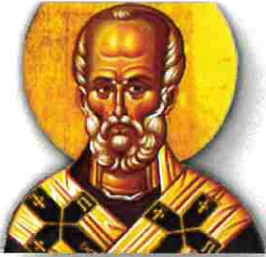


NOVEMBER 6, 2022 – Seventh Sunday of Luke

Ss. Paul the Confessor, Patriarch of Constantinople; Luke the Monk of Taormina

Tone 4

Orthros Gospel 9



WELCOME TO ST. NICHOLAS CATHEDRAL!

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

CLERGY: Rev. Fr. Christopher Bender and Rev. Dn. Robert Lykos

Father's Cell & Email: 724-630-3483; frchbender@verizon.net

PROTOPSALTIS: Amy Hogg

CHANTER: Steve Andrews

CHOIR DIRECTOR: Steve Andrews

ORGANIST: Roseanne Yu

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

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 TRISAGION SERVICE is being chanted for the soul of the servant of God *Theodore Andrews* (22 years) and *Ron Richards Daugherty* (11 years).

Today, Philoptochos will be passing a second basket to benefit the philanthropic programs and charities of the Ecumenical Patriarchate. They will also have an Artoclasia, in honor of the Feast Day of Saints Cosmas and Damianos (the patron Saints of Philoptochos celebrated on November 1st).

PLEASE WELCOME FATHER TOM CONSTANTINE

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

TODAY: 60'S CLUB MEETING

THIS WEEK AT ST. NICHOLAS

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| • Tuesday, Nov. 8, 2022: | GOYA BOYS Basketball 7:00 p.m. |
| • Wednesday, Nov. 9, 2022: | GOYA GIRLS Basketball 7:00 p.m. |
| • Saturday, Nov. 12, 2022: | GREEK SCHOOL 10:00 a.m. |
| • Sunday, Nov. 13, 2022: | Memorial Service for Alexandra Fatandas (40 days) |
| | Garden Club Meeting after church service |

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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SPECIAL HYMNS AND READINGS OF THE DAY:

First to be chanted at the Small Entrance is the Resurrection Apolytikion in Tone 4: Τὸ φαιδρὸν τῆς ἀναστάσεως κήρυγμα, ἐκ τοῦ Ἀγγέλου μαθοῦσαι αἱ τοῦ Κυρίου Μαθήτριάι, καὶ τὴν προγονικὴν ἀπόφασιν ἀπορρίψασαι, τοῖς Ἀποστόλοις καυχώμεναι ἔλεγον· Ἐσκύλευται ὁ θάνατος, ἡγέρθη Χριστὸς ὁ Θεός, δωρούμενος τῷ κόσμῳ τὸ μέγα ἔλεος. When the women Disciples of the Lord had learned from the Angel the joyful message of the Resurrection and rejected the ancestral decision, they cried aloud to the Apostles triumphantly: Death has been despoiled, Christ God has risen, granting His great mercy to the world. [SD]

Then, the usual Eisodikon (Entrance Hymn) in Tone 2 is chanted:

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. Δεῦτε προσκυνήσωμεν καὶ προσπέσωμεν Χριστῷ. Σῶσον ἡμᾶς Υἱὲ Θεοῦ, ὁ ἀναστὰς ἐκ νεκρῶν, ψάλλοντάς σοι Ἀλληλούϊα.

After this, the Resurrection Apolytikion is repeated. Then we hear the hymn for St. Paul the Confessor: Θείας πίστεως ὁμολογία, ἄλλον Παῦλον σε τῇ Ἐκκλησίᾳ, ζηλωτὴν ἐν ἱερεῦσιν ἀνέδειξε, Συνεκβοᾷ σοι καὶ Ἄβελ πρὸς Κύριον, καὶ Ζαχαρίου τὸ αἷμα τὸ δίκαιον, Πάτερ Ὅσιε, Χριστὸν τὸν Θεὸν ἰκέτευε, δωρήσασθαι ἡμῖν τὸ μέγα ἔλεος. Your confession of the true divine faith manifested you unto the whole Church as another Paul and zealot among the priests. With you together is shouting the righteous blood of Zacharias and Abel unto the Lord. Holy Father Paul, beseech Christ our God fervently, entreating that He grant us His great mercy. [SD]

Next, the Apolytikion for Patron Saint of our church is chanted: The truth of things has 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. Κανόνα πίστεως καὶ εἰκόνα πραότητος, ἐγκρατείας Διδάσκαλον, ἀνέδειξέ σε τῇ ποιμνῇ 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.

Finally, we hear the Kontakion in Tone 4 of the Theotokos: 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 hasten to supplication, O Theotokos who protect now and ever those who honor you. [SD] Προστασία τῶν Χριστιανῶν ἀκαταίσχυντε, μεσιτεία, πρὸς τὸν Ποιητὴν ἀμετάθετε, μὴ παρίδης, ἁμαρτωλῶν δεήσεων φωνάς, ἀλλὰ πρόφθασον, ὡς ἀγαθή, εἰς τὴν βοήθειαν ἡμῶν, τῶν πιστῶς κραυγαζόντων σοι· Τάχυνον εἰς πρεσβείαν, καὶ σπεῦσον εἰς ἰκεσίαν, ἡ προστατεύουσα ἀεὶ, Θεοτόκε, τῶν τιμώντων σε.

