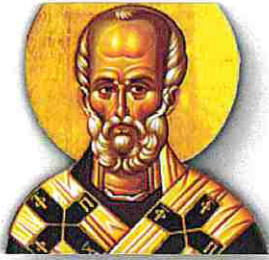


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Orthros Gospel 8



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>

**TODAY: Greek Independence Day Celebration by Greek School with Procession, Doxology, Luncheon and Program
GOYA Dance Practice**

PLEASE JOIN US for Coffee and Fellowship following services in the Large Hall hosted by Greek School.

THIS WEEK AT ST. NICHOLAS

- Monday, Mar. 27, 2023: GOYA Volleyball practice 7:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, Mar. 28, 2023: GOYA Open Gym 7:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, Mar. 29, 2023: Presanctified Liturgy 6:00 p.m.; GOYA Dance Practice 6:30 p.m.
- Friday, Mar. 31, 2023: THE AKATHIST HYMN 7:00 p.m.
- Saturday, Apr. 1, 2023: Greek School 10:00 a.m.
- Sunday, Apr. 2, 2023: Memorial Service for Georgia Krelis (1 year).

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TODAY'S SPECIAL HYMNS AND READINGS:

The first hymn we hear at the Small Entrance is the Resurrection Hymn in the Tone of the Week (8):

Ἐξ ὕψους κατήλθες ὁ εὐσπλαγχνος, ταφήν κατεδέξω τριήμερον, ἵνα ἡμᾶς ἐλευθερώσῃς τῶν παθῶν. Ἡ ζωὴ καὶ ἡ Ἀνάστασις ἡμῶν, Κύριε δόξα σοι.

You descended from on high, O compassionate One, and condescended to be buried for three days, so that from the passions You might set us free. Our life and resurrection, O Lord, glory be to You. [SD]

Next, the clergy chant the usual Entrance Hymn for Sundays:

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.

This is followed by the hymn for our patron, St. Nicholas of Myra the Wonderworker:

Κανόνα πίστεως καὶ εἰκόνα πραότητος, ἐγκρατείας Διδάσκαλον, ἀνέδειξέ σε τῇ ποιίμνῃ σου, ἡ τῶν πραγμάτων ἀλήθεια· διὰ τοῦτο ἐκτίσω 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 heights by humility, riches by poverty. O Father and Hierarch Nicholas, intercede with Christ God that our souls be saved.

Finally, we hear the Kontakion in Tone 4 appointed for this season in the Triodion:

Τῇ ὑπερμάχῳ στρατηγῷ τὰ νικητήρια, ὡς λυτρωθεῖσα τῶν δεινῶν εὐχαριστήρια, ἀναγράφω σοὶ ἡ Πόλις σου Θεοτόκε, Ἀλλ' ὡς ἔχουσα τὸ κράτος ἀπροσμάχητον, ἐκ παντοίων μὲ κινδύνων ἐλευθέρωσον, ἵνα κράζω σοί, Χαῖρε νύμφη ἀνύμφευτε.

To you, Theotokos, invincible Defender, having been delivered from peril, I, your city, dedicate the victory festival as a thank offering. In your irresistible might, keep me safe from all trials, that I may call out to you: "Hail, O bride unwedded!"

TODAY'S EPISTLE READING – HEBREWS 6:13-20: Brethren, when God made a promise to Abraham, since he had no one greater by whom to swear, he swore to himself, saying, "Surely I will bless you and multiply you." And thus Abraham, having patiently endured, obtained the promise. Men indeed swear by a greater than themselves, and in all their disputes an oath is final for confirmation. So when God desired to show more convincingly to the heirs of the promise the unchangeable character of his purpose, he interposed with an oath, so that through two unchangeable things, in which it is impossible that God should prove false, we who have fled for refuge might have strong encouragement to seize the hope set before us. We have this as a sure and steadfast anchor of the soul, a hope that enters into the inner shrine behind the curtain, where Jesus has gone as a fore-runner on our behalf, having become a high priest for ever after the order of Melchizedek. [RSV]

