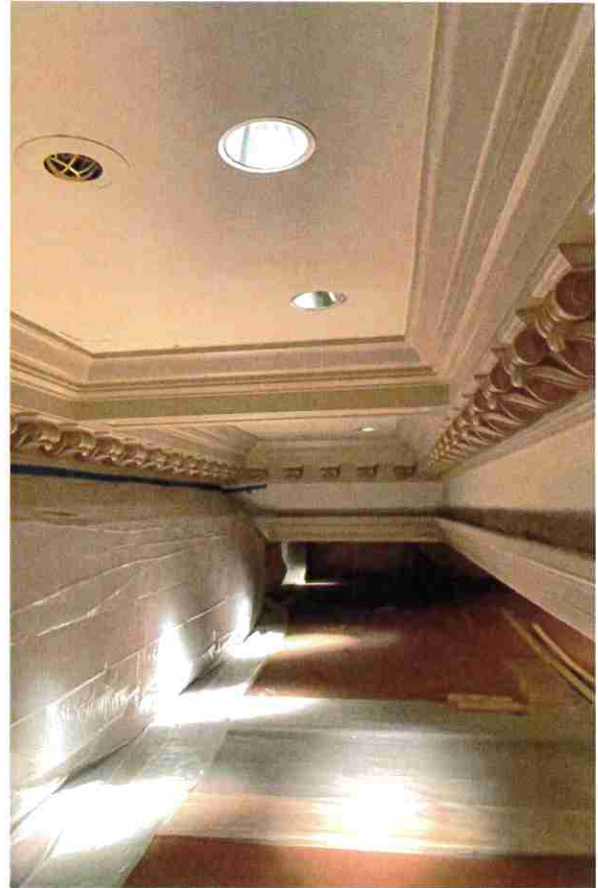
Tuition is \$350 a year, made payable to St. Nicholas Cathedral, with adult Greek Lessons in the Memo. To register or if you have any questions, please email tprotopapa@gmail.com

Cathedral Ceiling Repair Update #5, October 7

The scaffolding erection and application of surface protective covers is now complete. We now have a wall-to-wall platform a little over 6 feet below the ceiling in the Sanctuary. On this past Tuesday, the engineering company, WJE, started mapping out the entire ceiling for damaged areas. This effort should take about 3 days. The pictures below show what our church looks like with the protective barriers and some close ups of the ceiling.



Cathedral interior –
Note the protective barrier separating altar from the construction zone and the covering over the stained-glass window. Also note the wall-to-wall scaffolding platform with staircase leading to the entrance cutout in center.



What it looks like on the platform. This is the front bay of the ceiling. On the left is the barrier separating the altar and the right is one of the coffers that adorn the ceiling. These coffers are more than 4 feet high. The ceiling in this area appears to be in better condition

The engineering company will provide specific instructions on where the plaster should be taken down. The remaining areas will be reinforced with plaster washers. Since we will be following the guidance of WJE, then WJE is responsible for the integrity of the new ceiling, and any deficiencies will be covered by their liability insurance. Once we know the extent of the ceiling repair required, we can better obtain cost estimates for plaster repair and get firm scheduling from the plasterer.



Closeup of the dropped section of the plaster
 Note that there is plaster remaining between the lath boards. This plaster is called "the keys" and is an older technique used to hold plaster in place. The plaster cracked across the bottom of these keys.
 Also note that the some of the cracked surface is dirty (not a fresh crack) indicating the cracking has been progressing for a long time.



This is a close-up of the other large crack that was visible from the ground. The crack is over 6 feet long and the plaster is clearly bowed downward.

Our goal is to get the work completed as soon as possible so that we will have the use of our Sanctuary again. Our parish has the funds for the initial steps for this repair. In order to have the funds for the work to proceed without delay, we are arranging two shorter term loans. A parishioner has generously committed to loan the church \$100,000 for one year at no interest. This money will allow work to proceed without delay. Secondly, we are arranging a \$100,000 line of credit against the Foundation Fund balance. These loans will be paid back through donations and fundraising activities. Fundraising activities are in the early concept stage and any ideas would be welcome. We would deeply appreciate donations toward this repair project. This was an unforeseen event, but an event that that our community can overcome. Between the parish's current financial resources and the generosity of our parishioners, we can accomplish the repair and end up with a better facility than we had before.

Progress of the repair project will be reported frequently. 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.

Parish Council

THINK PINK

BAKE SALE

On Sunday,

October 23rd, 2022

(Following liturgy)



**HOSTED
BY**

Daughters of Penelope

**St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox
Cathedral**

OCTOBER 2022

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| <div>PLEASE NOTE: ALL REGULARLY SCHEDULED WORSHIP SERVICES WILL TAKE PLACE IN THE CRYSTAL ROOM (SMALL HALL)</div> | | | | | | |
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| 16 Sunday of 7th Ecumenical Council Orthros 8:45 a.m. Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m. | 17 Parish Council Meeting 7:00 p.m. | 18 Feast Day of St. Luke 9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m. GOYA Basketball 7:00 p.m. | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 Greek School 10:00 a.m. |
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| 30 5th Sunday of Luke Orthros 8:45 a.m. Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m. | 31 | | | | | |