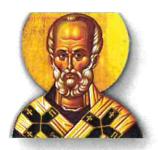
NOVEMBER 13, 2022 - Eighth Sunday of Luke

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Tone 5 (Plagal 1st)

Orthros Gospel 11



WELCOME TO ST. NICHOLAS CATHEDRAL!

VISIT www.stnickspgh.org TODAY for news and updates about our parish!

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ORGANIST: Roseanne Yu

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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 Alexandra Fatandas (40 days).

<u>PLEASE JOIN US</u> for coffee and fellowship following services in the Fellowship Room hosted by GOYA and sponsored by Gus Mellis.

TODAY: GOYA MEETING

THIS WEEK AT ST. NICHOLAS

Monday, Nov. 14, 2022: GOYA BOYS Basketball 7:00 p.m.

• Tuesday, Nov 15, 2022: Philoptochos Board Meeting / NATIVITY FAST BEGINS

Wednesday, Nov. 16, 2022: GOYA GIRLS Basketball 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, Nov. 19, 2022: GREEK SCHOOL 10:00 a.m.

• Sunday, Nov. 20, 2022: Trisagion Service for Georgia G. Krelis (7 months), George P.

Krelis (47 years), and Argyro (Anna) Krelis (18 years).

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SPECIAL HYMNS OF THE DAY (SMALL ENTRANCE):

First to be chanted as the clergy exits the Altar at the Small Entrance is the Resurrection Apolytikion in Tone 5: Τὸν συνάναρχον Λόγον Πατρὶ καὶ Πνεύματι, τὸν ἐκ Παρθένου τεχθέντα εἰς σωτηρίαν ἡμῶν, ἀνυμνήσωμεν πιστοὶ καὶ προσκυνήσωμεν, ὅτι ηὐδόκησε σαρκί, ἀνελθεῖν ἐν τῷ Σταυρῷ, καὶ θάνατον ὑπομεῖναι, καὶ ἐγεῖραι τοὺς τεθνεῶτας, ἐν τῇ ἐνδόξῳ Ἀναστάσει αὐτοῦ. Let us worship the Word who is unoriginate with the Father and the Spirit, and from a Virgin was born for our salvation, O believers, and let us sing His praise. For in His goodness He was pleased to ascend the Cross in the flesh, and to undergo death, and to raise up those who had died, by His glorious Resurrection. [SD]

Then, 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 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 this, the Resurrection Apolytikion is repeated, followed by the Hymn for St. John Chrysostom: Ή τοῦ στόματός σου καθάπερ πυρσὸς ἐκλάμψασα χάρις, τὴν οίκουμένην ἐφώτισεν ἀφιλαργυρίας τῷ κόσμῷ θησαυροὺς ἐναπέθετο τὸ ὕψος ἡμῖν τῆς ταπεινοφροσύνης ὑπέδειξεν. Ἁλλὰ σοῖς λόγοις παιδεύων, Πάτερ Ἰωάννη Χρυσόστομε, πρέσβευε τῷ Λόγῷ Χριστῷ τῷ Θεῷ, σωθῆναι τὰς ψυχὰς ἡμῶν. The grace that from your mouth shone forth like a torch illumined the universe. It deposited in the world the treasures of the absence of avarice. It showed us the height that is attained by humility. Now you instruct us by your words, Father John Chrysostom. Intercede with Christ God, the Word himself, entreating Him to save our souls. [SD]

Next, we hear the Apolytikion for the patron saint of our Church:

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 in Tone 4 for the Entrance into the Temple of the Theotokos (Nov. 21):
Ο καθαρώτατος ναός τού Σωτήρος, η πολυτίμητος παστάς καί Παρθένος, τό Ιερόν θησαύρισμα τής δόξης τού Θεού, σήμερον εισάγεται, εν τώ οίκω Κυρίου, τήν χάριν συνεισάγουσα, τήν εν Πνευματι θείω, ήν ανυμνούσιν Άγγελοι Θεού, Αύτη υπάρχει σκηνή επουράνιος. Today is the prelude of God's pleasure and the proclamation of man's salvation. The Virgin is clearly made manifest in the temple of God and foretells Christ to all. Let us also cry out to her with mighty voice, "Hail, fulfillment of the Creator's dispensation."