Ἀδελφοί, τῷ Ἀβραάμ ἐπαγγειλάμενος ὁ Θεός, ἐπεὶ κατ' οὐδενὸς εἶχε μείζονος ὁμόσαι, ὥμοσε καθ' ἑαυτοῦ, λέγων· ἢ μὴν εὐλογῶν εὐλογήσω σε καὶ πληθύνων πληθυνῶ σε· καὶ οὕτω μακροθυμήσας ἐπέτυχε τῆς ἐπαγγελίας. Ἄνθρωποι μὲν γὰρ κατὰ τοῦ μείζονος ὁμνύουσι, καὶ πάσης αὐτοῖς ἀντιλογίας πέρας εἰς βεβαίωσιν ὁ ὅρκος· ἐν ᾧ περισσότερον βουλόμενος ὁ Θεὸς ἐπιδείξει τοῖς κληρονόμοις τῆς ἐπαγγελίας τὸ ἀμετάθετον τῆς βουλῆς αὐτοῦ, ἐμεσίτευσεν ὅρκῳ, ἵνα διὰ δύο πραγμάτων ἀμεταθέτων, ἐν οἷς ἀδύνατον ψεύσασθαι Θεόν, ἰσχυρὰν παράκλησιν ἔχωμεν οἱ καταφυγόντες κρατῆσαι τῆς προκειμένης ἐλπίδος· ἦν ὡς ἄγκυραν ἔχομεν τῆς ψυχῆς ἀσφαλῆ τε καὶ βεβαίαν καὶ εἰσερχομένην εἰς τὸ ἐσώτερον τοῦ καταπετάσματος, ὅπου πρόδρομος ὑπὲρ ἡμῶν εἰσηλθεν Ἰησοῦς, κατὰ τὴν τάξιν Μελχισεδέκ, Ἀρχιερεὺς γενόμενος εἰς τὸν αἰῶνα.

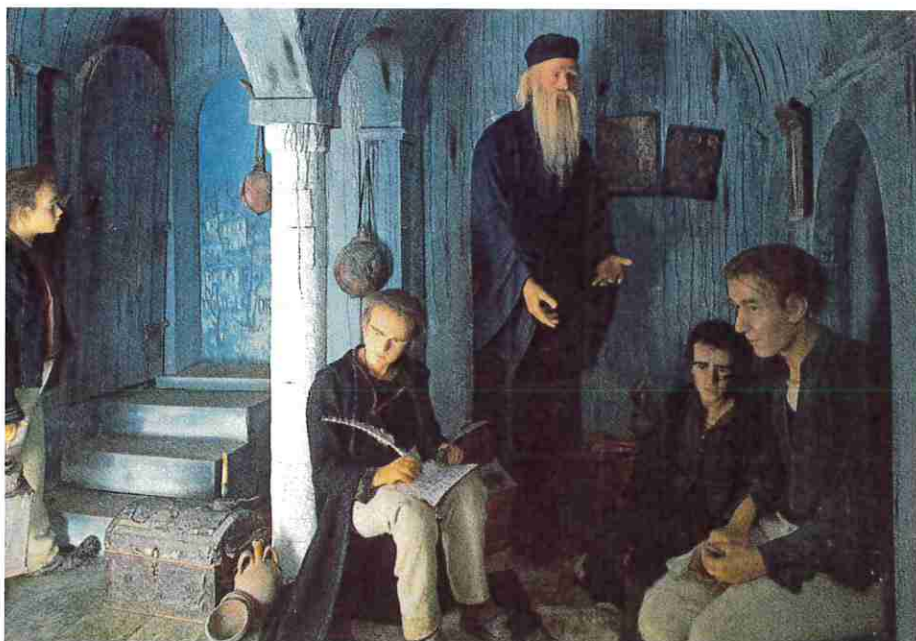
TODAY'S GOSPEL READING – MARK 9: 17-31. At that time, a man came to Jesus kneeling and saying: "Teacher, I brought my son to you, for he has a dumb spirit; and wherever it seizes him it dashes him down; and he foams and grinds his teeth and becomes rigid; and I asked your disciples to cast it out, and they were not able." And he answered them, "O faithless generation, how long am I to be with you? How long am I to bear with you? Bring him to me." And they brought the boy to him; and when the spirit saw him, immediately it convulsed the boy, and he fell on the ground and rolled about, foaming at the mouth. And Jesus asked his father, "How long has he had this?" And he said, "From childhood. And it has often cast him into the fire and into the water, to destroy him; but if you can do anything, have pity on us and help us." And Jesus said to him, "If you can! All things are possible to him who believes." Immediately the father of the child cried out and said, "I believe; help my unbelief!" And when Jesus saw that a crowd came running together, he rebuked the unclean spirit, saying to it, "You dumb and deaf spirit, I command you, come out of him, and never enter him again." And after crying out and convulsing him terribly, it came out, and the boy was like a corpse; so that most of them said, "He is dead." But Jesus took him by the hand and lifted him up, and he arose. And when he had entered the house, his disciples asked him privately, "Why could we not cast it out?" And he said to them, "This kind cannot be driven out by anything but prayer and fasting." They went on from there and passed through Galilee. And he would not have anyone know it; for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, "The Son of man will be delivered into the hands of men, and they will kill him; and when he is killed, after three days he will rise." [RSV]

