

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2023 – 7th Sunday of Luke

Anastasia the Martyr of Rome

Fourth Mode • Tenth Eothinon



WELCOME TO ST. NICHOLAS CATHEDRAL!

VISIT www.stnickspgh.org TODAY for news and updates about our parish!

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Our Sunday worship schedule: September – May: 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 is prepared 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 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 the please donate button –

or you may access the donation page by visiting <https://abundant.co/stnickspgh/give>

TODAY:

- ❖ Memorial Service for Mary Faines (1 year), Metropolitan Maximos (3 years), Michael Apostolopoulos (5 years) Eugenia Hages (8 years), & Eleftherios Hages (35 years).
- ❖ Coffee hour will be hosted by GOYA and sponsored by the Faines & Hages families in the Large Hall.
- ❖ GENERAL ASSEMBLY – Please join us!

THIS WEEK AT ST. NICHOLAS:

- Monday, October 30, 2023: YAL Basketball 7:00 p.m.
Father Eleftherios away for APC Clergy Retreat (Oct 30 – Nov 2)
- Wednesday, November 1, 2023: GOYA Girls Basketball 7:00 p.m.
- Saturday, November 4, 2023: Greek School 10:00 a.m.
- Sunday, November 5, 2023: Godparents Sunday
60 Club Fireside Chat

FOOD FESTIVAL PREPARATIONS 2024

We're starting up again in November. Lets get a good head start for Mousaaka! St. Nicholas thanks you!

Monday, November 13, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

Tuesday, November 14, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

Wednesday, November 15, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

and probably Thursday, November 16, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

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TODAY'S HYMNS AND READINGS

The Resurrection Hymn of the week in fourth mode is chanted at the Small Entrance:

Τὸ φαιδρὸν τῆς ἀναστάσεως κήρυγμα, ἐκ τοῦ Ἀγγέλου μαθοῦσαι αἱ τοῦ Κυρίου Μαθήτριάι, καὶ τὴν προγονικὴν ἀπόφασιν ἀπορρίψασαι, τοῖς Ἀποστόλοις καυχώμεναι ἔλεγον· Ἐσκύλευται ὁ θάνατος, ἡγέρθη Χριστὸς ὁ Θεός, δωροῦμενος τῷ κόσμῳ τὸ μέγα ἔλεος.

When the women disciples of the Lord heard the Angel joyously proclaim the resurrection, they cast aside the ancestral verdict, and boasting in glory they said to the Apostles, "Death has been despoiled! Christ God has risen, granting the great mercy to the world!"

At the Small Entrance, the usual Entrance Hymn is chanted:

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.

Following the Small Entrance, the Resurrection Hymn of the week in fourth mode is repeated (see above).

Then, the clergy chant the hymn for the memorial service in plagal fourth mode.

Μνήσθητι Κύριε, ὡς ἀγαθὸς τῶν δούλων σου, καὶ ὅσα ἐν βίῳ ἡμαρτον συγχώρησον· οὐδεὶς γὰρ ἀναμάρτητος, εἰ μὴ Σὺ ὁ δυνάμενος, καὶ τοῖς μεταστᾶσι δοῦναι τὴν ἀνάπαυσιν.

Remember, O Lord, as You are good, Your servants, and forgive every sin they have committed in this life. For no one is sinless except You, Who have power to grant rest to those who have fallen asleep.

We then chant the Apolytikion hymn for our patron, St. Nicholas, in fourth mode:

Κανόνα πίστεως καὶ εἰκόνα πραότητος, ἐγκρατείας διδάσκαλον, ἀνέδειξέ σε τῇ ποιμνῇ σου, ἡ τῶν πραγμάτων ἀλήθεια· διὰ τοῦτο ἐκτήσω τῇ ταπεινώσει τὰ ὑψηλά, τῇ πτωχείᾳ τὰ πλούσια, Πάτερ ἱεράρχα Νικόλαε· πρέσβευε Χριστῷ τῷ Θεῷ, σωθῆναι τὰς ψυχὰς ἡμῶν.

The truth of things have revealed you to your flock as a rule of faith, an icon of meekness, and a teacher of temperance; for this cause you have achieved the heights by humility, riches by poverty. O Father and Hierarch Nicholas, intercede with Christ God that our souls be saved.

