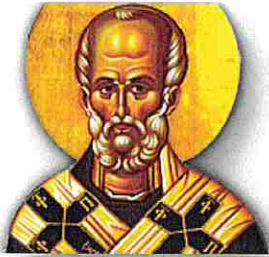


**FEBRUARY 26, 2023 – CHEESEFARE (FORGIVENESS) SUNDAY**

On which we commemorate the expulsion of the first-formed Adam from the Garden of Eden. Saints of the Day: The Holy Martyr Photini (the Samaritan woman that Jesus met at the well), and family members martyred with her.

Tone 4

Orthros Gospel 4



**WELCOME TO ST. NICHOLAS CATHEDRAL!**

**VISIT [www.stnickspgh.org](http://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](mailto:frchbender@verizon.net)

**PROTOPSALTIS:** Amy Hogg

**CHANTER:** Steve Andrews

**CHOIR DIRECTOR:** Steve Andrews

**ORGANIST:** Roseanne Yu

Questions about our Parish? Email [church@stnickspgh.org](mailto: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](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>

**TODAYS MEMORIAL SERVICE** is being chanted for the soul of the servant of God *Semie Tsudis* (40 days).

**EVERYONE IS WELCOME** for a Memorial Luncheon and Coffee Hour following services in the Large Hall hosted by GOYA and sponsored by the family of Semie Tsudis.

**PLEASE NOTE:** General Assembly postponed until Sunday, March 19, 2023, following services.

**THIS WEEK AT ST. NICHOLAS      GREAT LENT BEGINS, STRICT FAST ALL WEEK**

- Monday, Feb. 27, 2023: 6:00 p.m. Great Compline Service
- Wednesday, Mar. 1, 2023: 6:00 p.m. Presanctified Liturgy
- Friday, Mar. 3, 2023: 7:00 p.m. First Salutations
- Saturday, Mar. 4, 2023: 3rd Saturday of the Souls Orthros 9:00 a.m.; Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m. Greek School 10:00 a.m.

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**PARISH COUNCIL IS LOOKING FOR ONE (1) ADDITIONAL MEMBER.  
IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN JOINING, PLEASE CONTACT  
PARISH COUNCIL PRESIDENT,  
MICHELLE KOTSAGRELOS ([MMK8317@HOTMAIL.COM](mailto:MMK8317@HOTMAIL.COM) OR 412.680.1416).**

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Tone 4

Orthros Gospel 4

### SPECIAL HYMNS OF THE DAY (SMALL ENTRANCE):

*As the clergy exit the Altar the Resurrection Apolytikion in the tone of the week (Fourth) is chanted:*

Τὸ φαιδρὸν τῆς ἀναστάσεως κήρυγμα, ἐκ τοῦ Ἀγγέλου μαθοῦσαι αἱ τοῦ Κυρίου Μαθήτριά, 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) for Sundays is chanted:* Δεῦτε προσκυνήσωμεν καὶ προσπέσωμεν Χριστῷ. Σῶσον ἡμᾶς Υἱὲ Θεοῦ, ὁ ἀναστὰς ἐκ νεκρῶν, ψάλλοντάς σοι· Ἀλληλουῖα. “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 Resurrection Apolytikion is repeated, and then we hear the Apolytikion for our Patron Saint, Nicholas of Myra the Wonderworker:* Κανόνα πίστεως καὶ εἰκόνα πραότητος, ἐγκρατείας Διδάσκαλον, ἀνέδειξε 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. 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 6 appointed for this day in the Triodion:*

Τῆς σοφίας ὁδηγέ, φρονήσεως χορηγέ, τῶν ἀφρόνων παιδευτά, καὶ πτωχῶν ὑπερασπιστά, στήριζον, συνέτισον τὴν καρδίαν μου Δέσποτα. Σὺ δίδου μοι λόγον, ὁ τοῦ Πατρὸς Λόγος· ἰδοὺ γὰρ τὰ χεῖλη μου, οὐ μὴ κωλύσω ἐν τῷ κρᾶζειν σοι· Ἐλεῆμιον, ἐλέησόν με τὸν παραπεσόντα. O guide to wisdom, provider of prudence, disciplinarian of fools, and defender of the poor, fortify and discipline my heart, O Master; Give me a word, O Word of the Father. For behold, I will not hinder my lips from crying to You: O merciful Lord, have mercy on me who have fallen.

