

**JANUARY 15, 2023—12<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF LUKE**

**Ss. Paul of Thebes & John the Hut-Dweller**



**WELCOME TO ST. NICHOLAS CATHEDRAL!**

*VISIT [www.stnickspgh.org](http://www.stnickspgh.org) TODAY for news and updates about our parish!*

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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](http://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](http://www.stnickspgh.org) by clicking please donate button - or you may access the donation page by using <https://abundant.co/stnickspgh/give>

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

**TODAY: Souzoukakia after church to 4:00 p.m.**

**THIS WEEK AT ST. NICHOLAS**

- **Monday, Jan 16, 2023:** Parish Council Meeting 6:30 p.m.
- **Tuesday, Jan 17, 2023:** St Anthony the Great  
Orthros 9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m.  
GOYA BOYS Basketball 7:00 p.m.
- **Wednesday, Jan 18, 2023:** GOYA GIRLS Basketball 7:00 p.m.
- **Saturday, Jan 21, 2023:** Greek School 10:00 a.m.  
GREEK2GO Food Pick-Up 12 noon – 7:00 p.m.
- **Sunday, Jan 22, 2023:** Memorial Service for Donna Thomas (40 days)

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**TODAY'S SPECIAL HYMNS AND READINGS**

*As the clergy exit at the Small Entrance, we hear the Resurrection Hymn in Plagal 2<sup>nd</sup> (8<sup>th</sup>) Mode:*

Ἀγγελικαὶ δυνάμεις ἐπὶ τὸ μνήμᾳ σου, καὶ οἱ φυλάσσοντες ἀπενεκρώθησαν, καὶ ἴστατο Μαρία ἐν τῷ τάφῳ, ζητοῦσα τὸ ἄχραντὸν σου σῶμα. Ἐσκύλευσας τὸν Ἄϊδην, μὴ πειρασθεὶς ὑπ' αὐτοῦ, ὑπήντησας τῇ Παρθένῳ, δωρούμενος τὴν ζωὴν, ὁ ἀναστὰς ἐκ τῶν νεκρῶν, Κύριε δόξα σοι. When the angelic powers appeared at Your grave, the soldiers guarding it feared and became as dead. And standing by the sepulcher was Mary who was seeking Your immaculate body. You devastated Hades, not afflicted by it. You went to meet the Virgin, and granted eternal life. You resurrected from the dead. O Lord, glory to You.

*The usual Entrance Hymn with the Gospel Book follows:*

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 Resurrection Hymn is repeated, we hear the hymn honoring St. John the Hut-Dweller:*

Ἐκ βρέφους τὸν Κύριον, ἐπιποθήσας θερμῶς, τὸν κόσμον κατέλιπες, καὶ τὰ ἐν κόσμῳ τερπνὰ, καὶ ἡσκησας ἄριστα· ἔπηξας τὴν καλύβην, πρὸ πυλῶν σῶν γονέων, ἔθραυσας τῶν δαιμόνων, τὰς ἐνέδρας Παμμάρκαρ· διὸ σε Ἰωάννη Χριστός, ἀξίως ἐδόξασεν. From infancy fervently you loved and longed for the Lord; you therefore renounced the world and every worldly delight, and excelled in ascetic feats. You set the hut you dwelt in before the gates of your parents. Therein, all-blessed struggler, you crushed the snares of the demons. And therefore, O John, Christ has glorified you worthily. [SD]

*The Hymn for our Patron, St. Nicholas of Myra, follows:*

Κανόνα πίστεως καὶ εἰκόνα πραότητος, ἐγκρατείας Διδάσκαλον, ἀνέδειξέ σε τῇ ποιμνῇ σου, ἢ 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 conclude with the Kontakion for the upcoming Feast of Yvapanti:*

