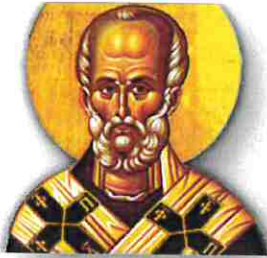


JANUARY 8, 2023—SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY (THEOPHANY)

Ss. George of Hozeva and Dominica the Righteous



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>

PLEASE JOIN US for coffee and fellowship following services in the Fellowship Room hosted by GOYA.

TODAY: Philoptochos Vasilopita Cutting / Parish Council Affirmation of Office
GOYA Meeting after church / Koulourakia Prep (After Church Till 4:00 p.m.)

THIS WEEK AT ST. NICHOLAS

- Monday, Jan 9, 2023: KOULOURAKIA PREP 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, Jan 10, 2023: GOYA BOYS Basketball 7:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, Jan 11, 2023: GOYA GIRLS Basketball 7:00 p.m.
- Saturday, Jan 14, 2023: GREEK SCHOOL 10:00 a.m.

Greek2Go

Please consider helping for the Greek2Go fundraiser for the Ceiling Restoration. The event is for Saturday, January 21 during lunch and dinner time periods. We need lots of volunteers to stuff take-out containers and to help in the kitchen. And pass the word to your friends about the outstanding Greek food available! Flyer to follow.

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TODAY'S SPECIAL HYMNS AND READINGS

From the Feast of Theophany. Mode 1 Τῆς Ἑορτῆς. Ἦχος α'

As You were baptized in the Jordan, O Lord, then was the worship of the Trinity made manifest, for the Voice of the Father bore witness to You, naming You His Beloved Son; and the Spirit, in the form of a dove, confirmed the sure truth of the word. O Christ God, who appeared and illumined the world, glory to You.

Ἐν Ἰορδάνῃ βαπτιζομένου σου, Κύριε, ἡ τῆς Τριάδος ἐφανερώθη προσκύνησις· τοῦ γὰρ Γεννήτορος ἡ φωνὴ προσεμαρτύρει σοι, ἀγαπητόν σε Υἱὸν ὀνομάζουσα· καὶ τὸ Πνεῦμα ἐν εἶδει περιστραῶς ἐβεβαίει τοῦ λόγου τὸ ἀσφαλές· ὁ ἐπιφανείς, Χριστὲ ὁ Θεός, καὶ τὸν κόσμον φωτίσας, δόξα σοι.

After the procession with the Gospel the usual Eisodikon (Entrance Hymn) 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."

The Resurrectional Apolytikion, in 1st Plagal Mode (5th Tone) follows:

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]

Τὸν συνάναρχον Λόγον Πατρὶ καὶ Πνεύματι, τὸν ἐκ Παρθένου τεχθέντα εἰς σωτηρίαν ἡμῶν, ἀνυμνήσωμεν πιστοὶ καὶ προσκυνήσωμεν· ὅτι ἠυδόκησε σαρκί, ἀνελεθεῖν ἐν τῷ σταυρῷ, καὶ θάνατον ὑπομεῖναι, καὶ ἐγείρει τοὺς τεθνεῶτας, ἐν τῇ ἐνδόξῳ Ἀναστάσει αὐτοῦ.

St Nicholas Apolytikion, Fourth Mode

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.

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· πρόσβευε Χριστῷ τῷ Θεῷ, σωθῆναι τὰς ψυχὰς ἡμῶν.

Kontakion for the Feast Mode 4. Original Melody Κοντάκιον τῆς Ἑορτῆς Ἦχος δ'. Αὐτόμελον

You appeared to us on earth today, O Master, and Your light was signed on us who cry aloud to You and say with understanding, *O Christ our God: You came and shone forth, O Light unapproachable.*

Ἐπεφάνης σήμερον τῇ οἰκουμένῃ, καὶ τὸ φῶς σου, Κύριε, ἐσημειώθη ἐφ' ἡμᾶς, ἐν ἐπιγνώσει ὑμνοῦντάς σε· Ἦλθες, ἐφάνης, τὸ φῶς το ἀπρόσιτόν.

EPISTLE: Ephesians 4:7-13. Brethren, grace was given to each of us according to the measure of Christ's gift. Therefore it is said, "When he ascended on high he led a host of captives, and he gave gifts to men." (in saying, "He ascended," what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? He who descended is he who also ascended far above all the heavens, that he might fill all things.) And his gifts were that some should be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ. [RSV]

GOSPEL: Matthew 4: 12-17. Τῷ καιρῷ ἐκείνῳ, ἀκούσας δὲ ὁ Ἰησοῦς ὅτι Ἰωάννης παρεδόθη, ἀνεχώρησεν εἰς τὴν Γαλιλαίαν, καὶ καταλιπὼν τὴν Ναζαρεθ ἐλθὼν κατώκησεν εἰς Καπερναοὺμ τὴν παραθαλασσίαν ἐν ὁρίοις 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 σκότειειδε 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]