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### Today's Scripture Readings:

**Epistle: Romans 13: 11-14; 14: 1-4.** Ἀδελφοί, νῦν ἐγγύτερον ἡμῶν ἡ σωτηρία ἢ ὅτε ἐπιστεύσαμεν. Ἡ νύξ προέκοψεν, ἡ δὲ ἡμέρα ἤγγικεν. Ἀποθώμεθα οὖν τὰ ἔργα τοῦ σκότους καὶ ἐνδυσώμεθα τὰ ὅπλα τοῦ φωτός. Ὡς ἐν ἡμέρᾳ εὐσχημόνως περιπατήσωμεν, μὴ κώμοις καὶ μέθαις, μὴ κοίταις καὶ ἀσελγείαις, μὴ ἔριδι καὶ ζήλῳ, ἀλλ' ἐνδύσασθε τὸν Κύριον Ἰησοῦν Χριστόν, καὶ τῆς σαρκὸς πρόνοιαν μὴ ποιεῖσθε εἰς ἐπιθυμίαν. Τὸν δὲ ἀσθενοῦντα τῇ πίστει προσλαμβάνεσθε, μὴ εἰς διακρίσεις διαλογισμῶν. Ὃς μὲν πιστεύει φαγεῖν πάντα, ὁ δὲ ἀσθενῶν λάχανα ἐσθίει. Ὁ ἐσθίων τὸν μὴ ἐσθίοντα μὴ ἐξουθενεῖτω, καὶ ὁ μὴ ἐσθίων τὸν ἐσθίοντα μὴ κρινέτω· ὁ Θεὸς γὰρ αὐτὸν προσελάβετο. Σὺ τίς εἶ ὁ κρίνων ἀλλότριον οἰκέτην; τῷ ἰδίῳ Κυρίῳ στήκει ἢ πίπτει, σταθίησεται δέ· δυνατὸς γάρ ἐστιν ὁ Θεὸς στήσαι αὐτόν.

**Brethren,** salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed; the night is far gone, the day is at hand. Let us then cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us conduct ourselves becomingly as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires. As for the man who is weak in faith, welcome him, but not for disputes over opinions. One believes he may eat anything, while the weak man eats only vegetables. Let not him who eats despise him who abstains, and let not him who abstains pass judgment on him who eats; for God has welcomed him. Who are you to pass judgment on the servant of another? It is before his own master that he stands or falls. And he will be upheld, for God is able to make him stand. [RSV]