TODAY'S EPISTLE READING: Brethren, it was fitting that we should have such a high priest, holy, blameless, unstained, separated from sinners, exalted above the heavens. He has no need, like those high priests, to offer sacrifices daily, first for his own sins and then for those of the people; he did this once for all when he offered up himself. Indeed, the law appoints men in their weakness as high priests, but the word of the oath, which came later than the law, appoints a Son who has been made perfect for ever. Now the point in what we are saying is this: we have such a high priest, one who is seated at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in heaven, a minister in the sanctuary and the true tent which is set up not by man but by the Lord. [RSV]

TODAY'S GOSPEL: Luke 10: 25-37. At that time, a lawyer stood up to put Jesus to the test, saying, "Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" He said to him, "What is written in the law? How do you read?" And he answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself." And he said to him, "You have answered right; do this, and you will live." But he, desiring to justify himself, said to Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" Jesus replied, "A man was

going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and he fell among robbers, who stripped him and beat him, and departed, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan, as he journeyed, came to where he was; and when he saw him, he had compassion, and went to him and bound up his wounds, pouring on oil and wine; then he set him on his own beast and brought him to an inn, and took care of him. And the next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper, saying, 'Take care of him; and whatever more you spend, I will repay you when I come back.' Which of these three, do you think, proved neighbor to the man who fell among the robbers?" He said, "The one who showed mercy on him." And Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise." [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 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.

HELP US REACH/ EXCEED OUR GOAL!!



2022	STEWARDSHIP 277 (GOAL 300)		
Total Stewards			
Total Pledged	\$143,624.00 GOAL (\$225,000.00)		
Avg. Pledge	\$736.53		

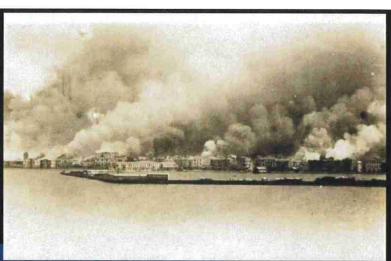
GARDEN CLUB NEWS

The **St. Nicholas Garden Club** will be meeting next Sunday, November 20, after church instead of this Sunday, November 13.

All are welcomed!

GREEK SCHOOL





100 Years since the Asia Minor Catastrophe (1922):

From the 'Great Idea' to the Burning of Smyrna

NOVEMBER 17 7:00 PM ON ZOOM!

Zoom Link tinyurl.com/EliasPetrou

> Meeting ID 915 6175 2664

Passcode: 1922



Presented by Dr. Elias Petrou, a Research Specialist, Assistant Professor, and Classics Librarian from the University of Illinois who has worked at libraries on Mt. Athos, the Vatican, Venice, and Vienna.

Cathedral Ceiling Repair Update #8, November 11

We have made significant progress on both the ceiling repair front and the fundraising effort.

The plaster repair is progressing quickly. All deteriorated plaster areas have been cutout and in all but one of the areas the new plastering has been completed (see pictures below). However, in one location, cutting away the plaster revealed a joist that had completely cracked through. This joist had significant pieces cut out during some previous construction so it had insufficient material remaining to support the ceiling in this area. The repair approach is being finalized. In parallel, the plasterers are repairing the larger cracks throughout the ceiling.





New plaster in two different coffers. The black rectangle is the air conditioning duct with the cover removed.



Damaged ceiling joist – cutout of the ceiling showing the joist which was severely notched (lower part of the joist), causing it to crack entirely across (upper part of the joist). Repair to occur next week.

Regarding the fundraising effort, we kicked off both the capital campaign and the fundraising committee. Father Chris sent out a heartfelt donation appeal letter describing the problem and the importance of St. Nicholas Cathedral to the lives of all of us. There has been a nice initial response to the appeal.