Ὁ μήτραν παρθενικὴν ἀγιάσας τῷ τόκῳ σου, καὶ χεῖρας τοῦ Συμεῶν εὐλογῆσας ὡς ἔπρεπε, προφθάσας καὶ νῦν ἔσωσας ἡμᾶς Χριστὲ ὁ Θεός. Ἄλλ' εἰρήνευσσον ἐν πολέμοις τὸ πολίτευμα, καὶ κραταίωσον Βασιλεῖς οὓς ἠγάπησας, ὁ μόνος φιλόανθρωπος. You sanctified the virginal womb by Your birth, O Lord, and blessed the hands of Symeon fittingly, O Christ God; and even now You came and saved us. Now, give peace to our Nation in time of war, and empower our Leaders, so loved by You, the only one who loves humanity. [SD]

**TODAY'S EPISTLE READING - Col. 3:4-11:** Ἀδελφοί, ὅταν ὁ Χριστὸς φανερωθῇ, ἡ ζωὴ ὑμῶν, τότε καὶ ὑμεῖς σὺν αὐτῷ φανερωθήσεσθε ἐν δόξῃ. Νεκρώσατε οὖν τὰ μέλη τὰ ἐπὶ τῆς γῆς, πορνείαν, ἀκαθαρσίαν, πάθος, ἐπιθυμίαν κακὴν, καὶ τὴν πλεονεξίαν ἣτις ἐστὶν εἰδωλολατρία, δι' ἣ ἐρχεται ἡ ὀργὴ τοῦ Θεοῦ ἐπὶ τοὺς υἱοὺς τῆς ἀπειθείας· ἐν οἷς καὶ ὑμεῖς περιεπατήσατέ ποτε ὅτε ἐζήτε ἐν αὐτοῖς. Νυνὶ δὲ ἀπόθεσθε καὶ ὑμεῖς τὰ πάντα, ὀργὴν, θυμὸν, κακίαν, βλασφημίαν, αἰσχρολογία ἐκ τοῦ στόματος ὑμῶν· μὴ ψεύδεσθε εἰς ἀλλήλους, ἀπεκδυσάμενοι τὸν παλαιὸν ἄνθρωπον σὺν ταῖς πράξεσιν αὐτοῦ, καὶ ἐνδυσάμενοι τὸν νέον τὸν ἀνακαινούμενον εἰς ἐπίγνωσιν κατ' εἰκόνα τοῦ κτίσαντος αὐτόν, ὅπου οὐκ ἐν Ἑλλην καὶ Ἰουδαῖος, περιτομὴ καὶ ἀκροβυστία, βάρβαρος, Σκύθης, δοῦλος, ἐλεύθερος, ἀλλὰ τὰ πάντα καὶ ἐν πᾶσι Χριστός.

**Brethren**, when Christ who is our life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory. Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. On account of these the wrath of God is coming upon the sons of disobedience. In these you once walked, when you lived in them. But now put them all away: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and foul talk from your mouth. Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old nature with its practices and have put on the new nature, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator. Here there cannot be Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave, freeman, but Christ is all, and in all. [RSV]

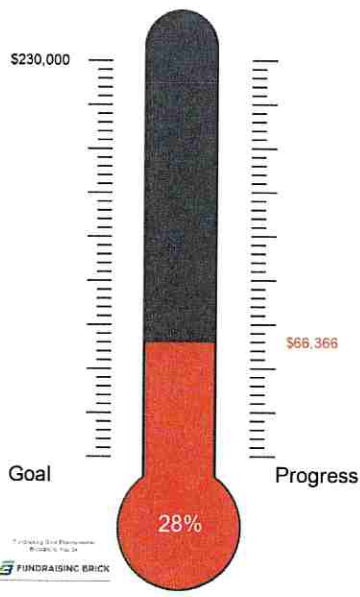
**GOSPEL: Matthew 4: 12-17.** Τῷ καιρῷ ἐκεῖνῳ, ἀκούσας δὲ ὁ Ἰησοῦς ὅτι Ἰωάννης παρεδόθη, ἀνεχώρησεν εἰς τὴν Γαλιλαίαν, καὶ καταλιπὼν τὴν Ναζαρέτ ἐλθὼν κατώκησεν εἰς Καπερναοὺμ τὴν παραθαλασσίαν ἐν ὄριοις Ζαβουλῶν καὶ Νεφθαλεὶμ, ἵνα πληρωθῇ τὸ ῥηθὲν διὰ Ἡσαΐου τοῦ προφήτου λέγοντος· γῆ Ζαβουλῶν καὶ γῆ Νεφθαλεὶμ, ὁδὸν θαλάσσης, πέραν τοῦ Ἰορδάνου, Γαλιλαία τῶν ἐθνῶν, ὁ λαὸς ὁ καθήμενος ἐν σκότεινῳ φῶς μέγα, καὶ τοῖς καθημένοις ἐν χώρα καὶ σκιᾷ θανάτου φῶς ἀνέτειλεν αὐτοῖς. Ἀπὸ τότε ἤρξατο ὁ Ἰησοῦς κηρῦσσειν καὶ λέγειν· μετανοεῖτε· ἤγγικε γὰρ ἡ βασιλεία τῶν οὐρανῶν.

