



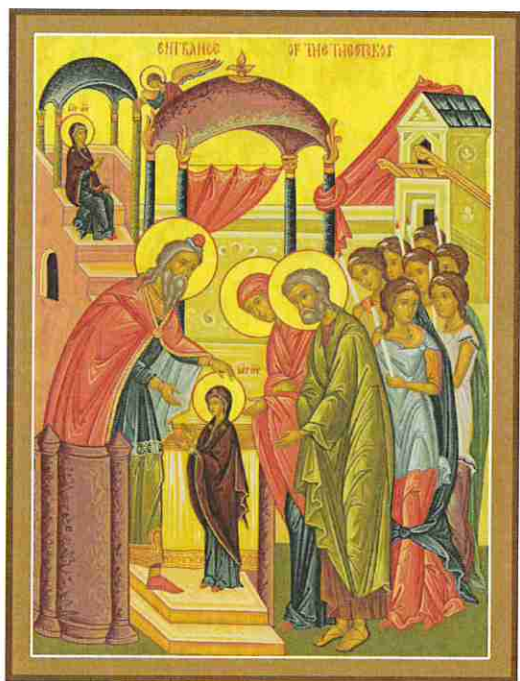
Saint Nicholas Greek Orthodox Cathedral Pittsburgh, PA

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NOVEMBER 2023 NEWSLETTER

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 21st ***The Entrance of the Theotokos*** ***into the Temple***



The feast on the twenty-first of November commemorates the Entrance of the young Mary, the Theotokos, into the Temple of Jerusalem. This event—though not directly mentioned in the Bible, but rather the Proto-evangelium of James—holds profound spiritual significance for Christians. Tradition recounts that Mary was brought by her parents to the temple to live among the virgins dedicated to the service of God. Here, under the guardianship of Zacharias, the priest and father of John the Baptist, Mary was prepared herself to become the "holy of holies" of God, and to bear the Divine child.

Scriptural references abound in the feast's liturgical services, particularly from Psalm 45, which the Orthodox Church views as a direct prophecy concerning Mary. The Gospel of Saint Luke echoes these sentiments, with Mary herself acknowledging the divine favor upon her. The predominant theme of this feast is Mary's transformation into a living temple of God, embodying the New Testament prophecies that humanity would be the dwelling place of the Divine Presence.

This occasion marks the end of the Jerusalem Temple's role as God's primary dwelling and emphasizes Mary's unique position in salvation history. The Old Testament readings for the Vespers service—which include passages about the construction of the tabernacle and temple—culminate in the phrase, "for the glory of the Lord filled the house [tabernacle] of the Lord God Almighty." These readings are understood as symbolic references to Mary, heralding a new era where every believer, taking Mary as a model, can become a dwelling place for God.

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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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 for more information and availability.

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| Archdiocese | 212-570-3500 | www.goarch.org |

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www.stnickspgh.org

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/ 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**

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FATHER'S MESSAGE

*"Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; for His mercy endures forever."
(Psalm 117:1)*

My dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

In this season of Thanksgiving — when we make time to gather over a meal with family and friends — our hearts naturally turn to expressions of gratitude. But this year, let us delve deeper into the profound thanksgiving that our Orthodox Christian faith constantly invites us to embrace through the Divine Eucharist (Θεία Εὐχαριστία).

The word "Εὐχαριστία-Eucharistia" is best translated as "thanksgiving." Εὐχαριστία embodies the essence of our Christian worship — a profound gratitude that spans every facet of creation and, above all, cherishes the ever-present revelation of Christ in our lives.

Central to our faith, the Eucharist finds its origins in the Last Supper when Christ directed His disciples to offer bread and wine in His remembrance. This sacrament stands as a hallmark of our Orthodox worship, where we gather to celebrate and honor Christ's Life, Death, and Resurrection, jointly participating in the mystery of Salvation.