The donor form is attached. Our on-line donation website has been updated to include a selection for donating to the ceiling restoration project.

As a memento of this ceiling project, donors to the project and all their family members will be invited to sign a construction panel. This panel will be installed in a non-visible location on the new ceiling. It will act as a permanent connection between your family and your St. Nicholas Cathedral. Also, for those who wish, engraved pavers can be installed in the existing circle in the parklet along Forbes Ave. Pavers are available at the \$1,250, \$2,500, \$5,000 and \$25,000 level. A pledged donation can be paid over a two-year period.

A committee has been formed to generate ideas for fundraising activities and discuss the couple of events already identified. This will be the coordinating committee, in that efforts will spin off with their own group to organize their effort. The first meeting is November 13 after Divine Liturgy. If you are interested in participating, please attend.



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REVEREND FATHER CHRISTOPHER H. BENDER, DEAN REVEREND DEACON ROBERT W. LYKOS

November 1, 2022

Beloved Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

St. Nicholas Cathedral, as a building, has been a real blessing to our community for many decades – ever since it was purchased from a Congregationalist congregation in the early 1920's. The structure itself has been recognized as a Historical Landmark by the Pittsburgh History and Landmark Foundation. The beauty of our worship space makes a striking impression on every visitor who sees it. There is something about it that makes it unique – special. However, as most of you are by now aware, we are facing a serious challenge with the beautiful ceiling of our sanctuary. And we need your help.

As you may recall, it is divided into square sections called *coffers*, that are separated by beautiful moldings which are decorated in the "Greek Revival" classical style, consistent with the original decoration and architecture of the building. In late July, a sizable portion of one of the ceiling coffers fell and smashed into tiny pieces (thank God, no one was present at the time). The Parish Council immediately realized the seriousness of this situation, which was confirmed when an engineering firm with a specialty in this area was called in to inspect the entire ceiling. Numerous other cracks and sags in the coffers were discovered – all of which could pose a danger to anyone who might find themselves in the room, if and when any of these other sections should happen to fall.

There is only one remedy: every one of the affected coffers must be replaced or repaired before the room becomes safe for us to use again. This required the erection of a massive scaffold, so that every part of the ceiling can be properly inspected and repaired. It has taken a long time for this to happen, but this phase has finally finished. Now, the crew responsible for the plastering has arrived and begun its work using this same scaffolding. We still don't have a firm idea as to how long the repair work will take, because it depends on what is discovered, as each coffer is examined carefully over the coming weeks and the plaster replaced, if necessary.

Why did this happen? We must remind ourselves that our Church is 125 years old. Gravity and age have taken their toll. But the building is sound, and otherwise in good condition. The good news is that there is nothing involved with this challenge that cannot be remedied.

The bad news is that it is going to be very expensive. The Council has been told that right now, realistically, we are facing a bill of around \$400,000. The Parish Council has come up with a variety of ways to manage such a big expense. However, key to the success of the endeavor is the support of our entire community. That is where all of us come in.

Just as has happened with unexpected expenses or with the various projects to expand the physical plant in the past, so also, today, we are counting on the support of the entire St. Nicholas family in order to meet this new and unexpected challenge. Insurance will be of little help to us, because, as is the norm across the field in this regard, our policy does not pay for damages caused by "normal wear and tear" – which includes such things as 125-year-old ceilings that are sagging. It is up to us to rise to the occasion and contribute with our time, talent, and treasure, in order to raise the money and/or donate our own funds to this critical project, so that we can safely move back into our beautiful sanctuary as soon as possible. All of us can find some way to help.

I realize that this is also the season when we send out our Stewardship cards to meet our budget for the New Year. It may seem troublesome to ask for two different long-term, sizable commitments at one time. But, please keep in mind that these are two different things. One (Stewardship) is how we support our parish and make it possible, on an ongoing, monthly basis to meet our budget and keep the doors open, while the other (the fund-raising campaign) is being undertaken in order to address an emergency need such as this one, that is not expected to recur, and which is necessary to repair for safety's sake and for the survival of our parish as a worshipping community.