**At that time**, Jesus heard that John had been arrested, He withdrew into Galilee; and leaving Nazareth He went and dwelt in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, that what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: "The land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, toward the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles, the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned." From that time Jesus began to preach, saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." [RSV]

**2023 Stewardship Pledge Cards are in the Narthex**  
***(Just ask a member of Parish Council)***

If you have already submitted your 2023 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!!***



*Giving Thanks,*  
**Eucharistic  
 Stewardship**

<b>2023</b>	<b>STEWARDSHIP</b>
<b>Total Stewards</b>	<b>97 (GOAL 300)</b>
<b>Total Pledged</b>	<b>\$66,366.00 GOAL (\$230,000.00)</b>
<b>Avg. Pledge</b>	<b>\$819.33</b>

Beloved Sisters and Brothers in Christ:

*“Glory be to God who has shone us the light!”* – from the Great Doxology

I have Good News to share with you: next Sunday, January 22, 2023, with God’s help, we will be resuming worship for the first time since late July in our traditional and beloved sacred space, the beautiful and now restored Sanctuary of St. Nicholas Cathedral. Yes, after approximately six months of work, the ceiling has been repaired and painted, the scaffolding removed, and so it is now safe to reenter and use our accustomed location for all our worship services. Glory to God!

Thank you to all those who have made this possible: the Parish Council’s special committee which provided leadership, all those who have offered support through their generous donations for this project, as well as those who created, led, and participated in our fundraising events – particularly the “Raise the Roof” Glendi and the Greek to Go Saturday. Thank you also to our General Contractor Nick Lardas and his crew for their leadership and hard work, alongside the plasterers and any other specialists who were employed.

In recognition and thanksgiving for this great blessing, we will celebrate our divine services this coming Sunday with special joy and gratitude – with the clergy, the choir, the chanter, the altar boys, and, we hope. . .ALL OF YOU!

Please consider this your formal invitation to join us for services (Orthros, 8:45 a.m., Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m.) This will be a busy Sunday, and an exciting one. An enhanced Coffee and Fellowship Hour with extra goodies will follow, as will the annual “Mimosas and Membership” event by our Philoptochos, followed by their general Meeting.

We will also be celebrating Oratorical Festival Sunday, when we recognize the good work in teaching our children both more about our faith AND the important skill of public speaking that this program provides across the Archdiocese. A special tray will be passed to support the Metropolis Oratorical Scholarship Fund, which raises the money to pay for the travel expenses each year for the two finalists on the Metropolis level, so that they can participate in the national event.

I look forward to seeing as many of you as can possibly attend. Let us embrace this moment with joy and thanksgiving!