Τῷ καιρῷ ἐκεῖνῳ, ἄνθρωπός τις προσῆλθε τῷ Ἰησοῦ γονυπετῶν αὐτῷ καὶ λέγων· Διδάσκαλε, ἤνεγκα τὸν υἱόν μου πρὸς σέ, ἔχοντα πνεῦμα ἄλαλον. καὶ ὅπου ἂν αὐτὸν καταλάβῃ, ῥήσσει αὐτόν, καὶ ἀφρίζει καὶ τρίζει τοὺς ὀδόντας αὐτοῦ, καὶ ξηραίνεται· καὶ εἶπον τοῖς μαθηταῖς σου ἵνα αὐτὸ ἐκβάλωσι, καὶ οὐκ ἴσχυσαν. ὁ δὲ ἀποκριθεὶς αὐτῷ λέγει· Ὡ γυνεὰ ἄπιστος, ἕως πότε πρὸς ὑμᾶς ἔσομαι; ἕως πότε ἀνέξομαι ὑμῶν; φέρετε αὐτὸν πρὸς με. καὶ ἤνεγκαν αὐτὸν πρὸς αὐτόν. καὶ ἰδὼν αὐτὸν εὐθέως τὸ πνεῦμα ἐσπάραξεν αὐτόν, καὶ πεσὼν ἐπὶ τῆς γῆς ἐκυλίετο ἀφρίζων. καὶ ἐπηρώτησε τὸν πατέρα αὐτοῦ· Πόσος χρόνος ἐστὶν ὡς τοῦτο γέγονεν αὐτῷ; ὁ δὲ εἶπε· Παιδιόθεν. καὶ πολλάκις αὐτὸν καὶ εἰς πῦρ ἔβαλε καὶ εἰς ὕδατα, ἵνα ἀπολέσῃ αὐτόν· ἀλλ' εἴ τι δύνασαι, βοήθησον ἡμῖν σπλαγχνισθεὶς ἐφ' ἡμᾶς. ὁ δὲ Ἰησοὺς εἶπεν αὐτῷ· Τὸ εἰ δύνασαι πιστεῦσαι, πάντα δυνατὰ τῷ πιστεύοντι. καὶ εὐθέως κράξας ὁ πατὴρ τοῦ παιδίου μετὰ δακρύων ἔλεγε· Πιστεύω, Κύριε· βοήθει μου τῇ ἀπιστίᾳ. ἰδὼν δὲ ὁ Ἰησοὺς ὅτι ἐπισυντρέχει ὄχλος ἐπετίμησε τῷ πνεύματι τῷ ἀκαθάρτῳ λέγων αὐτῷ· Τὸ πνεῦμα τὸ ἄλαλον καὶ κωφὸν, ἐγὼ σοι ἐπιτάσσω, ἐξελθε ἐξ αὐτοῦ καὶ μηκέτι εἰσέλθῃς εἰς αὐτόν. καὶ κράξαν καὶ πολλὰ σπαράξαν αὐτόν ἐξῆλθε, καὶ ἐγένετο ὡσεὶ νεκρός, ὥστε πολλοὺς λέγειν ὅτι ἀπέθανεν. ὁ δὲ Ἰησοὺς κρατήσας αὐτὸν τῆς χειρὸς ἤγειρεν αὐτόν, καὶ ἀνέστη. Καὶ εἰσελθόντα αὐτόν εἰς οἶκον οἱ μαθηταὶ αὐτοῦ ἐπηρώτων αὐτόν κατ' ἰδίαν, ὅτι ἡμεῖς οὐκ ἠδυνήθημεν ἐκβαλεῖν αὐτό. καὶ εἶπεν αὐτοῖς· Τοῦτο τὸ γένος ἐν οὐδενὶ δύναται ἐξελεθεῖν εἰ μὴ ἐν προσευχῇ καὶ νηστείᾳ. Καὶ ἐκεῖθεν ἐξελθόντες παρεπορεύοντο διὰ τῆς Γαλιλαίας, καὶ οὐκ ᾔθελεν ἵνα τις γινῶ· ἐδίδασκε γὰρ τοὺς μαθητὰς αὐτοῦ καὶ ἔλεγεν αὐτοῖς ὅτι Ὁ υἱὸς τοῦ ἀνθρώπου παραδίδοται εἰς χεῖρας ἀνθρώπων, καὶ ἀποκτενοῦσιν αὐτόν, καὶ ἀποκτανθεὶς τῇ τρίτῃ ἡμέρᾳ ἀναστήσεται.