Finally, we chant the usual Kontakion, in second mode:

Προστασία τῶν Χριστιανῶν ἀκαταίσχυντε, μεσιτεία, πρὸς τὸν Ποιητὴν ἀμετάθετε, μὴ παρίδης, ἁμαρτωλῶν δεήσεων φωνάς, ἀλλὰ πρόφθασον, ὡς ἀγαθή, εἰς τὴν βοήθειαν ἡμῶν, τῶν πιστῶς κραυγαζόντων σοι· Τάχυνον εἰς πρεσβείαν, καὶ σπεῦσον εἰς ἱκεσίαν, ἡ προστατεύουσα ἀεὶ, Θεοτόκε, τῶν τιμώντων σε.

O Protection of Christians that never falls, intercession with the Creator that never fails, we sinners beg you, do not ignore the voices of our prayers. O good Lady, we implore you, quickly come unto our aid, when we cry out to you with faith. Hurry to intercession, and hasten to supplication, O Theotokos who protect now and ever those who honor you.

Today's Epistle Reading (21st Sunday):

The reading is from St. Paul's Second Letter to the Galatians (2:16-20)

Ἀδελφοί, εἰδότες ὅτι οὐ δικαιώται ἄνθρωπος ἐξ ἔργων νόμου, ἐὰν μὴ διὰ πίστεως Ἰησοῦ Χριστοῦ, καὶ ἡμεῖς εἰς Χριστὸν Ἰησοῦν ἐπιστεῦσαμεν, ἵνα δικαιωθῶμεν ἐκ πίστεως Χριστοῦ καὶ οὐκ ἐξ ἔργων νόμου· διότι ἐξ ἔργων νόμου οὐ δικαιωθήσεται πᾶσα σὰρξ. Εἰ δὲ ζητοῦντες δικαιωθῆναι ἐν Χριστῷ εὐρέθημεν καὶ αὐτοὶ ἁμαρτωλοί, ἄρα Χριστὸς ἁμαρτίας διάκονος; μὴ γένοιτο! Εἰ γάρ, ἃ κατέλυσα, ταῦτα πάλιν οἰκοδομῶ, παραβάτην ἑμαυτὸν συνίστημι. Ἐγὼ γὰρ διὰ νόμου νόμῳ ἀπέθανον ἵνα Θεῷ ζήσω. Χριστῷ συνεσταύρωμαι· ζῶ δὲ οὐκέτι ἐγώ, ζῇ δὲ ἐν ἐμοὶ Χριστός· ὁ δὲ νῦν ζῶ ἐν σαρκί, ἐν πίστει ζῶ τῇ τοῦ Υἱοῦ τοῦ Θεοῦ τοῦ ἀγαπήσαντός με καὶ παραδόντος ἑαυτὸν ὑπὲρ ἐμοῦ.

Brethren, you know that a man is not justified by works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Christ Jesus, in order to be justified by faith in Christ, and not by works of the law, because by works of the law shall no one be justified. But if, in our endeavor to be justified in Christ, we ourselves were found to be sinners, is Christ then an agent of sin? Certainly not! But if I build up again those things which I tore down, then I prove myself a transgressor. For I through the law died to the law, that I might live to God. I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me; and the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me. [RSV]

Today's Gospel Reading (7th Sunday of Luke):

The reading is from the Holy Gospel according to Luke (8:41-56)

