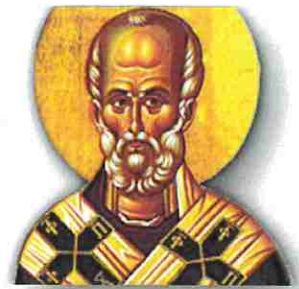




## Saint Nicholas Greek Orthodox Cathedral Pittsburgh, PA

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### *SEPTEMBER 2023 NEWSLETTER*



## JOIN US AT THE Church Picnic!

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2023**

Our Picnic will be held after church at the  
Veterans Pavilion  
of Schenley Park

### **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.

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**Reverend Deacon Robert Lykos**

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**Service Schedule**

Fall and Winter Hours (September-June):

Orthros 8:45 a.m.

Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m.

Summer Hours (July & August):

Orthros 8:15 a.m.

Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m.

**Hall Rentals**

If you are interested in renting either our small or large hall, please contact our Events Coordinator, Mary Olszewski, at 412-628-9466 or [events@stnickspgh.org](mailto:events@stnickspgh.org) for more information and availability.

<b>Metropolis</b>	412-621-5529	<a href="http://www.pittsburgh.goarch.org">www.pittsburgh.goarch.org</a>
<b>Archdiocese</b>	212-570-3500	<a href="http://www.goarch.org">www.goarch.org</a>

**CHECK US OUT ON THE WEB**

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

[www.stnickscathedralroom.com](http://www.stnickscathedralroom.com)

And look for us on our Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/Saint-Nicholas-Greek-Orthodox-Cathedral-Pittsburgh-PA>

Watch Sunday services 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>

**ORGANIZATIONS**

<b>Church School</b>	Michelle Kotsagrellos	412-680-1416
<b>Greek School</b>	Maria Stamoolis	412-963-7283
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<b>GOYA Advisors</b>	Linda Hages	412-523-7938
	Jimmy Machin	724-413-4309
<b>Little Angels/HOPE/JOY</b>	Nikki Lykos	412-897-8208
<b>60 Club</b>	Fran Hanna	412-731-0790
<b>Garden Club</b>	Elaine Andrianos	412-731-4334
<b>Choir</b>	Steve Andrews	412-561-9102
<b>Organist</b>	Roseanne Yu	
<b>Chanter</b>	Amy Hogg	412-345-1812
<b>Sexton</b>	Jimmy Machin	724-413-4309
<b>Prosfora</b>	Argy Darakos	412-319-7330
	Jim Hages	412-523-7937
<b>Kolyva</b>	Tulla Velisaris	412-889-1648
<b>St Nicholas Dancers</b>		
<b>GOYA</b>	Kelly Gary	412-741-8567
<b>JOY</b>	Aimee Walker	412-398-6094
<b>Boys Basketball:</b>	Ted Hages	412-523-3571
	Nick Strauch	724-931-0364
<b>Girls Basketball:</b>	Nikki Lykos	412-897-8208
	Maria Sfanos	412-512-8746

**PARISH COUNCIL COMMITTEE CHAIRS**

<b>Cemetery</b>	Peter Nychis
<b>Community Center &amp; Catering</b>	George Bellios & James Stamatelos
<b>Finance</b>	Dean Panagulias
<b>Food Festival</b>	John Frentzos
<b>Fundraising</b>	George Bellios
<b>Human Resources</b>	John Frentzos
<b>Maintenance/Security</b>	Victor Bertolina
<b>Religious &amp; Greek Education/Greek Affiliations</b>	
<b>Social</b>	John Frentzos
<b>Stewardship, Outreach &amp; Evangelism</b>	James Machin
<b>Technology</b>	Rob Day
<b>Youth</b>	Ted Hages
<b>Bylaws/Legal</b>	Ted Hages



## FATHER'S MESSAGE

My dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As the calendar turns to a new month, and with it the dawn of the New Ecclesiastical Year — which we celebrate each year on September 1 — we stand together at the threshold of new beginnings. The beginning of the New Ecclesiastical Year is also known as the Feast of the Indiction. An unfamiliar word to most, the term “indiction” hails from ancient Roman administrative practices and refers to a cycle of an annual tax which would be re-proclaimed every 15 years. The Orthodox Church adopted this cycle, marking the First of September as the commencement of its liturgical year. The theme of indiction beckons us to recognize the perpetual cycle of renewal within the Church, urging us to take stock of the past, looking introspectively at our own spiritual state, and all the while looking with hopeful anticipation to the future.