CELEBRATING GREEK INDEPENDENCE WEEK 2023

THE GREEK NATIONALITY ROOM OF THE NATIONALITY ROOMS PROGRAM
AT THE UNIVERSITY OF PITTSBURGH PRESENTS

“THE TEACHERS OF THE GREEK PEOPLES: THE LESSER-KNOWN HEROES OF THE GREEK STRUGGLE FOR INDEPENDENCE”



Within the first 100 years following the fall of Constantinople, many of the teachers of the geography inside which Greek people lived, fled to the west, north, and east (Venice, Pisa, Trieste, Marseille, Nice, Costanza, Odessa, Kiyv, Mariupol, Stavrupol). Greece was largely orphaned of education opportunities. Together with the church clergy, the cadre of the few remaining teachers began the monumental task of rebuilding the education of the Greek people.

By the start of the Revolution, this cadre of the Teachers of the People swelled to more than 1000 lesser-known educators-heroes whose role in the Greek peoples' struggle for Independence is just beginning to be discovered.

This year, the Greek Nationality Room Committee will commemorate the lesser-known Teachers of the People inside the following virtual program that will take place between March 25th - March 29th, 2023, at:

<https://pahellenicfoundation.org/Teachers>

- PROGRAM -

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Saturday, March 25th, 2023 at 7 PM:

“The Lesser Known Teachers of the People: An Introduction and a Reflection for Modern Times”

Sunday, March 26th, 2023 at 7 PM:

“The Awakening of Hellenic National Identity and the Education of the Greek Nation”

Presented by Rev. Fr. Dr. Gregory Stamkopoulos, Dept. of Greek Education of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America.

Monday, March 27th, 2023 at 7 PM:

“Chrysostom Tsiter of Austria: Unveiling Three Great Teachers of the Greek People - Anastasios Gordios, Chrysanthos Aitolos, and Fragiskos Kokkos”

Presented by Dr. A.I. Michalopoulos, Internationalist.

Tuesday, March 28th, 2023 at 7 PM:

“Epistemologic Mythology and the “Legend” of the Hidden School: The Examples in Attica”

Presented by Evangelos Andreou, Poet and Literary Aesthetician, President, European Art Center of Greece (EUARCE)

Wednesday, March 29th, 2023 at 9 PM:

“A Musical Tetraodeon to the Kollyvades Fathers as Teachers of the Greek People”

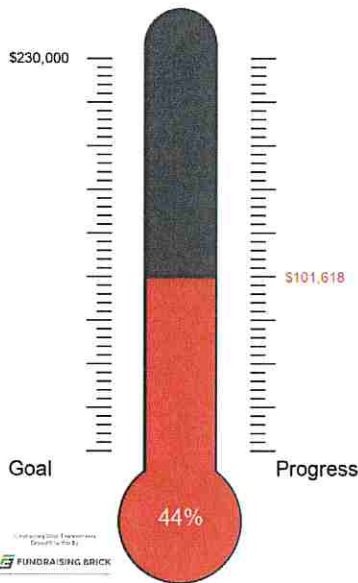
Presented by the Byzantine Choir of the Greek Orthodox Metropolis of Pittsburgh

- For further information, and to view the scheduled events: <https://pahellenicfoundation.org/Teachers> -

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>
Total Stewards	189 (GOAL 300)
Total Pledged	\$101,618.00 GOAL (\$230,000.00)
Avg. Pledge	\$775.71

STEEL MAGNOLIAS

April 8----2:00, O'Reilly Theater
\$41.00 due **TODAY**, March 26th
10 tickets reserved.

The story takes place in a beauty salon with a group of regulars who are planning a wedding, a woman who's been "in a bad mood for forty years" and a mysterious newcomer. Through laughter, tears and a thick fog of hair spray, these women face trials and triumphs.

EVERYONE IS INVITED

Sponsored by the Sixty Club.

