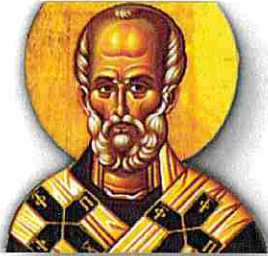


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WELCOME TO ST. NICHOLAS CATHEDRAL!

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 Small Hall hosted by GOYA.

THIS WEEK AT ST. NICHOLAS

- **Tues, Wed, Thurs, Mar 7-9:** Father Bender Away
- **Friday, Mar. 10, 2023:** 7:00 p.m. Second Salutations
- **Saturday, Mar. 11, 2023:** Greek School 10:00 a.m.

PLEASE NOTE: Fr. Christopher will be away Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday March 7 – 9 2023 at Metropolis Clergy Lenten Retreat at Antiochian Village. In the event of a pastoral emergency, you may contact Father Bender on his cell phone at (724) 630-3483.

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As the priest exits the Altar the Apolytikion for the Sunday of Orthodoxy (Tone 2) is chanted:

Τὴν ἄχραντον Εἰκόνα σου προσκυνοῦμεν Ἀγαθέ, αἰτούμενοι συγχώρησιν τῶν πταισμάτων ἡμῶν, Χριστέ ὁ Θεός·
βουλήσει γὰρ ἡδόκησας σαρκὶ ἀνελθεῖν ἐν τῷ Σταυρῷ, ἵνα ῥύσῃ οὓς ἐπλάσας ἐκ τῆς δουλείας τοῦ ἐχθροῦ· ὅθεν
εὐχαρίστως βοῶμέν σοι· Χαράς ἐπλήρωσας τὰ πάντα, ὁ Σωτὴρ ἡμῶν, παραγενόμενος εἰς τὸ σῶσαι τὸν Κόσμον. Ο
Christ our God, begging forgiveness of our sins, we venerate Your Pure Image, O Good One. Of your own will you
condescended to ascend upon the Cross in the flesh and deliver those You created from the bondage of the enemy.
Wherefore, thankfully, we cry out, "When You came to save the world, You filled all things with joy, O Our Savior."

Then, the usual Eisodikon (Entrance Hymn) for Sundays 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 Resurrection Apolytikion in Tone 5 (Plagal First) is chanted as the priest reenters the Altar:

Τὸν συνάναρχον Λόγον Πατρὶ καὶ Πνεύματι, τὸν ἐκ Παρθένου τεχθέντα εἰς σωτηρίαν ἡμῶν, ἀνυμνήσωμεν πιστοὶ καὶ
προσκυνήσωμεν, ὅτι ἡδόκησε σαρκί, ἀνελθεῖν ἐν τῷ Σταυρῷ, καὶ θάνατον ὑπομεῖναι, καὶ ἐγεῖραι τοὺς τεθνεῶτας,
ἐν τῇ ἐνδόξῳ Ἀναστάσει αὐτοῦ. 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]

After that, the hymn for the Sunday of Orthodoxy is repeated. Then, we hear the hymn for our Patron Saint, Nicholas of Myra the Wonderworker: Κανόνα πίστεως καὶ εἰκόνα πραότητος, ἐγκρατείας Διδάσκαλον, ἀνέδειξέ σε
τῇ ποίμνῃ 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 4 appointed for this season in the Triodion:

Τὴ 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
cry out to you: "Hail, O bride unwedded!"

Today's epistle reading: Hebrews 11:24-26, 32-40. Brethren, by faith Moses, when he was grown up, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter, choosing rather to share ill-treatment with the people of God than to enjoy the fleeting pleasures of sin. He considered abuse suffered for the Christ greater wealth than the treasures of Egypt, for he looked to the reward. And what more shall I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets—who through faith conquered kingdoms, enforced justice, received promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign enemies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection. Some were tortured, refusing to accept release, that they might rise again to a better life. Others suffered mocking and scourging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned, they were sawn in two, they were killed with the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, afflicted, ill-treated — of whom the world was not worthy — wandering over deserts and mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth. And all these, though well attested by their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had foreseen something better for us, that apart from us they should not be made perfect. [RSV]

Today's Gospel reading: John 1:43-51. At that time, Jesus decided to go to Galilee. And he found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael, and he said to him, "We have found him of whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph." Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." Jesus saw Nathanael coming to him, and said of him, "Behold, an Israelite indeed, in whom is no guile!" Nathanael said to him, "How do you know me?" Jesus answered him, "Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you." Nathanael answered him, "Rabbi, you are the son of God! You are the King of Israel!" Jesus answered him, "Because I said to you, I saw you under the fig tree, do you believe? You shall see greater things than these." And he said to him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, you will see heaven opened, and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of man." [RSV]