The indiction and the commencement of the new ecclesiastical year beautifully coincide with the onset of the school year, presenting both the young and young at heart within our community with an opportunity for growth, learning, and renewal. Each year at the start of the New Ecclesiastical Year, I am reminded me of the wise words from the Book of Ecclesiastes, “To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven.” As our children and youth embark upon a new academic year, may this also mark a time for our entire community to embrace a new spiritual journey.

We chant in the Kontakion for the Feast of the Indiction: “Blessing our comings and goings throughout this year, and guide our works according to Your divine will.” With this profound message and prayer, we are strengthened in the knowledge that as we step into the “newness of spirit” (Romans 7:6), God’s guiding hand is ever present, overseeing our paths and decisions.

The call to a “newness of spirit” challenges us to not only welcome the new season, but also to journey forward with a rejuvenated heart and mindset. And so, as we traverse this ecclesiastical year together, let our collective efforts resonate in this spirit of newness in Christ. In each liturgical celebration, prayer, and act of service, may we embody this renewed spirit, constantly seeking to “grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ” (2 Peter 3:18).

Prayerfully yours,

+Fr. 

† Fr. Eleftherios Constantine

## SACRAMENTAL LIFE

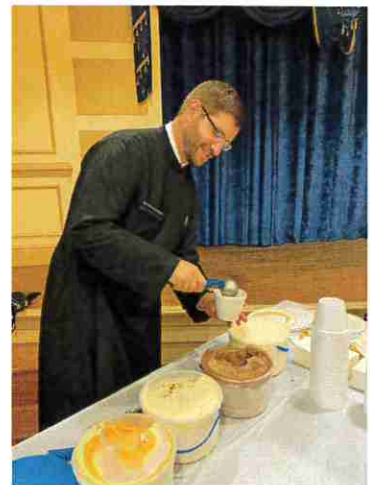
Our deepest condolences to the family of **Christine Sarantakes Michaels** who fell asleep in the Lord on Friday August 11, 2023. Her funeral took place at Holy Dormition of the Theotokos in Oakmont on Monday August 14, 2023.  
May God grant her eternal rest.



## SUNDAY, AUGUST 20TH

A prayer was given to the students for the upcoming school year, asking God to bless their backpacks and them; and to give them love, support, presence, peace, grace, and learning. The prayer also reminded the students of the care of the parish, and encouraged them to use their gifts, be good listeners, welcome newcomers, and enjoy new adventures!

Each child received a St. Nicholas icon and St. Nicholas pencils. Plus, Father served a special sweet treat to the young and young at heart during Coffee Hour.





JOIN US FOR OUR ANNUAL



**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2023**

**Our Picnic will be held after church at the  
Veterans Pavilion of Schenley Park.**

Come celebrate the end of the  
Summer with Great Food,  
Drinks, Games and Fellowship!!

Bring the whole family and bring  
some friends too!!!!

*Sponsored by the Parish of St Nicholas Cathedral*



## Welcome Brunch for College Students

Every year when college students arrive to begin their fall semester in Pittsburgh, our St. Nicholas Cathedral Moms and Dads offers their Annual Welcome Brunch for Students. This year **the Brunch took place on Sunday, August 27**, after Liturgy. This year, the event coincided with the Orthodox Christian Fellowship (OCF) College Student Sunday. After Divine Liturgy, a tray was passed in support of the work of the OCF ministry, Fr. Eleftherios welcomed the new and returning students and a group photo was taken in church.