**Gospel: Matthew 6: 14-21.** Εἶπεν ὁ Κύριος· Ἐὰν ἀφῆτε τοῖς ἀνθρώποις τὰ παραπτώματα αὐτῶν, ἀφήσει καὶ ὑμῖν ὁ πατὴρ ὑμῶν ὁ οὐράνιος· ἐὰν δὲ μὴ ἀφῆτε τοῖς ἀνθρώποις τὰ παραπτώματα αὐτῶν, οὐδὲ ὁ πατὴρ ὑμῶν ἀφήσει τὰ παραπτώματα ὑμῶν. Ὅταν δὲ νηστεύητε, μὴ γίνεσθε ὥσπερ οἱ ὑποκριταὶ σκυθρωποί, ἀφανίζουσι γὰρ τὰ πρόσωπα αὐτῶν ὅπως φανῶσι τοῖς ἀνθρώποις νηστεύοντες· ἀμὴν λέγω ὑμῖν, ὅτι ἀπέχουσιν τὸν μισθὸν αὐτῶν. σὺ δὲ νηστεύων ἁλειψαί σου τὴν κεφαλὴν καὶ τὸ πρόσωπόν σου νίψαι, ὅπως μὴ φανῇς τοῖς ἀνθρώποις νηστεύων ἀλλὰ τῷ πατρὶ σου τῷ ἐν τῷ κρυπτῷ· καὶ ὁ πατὴρ σου ὁ βλέπων ἐν τῷ κρυπτῷ ἀποδώσει σοι ἐν τῷ φανερῷ. Μὴ θησαυρίζετε ὑμῖν θησαυροὺς ἐπὶ τῆς γῆς, ὅπου σὴς καὶ βρῶσις ἀφανίζει, καὶ ὅπου κλέπται διορύσσουσιν καὶ κλέπτουσιν· θησαυρίζετε δὲ ὑμῖν θησαυροὺς ἐν οὐρανῷ, ὅπου οὔτε σὴς οὔτε βρῶσις ἀφανίζει, καὶ ὅπου κλέπται οὐ διορύσσουσιν οὐδὲ κλέπτουσιν· ὅπου γὰρ ἐστὶν ὁ θησαυρός ὑμῶν, ἐκεῖ ἔσται καὶ ἡ καρδία ὑμῶν.

**The Lord said,** "If you forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father also will forgive you; but if you do not forgive men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses. And when you fast, do not look dismal, like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces that their fasting may be seen by men. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. But when you fast, anoint your head and wash your face, that your fasting may not be seen by men but by your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you. Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal, but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also." [RSV]

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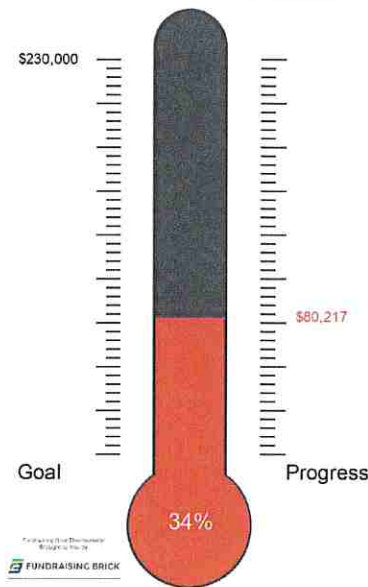
**Great Lent begins tomorrow. This is a time of STRICT FAST – especially during this, the first week of the Fast: no meat, milk, dairy products, olive oil, or fish.**

***All faithful Orthodox Christians are encouraged to observe the Fast strictly, to the best of their ability, and taking into account exceptions for health or age. It is a good time to come forward for Holy Communion – especially next Sunday. It is also a good time to be reconciled with both our heavenly Father and each other: to ask for forgiveness, and to forgive. This is the theme of tonight's beautiful and moving Vesper service, which ushers in the Lenten season (6:00 p.m.) It is also the theme of tomorrow's Great Compline service (6:00 p.m.). Great Lent is an especially good time to come forward for the sacrament of Holy Confession, though which we relieve the soul of the burden of guilt which accumulates over time and alienates us from God and from our brothers and sisters in the Lord. Fr. Christopher is available after any weekday service, or by appointment, to hear confessions.***

**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**

<u>2023</u>	<u>STEWARDSHIP</u>
<b>Total Stewards</b>	<b>154 (GOAL 300)</b>
<b>Total Pledged</b>	<b>\$80,217.00</b> <b>GOAL (\$230,000.00)</b>
<b>Avg. Pledge</b>	<b>\$756.76</b>

## Food Festival Cooking, 2023

### Food Festival Preparations

With March right around the corner, we are now more than half-way there!  
 Join the hustle and bustle of our kitchen next Friday, Saturday and possibly Sunday,  
 as we tackle Galatoboureko.

Let's keep up the positive vibes and get the job done! Our festival is just two months away!