TODAY'S EPISTLE READING: Gal. 2:16-20. Brethren, knowing that a man is not justified by works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Christ Jesus, in order to be justified by faith in Christ, and not by works of the law, because by works of the law shall no one be justified. But if, in our endeavor to be justified in Christ, we ourselves were found to be sinners, is Christ then an agent of sin? Certainly not! But if I build up again those things which I tore down, then I prove myself a transgressor. For I through the law died to the law, that I might live to God. I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me; and the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

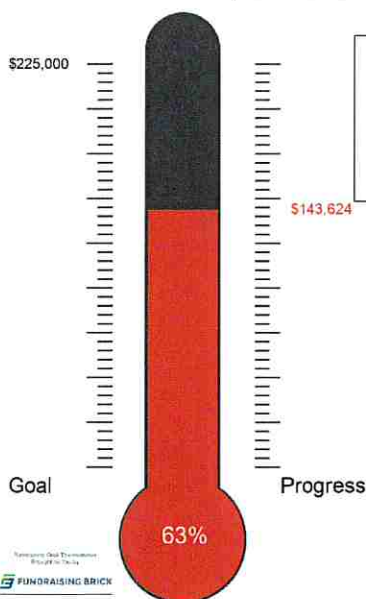
TODAY'S GOSPEL READING: Lk. 8:41-56. At that time, there came to Jesus a man named Jairus, who was a ruler of the synagogue; and falling at Jesus' feet he besought him to come to his house, for he had an only daughter, about twelve years of age, and she was dying. As he went, the people pressed round him. And a woman who had had a flow of blood for twelve years and had spent all her living upon physicians and could not be healed by anyone, came up behind him, and touched the fringe of his garment; and immediately her flow of blood ceased. And Jesus said, "Who was it that touched me?" When all denied it, Peter said, "Master, the multitudes surround you and press upon you!" But Jesus said, "Someone touched me; for I perceive that power has gone forth from me." And when the woman saw that she was not hidden, she came trembling, and falling down before him declared in the presence of all the people why she had touched him, and how she had been immediately healed.

And he said to her, "Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace." While he was still speaking, a man from the ruler's house came and said, "Your daughter is dead; do not trouble the Teacher anymore." But Jesus on hearing this answered him, "Do not fear; only believe, and she shall be well." And when he came to the house, he permitted no one to enter with him, except Peter and John and James, and the father and mother of the child. And all were weeping and bewailing her; but he said, "Do not weep; for she is not dead but sleeping." And they laughed at him, knowing that she was dead. But taking her by the hand he called, saying, "Child, arise." And her spirit returned, and she got up at once; and he directed that something should be given her to eat. And her parents were amazed; but he charged them to tell no one what had happened. [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!!



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

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

Sixty Club News

General Meeting, TODAY,
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 13th after church.

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/EliasPetrout

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.



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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,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Rev. Father Christoph H. Bender". The ink is dark and the handwriting is fluid.

Rev. Protopresbyter Christopher H. Bender, Dean

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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419 South Dithridge Street (Oakland)
Pittsburgh, PA 15213

G.A.P.A.

*Socrates-Daphne Lodge of Pittsburgh
invites you to the annual*

Christmas Dinner Dance

Saturday, December 3, 2022

*Crowne Plaza Hotel
Fort Couch Road*

*Doors open at 6:30
Festive Dinner Buffet at 7 pm*

*Music by
The Grecian Keys
and a performance by
The Grecian Odyssey Dancers*

*Come and ring in the holiday season with us and don't forget your "kefi!"
Call for reservations by November 28th
Becky Bertos 412-421-9427
Alikj Andrews 412-833-4596
Joanne Melacrinos 412-563-4609*

Dinner and Dance \$60 Dance only \$10

Season's Greetings





*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!*

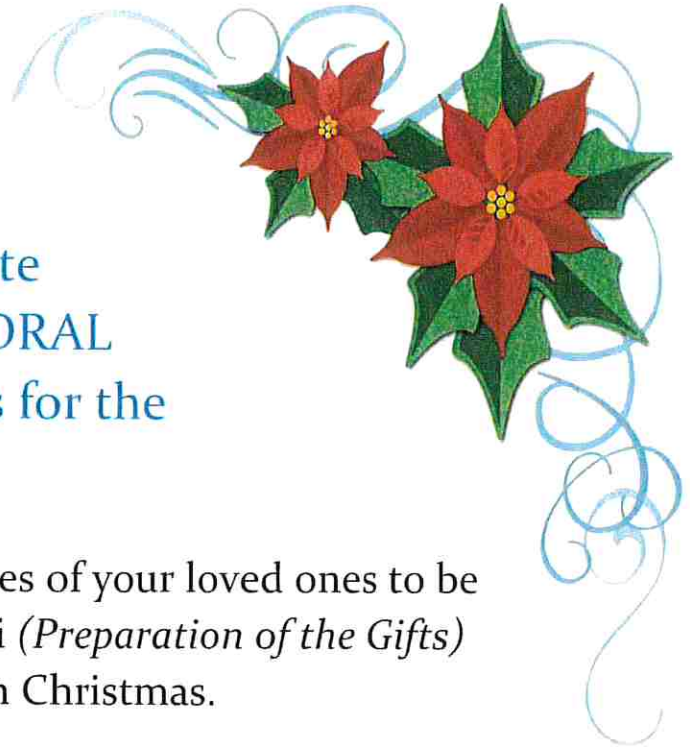
Name & Address: _____

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)						
6 7th 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 will be away Nov 2ND – 10TH.						
13 8th 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 9th 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 Cathedral Ball
27 13th 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.			