It was a wonderful event and attended by many students and their families enrolled in the surrounding colleges and universities. We are grateful to be able to host these students and want to let them know that they may consider St. Nicholas Cathedral their parish home away from home during their time here in Pittsburgh. We met students from as far away as Chicago, New York, Boston, Florida and Greece attending schools in Pittsburgh. And as one recent graduate posted on social media about the brunch, "One of my absolute favorite memories of being a student in Pittsburgh."

Thank you to all who helped make this event hosted by the Moms and Dads of St. Nicholas possible through their donations of food, home baked goods, monetary contributions, and their time to setup, decorate, serve and socialize with the students. Every student received a welcome bag full of snacks, home baked cookies, a Starbucks gift card along with a welcome letter from Fr. Eleftherios and a flyer inviting them to attend our annual church picnic. We also gathered their names and contact information so that we may stay in touch.

Once again, thank you to our St. Nicholas parishioners for their generosity in underwriting this event welcoming the students to our 8th Annual College Welcome Brunch.







Are you 21-29  
years old and  
living in  
Pittsburgh?



Would you give a few  
hours a month to  
**serve** in a way that  
matters, **explore** the  
meaning of Orthodox  
service, **connect** with  
Orthodox young adults,  
and **share** a meal?

**JOIN OVC REACH  
IN PITTSBURGH!**

### **OVC REACH**

is a new part-time  
program of  
Orthodox Volunteer  
Corps designed for  
young adults who  
are interested in  
service, formation,  
community and  
Church but can't  
participate in OVC's  
full-time program.



**OVC**  
Orthodox Volunteer Corps



**MAKE A  
DIFFERENCE.**

**SERVE WITH A  
PURPOSE.**

**DIG INTO  
ORTHODOXY.**

**BELONG TO A  
COMMUNITY.**





## OVC REACH AT A GLANCE

- For young adults, 21-29 yrs old, living in or near Pittsburgh
- Lasts from October 2023 to June 2024
- Meet once/month (first Thursday, 6-9pm)
- Free meal and conversation
  - Presentations and Discussion on Orthodoxy and Service
    - Guest speakers (theologians, Church and community leaders)
    - Facilitated conversation
  - Community building and planning for innovative service
- Volunteer for at least one local service initiative each month at nonprofits in the city working alongside other Orthodox young adults
- Additional, optional social events each month

## CURIOUS TO LEARN MORE?

- Email us at [info@orthodoxvolunteercorps.org](mailto:info@orthodoxvolunteercorps.org)
- Call Michael at 412-396-9620 or Kyra at 215-206-0580

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## SOLD?

- Take 10 minutes to fill out the [application](#) by September 26, 2023
- Reserve the first Thursday of the month, beginning Oct 5, 2023

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## WHY?

- The time to change the world is now.
- If not you, who?

## *PARISH COUNCIL*

**A New Year starting September 1<sup>st</sup>!**

**Choir, Church School, GOYA, Greek School, Little Angels/HOPE/  
JOY, Philoptochos, and other ministries of the parish are  
preparing for the new Ecclesiastical Year.**

**There is a place for you to get involved, in an environment that  
supports and motivates everyone in the life at  
St. Nicholas Cathedral.**

**It is up to us, to make the Church the center of our lives, and  
focus on our Faith, through WORSHIP, SERVICE, EDUCATION,  
FELLOWSHIP AND OUTREACH (Our Parish's Mission).**

**Looking forward to seeing everyone at Church!**

SEPT.  
**17**

**MINISTRIES  
SUNDAY**

**St. Nicholas  
Greek Orthodox Cathedral**

Join us in the Large Hall following Divine Liturgy to learn more  
about the various ministries offered by our Cathedral!