With love in Christ,

Fr. Christopher Bender

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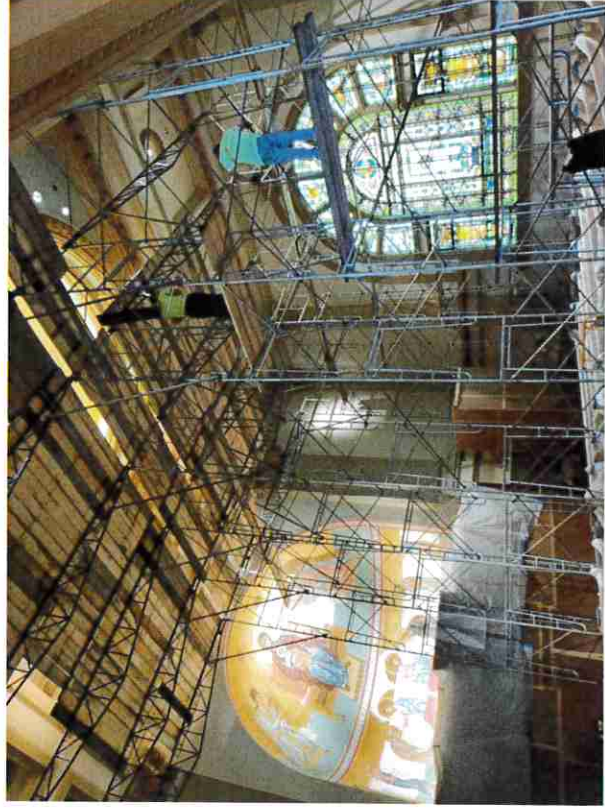
**GREEK2GO DAYS!**

*The same delicious Festival food you know and love!*

## Save the Date --- Saturday, January 21 Delicious Greek Entrees, Sides and Pastries

Order On-Line between Sunday, 1/15 and Thursday, 1/19 at 8:00pm  
[greek2go.org](http://greek2go.org)

Food Pick-up on Saturday from 12:00 noon - 7:00 pm



The earnings from this Greek2Go will be used for restoration of our cathedral ceiling. The plaster in our 120-year-old historic landmark gave out last year and required restoration.

On the left, the extensive scaffolding erected for the ceiling repair.

On the right, some of the ceiling plaster that fell.



## MENU ITEMS

### **Beef Stefatho with Rice Pilaf \$16.00**

Tender cubes of beef braised with onions in an aromatic tomato sauce over a bed of rice pilaf

### **Chicken Oregano with Rice Pilaf \$15.50**

Half Chicken marinated in lemon, oil and oregano served over a bed of rice pilaf

### **2 Souzoukakia with Rice Pilaf \$10.00**

Meatballs simmered in tomato wine sauce served over a bed of rice pilaf

### **Pork Souvlaki with Rice Pilaf \$14.00**

Tender, marinated cubes of pork, skewered and grilled served over a bed of rice pilaf

### **Pastitsio \$5.00**

Layers of macaroni, grated cheese, sautéed ground beef and topped with a rich cream sauce

### **Moussaka \$5.00**

Layers of eggplant, sautéed ground beef and topped with a rich cream sauce

### **Tiropita \$5.00**

Layers of phyllo filled with a feta cheese mixture and baked until golden brown

### **Green Beans and Zucchini Yiahni \$3.00**

Green beans and zucchini, seasoned and simmered in tomato sauce

### **Dolmathes 4 for \$2.25**

Special blend of herbs and rice wrapped in marinated grape leaves & simmered in flavorful broth

### **Avgolemono Soup \$7.00 Bowl**

Heartwarming Greek classic; egg and lemon soup in a vegetable broth

### **Extra Souzoukakia Meatball \$3.50**

### **Side of Rice Pilaf \$3.00**

## St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Cathedral

# GREEK2GO DAYS!

Saturday Jan 21 • Pick-Up 12–7pm

*Pre-orders ONLY@*

[www.greek2go.org](http://www.greek2go.org)

## PASTRIES

### **Large Pastry Pack \$13.00**

Sampling of 6 of our homemade pastries: Finikia, Kourambiethes, 2 pieces of Baklava, and 2 Koulourakia,

### **Koulourakia 4 for \$6.00**

Crispy twisted butter cookie, glazed and baked until golden brown

### **Galatoboureko \$4.00 Each**

Delicately flavored custard baked in phyllo pastry topped with a dusting of powdered sugar

### **Finikia 2 for \$4.00**

Delicate cinnamon cookie dipped in syrup and sprinkled with walnuts

### **Kourambiethes 2 for \$4.00**

Delicate Greek butter cookie topped with powder sugar

### **Baklava 2 for \$6.00**

Buttery layers of phyllo with ground walnuts and cinnamon

### **Karithopeta \$3.00 Each**

A rich walnut spice cake drenched with honey syrup

**Cathedral Restoration Project**

**Donation and Pledge Form**

Donor Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Total Amount Pledged \_\_\_\_\_