Contact Fran Hanna (412-731-0790),

Argie Stuart (412-681-6754)

Please make checks payable to St. Nicholas Sixty Club

Food Festival Cooking, 2023

Food Festival Preparations

We're almost there! Just a couple more items. Join the hustle and bustle of our kitchen next Saturday, April 1, 9:00 - 3:30, and Sunday, April 2, 12 noon till 4:00, as we prepare our popular Tiropita. The more the merrier! Our festival will be here before we know it!

61st Annual St. Nicholas Greek Food Festival Sunday, May 7 to Saturday, May 13

GOYA NEWS

GOYA Sarris Chocolate Sale

GOYA is offering an Easter Chocolate Sale by taking online orders through April 2. The attached flyer may be emailed to your family and friends close by or far away to place their order. Our organization name is St. Nicholas GOYA and group ID# is 10-2873 also located on the flyer.

In order for a GOYAn to receive individual credit please make sure their name is filled out when you or your family/friend is placing their order. There is a place on the order form to include their name. Sarris does not provide any printed brochures.

Thank you for your continued support in helping our youth!

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 Melacrinou 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!

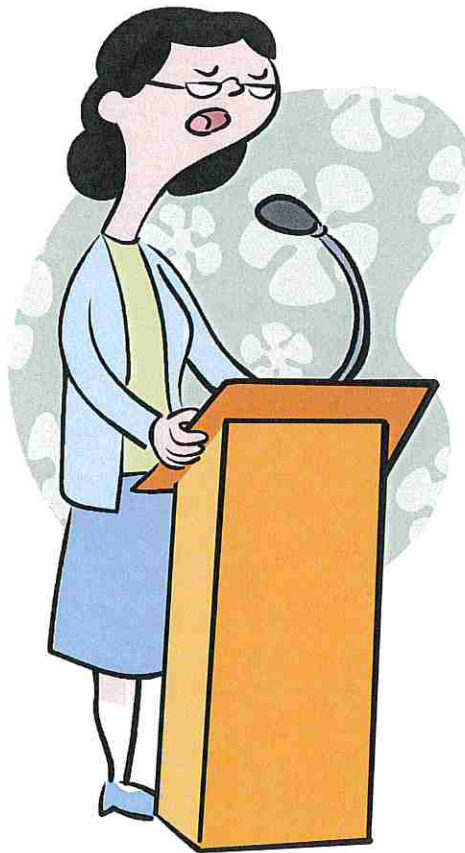
Church School students in grades 7th–12th can learn more about their faith and participate in the **St. Nicholas Oratorical Festival** that will be held in **March 2023**. For more information, please contact Chairman Eve Elsen at 412-580-9415 or eve.m.elsen@gmail.com.

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

Yours in Christ,

Miss Michelle

**St. Nicholas
Oratorical Festival
March 2023**



**For more information, please contact
Chairman Eve Elsen
at 412-580-9415 or eve.m.elsen@gmail.com**

Online Ordering



Fundraise 100% Online

Organization Name

St Nicholas GOYA

Group ID#

10-2873

Visit **SarrisCandiesFundraising.com** to support our fundraising sale!



How It Works

1. Order online with our Group ID#.
2. Our group will earn 25% profit with every purchase made.
3. Sarris will ship directly to your door!



Free Shipping!

Ship anywhere in the U.S.

\$5 packaging and handling fee will be applied.

*Please note: warm states may incur a warm weather packaging charge. Warm weather shipping is required if you live in a state where temperatures are above 70 degrees.

*Online Ordering sales cannot be combined with brochure sales for profit percentage. Free shipping. \$5 packaging and handling fee will be applied. Online Ordering sales cannot be combined with any other promotional offers or discounts.

Good Friday Luminary Memorials



**Remember your loved ones with Luminaries
on Good Friday, April 14, 2023.**

***To include your loved one,
please fill out the form below.***

**Luminaries will have names included on the bags and
will be displayed on the steps of the church on
Good Friday Evening, as we walk with the
“Epitaphio” around the church.
Names will also be published.**

Please fill out the form below and give to one of the parish council
members or mail to the parish office. Donations of \$10.00 per
Luminary to be paid to St. Nicholas Cathedral by Monday, April 10th.

Names to be commemorated:

Paid By	
Check #	
Amount	
Date Rec'd	

YOUTH SAFETY WORKERS

Who is considered a Youth Safety Worker?

All Clergymen (Bishops/Priests/Deacons, both Active & Retired)

Pastoral Assistants & Youth Directors

People assisting, in any ministry, where the participants are under 18 years of age or in high school, whichever is later.