[WWW.STNICKSPGH.ORG](http://WWW.STNICKSPGH.ORG)



## 2023 STEWARDSHIP

### *Giving Thanks, Eucharistic Stewardship*

Re-dedicate yourself to God by participating  
in the Divine Liturgy each Sunday and offer your  
TIME, Talent and treasure.

### HELP US REACH/EXCEED OUR GOAL



2023 STEWARDSHIP		08/22/2023
Total Stewards		256
Total Amount Pledged		\$120,863.00
Average Pledge		\$723.73
% Parish Participation to Date		85%
2023 Stewards (GOAL)		300
% of Total Budget to Date		52%
2023 Budget (GOAL)		\$ 230,000.00
Total Giving to Date		\$138,906.90
As of:		07/31/2023
Income: Pledges, Basket Collection and Food Festival	\$822,485.00	
Expenses: Salaries, Utilities, Maintenance, Commitments, etc.	\$651,548.00	
	\$170,937.00	

Many of you have been contributing, but

**PLEASE** complete a Stewardship Card.

Our website may be used to fill out a Stewardship Card and make a payment

<https://www.stnickspgh.org>

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Saint Nicholas Greek Orthodox Cathedral  
Pittsburgh, PA

### 2023 ST. NICHOLAS GREEK ORTHODOX CATHEDRAL CONFIDENTIAL FAMILY STEWARDSHIP CARD

Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ First Name \_\_\_\_\_

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(Alternate address if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_

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Email \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE provide pertinent information on reverse side about your family members-THANK YOU!

TREASURE- Total Gift for 2023 \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Contribution Frequency: ☐ Weekly ☐ Monthly ☐ Quarterly ☐ Annually

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Pittsburgh, PA

TALENT- Please check the items below that you or a family member  
has some expertise or interest. Place initials of the  
specific family member after each item checked.

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*TIME- St. Nicholas Cathedral is grateful for our many volunteers. Thank you!*

Name & relationship i.e., self, spouse, child, etc.    Date of birth    Marital Status    Occupation OR school/grade

_____	_____	_____	_____
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## **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.**

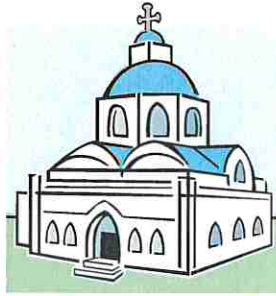
Each Youth Safety Worker is required to register yearly with the church.

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](mailto:edarakos@aol.com), 412-944-4961.

## *St. Nicholas Church School*



**Sunday, September 17, 2023**, the bells will start to ring again for the beginning of Church School with an Agiasmo (Blessings of the Water)!

As the Church School Director I am looking forward to working with my staff, teachers and **YOU** (the St. Nicholas parishioners) to enrich the lives of our children. St. Nicholas is our spiritual family and we all should take part in educating our **youth** (the **you** of tomorrow). As a community, we need to show our children our love and devotion to our Orthodox faith.

This year's Church School theme is "***Living Our Orthodox Faith.***" Church School students are going to be encouraged to 'spread Orthodoxy' by showing they believe in Christ by being good stewards by using their time, talent, and treasure in Service to our Families, Friends, Neighbors, Community and Christ.

Every week your child is encouraged to bring "a donation" to Church School (this will help them learn the lesson of "stewardship"), plus, be assigned homework: Do something nice for someone!

New this year, a Church School Choir! Once a month, Psaltis Amy Hogg will have a special lesson with the Church School students to teach them to chant the Divine Liturgy and on a Sunday next year, they will chant the Divine Liturgy.

Please take the time to look over the attached 2023-2024 Church School Calendar, fill out the registration form (and bring it on or before the 17<sup>th</sup>) and volunteer **your** time, talent, and treasure to help **our** children.

I would like to thank the parents in advance for sharing your children with us every Sunday! But, what can you do to help? You can help our Church School program, in the final analysis, your child, by bringing him/her every Sunday. Encourage your child to tell you about the lesson taught for the day, as well as, the craft brought home. Pray with your child. (Each lesson should begin and end with Prayer.) Attend worship services together as a **fami-ly**; Divine Liturgy starts at 10:00 a.m.