### MARCH

Galatoboureko	Friday and Saturday, March 3 and 4, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Possibly Sunday, March 5, 12:00 noon to 4:00 p.m.
Baklava	Friday and Saturday, March 10 and 11, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 pm Sunday, March 12, 12:00 noon to 4:00 p.m.
Kourambiethes	Saturday, March 18, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

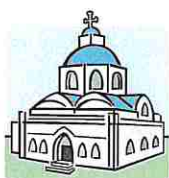
**St Nicholas Greek Food Festival**  
**Sunday, May 7 to Saturday, May 13**

## GOYA NEWS

**A big THANK YOU to everyone for helping make our St. Nicholas Metropolis Basketball Tournament this past weekend a huge success. It was a great weekend for all the GOYAns, chaperones, advisors, coaches, families, and parishioners.**

**We could have not done this without the help of the entire parish.  
Pictures and more information will be in the upcoming Newsletter.**

**Pastitsio Sale** - GOYA is selling their annual frozen 9 by 13 pans of Pastitsio for \$35.00. 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.



### From the Church School Desk!

Church School students in grades 7<sup>th</sup>–12<sup>th</sup> can 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](mailto:eve.m.elsen@gmail.com).

**Sunday, March 5, 2023**, the Church School students will participate in the **Sunday of Orthodoxy Icon Procession** with their favorite icon!

**Sunday, March 12, 2023** there will be a **Teaching** Liturgy. Father will be stopping throughout the Liturgy to explain what and why certain things are done. This will replace Church School, so please come early and have your children sit in front with their teachers.

**St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Cathedral's Church School Open House** will be **Sunday, March 19, 2023**, where parents and grandparents attend Church School to see firsthand what their children are learning.

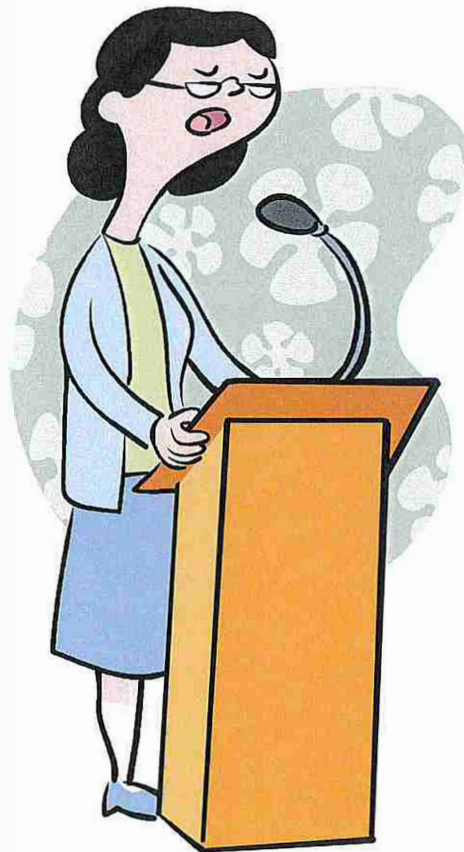
I appreciate the support from all of you and thanks for sharing your children with us every Sunday!

Yours in Christ,

*Miss Michelle*

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**St. Nicholas  
Oratorical Festival  
March 2023**



**For more information, please contact  
Chairman Eve Elsen  
at 412-580-9415 or [eve.m.elsen@gmail.com](mailto:eve.m.elsen@gmail.com)**