**Payment Options**

Paid in Full \_\_\_\_\_

Initial Payment \_\_\_\_\_ Your plan for additional payments \_\_\_\_\_

Donations can be by check or made on-line with credit card. From the St. Nicholas web site, [www.stnickspgh.org](http://www.stnickspgh.org), go to the "Giving" tab and click the "Donate" pull-down. This will transfer you to the on-line giving form. Select Building Fund and indicate on the memo line 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)



## From the Church School Desk!

The St. Nicholas Church School teachers and students want to wish our GOYANs (and Church School students) Good Luck at the GOYA Basketball Tournament at Holy Trinity Cathedral (Camp Hill, PA) this weekend!

Church School students in grades 7<sup>th</sup>–12<sup>th</sup> have the opportunity to learn more about their faith and participate in the St. Nicholas Oratorical Festival that will be held in March 2023. For more information, please contact Chairman Eve Elsen at 412-580-9415 or eve.m.elsen@gmail.com.

And thanks for sharing your children with us every Sunday.

Yours in Christ,  
*Miss Michelle*

### GOYA NEWS

Dear St. Nicholas Parishioners,

The GOYA is thrilled to be hosting a Metropolis Basketball Tournament at our church this year. We are hoping that you will consider placing an advertisement in our tournament book, to help support our youth. Given the escalating costs of hosting these tournaments, the Tournament Program Book contributes greatly to the essential revenue needed as part of our overall cost raising efforts.

The tournament will be held the weekend of February 17-19, 2023, and we are expecting over 500 people from across PA and OH to attend! The program book serves as a great way to advertise local businesses and recognize our GOYANS.

Enclosed you will find our submission form, which has all the information you need to place the ad. The deadline for advertisements is February 6th. If you have any questions or need additional information, please feel free to contact me at (412) 915-7838.

Thank you for your consideration and support!

Sincerely,  
Maria Coutris

**Pastitsio Sale** - GOYA is selling their annual frozen 9 by 13 pans of Pastitsio for \$35.00. Please stop by the GOYA table to purchase. For Pastitsio pickups, call the church office or contact Alea Melacrinis Mavrogeorgis via text 412-726-5940. Please identify who you are in a detailed message. Checks can be made to St. Nicholas GOYA or cash is also acceptable.

# TOURNAMENT PROGRAM BOOK SUBMISSION FORM

GOYA METROPOLIS BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT  
FEBRUARY 17-19, 2023  
HOSTED BY:  
**ST. NICHOLAS GREEK ORTHODOX CATHEDRAL**  
PITTSBURGH, PA

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Please support our youth by placing an ad in the tournament book. Advertisements may include business as well as personal wishes to the groups and/or individual players.  
Please check your choice below.

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All ads are **BLACK & WHITE**, no color options:

_____ Centerfold	\$250.00
_____ Full Page (5 ½ X 8 ½)	\$150.00
_____ Half Page (5 ½ X 4 ¼)	\$100.00
_____ 1/4 Page (2 ¾ X 4 ¼)	\$60.00
_____ Line sponsor (maximum of 60 characters/line)	\$30.00

One photo may be included in FULL or HALF page ads (MUST BE .jpg format)  
Additional photos are \$5.00 each.

Ads may be submitted in hard copy or through email by FEBRUARY 6<sup>th</sup>:

Maria Coutris  
8551 Ivy Hill Drive #9  
Poland, OH 44514

EMAIL: [mvcoutris@gmail.com](mailto:mvcoutris@gmail.com)

Please make checks payable to: **St. Nicholas GOYA** (mail to address above)

If you have questions, please call: (412)915-7838

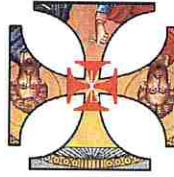
Name:

Address:

Phone number:

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Thank you for your continued support!



St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Cathedral  
Philoptochos Society  
419 South Dithridge Street  
Pittsburgh, PA 15213

Dear Friends of St. Nicholas Philoptochos,

On behalf of our Philoptochos Board, I wish you and your family a happy and blessed new year! As we begin this new year, we start with our 2023 membership drive. We are able to return to Mimosas and Membership following church on Sunday January 22, 2023, during our general meeting, all are welcome.