Τῷ καιρῷ ἐκείνῳ, ἐλθόντι τῷ Ἰησοῦ εἰς τὴν χώραν τῶν Γαδαρηνῶν ὑπήντησεν αὐτῷ ἀνὴρ τις ἐκ τῆς πόλεως, ὃς εἶχε δαιμόνια ἐκ χρόνων ἱκανῶν, καὶ ἱμάτιον οὐκ ἐνεδιδύσκετο, καὶ ἐν οἰκίᾳ οὐκ ἔμενεν, ἀλλ' ἐν τοῖς μνήμασιν. ἰδὼν δὲ τὸν Ἰησοῦν καὶ ἀνακράξας προσέπεσεν αὐτῷ καὶ φωνῇ μεγάλῃ εἶπε· Τί ἐμοὶ καὶ σοί, Ἰησοῦ υἱὲ τοῦ Θεοῦ τοῦ ὑψίστου; δέομαί σου, μὴ με βασανίσῃς. παρήγγειλε γὰρ τῷ πνεύματι τῷ ἀκαθάρτῳ ἐξελθεῖν ἀπὸ τοῦ ἀνθρώπου. πολλοῖς γὰρ χρόνοις συνηρπάκει αὐτόν, καὶ ἐδεσμεῖτο ἀλύσει καὶ πέδαις φυλασσόμενος, καὶ διαρρήσων τὰ δεσμὰ ἠλαύνετο ὑπὸ τοῦ δαίμονος εἰς τὰς ἐρήμους. ἐπηρώτησε δὲ αὐτὸν ὁ Ἰησοῦς λέγων· Τί σοί ἐστιν ὄνομα; ὃ δὲ εἶπε· Λεγεών· ὅτι δαιμόνια πολλὰ εἰσῆλθεν εἰς αὐτόν· καὶ παρεκάλει αὐτόν ἵνα μὴ ἐπιτάξῃ αὐτοῖς εἰς τὴν ἄβυσσον ἀπελθεῖν. Ἦν δὲ ἐκεῖ ἀγέλη χοίρων ἱκανῶν βοσκομένη ἐν τῷ ὄρει· καὶ παρεκάλουν αὐτόν ἵνα ἐπιτρέψῃ αὐτοῖς εἰς ἐκείνους εἰσελθεῖν· καὶ ἐπέτρεψεν αὐτοῖς. ἐξελθόντα δὲ τὰ δαιμόνια ἀπὸ τοῦ ἀνθρώπου εἰσῆλθον εἰς τοὺς χοίρους, καὶ ὥρμησεν ἡ ἀγέλη κατὰ τοῦ κρηνοῦ εἰς τὴν λίμνην καὶ ἀπεπνίγη. ἰδόντες δὲ οἱ βόσκοντες τὸ γεγεννημένον ἔφυγον, καὶ ἀπήγγειλαν εἰς τὴν πόλιν καὶ εἰς τοὺς ἀγρούς. ἐξῆλθον δὲ ἰδεῖν τὸ γεγονός, καὶ ἦλθον πρὸς τὸν Ἰησοῦν, καὶ εὗρον καθήμενον τὸν ἄνθρωπον, ἃφ' οὗ τὰ δαιμόνια ἐξεληλύθει, ἱματισμένον καὶ σωφρονοῦντα παρὰ τοὺς πόδας τοῦ Ἰησοῦ, καὶ ἐφοβήθησαν. ἀπήγγειλαν δὲ αὐτοῖς οἱ ἰδόντες πῶς ἐσώθη ὁ δαιμονισθεὶς. καὶ ἠρώτησαν αὐτόν ἅπαν τὸ πλῆθος τῆς περιχώρου τῶν Γαδαρηνῶν ἀπελθεῖν ἀπ' αὐτῶν, ὅτι φόβῳ μεγάλῳ συνείχοντο· αὐτὸς δὲ ἐμβὰς εἰς τὸ πλοῖον ὑπέστρεψεν. ἐδέετο δὲ αὐτοῦ ὁ ἀνὴρ, ἃφ' οὗ ἐξεληλύθει τὰ δαιμόνια, εἶναι σὺν αὐτῷ· ἀπέλυσε δὲ αὐτόν ὁ Ἰησοῦς λέγων· Ὑπόστρεφε εἰς τὸν οἶκόν σου καὶ διηγοῦ ὅσα ἐποίησέ σοι ὁ Θεός. καὶ ἀπῆλθε καθ' ὅλην τὴν πόλιν κηρύσσων ὅσα ἐποίησεν αὐτῷ ὁ Ἰησοῦς.