PROCESSION OF THE CLERGY AND THE HOLY ICONS

CHOIR/CHANTER: (As the procession begins, the following hymn is chanted:) [*Apolytikion*. Mode 2.] We venerate Your immaculate icon, O good Lord, and entreat You to forgive our offences, O Christ our God. By Your own choice you were pleased to ascend the Cross in the flesh, to deliver us, whom You created, from our slavery to the foe. Therefore, we cry to You with gratitude: You have filled all things with joy, O our Savior, by coming to save the world. [SD]

PRIEST/DEACON: (Stopping in the left aisle of the sanctuary): Have mercy on us, O God, according to Your great mercy, we pray You, hear us and have mercy. (Lord, have mercy -3X)

Let us pray for pious and Orthodox Christians. (Lord, have mercy -3X).

Again we pray for (episcopal rank) (name). (Lord, have mercy – 3X)

Again we pray for mercy, life, peace, health, salvation, protection, forgiveness, and remission of the sins of the servants of God, all pious Orthodox Christians residing and visiting in this city: the parishioners, the members of the parish council, the stewards, and benefactors of this holy church. (Lord, have mercy – 3X)

HIERARCH/PRIEST: For You are a merciful God Who loves mankind, and to You we offer up glory, to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and forever and to the ages of ages. (Amen.)

(The Choir or Chanter repeat the festal *apolytikion* ["We venerate Your immaculate icon"]. The procession with the icons continues, until, at the center of the Narthex, the following is intoned:

PRIEST/DEACON: Have mercy on us, O God, according to Your great mercy, we pray You, hear us and have mercy. (Lord, have mercy – 3X)

Again we pray for the blessed memory and eternal repose of all pious Orthodox Christians who have fallen asleep in the hope of the resurrection unto life everlasting, emperors, patriarchs, bishops, priests, deacons, hieromonks, deacon-monks, monks, nuns, fathers, forebears, grandparents, great-grandparents, parents, spouses, children, siblings, and all our relatives, from the beginning until the end of time; and for the forgiveness of all their sins, both voluntary and involuntary. (Eternal be their memory – 3X).

HIERARCH/PRIEST: For You are the resurrection, the life and the repose of all the departed faithful Orthodox Christians, Christ our God, and to You we give glory, with Your eternal Father and Your all-holy, good and life-giving Spirit, now and forever and to the ages of ages. (Amen.)

(The Choir or Chanter repeat the hymn, stopping again on the right side. The petitions from the first stop are repeated. The procession continues to the front of the sanctuary, and steps up onto the *solea* (dais), spreading out to display the various icons).

PRIEST/DEACON: Have mercy on us, O God, according to Your great mercy, we pray You, hear us and have mercy. (Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.)

Again we pray for the protection of this holy church, this city and every city and land, from wrath, famine, pestilence, earthquake, flood, fire, sword, foreign invasions, civil strife, and accidental death. That our good and loving God may be merciful, gracious and favorable to us by turning and keeping from us all wrath and sickness, and deliver us from His just rebuke, and have mercy on us. (Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.)

Hear us, O God our Savior, the hope of all those who live everywhere on earth and those far out at sea or in the air. Be gracious toward our sins, Master, and have mercy on us. (Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.)

HIERARCH/PRIEST: For you are a merciful and loving God, and to you we give glory, to the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, now and forever and to the ages of ages. (Amen.)

HIERARCH (*Synodikon* of the 7th Ecumenical Council): As the prophets beheld, as the apostles have taught, as the Church has received, as the teachers have declared, as the world has agreed, as grace has shown forth, as truth has been revealed, as falsehood has been dispelled, as wisdom has become manifest, as Christ awarded;

Thus we declare; thus we affirm; thus we proclaim Christ our true God, and honor His saints in words, writings, thoughts, sacrifices, churches, and holy icons; On the one hand, worshiping and reverencing Christ as God and Lord, and on the other, honoring the saints as true servants of the same Lord of all, and offering them proper veneration. This is the faith of the apostles. This is the faith of the fathers. This is the faith of the Orthodox. This is the faith on which the world is established.

Therefore, with fraternal and filial love we praise the heralds of the faith, those who with glory and honor have struggled for the faith, and we say: to the champions of Orthodoxy, 'faithful emperors, most-holy patriarchs, hierarchs, teachers, martyrs, and confessors: May your memory be eternal. (Choir: Eternal be their memory. Eternal be their memory. Eternal be their memory.)