The last few years have been unique as we attempt to wind down from the pandemic. Despite imposed limitations during this time we have continued to help those in need while supporting our community and parish.

As we kick off our annual membership drive, please stop by to mingle and have a mimosa. I humbly ask for your support so we may continue to fulfil our philanthropic mission. The minimum membership donation is \$50. Any additional donations, if you are able, are greatly appreciated and put to good use. We are counting on your generous donations so we may embark on another year of outreach and charitable giving.

We thank you and appreciate your continued support!

Yours in Christ,

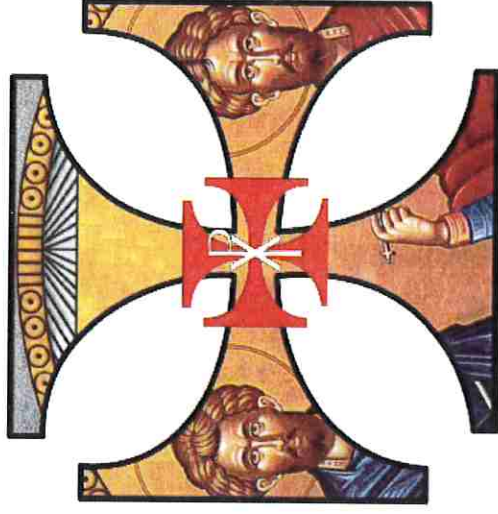
A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Maria Bardakos". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Maria Bardakos  
President  
St. Nicholas Cathedral Philoptochos

## The Philoptochos Mission

- To help the poor, the destitute, the hungry, the aged, the sick, the unemployed, the orphaned, the imprisoned, the widowed, the handicapped, the victims of disasters, to undertake the burial of impoverished persons and to offer assistance to anyone who may need the help of the Church through fund raising efforts;
- To promote the charitable, benevolent, and philanthropic purposes of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America, through instructional programs, presentations, lectures, seminars and other educational resources;
- To preserve and perpetuate Orthodox Christian concepts and the Orthodox Christian Family, and through them, to promote the Greek Orthodox Faith and traditions;
- To promote participation in the activities of the Greek Orthodox community, with the cooperation of the Parish Priest and the Parish Council.

JOIN US



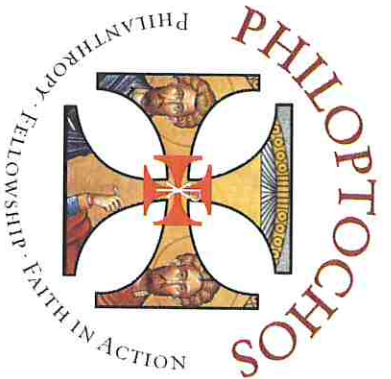
Saint Nicholas Cathedral  
Ladies Philoptochos Society

2023  
MEMBERSHIP  
CAMPAIGN

*"You are an 'army of agape'  
that conquers pain and anguish  
through generosity and  
kindness."*

— Archbishop Elpidophoros of America

St. Nicholas Cathedral Philoptochos Society  
419 S. Dithridge Street  
Pittsburgh, PA 15213



## 2023 Membership

You define what kind of member you will be. We are always looking for new skills, experiences, and personalities. We welcome you with open arms to join us in making a difference.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Enclosed is my 2023 membership donation in the amount of:

( ) \$50      ( ) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

*Make checks payable to St. Nicholas Philoptochos*

### RETURN FORM AND PAYMENT TO:

St. Nicholas Philoptochos  
419 S. Dithridge Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15213

**"Compassion is our passion!"**  
— Denise Panos Daugherty

We do so much more than just bake bread...

- In the last **two years**, we have provided **more than \$34,000** in financial support to those in need;
- We've served hundreds of hot meals and lunches through Neighborhood Resilience Project (formerly known as FOCUS Pittsburgh);
- We've held shoe, pajama and backpack drives to help local children in need;
- We've volunteered at Brother's Brother to help organize medical equipment for countries in need; and
- We support the ministries of our own Cathedral as well as Neighborhood Resilience Project, IOCC and the Nativity of the Theotokos Monastery.