Yours in Christ,  
*Miss Michelle*



**Registration Form  
St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Cathedral  
Church School**

**Parent's Names**

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**Address**

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**Phone Numbers**

**Home** \_\_\_\_\_

**Work** \_\_\_\_\_

**Cell** \_\_\_\_\_

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

<b>Children</b>	<b>Grade</b>	<b>Birthday</b>	<b>Nameday</b>	<b>Allergies</b>
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**May we call you to volunteer for one of our projects?**

**Substitute Teacher** \_\_\_\_\_

**Oratorical Festival** \_\_\_\_\_

**St. Nicholas Bazaar** \_\_\_\_\_

**Communion Breakfast** \_\_\_\_\_

**Christmas Pageant** \_\_\_\_\_

**Easter Egg Hunt** \_\_\_\_\_

**Snacks** \_\_\_\_\_

**Outreach Projects** \_\_\_\_\_

**Thanks for sharing your children with us every Sunday!**



# *Church School Schedule*

## *2023-2024*

Sunday, September 17, 2023		Church School Begins
Sunday, November 5, 2023		Godparent Sunday
Sunday, November 26, 2023	No Classroom Attendance	Thanksgiving Break
Sunday, December 10, 2023		St. Nicholas Bazaar
Sunday, December 17, 2023		Christmas Pageant
Sunday, December 24, 2023	No Classroom Attendance	Christmas Break
Sunday, December 31, 2023	No Classroom Attendance	Christmas Break
Sunday, January 7, 2024		Church School Resumes & Vasilopita Cutting
Sunday, March 3, 2024		Parent Open House
Sunday, March 24, 2024	Participation in Procession	Sunday of Orthodoxy
Saturday, April 27 , 2024	Saturday of Lazarus	Communion Breakfast/Making of Palm Crosses
Sunday, April 28 , 2024	Classroom Attendance	Palm Sunday
Sunday, May 5 , 2024	No Classroom Attendance	Easter Sunday
Sunday, May 12, 2024	No Classroom Attendance	Food Festival
Sunday, May 19, 2024		Commencement





## **General Meeting Sunday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>**

**After Church in the Small Hall  
Join us for light refreshments to celebrate Breast  
Cancer Awareness month, honor our members  
who are breast cancer survivors and welcome  
Joyce Spanakis, President of the Metropolis of  
Pittsburgh Philoptochos Board.  
We hope to see all of our members there!**

### **Food Bank**

The Food Bank continues to need your support! You can donate by making a check payable to the "St. Nicholas Philoptochos Food Bank" or through United Way by designating the St. Nicholas Food Bank (#3288) through your employers United Way contribution.

For more info, contact Elaine Andrianos  
(412-731-4334) or  
Denise Daugherty (412-508-1326).



## GOYA NEWS

Our St. Nicholas GOYA is looking forward to this upcoming year's activities. **Our first GOYA meeting will take place on Sunday, September 17 after Liturgy.**

This is also the first day of Church School along with Ministry Sunday. All 7th through 12th grade students are welcome to participate in our GOYA ministry focusing on Worship, Fellowship, Witness and Service. Looking forward to seeing everyone.

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## GREEK SCHOOL

St. Nicholas Greek School will open its doors for the 2023-2024 school year on **Saturday, September 16 at 10 a.m.** This year one class will start later, that will be the Pre- K which will start on October 7 at 10 a.m. with a new teacher, kyria Theano. On Saturday, September 16, all children from Levels K-7 are to report to their classes at 10 a.m. At noon, on that day September 16, there will be an Aghiasmo (Blessing of Waters) with Rev. Fr. Eleftherios Constantine. That will be followed by our Annual Ice Cream Social. Classes for children run from 10 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. on Saturdays. The curriculum is comprised of learning speaking, reading, writing, and listening skills, as well as, Greek history, culture, feast days, hymns, and songs.