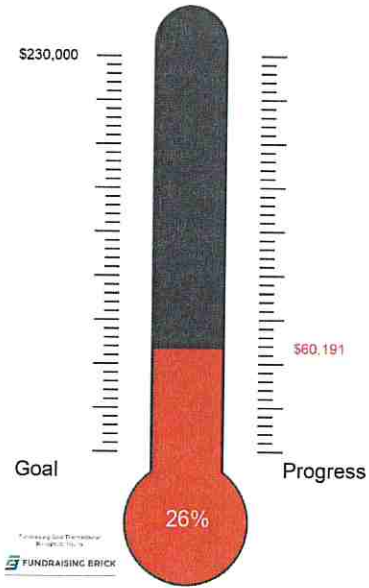
2023 Stewardship Pledge Cards are in the Narthex
(Just ask a member of Parish Council)

If you have already submitted your 2023 Stewardship Commitment, THANK YOU! If not, please take the time to 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!!

Giving Thanks,
**Eucharistic
 Stewardship**

<u>2023</u>	<u>STEWARDSHIP</u>
Total Stewards	74 (GOAL 300)
Total Pledged	\$60,191.00 GOAL (\$230,000.00)
Avg. Pledge	\$885.16





From the Church School Desk!

16 hats, 16 pairs of gloves, and 12 scarves were delivered to the Neighborhood Resilience Project for their **Project Bundle-up**. Thanks to all who contributed to this worthwhile cause.

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) next weekend!

Church School students in grades 7th–12th 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

PHILOPTOCHOS NEWS

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Attention All Parish Organizations and Greater Pittsburgh Hellenic Organizations! St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Cathedral's **Vasilopita Cutting will be TODAY**. Please have a representative from your organization present to receive your Vasilopita piece. Proceeds to Benefit St. Basil's Academy.

MEETINGS:

The next **General Meeting** will be Sunday, January 22, 2023, after church in the St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Cathedral Conference Room, in conjunction with our 2023 Membership Drive (details forthcoming). Fresh new faces are welcome! Your time, talent and treasure, is needed so we can continue to help those individuals in need – PHILOPTOCHOS' MISSION.

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

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.

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 6th:

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

EMAIL: 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:

Email:

Thank you for your continued support!

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.

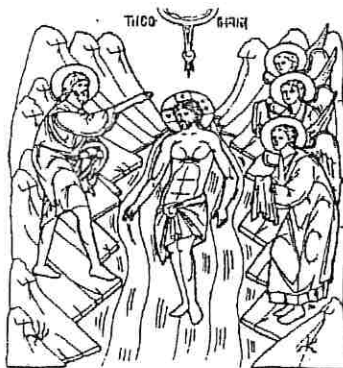
You may also call Father Bender at (724) 630-3483.

Name: _____

Telephone: _____

Address: _____

PREFERRED TIME OF VISIT: Morning Afternoon Evening



Cathedral Ceiling Repair Update #12, January 5

Fundraising Efforts

The goal for the ceiling fundraising effort is to raise \$200,000. Raising that amount of money seems like a daunting task. However, thanks to you, we are well along the way toward realizing our goal. To raise the \$200,000, we will be running both a capital campaign and a series of fundraising events.

Capital Campaign

The capital campaign was kicked off with an appeal letter to all parishioners. The response to this letter has been great, with \$131,000 donated or pledged to date (Thank You!). The donor form for the ceiling restoration is attached if you would like to contribute or make a pledge.

Our memento of the ceiling project, a construction board signed by donors and project volunteers **was attached to the ceiling this week. It is located immediately under the dome facing the altar and probably will not be visible unless you have binoculars.**



Bottom Ring of Dome

Signature Board

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. To date, 29 granite blocks and pavers have been spoken for.