### Why Join Philoptochos?

- Help someone in need
- Get involved in your community
- Make an impact
- Change someone's life
- Meet new people
- Share your skills and expertise
- Gain knowledge
- Network
- Be part of a philanthropic movement

**Give hope to those in need and make a difference in people's lives.**

People are struggling everywhere. The need is greater than ever before. Help expand our outreach and help us to continue to give donations, hope and love immediately when a tragedy happens.

Become a member and contribute to existing initiatives, develop new programs, or identify a need that hasn't been met.

Follow us on Facebook   
facebook.com/Philoptochos-St-Nicholas-Cathedral-Pittsburgh

# Theophany & the Blessing of the Waters

**“WHAT IS THEOPHANY?”** Every year on January 5 & 6 we celebrate the great feastday of the Theophany of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. The Baptism of Christ in the River Jordan by St. John the Baptist presents us with a great mystery of God: “He who is the Master of all is baptized by a servant, and He gives mankind cleansing through water.”

**“WHAT IS A HOUSE BLESSING?”** In celebration of Theophany, Orthodox Christians invite Christ not only into their hearts, but also their homes. We call upon Him to bring the blessings and spiritual cleansing of the Jordan into our daily lives. We do this each year by having the priest bless our homes with the Holy Water from the service of Theophany, offering prayers for our health, our family, and the Lord’s abundant blessings in the coming year.

**“WHAT DO I NEED TO DO?”** When Fr. Christopher visits, please have ready: **1)** a list of names of your family members, **2)** an icon. He will begin the service in the dining room or in the area of your home where you keep your icons, and then he will ask you to guide him around the house so that he may sprinkle the Holy Water throughout it. During the service, please turn off televisions, radios, etc., and silence your cell phones, so that full concentration may be given to the service.

**“WHAT ABOUT BUSINESSES?”** You may also request a blessing for your office or business. What better way to offer thanks to the Lord for your livelihood which He provides and to ask for His continued blessings upon it?

**BLESSING OF HOMES:** After the Holy Water Service on January 6, Fr. Christopher will begin blessing the homes of our parish with holy water. This year he will be blessing homes by appointment from January 6 on.

**IN ORDER TO HAVE YOUR HOUSE BLESSED, please fill out this form and return it to the church office. If you are mailing it, please address it to Fr. Christopher and mark it ATTN: HOUSE BLESSING. He will call you to schedule a time for your house blessing.**

You may also call Father Bender at (724) 630-3483

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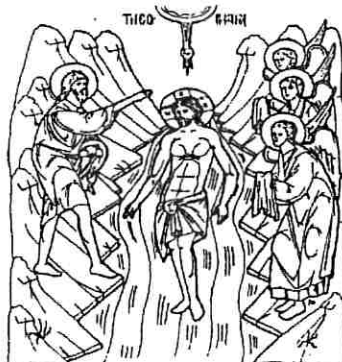
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PREFERRED TIME OF VISIT: Morning

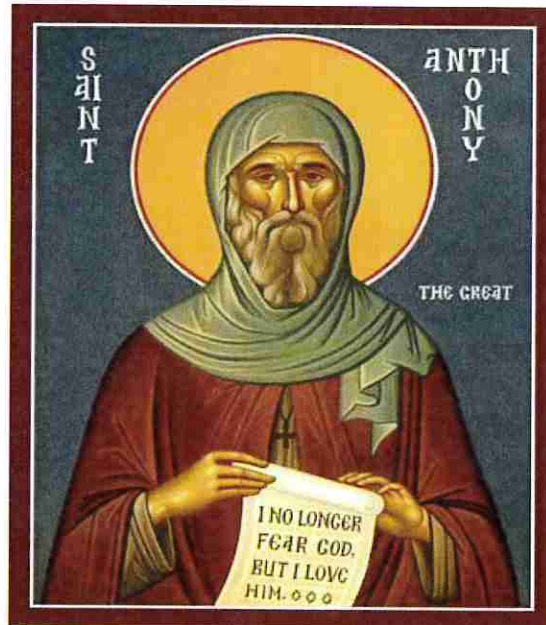
Afternoon

Evening



St. Anthony Greek Orthodox Church  
Clairton, Pennsylvania

Celebrating the Nameday of  
St. Anthony The Great  
2023



Tuesday, January 17, 2023

9am Orthros ~ 10am Liturgy

Rev. Fr. John Touloumes Officiating

424 Miller Avenue, Clairton, PA 15025

Join Us for The Annual  
*Vlahokerasiotiki*  
*Makaronada Dinner & Dance*

**Sunday, February 19th**

St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Cathedral  
419 S. Dithridge Street