At that time, there came to Jesus a man named Jairus, who was a ruler of the synagogue; and falling at Jesus' feet he besought him to come to his house, for he had an only daughter, about twelve years of age, and she was dying. As he went, the people pressed round him. And a woman who had had a flow of blood for twelve years and had spent all her living upon physicians and could not be healed by anyone, came up behind him, and touched the fringe of his garment; and immediately her flow of blood ceased. And Jesus said, "Who was it that touched me?" When all denied it, Peter said, "Master, the multitudes surround you and press upon you!" But Jesus said, "Some one touched me; for I perceive that power has gone forth from me." And when the woman saw that she was not hidden, she came trembling, and falling down before him declared in the presence of all the people why she had touched him, and how she had been immediately healed. And he said to her, "Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace." While he was still speaking, a man from the ruler's house came and said, "Your daughter is dead; do not trouble the Teacher any more." But Jesus on hearing this answered him, "Do not fear; only believe, and she shall be well." And when he came to the house, he permitted no one to enter with him, except Peter and John and James, and the father and mother of the child. And all were weeping and bemoaning her; but he said, "Do not weep; for she is not dead but sleeping." And they laughed at him, knowing that she was dead. But taking her by the hand he called, saying, "Child, arise." And her spirit returned, and she got up at once; and he directed that something should be given her to eat. And her parents were amazed; but he charged them to tell no one what had happened. [RSV]

2023 Stewardship Pledge Cards are in the Narthex

(Just ask a member of Parish Council)

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

2023	STEWARDSHIP
Total Stewards	269 (GOAL 300)
Total Pledged	\$124,584.00 GOAL (\$230,000.00)
Avg. Pledge	\$720.14

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.

SIXTY CLUB NEWS

FIRESIDE CHAT with FR. ELEFThERIOS
November 5, following Liturgy in Crystal Room
Reservations due October 22.

Even if you did not receive a flyer in the mail, you are welcome to attend.

Bring a friend and enjoy a light lunch, followed by a question-and-answer period about our Orthodox faith, traditions, services, etc. Learn from other people's questions.

Please call a Planning Committee member for reservation and detailed menu today: Fran Hanna (412.731.0790)
Alice Gary (412.249.8612) Argie Stuart (412.681.6754) Helen Waskoskie (724.327.3539).

A CHRISTMAS STORY

Saturday, December 16 2:00pm O'Reilly Theater
\$40.00

A comedy back by popular demand: a story of disastrous family meals, sticky situations on the schoolyard and funny visits to Santaland.

Fun for the entire family. Nonmembers are invited!

We have tentatively reserved 12 easily accessible seats, but we must act quickly to keep them and/or get more if needed, Contact Alice Gary at 412.249.8612.

Accepting dues for September 2023 to August 2024

Dinner for College Students

The Moms and Dads of St. Nicholas will be hosting a "Friendsgiving" Dinner for the area College students on Sunday, November 12. A traditional Thanksgiving dinner will be prepared with all the trimmings.

If you would like to volunteer at this event or bake a dessert, please contact Linda Hages at 412-523-7938 or Dae Machin at 724-413-1497.

GOYA NEWS

Upcoming Events:

Saturday, November 11 – Bowling

Sunday, November 12 – GOYA Meeting
after Liturgy

All 7th – 12th graders are welcome to join our
GOYA Ministry



Saint Nicholas Cathedral
Moms & Dads invite all
college and grad students to

FRIENDSGIVING

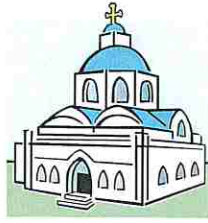


Traditional meal with all the trimmings

Sunday, November 12th
5:00-7:00 p.m.

Saint Nicholas Greek Orthodox Cathedral
419 South Dithridge Street, Pittsburgh, PA

To RSVP, not required, or for more
info, text or call: Linda 412.523.7938



From the Church School Desk

Next week, Sunday, November 5, 2023, will be **Godparent/Special Friend Sunday**. Godparents/Special Friends will worship during the Divine Liturgy, receive Holy Communion together and attend Church School to see what their Godchild/Special Friend learns there (and make cards to send to children at Children's Hospital and Veteran's Hospital for Make a Difference Day). Afterwards many will attend Coffee Hour sponsored by Philoptochos. It will be the start of a wonderful day together!

This year, Church School, will again have a Bake Sale at the **St. Nicholas Day Bazaar**, as well as sponsor a Balloon artist.

The Church School children will present their **Christmas Pageant** under the direction of Joanna Darakos and Aimee Walker on Sunday, December 17, 2023. Please refer to the enclosed practice schedule for further details.

New this year, St. Nicholas Byzantine Youth Choir! In October, Psalti Amy Hogg started special classes after Church School teaching hymns of the Divine Liturgy. Please encourage our youth to participate.