As a memento of this ceiling project, donors to the project and all their family members will be invited to sign a construction panel. This panel will be installed in or behind the new ceiling. It will act as a permanent connection between your family and your St. Nicholas Cathedral. Photos of this panel could be displayed at future celebrations marking milestones in the life of our parish. Also, for those who wish, engraved pavers can be installed in the existing circle in the parklet along Forbes Ave. Pavers are available at the \$1,250, \$2,500, \$5,000 and \$25,000 level. A pledged donation can be paid over a two-year period.

There are so many wonderful memories associated with the exceptionally beautiful sanctuary of our beloved St. Nicholas Cathedral. Weddings, baptisms, funerals, joy mixed with sorrow, sorrow overcome by joy, a sense of wonder that sometimes takes your breath away – all of this and more is the remarkable heritage that our forefathers and foremothers in their wisdom – and with much sacrifice – bequeathed to us - for all time.

Now, it is our turn to rise to the occasion. I invite you to join Presvytera Filitsa and myself, along with our Parish Council and so many other dedicated members of our community, in coming forward to assist us with both donations and fundraising efforts. Details as to how you can help can be found on the next page.

Through the prayers of our patron, St. Nicholas, may our endeavor be blessed, so that God's house – and our spiritual home – may be restored, and so that future generations may continue to worship and find sanctification here, with their hearts filled with love for our Savior and each other, for generations to come.

With love in Christ,

Rev. Protopresbyter Christopher H. Bender, Dean

Rev. Fathe Christoph A. Bench

Cathedral Ceiling Restoration Project

Donation and Pledge Form

Donor Name
Address
E-mail
Total Amount Pledged
Today's Date
Payment Options
Paid in Full
Initial Payment Your plan for additional payments
Donations can be by check or made on-line with credit/debit card. From the St. Nicholas web site, www.stnickspgh.org , go to the "Giving" tab and click "Donate" from the pull-down. Indicate on the form that the donation is for the ceiling project.
A construction board with signatures of all donors will be installed as part of the new ceiling. All donor family members can sign it. The board will be available at the church from mid-November through the end of December.
Engraved commemorative pavers are also available at the sizes below. These pavers will be added to the granite circle in our green space. Please indicate if you are interested in a paver and you will be provided with additional information.
8" x 4" Paver at \$1,250
8" x 8" Paver at \$2,500
12" x 12" Granite at \$5,000 (pieces that make up the center cross)
42" x 15" Exterior Granite Ring at \$25,000 (pieces on either side of the Bible verse)

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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GAPA

Socrates-Daphne Lodge of Pittsburgh cordially invites you to the

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PINNER PANCE

Saturday December 3, 2022

Doors open at 6:30 PM Festive Dinner Buffet at 7 PM

> Crowne Plaza Hotel Fort Couch Road

Dinner and Dance \$60

Dance only \$10

Music by the
The Grecian Kevs

and a performance by THE GRECIAN ODYSSEY DANCERS

Join us with your dancing shoes and don't forget your kefi—Opa!

Please R.S.V.P. by November 28th to Rebecca Bertos 412-421-9427 or Aliki Andrews 412-833-4596 Joanne Melacrinos 412-563-4609

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR!





SEND YOUR CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

WITH THE 2022 ST. NICHOLAS CATHEDRAL CHRISTMAS CARD

Donation only \$20... You can save money on your Christmas cards and help our beloved Cathedral at the same time!

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.

n Memory Of:
n 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
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8 th Sunday of Luke Orthros 8:45 a.m. Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m.	GOYA BOYS Basketball 7:00 p.m.	Nativity Fast begins Philoptochos Board Meeting 6:30 p.m.	GOYA GIRLS Basketball 7:00 p.m.	17	18	Greek School 10:00 a.m.
9 th Sunday of Luke Orthros 8:45 a.m. Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m.	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 Cathedral Ball
27 13 th Sunday of Luke Orthros 8:45 a.m. Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m.	28	GOYA BOYS Basketball 7:00 p.m.	GOYA GIRLS Basketball 7:00 p.m.			