*Dinner Followed by Music*

Cocktails 6:00 p.m.

Dinner 7:00 p.m.

Adults – \$35.00

Children 12 and under – \$15.00

Children 3 and under – Free

Pan of Makaronia To Go – \$20.00

***All proceeds will be matched by the Society and donated to the  
St. Nicholas Cathedral ceiling restoration fund!***

For reservations, please contact Nikki Velisaris Lykos by February 12<sup>th</sup>  
phone: 412-897-8208 e-mail: [nvlykos@gmail.com](mailto:nvlykos@gmail.com)

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Make checks payable to Manthyrea Educational Society and mail to:

Nikki Velisaris Lykos  
1512 La Salle Avenue  
Pittsburgh, PA 15216

## Food Festival Cooking, 2023

- Souzoukakia TODAY after Church to 4:00 p.m.
- We'll be finishing January with Moussaka, a 4-day feat, peeling, slicing and baking the eggplant before assembling all the pans. We have these wonderful new Julienne peelers that Fran Hanna discovered and donated to the church to make the task of peeling the eggplant easier. Thank you, Fran!

With help the job will get done! Spread the word! Let's get the show on the road. With your help, we'll be good to go!

### 2023 Food Festival Cooking Schedule January 1, 2023, revised

#### January

Souzoukakia	TODAY, Jan. 15, After Church to 4:00
Moussaka	9:00 to 4:00 pm, Thursday, Friday and Saturday, Jan. 26, 27, 28 Sunday, Jan. 29, After Church to 4:00

#### February

Finikia	Saturday, February 11, 9:00 – 4:00pm
Pasta Flora	Sunday, Feb. 12, After Church to 4:00 Monday, February 13, 9:00 to 4:00
Pastitsio	Friday and Saturday, Feb. 24 and 25, 9:00 am – 4:00pm

#### March

Galatouboureko	Friday and Saturday, March 3 and 4, 9:00 am to 4:00 pm Sunday, March 5, After Church to 4:00
Baklava	Friday and Saturday, March 10 and 11, 9:00 am to 4:00 pm Sunday, March 12, After Church to 4:00
Kourambiethes	Saturday, March 18, 9:00 am to 4:00

#### April

Tiropita	Saturday, April 1, 9:00 am to 12noon Sunday, April 2, After Church to 4:00
Diples	Tuesday, April 25

# January 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><b>PLEASE NOTE: ALL REGULARLY SCHEDULED WORSHIP SERVICES WILL TAKE PLACE IN THE CRYSTAL ROOM (SMALL HALL), UNLESS OTHERWISE INDICATED.</b></p>						
15 <b>12<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Luke</b> Orthros 8:45 a.m. Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m.	16 Parish Council Meeting 6:30 p.m.	17 <b>St Anthony the Great</b> Orthros 9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m.  <b>GOYA BOYS Basketball</b> 7:00 p.m.	18 <b>GOYA GIRLS Basketball</b> 7:00 p.m.	19	20	21 <b>Greek School</b> 10:00 a.m.
22 <b>15<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Luke</b> Orthros 8:45 a.m. Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m.	23	24 <b>GOYA BOYS Basketball</b> 7:00 p.m.	25 <b>GOYA GIRLS Basketball</b> 7:00 p.m.	26	27	28 <b>Greek School</b> 10:00 a.m.
29 <b>Sunday of the Canaanite Woman</b> Orthros 8:45 a.m. Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m.	30 <b>Synaxis of Three Hierarchs</b> Orthros 9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m.	31 <b>GOYA BOYS Basketball</b> 7:00 p.m.				