St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Cathedral Church School is preparing for their Holiday Outreach Project:

We are looking for hats, mittens, scarves, gloves, etc. for **Neighborhood Resilience Projects' Project Bundle-up** to decorate our tree. Thanks in advance for your warm winter accessories and teaching the children the gift of giving.

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

Byzantine Youth Choir

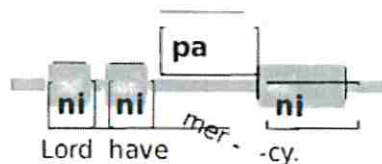
For Grades K - 12

Meets weekly for 20
minutes after Sunday School

Students can grab a snack at
coffee hour before coming



- *Learn the hymns of the Divine Liturgy
- * Online lessons with audio recordings and videos



*Talk to Amy Hogg for more information,
or email her at amy.hogg@trisagionschool.org

St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Cathedral
Godparent Sunday
Church School Open House

Sunday, November 5, 2023



Join your Godchild for
Church Worship, Holy Communion,
& Church School!

Mini Chefs, Mighty Mission

JOY, HOPE & Little Angels
Service Project



WHO?

- ☐ St. Nicholas families with kids in Pre-K through 6th grade
- ☐ Older siblings and teenage volunteers also welcome

WHAT?

- ☐ Social gathering with plenty of food and fun for everyone
- ☐ "Mini chefs" will decorate their own chef's apron and hat before working independently or with a parent/helper to assemble a pan of lasagna, which will be donated to those in need in our community

WHEN?

- ☐ Friday, November 17th @ 6:00 PM

WHERE?

- ☐ St. Nicholas Fellowship Room

WHY?

- ☐ To help our youth enjoy an evening of fun, fellowship and service

DON'T MISS THE FUN!

- ☐ Text or email Nikki Lykos (412-897-8208 or nvlykos@gmail.com) by Friday, November 10th to let her know how many Chefs and adult helpers you're bringing

Have a Ball at the Cathedral

(a good old fashioned Γλέντι/Glendi/Greek Dance!)

Saturday, November 25, 2023

8:00 PM – 12:00 Midnight

Music by “Ta Filarakia”

\$40.00 for Adults

\$20.00 for Under Age 18

Ticket Price Includes:

**Mezedes (Heavy Appetizers) and Dance
Cash Bar**

For more information or
to purchase tickets, please contact:

St. Nicholas Cathedral

412-682-3866

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GREEK-AMERICAN PROGRESSIVE ASSOCIATION
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Celebrating 100 Years | 1923-2023

You are cordially invited to join G.A.P.A. for an evening of fellowship and memories at our

Centennial Gala

*Celebrating 100 years of brotherhood,
philanthropy, and service to the
Greek-American community & beyond!*

Saturday, December 9, 2023

Cocktails & Hors D'oeuvres: 6:00 PM | Dinner: 7:00 PM

Crowne Plaza Hotel Pittsburgh South

164 Fort Couch Road | Pittsburgh, PA 15241

Live music by the fabulous Stigma Band

Dinner & Dance - \$85 | Dance Only - \$25 (9:00 PM)

For reservations, please contact Joanne Melacinos at (412) 400-4607 -or-

Helen Valsamidis at (724) 777-5155 no later than Saturday, 11/25/2023.



GREEK ORTHODOX ARCHDIOCESE OF AMERICA

ARCHEPISCOPAL ENCYCLICAL

Prot. No. 292/2023

Archepiscopal Encyclical for the Commemoration of OXI Day

October 28, 2023

Unto the Most Reverend and Right Reverend Hierarchs, Pious Priests and Deacons, Monks and Nuns, Presidents and Members of the Parish Councils, Honorable Archons of the Ecumenical Patriarchate, Members of Leadership 100, Day and Afternoon Schools, Philoptochos Societies, Youth, Greek Orthodox Organizations, and entirety of the Christ-loving Plenitude of the Sacred Archdiocese of America:

But we shall arise and be restored. Alleluia.

(Doxology for October 28, the Feast of Victory)

Beloved brothers and sisters in Christ,

OXI Day is a day when we remember the resilience, bravery, and determination of the Greek People during the dark days of the Second World War. We extol the heroes of 1940 who stood firmly against the tidal wave of fascism that threatened to overwhelm our world, and we take inspiration and courage that those who sacrificed themselves and were laid low, 'arose and were restored.' Whether in this life or the next, these brave souls are symbols of the resurrection, for Greece survived the brutal occupation that is known as the Κατοχή, and was eventually restored to freedom.