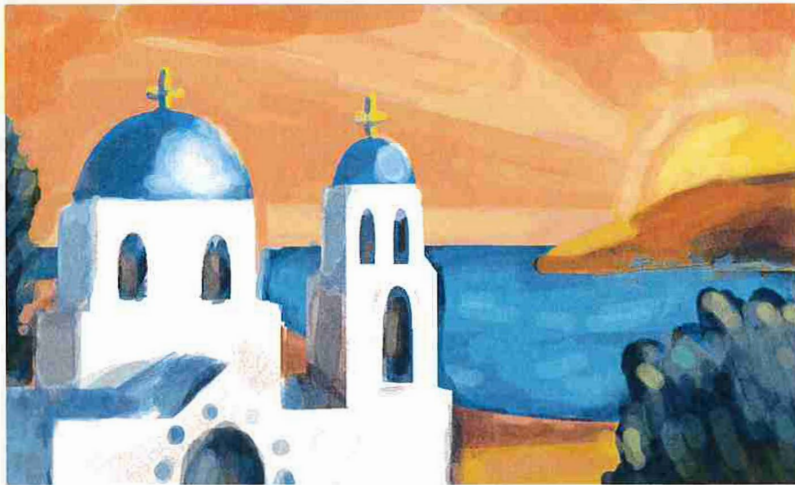


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for the  
Sunday of Orthodoxy  
Icon Procession**

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**St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Cathedral Church School  
Open House  
Sunday, March 19, 2023**



**Join your Child or Grandchild for Church  
Worship, Holy Communion & Church School!**

*St. Nicholas Church School, Con't*

# Church School Students Teaching Liturgy



**Sunday, March 12, 2023**



**Celebrate the Evangelismos and  
Greek Independence Day**

**with**

**St. Nicholas Cathedral Greek School**

**Sunday, March 26<sup>th</sup> 2023**

**Luncheon-immediately after Doxology in church**



**luncheon reservations, by Mar. 22**

**Call/Text Maria Stamoolis at 412-874-4422 or E-mail  
[mstamoolis@verizon.net](mailto:mstamoolis@verizon.net)**

**Butterfly Shrimp Luncheon – adults \$15 / children \$10**

**Then stay and celebrate with the children-- POEMS! SONGS!  
PLAY!**

The Department of Greek Education for  
the Greek Orthodox Metropolis of Pittsburgh presents

# THE EIGHTH ANNUAL GREEK LANGUAGE FESTIVAL

**Saturday, April 22, 2023**  
**St. Nicholas Cathedral, Pittsburgh, PA**  
**11am - 3pm**

## **1. Quiz Bowl on Greek Revolution of 1821 and Burning of Smyrna**

Teams of three (3) students will compete in two levels. Eligible contestants are those currently or previously enrolled in Greek Language Studies. All the material needed to study for the Quiz Bowl is available to download at <https://www.dropbox.com/scl/fo/3yx04h3bdlll5c2ifyk4m/h?dl=0&rlkey=d45th09aivd712t40ynqvo6c2> Each team creates its own name. A large trophy cup will be placed at the winning team's church. Individual awards will also be given.

- a. Intermediate Level: 4th, 5th, 6th grade American School
- b. Advanced Level: 6th - 12th grade American School (note that 6th grade students have the option of teaming up in either level)

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2. For students who are **musically talented** we encourage you to perform either solo or with others an original Greek song or Greek instrumental selection or a selection from an existing Greek composer on Greek Revolution of 1821 and Burning of Smyrna. This is open for all grades, K - 12th grade American School.

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3. For students **who love to act** we encourage you to perform an original Greek skit or one from an existing writer on Greek Revolution of 1821 and Burning of Smyrna. This is open for all grades, K - 12th grade American School.

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4. For students **who love art** we encourage you to submit your artwork for the Art Exhibit with the title in Greek on Greek Revolution of 1821 and Burning of Smyrna. This is open for all grades, K - 12th grade American School.

In addition, there will also be various booths, food, and fun for all.

Registration forms available at the Metropolis website, facebook, and <https://www.dropbox.com/scl/fo/3yx04h3bdlll5c2ifyk4m/h?dl=0&rlkey=d45th09aivd712t40ynqvo6c2>

**Registration deadline is April 7, 2023**

**Questions contact Maria Stamoolis: [mstamoolis@verizon.net](mailto:mstamoolis@verizon.net)**



The Department of Greek Education  
for the Metropolis of Pittsburgh presents

# The Annual Greek Language Story Contest



## Do you know of someone in your family or community with a fascinating story to tell?

Interview and write the life story of an elderly immigrant with Greek or Cypriot roots living (either) independently or dependently, such as in a nursing home, assisted living, etc.; or interview the child or spouse of an elderly or deceased immigrant and tell their life story.