A new large portable smart board will be used in classes this year to make learning Greek more fun and engaging and a "Virtual trip to Greece" is planned each month for all classes. This wonderful gift was made possible by His Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros.

Adult Greek Language Classes will be offered starting in October on weeknights for an hour and half per session. Classes are offered in Beginning, Intermediate, and Advanced Levels, where there is adequate enrollment for each level.

Registration will take place Sunday, September 10, after Divine Liturgy. Children entering First must be in First or higher in their American School. If you have any questions or are new to enroll, call or e-mail Maria Stamoolis at 412.874.4422 or [mstamoolis@verizon.net](mailto:mstamoolis@verizon.net).

All the teachers are joyfully awaiting the children. May our Lord and Panaghia guide and protect all of us, especially the children, to have a successful and productive year.



# GREEK SCHOOL, Con't

## ST. NICHOLAS CATHEDRAL GREEK LANGUAGE SCHOOL REGISTRATION FOR CHILD 2023 - 2024

### Yearly Tuition for Children

1 student=\$250; 2 students=\$450; 3 students=\$675; 4 students=\$900  
Make checks payable to **St. Nicholas Cathedral** with Greek School in the memo.

Child's **LAST NAME** (English&Greek) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Child's **First Name** (English &Greek) \_\_\_\_\_  
 ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_  
 CITY \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_  
 HOME PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ primary CELL \_\_\_\_\_  
 Primary E-MAIL \_\_\_\_\_  
 Another CELL phone to receive info. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Another E-MAIL to receive info. \_\_\_\_\_  
 FATHER'S NAME (English & Greek) \_\_\_\_\_  
 MOTHER'S NAME (English & Greek) \_\_\_\_\_  
 School District Child Attends \_\_\_\_\_

Child's Age	Grade American School	Name Day	Birthdate	Grade Greek School

Any food allergies? Please list \_\_\_\_\_

**IN case of EMERGENCY** Εν ώρα ΑΝΑΓΚΗΣ Please give the names of relatives or other persons that could be reached. Children will be taken to Children's Hospital.

Emergency Name \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE \_\_\_\_\_  
 Emergency Name \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

### Parent Volunteering – Your Help is Needed!

- |  |                                     |
|--|-------------------------------------|
| ___ serving on Greek School Committee        | ___ Substituting                    |
| ___ with Costume fitting                     | ___ March 25 <sup>th</sup> Luncheon |
| ___ with St. Nicholas Bazaar                 | ___ with Greek Language Festival    |
| ___ with Christmas Caroling in nursing homes | ___ with Bake Sale                  |
| ___ with copying                             | ___ being a teacher's assistant     |

# *GREEK SCHOOL, Con't*

## ST. NICHOLAS CATHEDRAL GREEK LANGUAGE SCHOOL REGISTRATION FOR ADULT 2023 - 2024

Please select

\_\_\_ Beginners

\_\_\_ Intermediates

\_\_\_ Advanced

Yearly Tuition \$ 350 per student

Checks payable to

**St. Nicholas Cathedral**

Memo: Greek School

Books are purchased by students  
on their own

Please print

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Home phone \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Cell phone \_\_\_\_\_

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

Emergency contact \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency phone \_\_\_\_\_

Have you had previous Greek lessons? \_\_\_\_\_

If so where \_\_\_\_\_

Why do you want to learn Modern Greek? \_\_\_\_\_



# GREEK SCHOOL, Con't

## St. Nicholas Cathedral Greek Language School Special Events Calendar 2023 - 2024

### September

- 10 Sunday, Registration
- 16 Start of Classes for Children at 10 a.m. report to classroom, Aghiasmo at noon, Ice Cream Social. Registration Forms and money are due.