When we remember these heroes — some of whom may have been members of our own families — we recognize in them the spirit of liberty that we so highly prize in today. They took up the awesome responsibility to defend their Nation against invaders, at the risk of losing everything. This kind of daring comes from deep wellsprings of hope when there is no reason to hope. It comes from faith in God Who is victorious over sin and death. And it comes from a love of one's Country that carries one away from hearth and home to lonely outposts high in the mountains.



My fellow Christians: let us honor their memory with Doxologies of gratitude and Memorials of love. Tell your children and your grandchildren the stories of struggle and heroism that inspired the world to hold the Heroes of 1940, as Winston Churchill immortalized them:

"Hence, we will not say that Greeks fight like heroes, but that heroes fight like Greeks."

With paternal love in Christ,

† ELPIDOPHOROS
Archbishop of America



ΙΕΡΑ ΑΡΧΙΕΠΙΣΚΟΠΗ ΑΜΕΡΙΚΗΣ

ΑΡΧΙΕΠΙΣΚΟΠΙΚΗ ΕΓΚΥΚΛΙΟΣ

Αριθμ. Πρωτ. 292/2023

Αρχιεπισκοπική Έγκύκλιος για την ημέρα του «ΟΧΙ».

28 Οκτωβρίου 2023

Πρὸς τοὺς Σεβασμιωτάτους καὶ Θεοφιλεστάτους Ἀρχιερεῖς, τοὺς Εὐλαβεστάτους Ἱερεῖς καὶ Διακόνους, τοὺς Μοναχοὺς καὶ τὶς Μοναχές, τοὺς Προέδρους καὶ τὰ Μέλη τῶν Κοινοτικῶν Συμβουλίων, τοὺς Ἐντιμολογιωτάτους Ἀρχοντες τοῦ Οἰκουμενικοῦ Πατριαρχείου, τὰ μέλη τῆς Ἡγεσίας τῶν 100, τὰ Ἡμερήσια καὶ Ἀπογευματινὰ Σχολεῖα, τὶς Φιλοπτώχους Ἀδελφότητες, τὴ Νεολαία, τὶς Ἑλληνορθόδοξες Ὁργανώσεις καὶ ὁλόκληρο τὸ Χριστεπώνυμο πλήρωμα τῆς Ἱερᾶς Ἀρχιεπισκοπῆς Ἀμερικῆς.

«Ἡμεῖς δὲ ἀνέστημεν καὶ ἀνωρθώθημεν. Ἀλληλούϊα»

(Δοξολογία τῶν Νικητηρίων ἐπὶ τῇ 28ῃ Ὀκτωβρίου).

Προσφιλεῖς ἀδελφοὶ καὶ ἀδελφές ἐν Χριστῷ,

Ἡ ἡμέρα τοῦ «ΟΧΙ» εἶναι μία ἡμέρα μνήμης τοῦ θάρρους, τῆς γενναιότητος, τῆς ἀνταπάρνησης καὶ τῆς ἀποφασιστικότητος τοῦ Ἑλληνικοῦ λαοῦ κατὰ τὶς μαῦρες μέρες τοῦ Δευτέρου Παγκοσμίου Πολέμου. Ἐξυμνοῦμε τοὺς ἥρωες τοῦ 1940, οἱ ὅποιοι στάθηκαν ὡς ἀσάλευτοι πύργοι ἀπέναντι στὰ κύματα τοῦ φασισμού πὺν ἀπειλούσαν νὰ κατακλύσουν ὅλο τὸν ἐλεύθερο κόσμον καὶ ἐμπνεόμαστε μὲ κουράγιο, ὅτι ὅλοι αὐτοὶ πὺν θυσιάστηκαν καὶ ταπεινώθηκαν, «ἀνέστησαν καὶ ἀνωρθώθηκαν». Εἴτε σὲ αὐτὴ τὴ ζωὴ, εἴτε στὴν ἄλλη, αὐτοὶ οἱ ἥρωες συμβολίζουν τὴν ἀνάστασιν, διότι ἡ Ἑλλάδα χάριν σὲ αὐτοὺς ἐπέζησε μιᾶς ἀπὸ τὶς χειρότερες περιόδους στὴν ἱστορία της, τὴν «Κατοχὴ», καὶ κατόρθωσε νὰ ἀναστηθεῖ ἐλεύθερη ξανά.