**1**

### Tell of their life before and after coming to the U.S.

- where they traveled from and why they left
- who they traveled with and how they traveled
- who they prayed to for strength and any miracles
- how old they were when they arrived to the U.S.
- what challenges they faced
- what did they do here in the U.S.

**2**

### Provide pictures

- of them, their family
- of places where they lived abroad, and in the U.S.
- of their favorite places and pastimes, both abroad and in the U.S.

**3**

### Provide samples of

- their favorite Greek songs, hymns, poems, etc.

### You are not limited to only the above questions, nor are all of the above imperative

Type this in Greek and in English in a Word document. Provide a copy for the person you interviewed and send a copy to:

The Greek Orthodox Metropolis of Pittsburgh Department of Greek Education,  
5201 Ellsworth Ave, Pittsburgh, PA 15232, also email a copy with the pictures  
separately not in the word document to [mstamoolis@verizon.net](mailto:mstamoolis@verizon.net)  
Student interviewers are from 4th – 12th grade. Awards given to students who  
display thoroughness and hard work.

**Deadline to register is April 7, 2023. Deadline for submission is April 18, 2023.  
For information e-mail Maria Stamoolis, [mstamoolis@verizon.net](mailto:mstamoolis@verizon.net).**





His Eminence Metropolitan Savas  
cordially invites you to celebrate the  
dedicated volunteers of our Holy and  
God-protected Metropolis of  
Pittsburgh at the

**2023**

## **Metropolis of Pittsburgh St. Photios Awards Banquet**

**Saturday April 29, 2023**

4:00pm Hors d'oeuvres 5:00pm Dinner

**DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel  
Pittsburgh-Cranberry**

910 Sheraton Drive, Mars, PA 16046

Reservations:

\$95/adult, \$25/child (under 12)

Reservation & Sponsorship Deadline:

April 1, 2023

No Refunds available after April 17, 2023



## **NET PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT THE METROPOLITAN'S BENEVOLENCE FUND**

**Please mail reservations to:**

St. Photios Awards Banquet  
Greek Orthodox Metropolis of Pittsburgh  
5201 Ellsworth Ave, Pittsburgh, PA 15232

Please make checks payable to:  
Greek Orthodox Metropolis of Pittsburgh

**Please refer questions to:**

Banquet Co-Chairpersons:

Marianne Stearns

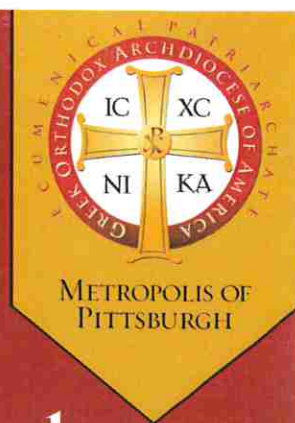
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mstearns@nauticom.net

or Archdeacon Ryan

412 621 5529

rgzikowski@pittsburgh.goarch.org





# GREEK ORTHODOX METROPOLIS OF PITTSBURGH

## ST. PHOTIOS AWARDS BANQUET

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Saturday, April 29, 2023

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4:00 P.M. Hors d'oeuvres

5:00 P.M. Dinner

### **DINNER RESERVATIONS FORM**

\$95.00 per adult

\$25.00 per child under 12

**(Tables of 10)**

*Note: Parking is free at the hotel.*

Name.....

Parish.....

Address.....

Phone (.....).....

City/State/Zip.....

**\*\* No refunds after April 17, 2023. \*\***

E-Mail .....

**Reservations Due by April 1, 2023.**

Number of Reservations ..... x \$95.00ea + ..... x \$25.00ea = \$..... total

**NOTE: Awardees attend gratis (no charge) as guests of His Eminence. Do not pay for awardees.**

Amount enclosed.....