Let us beseech God that we may be instructed and strengthened by the trials and struggles of these saints, which they endured for the faith even unto death, and by their teachings, entreating that we may to the end imitate their godly life. May we be deemed worthy of obtaining our requests through the mercy and grace of the Great and First Hierarch, Christ our God, through the intercessions of our glorious Lady, the Theotokos and ever-virgin Mary, the divine angels and all the Saints. (Amen.)

CHOIR/CHANTER: *Prokeimenon*. Grave Mode. Who is so great a God as our God? You alone are the God who does wonders. [SAAS]

Verse: You made known Your power among the peoples. Who is so great a God as our God? You alone are the God who does wonders.

Verse: I said, "Now I am beginning to see; this change is by the right hand of the Most High." Who is so great a God as our God? You alone are the God who does wonders.

Verse: I remembered the Lord's works, for I will remember Your wonders of old. Who is so great a God as our God? You alone are the God who does wonders.



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REVEREND FATHER CHRISTOPHER H. BENDER, DEAN · REVEREND DEACON ROBERT W. LYKOS

Date: February 28, 2023

To: Members of The Greek Community of Allegheny County, PA –
St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Cathedral

From: Parish Council

Subject: Parish Council General Assembly of March 19, 2023

A General Assembly will be convened immediately following the Divine Liturgy on
Sunday, March 19, 2023.

The agenda will be as follows:

- A. Opening Prayer
- B. Election of the General Assembly Chairperson
 - i. Appointment of the Assembly Secretary by the Chairperson
- C. Approval of the minutes of the October 23, 2022, General Assembly meeting
- D. Father's Report
- E. Executive Committee Report
- F. Finance Committee Report
- G. Foundation Fund Report
- H. Unfinished Business
- I. New Business
- J. Adjournment

The Parish Council requests your presence and support. Please make every effort to attend.

Respectfully,

Rev. Fr. Christopher Bender *Michelle Marie Kotsagrelou*

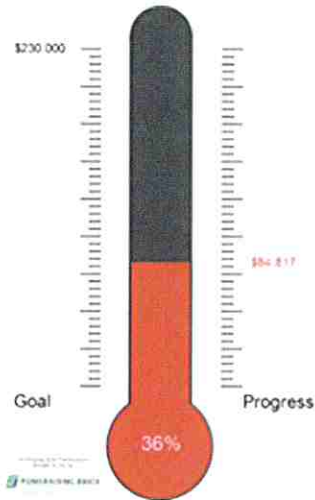
Rev. Fr. Christopher Bender, Dean

Michelle Marie Kotsagrelou, President

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	163 (GOAL 300)
Total Pledged	\$84,817.00 GOAL (\$230,000.00)
Avg. Pledge	\$750.59

Food Festival Cooking, 2023

Food Festival Preparations

We're heading towards a big one next weekend, a huge favorite among so many of our guests!
Help us get the job done next Friday, Saturday and Sunday
as we butter away all those sheets of fillo for Baklava!

Let's keep on plugging away! Our festival will be here before we know it!

MARCH

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

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!

TODAY, 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!

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.

Yours in Christ,

Miss Michelle

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.

**St. Nicholas
Oratorical Festival
March 2023**



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



Church School Students:

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Sunday, March 5, 2023
for the
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Icon Procession**

**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!**

Church School Students Teaching Liturgy



Sunday, March 12, 2023

**Celebrate the Evangelismos and
Greek Independence Day**

with

St. Nicholas Cathedral Greek School

Sunday, March 26th 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**

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)

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.

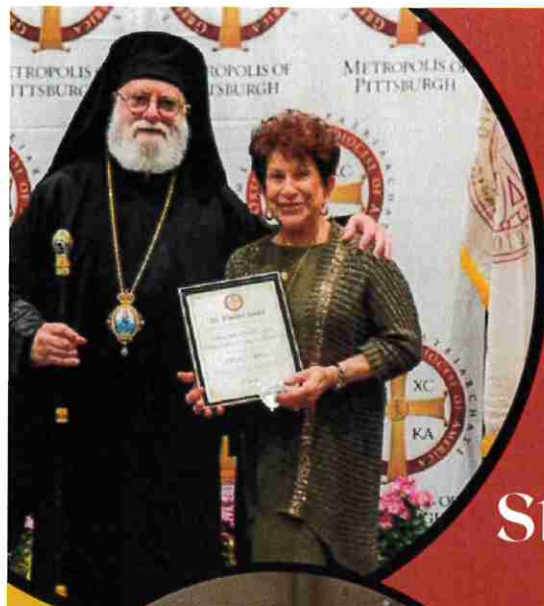
You are not limited to only the above questions, nor are all of the above imperative