Όταν θυμούμαστε αυτούς τους ήρωες, κάποιοι από τους οποίους μπορεί να ήταν μέλη των οικογενειών μας, αναγνωρίζουμε σε αυτούς αυτό το πνεύμα της ελευθερίας, που τόσο τιμούμε σήμερα. Ανέλαβαν τη φοβερή εκείνη ευθύνη να υπερασπίσουν το έθνος τους απέναντι στους εισβολείς, με κίνδυνο να χάσουν τα πάντα. Ή τόλμη τους αυτή, όταν όλα έδειχναν την απελπισία, προήλθε από τη βαθειά πίστη τους στο Θεό, ο οποίος είναι ο κύριος της ζωής και του θανάτου. Είναι τελικά αυτή ή βαθειά αγάπη για την πατρίδα που τους έκανε να αφήσουν τα σπίτια τους και την έστία τους πολεμώντας για την ελευθερία στα απόμακρα βουνά και στα λαγκάδια.

Αγαπητοί μου χριστιανοί, ας τιμήσουμε τη μνήμη τους με ύμνους ευγνωμοσύνης και με μνημόσυνα αγάπης. Ας διηγηθούμε στα παιδιά και στα εγγόνια μας τις ιστορίες τους, γεμάτες από αυταπάρνηση και ήρωϊσμό, που ενέπνευσαν τόσο πολύ τον σύγχρονο τους κόσμο, ώστε ο Γουίνστον Τσώρτσιλ να αναφωνήσει με θαυμασμό:

«Δέ θα λέμε πια ότι οι Έλληνες πολεμούν σαν ήρωες, αλλά ότι οι ήρωες πολεμούν σαν Έλληνες!»

Μετά πατρικής έν Κυρίω αγάπης,

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29 7th Sunday of Luke Orthros 8:45 a.m. Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m. General Assembly	30 YAL Basketball 7:00 p.m.	31 Adult Greek Classes Beginners, Intermediate Advanced 6:30 p.m.	1 Open Gym 7:00 p.m.	2	3	4 Greek School 10:00 a.m. Event (SH) 2:00 p.m.
Oct 30 – Nov 2 Father Eleftherios Away for APC Clergy Retreat						
5 5th Sunday of Luke Godparent Sunday Orthros 8:45 a.m. Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m. 60 Club Fireside Chat	6 YAL Basketball 7:00 p.m.	7 Synaxis of the Archangels <i>(in anticipation)</i> Orthros 6:00 p.m. Divine Liturgy 7:00 p.m.	8 Open Gym 7:00 p.m.	9 St. Nektarios the Wonderworker Orthros 9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m. Paraklesis to St. Nektarios 6:30 p.m.	10	11 Greek School 10:00 a.m. Event (BH) 4:00 p.m.
12 8th Sunday of Luke National Philoptochos Sunday Orthros 8:45 a.m. Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m. GOYA Meeting College Student "Friendsgiving" Dinner 5:00 p.m.	13 St. John Chrysostom Orthros 9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m. Philoptochos Board Meeting 6:30 p.m. YAL Basketball 7:00 p.m.	14	15 Open Gym 7:00 p.m.	16 St. Matthew the Apostle and Evangelist Orthros 9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m.	17 Little Angels, HOPE, & JOY Event: "Mini Chefs, Mighty Mission" 6:00 p.m.	18 Greek School 10:00 a.m. Greek School Open House 12:00 noon Event (BH) 4:00 p.m.
19 9th Sunday of Luke National IOCC Sunday Orthros 8:45 a.m. Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m.	20 Parish Council Meeting 6:30 p.m. YAL Basketball 7:00 p.m.	21 Presentation of the Theotokos into the Temple (Ta Eisodia) Orthros 9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m.	22	23 THANKSGIVING <i>Church Office Closed</i>	24 <i>Church Office Closed</i>	25 Ball at the Cathedral
26 13th Sunday of Luke Orthros 8:45 a.m. Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m. <i>(No Church School)</i>	27 YAL Basketball 7:00 p.m.	28	29	30 St. Andrew the First-Called Apostle Orthros 9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m.		