Including Parish Youth Safety Administrators, Church School Teachers, Dance Directors, Greek School Teachers, Youth Advisors (including Chaperones & Drivers) and Parish Council.

Even... Parents who occasionally help-out, but are alone with other people's children.

Each Youth Safety Worker is required to register yearly with the church.

Registration is available through the church office. In addition, all Youth Safety Workers are required to take two courses (on-line training platform) annually and to complete a background check every other year.

Here is the website: Please register at <https://ncsrisk.org/goarch/>. The first course, Youth Safety, has two parts. The second course, Youth Worker Regulations, has one part. Prompt completion is necessary as one cannot participate in any youth programs without being registered, having a background check, having PA state clearances, and completing the two courses.

Those interested in becoming a Youth Safety Worker and have not started the process or need to determine what documentation you need to complete, please contact Taki Darakos, edarakos@aol.com, 412-944-4961.

HELP PHILOPTOCHOS HELP THOSE IN NEED
BY ORDERING OUR NEW LENTEN FUNDRAISER

Sunday Soupa!

Choose from our delicious homemade
Lentil Soup (Fakes) or Bean Soup (Fasolada).
Can't decide.....order both!

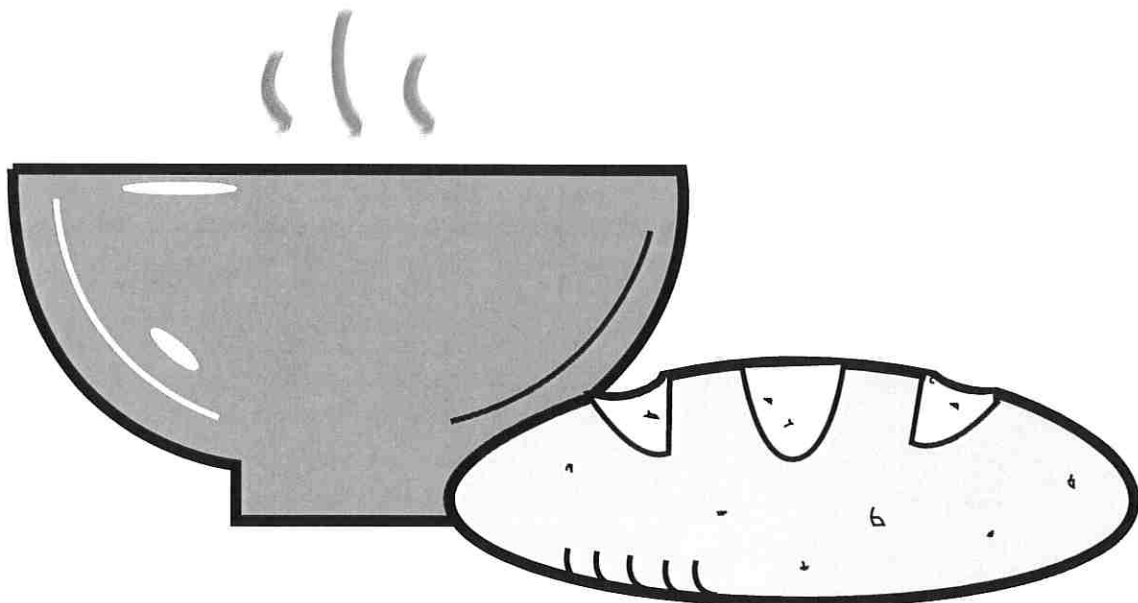
Soups are completely Lenten
and available **ONLY** on **Sunday, March 26, April 2 & 9**

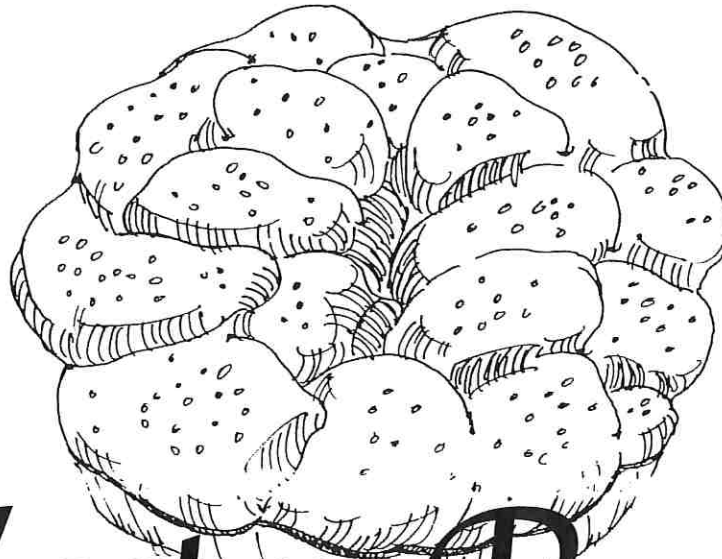
Each quart-size soup comes with a fresh
homemade loaf of bread by Chef Joe Bardakos

\$10 qt.