Fundraising Events and Activities

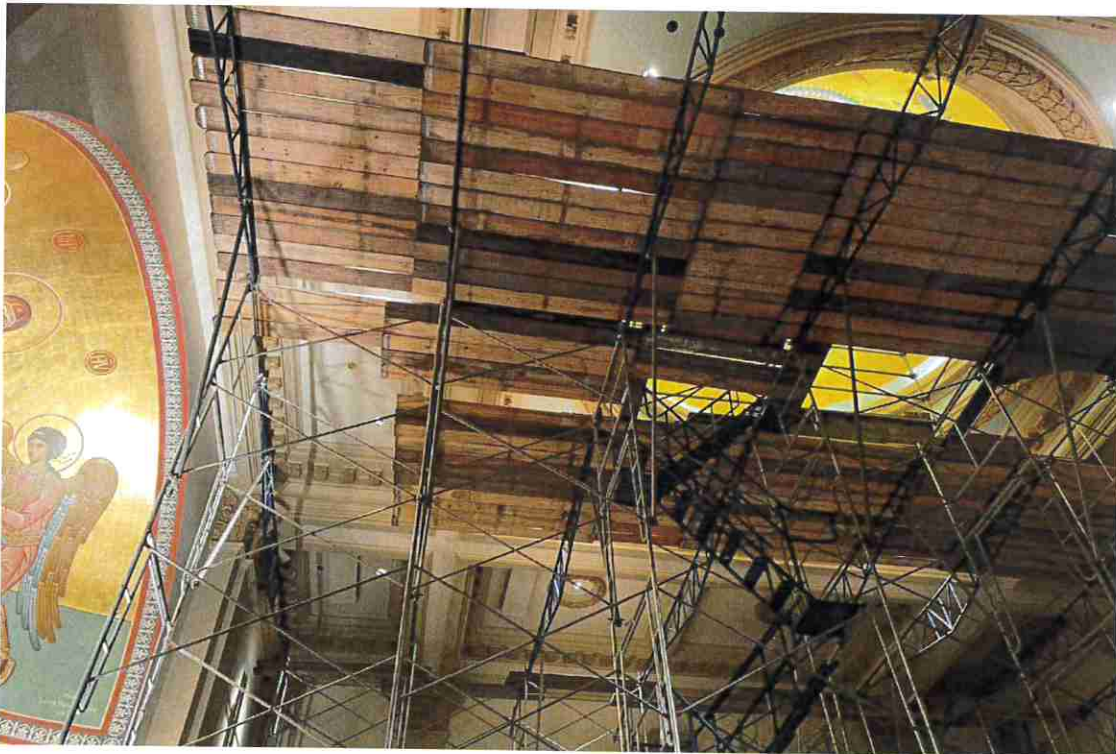
There are three major events coming up in the next 2 months, so save the dates! The proceeds from these events will go toward funding the Ceiling Restoration.

- **Raise the Roof Glendi** – January 7 – a young adult-oriented dance with a Greek band, mezethes, bar, and lots of Greek dancing.
- **Greek2Go** – January 21 - Resurrecting the event that got the Cathedral finances through the pandemic with on-line takeout orders.
- **Manthya Educational Society Annual Vlahokerasiotiki Makaronada Dinner / Dance** – This year, all proceeds from the event will be donated to the Ceiling Restoration. In addition, the Society will match the proceeds donation, doubling the amount for the project.

We will need lots of volunteers on Saturday, 1/21 to stuff take-out containers and to help in the kitchen. And pass the word to your friends about the outstanding Greek food available.

Repair Progress

We continue to make great progress. All repair work and painting is complete. The scaffolding is currently being disassembled and hauled away. The protective coverings over the stained-glass windows and the plastic barrier protecting the altar has been removed.





The above pictures show portions of the plank floor of the scaffolding has been removed and the new ceiling visible. You can also see the plastic barrier protecting the altar has been removed.

What Is Left to Complete

Disassembly and removal of the scaffold is scheduled to complete by January 10. Then, during the following week, the protective enclosures around the pulpit, altar screen and Bishop Throne will be disassembled and removed, and the pews uncovered. Finally, there will be a thorough cleaning of the Sanctuary. It looks like we will be having Divine Liturgy in our Sanctuary on January 22!

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, 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)

Food Festival Cooking, 2023

It's that time of the year again. We're beginning with Koulourakia, **TODAY**, after Church till 4:00, and Monday, January 9th, 9:00 to 4:00. Join the team for a lot of rolling, twisting, and baking!

- Souzoukakia has to be a 3-day event with all the meatballs needed.
- 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

Koulourakia	Sunday, Jan. 8, After Church to 4:00 pm Monday, Jan. 9, 9:00 to 4:00
Souzoukakia	Friday and Saturday, January 13 and 14, 9:00 to 4:00 Sunday, 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

Galatoboureko	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

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

Jan 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
PLEASE NOTE: ALL REGULARLY SCHEDULED WORSHIP SERVICES WILL TAKE PLACE IN THE CRYSTAL ROOM (SMALL HALL), UNLESS OTHERWISE INDICATED.						
8 Sunday after Epiphany Orthros 8:45 a.m. Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m. 2023 Parish Council Affirmation of Office Philoptochos Vasilopita Cutting GOYA meeting	9	10 GOYA BOYS Basketball 7:00 p.m.	11 GOYA GIRLS Basketball 7:00 p.m.	12	13	14 Greek School 10:00 a.m.
15 12th Sunday of Luke Orthros 8:45 a.m. Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m.	16	17 St Anthony the Great Orthros 9: a.m. Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m. GOYA BOYS Basketball 7:00 p.m.	18 GOYA GIRLS Basketball 7:00 p.m.	19	20	21 Greek School 10:00 a.m.
22 15th Sunday of Luke Orthros 8:45 a.m. Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m.	23	24 GOYA BOYS Basketball 7:00 p.m.	25 GOYA GIRLS Basketball 7:00 p.m.	26	27	28 Greek School 10:00 a.m.
29 Sunday of the Canaanite Woman Orthros 8:45 a.m. Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m.	30 Synaxis of Three Hierarchs Orthros 9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m.	31 GOYA BOYS Basketball 7:00 p.m.				