**Names of those included in this Reservation** (write additional names on back of this page):

**If including Awardees with your table, please list their names below, but do not include payment for awardees.**

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### **Make checks payable to:**

Greek Orthodox Metropolis of Pittsburgh

### **Please refer questions to:**

Marianne Stearns

412-600-2159

**mstearns@nauticom.net**

### **Mail checks, reservation names, sponsorship forms, & donations to:**

St. Photios Awards Banquet

Greek Orthodox Metropolis of Pittsburgh

5201 Ellsworth Avenue

Pittsburgh, PA 15232

**Please do not contact hotel with Banquet questions; only contact hotel for overnight room reservations.**

### **For overnight room reservations:**

Contact the DoubleTree Hotel at (724) 776-6900

A rate of \$119.00 per night has been secured

Use the group name "Saint Photios Awards Dinner"

**Deadline for room reservations at this rate is April 1, 2023.**



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### **Program Book Sponsorship Form**

\$3000+	Grand Benefactor .....
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Amount Enclosed:

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5201 Ellsworth Avenue  
Pittsburgh, PA 15232

**Must be received by April 1, 2023, to be included in the book.**

*Donors will be listed by Contribution Level in the St. Photios Awards Banquet Program Book, which will be distributed at the Dinner on Saturday, April 29, 2023, at the DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel in Mars, PA.*

*Net proceeds from this event will benefit the Metropolitan's Benevolence Fund.*



## 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 Ceiling Fund on the Fund pull down menu.

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)

# MARCH 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>FEB 26</b>  <b>Forgiveness Sunday</b> <b>(Cheesefare Sunday)</b> Orthros 8:45 a.m. Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m.  <b>Forgiveness Vespers</b> 7:00 p.m.	<b>FEB 27</b>  <i>Καθαρά Δευτέρα</i> <b>"Clean Monday"</b>  <b>Great Lent Begins!</b>  <b>Great Compline</b> 6:00 p.m.	<b>FEB 28</b>	<b>MARCH 1</b>  <b>Presanctified Liturgy</b> 6:00 p.m.	2	3  <b>First Salutations</b> 7:00 p.m.	4  <b>3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the Souls</b> Orthros 9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m.  <b>Greek School</b> 10:00 a.m.
5  <b>Sunday of Orthodoxy</b> Orthros 8:45 a.m. Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m.  <b>Pan-Orthodox Vespers &amp; Icon Procession</b> at St. George Orthodox Church (Oakland) 5:00 p.m.	6	7  Father Bender Away	8  Father Bender Away	9  Father Bender Away	10  <b>Second Salutations</b> 7:00 p.m.	11  <b>Greek School</b> 10:00 a.m.
		<b>Fr. Christopher away</b> at Metropolis Clergy Lenten Retreat (at Antiochian Village)				
12 <b>Teaching Liturgy</b> <b>St. Gregory Palamas</b> Orthros 8:45 a.m. Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m.	13  <b>Parish Council Meeting</b> 6:30 p.m.	14	15  <b>Presanctified Liturgy</b> 9:30 a.m.	16	17  <b>Third Salutations</b> 7:00 p.m.	18  <b>Greek School</b> 10:00 a.m.
19  <b>Sunday of Holy Cross</b> Orthros 8:45 a.m. Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m.  <b>GENERAL ASSEMBLY</b>	20	21	22  <b>Presanctified Liturgy</b> 9:30 a.m.	23	24  <b>Great Vespers for Annunciation</b> followed by <b>4<sup>th</sup> Stanza of Akathist Hymn</b> 7:00 p.m.	25  <b>Feastday of ANNUNCIATION</b> Orthros 9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m.  <b>Greek School</b> 10:00 a.m.
26  <b>Sunday of St. John Climacus</b> Orthros 8:45 a.m. Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m.  <b>Greek School Greek Independence Day Celebration Luncheon and Program</b>	27	28	29  <b>Presanctified Liturgy</b> 6:00 p.m.	30	31  <b>THE AKATHIST HYMN</b> 7:00 p.m.	