PREORDERS ONLY

Orders must be placed by Thursday prior to pick-up date
by phone, text or email to Maria Bardakos 412-519-8684 / marbard47@gmail.com
Cash or check made out to St. Nicholas Philoptochos





Easter Bread

ST. NICHOLAS CATHEDRAL PHILOPTOCHOS IS TAKING ORDERS
FOR OUR DELICIOUS GREEK EASTER BREAD.

\$12 per loaf

BREAD WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR PICK-UP
FRIDAY, APRIL 7TH, 4 PM TO 6 PM IN THE COMMUNITY CENTER
AND SUNDAY, APRIL 9TH IMMEDIATELY AFTER CHURCH.

----- ORDER FORM -----

Complete the order form below and mail along WITH A CHECK made payable to:

St. Nicholas Philoptochos/Easter Bread, St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Cathedral, 419 S. Dithridge St., Pittsburgh, PA 15213

Name _____

Telephone _____ Number of Loaves _____

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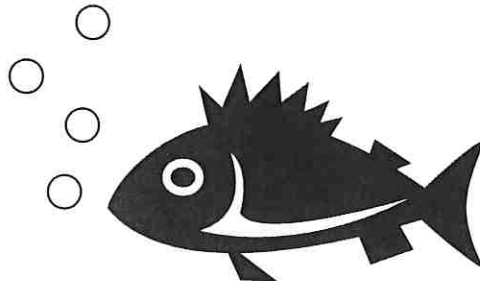
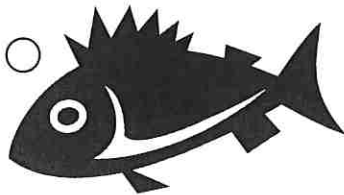
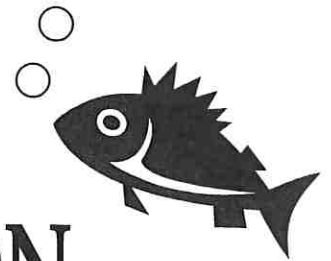
ORDERS CAN BE PLACED BY CALLING (412) 897-8208 OR BY FAX: (412) 683-4960

Thank you for your support.

All Proceeds Benefit the Ongoing Charitable Activities of our Philoptochos.

Please join Philoptochos
on Sunday, April 9
for our
**PALM SUNDAY
FAMILY LUNCHEON**

(Immediately after church services)



\$20 adults • \$10 children (12 and under)

Reservations Required. Deadline Sunday, April 2

*For reservations call or text Maria Bardakos at 412-519-8684 **OR**
fill out the reservation form below and mail it along with a check made payable to St. Nicholas Philoptochos.*



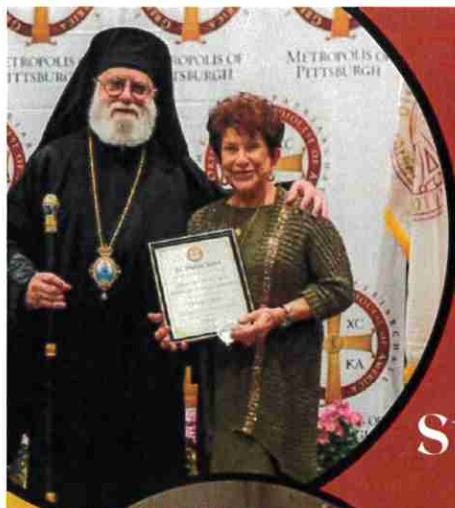
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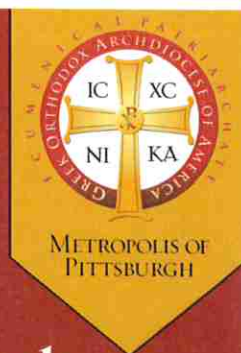
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_____ Adults x \$20 = _____ Children x \$10 = _____

Total Amount Enclosed \$ _____



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

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GREEK ORTHODOX METROPOLIS OF PITTSBURGH