### October

- 2 Start of Adult Classes TBA
- 28 Classes and OXI Day, Aghia Skepi Activities with Hymn chanted

### November

- 18 Classes then Open House
- 25 No Classes – Thanksgiving Break

### December

- 10 Sunday, Divine Liturgy for St. Nicholas Feast Day and Bazaar,
- 16 Classes then Greek School Christmas Party & Τα Κάλαντα των Χριστουγέννων
- 23,30 No Classes – Christmas Break, visiting nursing homes and singing Carols

### January 2019

- 6 No Classes- Epiphany
- 13 Classes Resume and cutting of Vasilopita at noon and carols, hymns
- 28 Sunday, Celebration of Three Hierarchs in Church with a memorial, an Artoclasia, and honoring children who succeeded in passing Ellinomatheas Exam from Greece, L.O.T.E. Exam, small presentation, Annual Bake Sale & Exhibit of work

### February

- 1 Start of Registration for Ellinomatheas
- 5 Sunday, Celebration of Three Hierarchs in Church with a memorial, an Artoclasia, and honoring children who succeeded in passing Ellinomatheas Exam from Greece, L.O.T.E. Exam, small presentation, Annual Bake Sale

### March

- 22,29, April 5,12, 19 Fridays- Services for *Salutations to Panaghia Οι Χαιρετισμοί*
- 9 Fitting of Costumes. Costumes remain at church. If you have an evzone Costume for a boy and a girl's costume, please use them.
- 18 Monday, Great Lent begins , Ellinomatheas Forms due & money
- 31 Sunday, Evangelismos and Greek Independence Program and Luncheon  
Children dressed costumes and sit in church. Procession, luncheon, program (Western Easter)

### April

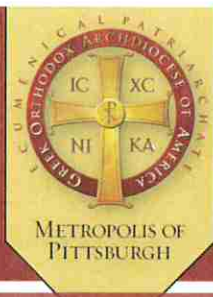
- 27 Saturday of Lazarus, Liturgy at 10am, followed by breakfast, classes, then cross making of palms

### May

- 4 No Classes – Holy Saturday
- 5 Pascha
- 11 Resume classes & finals
- 18 No In person Classes- St. Nicholas Food Festival
- 25 Resume classes

### June

- 1 Last Day of class
- 2 Sunday, Graduation



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# A Good Word - Λόγον Αγαθόν

## NEWSLETTER OF THE GREEK ORTHODOX METROPOLIS OF PITTSBURGH



### 2023 CLERGY-LAITY, PHILOPTOCHOS & YOUTH WORKER ASSEMBLY

Join us for the 2023 Clergy-Laitly, Philoptochos and Youth Worker's Assembly at Sts. Constantine & Helen Greek Orthodox Church, Reading, Pennsylvania, from Thursday September 28th to Saturday September 30th. The Assembly will feature informative and inspiring presentations, breakout sessions and a Friday evening social event. For those traveling some distance lodging is available at the DoubleTree at Hilton, only a few minutes drive from the Assembly and offering a discounted rate of \$139 + tax for a 2 Queen Bed or King Bed rooms. We ask that hotel reservations are booked no later than September 12. Registration for the Assembly should be completed by September 21. You can find all the information for this year's Assembly at: [www.pittsburgh.goarch.org/2023-assembly](http://www.pittsburgh.goarch.org/2023-assembly). We look forward to seeing you in Reading, Pennsylvania in September!

### ST. PHOTIOS AWARDEE PHOTOS



Dear St. Photios Awardees, photos taken by the official photographer at the event are now available to view and purchase at:-  
<https://denagalie.zenfolio.com/f108750103>



## 2023 CLERGY-LAITY *Assembly*

*Registration Open!*



Sts. Constantine & Helen Greek Orthodox Church,  
1001 E Wyomissing Blvd, Reading, PA 19611-1763

**SEPT | 28-30 | 2023**

For more information and to register please visit: [pittsburgh.goarch.org/clergy-laitly](http://pittsburgh.goarch.org/clergy-laitly)  
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FR. ALEXANDER GOUSSETIS