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

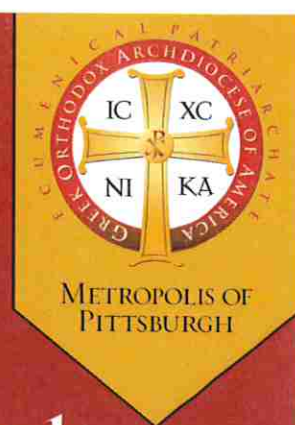
The Greek Orthodox Metropolis of Pittsburgh Department of Greek Education,
5201 Ellsworth Ave, Pittsburgh, PA 15232, also email a copy with the pictures separately not in the word document to mstamoolis@verizon.net

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.



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

412 600 2159

mstearns@nauticom.net

or Archdeacon Ryan

412 621 5529

rgzikowski@pittsburgh.goarch.org





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:

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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.



GREEK ORTHODOX METROPOLIS OF PITTSBURGH

ST. PHOTIOS AWARDS BANQUET

2023 Metropolis of Pittsburgh 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

Program Book Sponsorship Form

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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.



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**IF YOU SING, PLAY A MUSICAL INSTRUMENT, LOVE TO DANCE OR ENJOY POETRY
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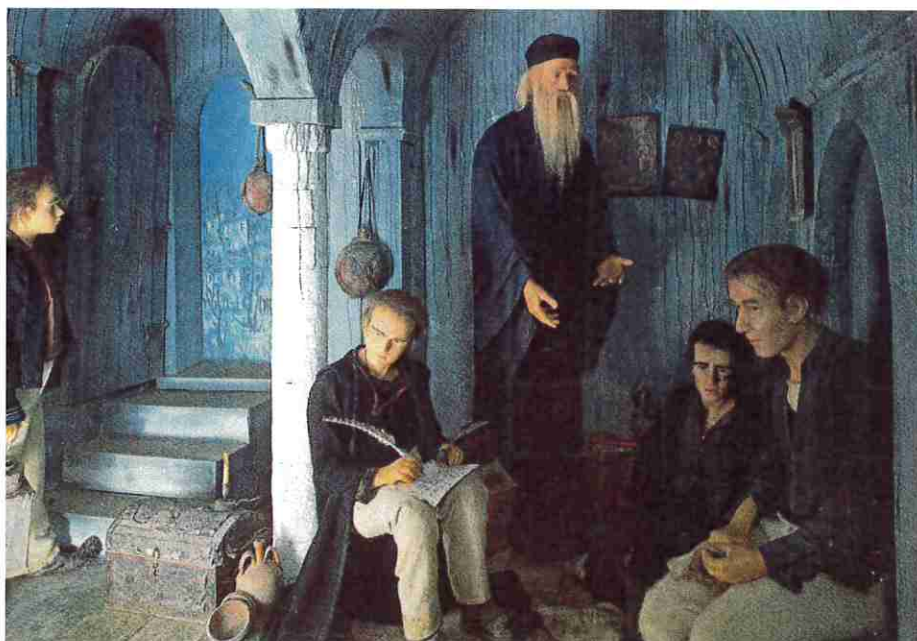
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CELEBRATING GREEK INDEPENDENCE WEEK 2023

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> -

Cathedral Restoration Project

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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
5 Sunday of Orthodoxy Orthros 8:45 a.m. Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m. Pan-Orthodox Vespers & Icon Procession at St. George Orthodox Church (Oakland) 5:00 p.m.	6	7 Father Bender Away	8 Father Bender Away	9 Father Bender Away	10 Second Salutations 7:00 p.m.	11 Greek School 10:00 a.m.
		<div>Fr. Christopher away at Metropolis Clergy Lenten Retreat (at Antiochian Village)</div>				
12 Teaching Liturgy St. Gregory Palamas Orthros 8:45 a.m. Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m.	13 Parish Council Meeting 6:30 p.m.	14	15 Presanctified Liturgy 9:30 a.m.	16	17 Third Salutations 7:00 p.m.	18 Greek School 10:00 a.m.
19 Sunday of Holy Cross Orthros 8:45 a.m. Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m. GENERAL ASSEMBLY	20	21	22 Presanctified Liturgy 9:30 a.m.	23	24 Great Vespers for Annunciation followed by 4th Stanza of Akathist Hymn 7:00 p.m.	25 Feastday of ANNUNCIATION Orthros 9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m. Greek School 10:00 a.m.
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	28	29 Presanctified Liturgy 6:00 p.m.	30	31 THE AKATHIST HYMN 7:00 p.m.	