ST. PHOTIOS AWARDS BANQUET

2023 ST. PHOTIOS AWARDS BANQUET

Saturday, April 29, 2023

DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Pittsburgh-Cranberry

910 Sheraton Drive, Mars, PA 16046

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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Please refer questions to:

Marianne Stearns

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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
\$1000-\$2,999	Benefactor
\$750-\$999	Patron
\$500-\$749	Sponsor
\$250-\$499	Supporter
\$100-\$249	Friend
\$50	Helper

Amount Enclosed:

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Check #

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Sponsor Address: _____

Name as you wish it to be listed:

Make checks payable to: Greek Orthodox Metropolis of Pittsburgh

Mail form and check to: St. Photios Awards Banquet
Greek Orthodox Metropolis of Pittsburgh
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.

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)

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.

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.

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

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

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.

Give a little--Help a lot!



Spaghetti Luncheon

SUNDAY, APRIL 23, 2023

\$15.00 Dine in or Take Out

\$10.00 Under 12 years old

Kelli 412-337-1297

Lisa 412-600-1240

Carrie 412-680-0210

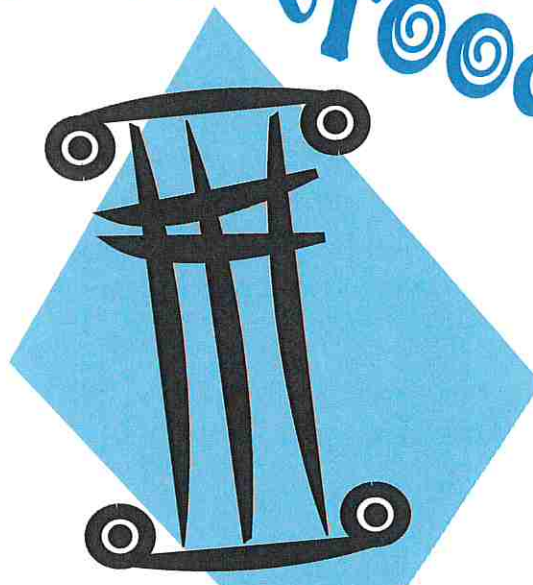
Consider making a donation if you cannot attend

All proceeds go to offsetting costs for
St Nicholas' children to attend camp Nazareth

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St. Nicholas Cathedral • 61ST Annual

Greek Food



Festival

Sunday, May 7 - Saturday, May 13

Delicious Greek Food • Luscious Sweet Pastries • Lively Greek Music
Entertainment by our St. Nicholas Dancers

Sunday: Noon to 8 pm • Monday thru Thursday: 11 am to 8 pm
Friday: 11 am to 9 pm (music till midnight) • Saturday: 1 pm to 9 pm

Dine In or Take-Out
www.stnickspgh.org

St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Cathedral

**2023 GREEK FOOD FESTIVAL
ADVERTISING CONTRACT**



Name _____

Business _____

Address _____

Phone/ Cell _____

Email _____

AD DEADLINE APRIL 7, 2023

Ad Size	Color
Full Page/ 4.5w x 7.5h	\$700
Half Page/ 4.5w x 3.75h	\$400
Quarter Page/ 4.5w x 1.8750h	\$250
Patron/ listing	\$50

For repeat customers, please indicate below if you would like to use the same ad as last year.

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Use same ad as previous year

Please make check payable and mail to St. Nicholas Cathedral. ☐ Check enclosed ☐ Bill me

Authorized Signature _____ Date _____

Please print or attach ad copy, or email ad file in a **JPEG** format to: **foodfestadbook@stnickspgh.org**

Date Received:

Check Number:

Receipt Number:



ST. NICHOLAS CATHEDRAL 2023 GOLF OUTING

Registration/Lunch Buffet 11:00

Shotgun Start 12:30

Cocktails 5:30

Dinner/Auction/Prizes 6:00

Golf Foursome \$750 Individual \$200
Tee and Prize sponsorships available

***Monday, May 22, 2023
Shannopin Country Club***

**For Reservations and Sponsorships
412-421-0294/Bellios216@gmail.com**

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 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
26 Sunday of St. John Climacus Orthros 8:45 a.m. Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m. Greek School Greek Independence Day Celebration Luncheon and Program	27 GOYA Volleyball Practice 7:00 p.m.	28 GOYA Open Gym 7:00 p.m.	29 Presanctified Liturgy 6:00 p.m. GOYA Dance Practice 6:30 p.m.	30	31 THE AKATHIST HYMN 7:00 p.m.	