**YOUTH TRACK KEYNOTE SPEAKER:**  
ANASTASIS PHYRILLAS

**QUESTIONS? FR. JOE DISTEFANO - [FRJDISTEFANO@YAHOO.COM](mailto:FRJDISTEFANO@YAHOO.COM)**

## NEW METROPOLIS CENTER UPDATE

With groundbreaking in July, the site has started to be cleared. While Liokareas Construction works on the building, the onus is on us to pledge sufficiently to minimize our construction debt/loan. Please consider a personal commitment, a family pledge and/or at the parish level. Ensure that you are recognized for your commitment to our community family.

To establish a pledge or make a donation please visit:

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Thank You! - Archon Nick Lekas

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**FOR TICKETS Contact Michelle Kotsagrellos (412-680-1416).**

## *Ukrainian Relief Dinner & Prayer Service*

LED BY OUR BELOVED HIERARCHS



**Sunday, September 24, 2023**

*Service 4:00 PM • Dinner 5:00 PM*

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*Net proceeds will benefit IOCC's Ukraine Crisis Response*

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## **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!**

### **Ukrainian Relief Dinner**

**Sunday, September 24**

Net proceeds to benefit  
IOCC's relief efforts in  
Ukraine

 **St Nicholas Greek  
Orthodox Cathedral**  
419 S Dithridge St  
Pittsburgh PA 15213



Scan the QR Code to sign up!



#### **WE NEED HELP WITH:**

- Setting up tables

**SATURDAY,**

**SEPTEMBER 23**

**11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.**

- Preparation
- Serving tables
- Serving at buffet
- Cleaning up

**SUNDAY,**

**SEPTEMBER 24**

**1:00 ~ 7:30 p.m.**

If you have any questions, contact  
angelina.khoury3@gmail.com (724) 584 6390

# SEPTEMBER 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 <b>Ecclesiastical New Year</b>  Small Blessing of the Water Service ( <i>Agiasmos</i> ) 12:00 noon	2
3 <b>1<sup>st</sup> Sunday Of Matthew</b> Orthros 8:45 a.m. Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m.	4 CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED <b>Labor Day</b>	5 <b>Open Gym</b> 7:00 p.m.	6	7	8 <b>Nativity of the Theotokos</b> Orthros 9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m.	9 <i>Festal Divine Liturgy at Nativity of the Theotokos Monastery in Saxonburg, PA</i>
10 <b>Sunday Before Holy Cross</b> Orthros 8:45 a.m. Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m.  <b>Church Picnic</b>	11 <b>Philoptochos Board Meeting</b> 6:30 p.m.	12 <b>Open Gym</b> 7:00 p.m.	13 <i>Great Vespers at Holy Cross in Mt. Lebanon, PA</i>	14 <b>Exaltation of the Holy Cross</b> Orthros 9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m.  <i>Strict Fast Day</i>	15	16 <b>First Day of Greek School</b> 10:00 a.m.
17 <b>Sunday After Holy Cross</b>  <b>MINISTRIES SUNDAY</b> Orthros 8:45 a.m. Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m.  <b>Church School Begins</b>  <b>1st GOYA Meeting</b>	18 <b>Parish Council Meeting</b> 6:30 p.m.	19 <b>Open Gym</b> 7:00 p.m.	20	21	22	23 <b>Greek School</b> 10:00 a.m.
24 <b>1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Luke</b>  Orthros 8:45 a.m. Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m.  <b>Event – All Rooms IOCC</b>	25	26 <b>The Falling Asleep of St. John the Evangelist and Theologian</b> Orthros 9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m.  <b>Open Gym</b> 7:00 p.m.	27	28 <b>2023 Pittsburgh Metropolis Clergy-Laity, Philoptochos, And Youth Worker Assembly in Reading, PA</b>	29	30 <b>Greek School</b> 10:00 a.m.  <b>Event Both Halls</b> 3:00 p.m.



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