The Divine Liturgy, however, is not merely a ritual, but a heartfelt offering to God. When participating in the Eucharist, we are afforded an opportunity to recognize and deeply appreciate God's very presence in our lives and express our profound thanksgiving for all that God has given us. We are reminded that everything in our lives, from our daily experiences to our deepest relationships, are blessings from God. They are gifts we cherish, celebrate, and offer back to Him in gratitude. It is with this precise sentiment that we exclaim in the Divine Liturgy: *"Τὰ σὰ ἐκ τῶν σῶν σοὶ προσφέρομεν κατὰ πάντα καὶ διὰ πάντα. Your own of Your own we offer to You, in all and for all."*

Speaking on this, Hieromonk Gregorios aptly states, "Holding the gifts of his gratitude, man ascends through the Divine Liturgy to the heights of God ...the bread and the wine receive the blessing of the life-creating Spirit and becomes Eucharist. Man communes in the Eucharistic food, in Christ, and himself becomes a constant Eucharist, thanksgiving."

And so, as we approach the celebrations of giving thanks this month, let us then immerse ourselves in the true spirit of thanksgiving. May this Eucharistic *ethos* permeate our every action and thought, drawing us ever closer to God and reminding us of the bountiful gifts with which we have been blessed, always giving thanks to our Lord, the redeemer of our souls.

Prayerfully yours,

+Fr. 

† Fr. Eleftherios Constantine

SACRAMENTAL LIFE

Our sincere condolences to the family of **Dr. Barrett Bender** who fell asleep in the Lord on Sunday, October 1, 2023. His funeral was October 5, 2023.

Dr. Bender was the brother of Father Christopher Bender and Irene Maginas. May God grant him eternal rest.

PARISH COUNCIL

The fall season is well underway. And as the days get shorter, we anticipate the coming of winter. In the midst of these colder days and longer nights, we anticipate the Light of Christ. On November 15th, we begin our forty-day journey to the Lord's birth. We spend time decorating, to radiate this light. We do this in a spirit of Thanksgiving and Joy! Make church a priority and please try and attend at least one more service other than Sunday morning, during your journey to our Lord's birth. You will not regret your decision.

Yours in Christ,

Michelle Marie Katsagelos

Parish Council President

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

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St. Nicholas Annual Bazaar
Sunday, December 10, 2023
Following The Divine Liturgy

Food - Drinks - Games -
Gold Fish - Balloons - and so much more!!

Oh Yeah.....And let's not forget about those delicious
Loukoumades!!!

Hope our surprise visitor from the North Pole doesn't
eat all the Loukoumades.

COME JOIN THE FUN!

Chairpersons:
Lenna Cominos,
Keli Frentzos, and
Lisa Kristian

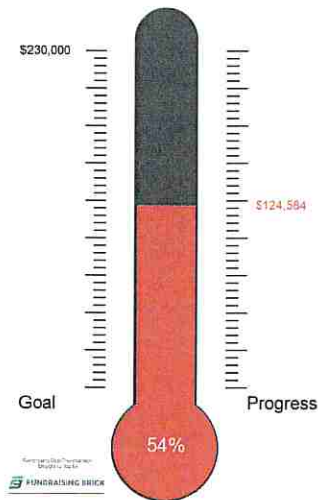


2023 STEWARDSHIP

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



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| 2023 STEWARDSHIP | | 10/26/2023 |
| Total Stewards | | 269 |
| Total Amount Pledged | | \$124,584.00 |
| Average Pledge | | \$720.14 |
| % Parish Participation to Date | | 90% |
| 2023 Stewards (GOAL) | | 300 |
| % of Total Budget to Date | | 54% |
| 2023 Budget (GOAL) | | \$ 230,000.00 |
| Total Giving to Date | | \$167,165.58 |
| As of: | | 09/30/2023 |
| Income: Pledges, Basket Collection and Food Festival | \$859,784.00 | |
| Expenses: Salaries, Utilities, Maintenance, Commitments, etc. | \$783,770.00 | |
| | \$ 76,014.00 | |

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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Pittsburgh, PA

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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, 412-944-4961.

FOOD FESTIVAL

Food Festival 2024

Time to roll up our sleeves and think 2024 food festival preparations.
Scheduling is in the works for the 13 items needed to be prepared between now and May.

We are starting off in November with Moussaka, an all-time favorite.

Let's get the show on the road Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and possibly Thursday,
November 13, 14, 15 and 16(?).

Monday, November 13, 9:00 am to 4:00 pm
Tuesday, November 14, 9:00 am to 4:00 pm
Wednesday, November 15, 9:00 am to 4:00 pm
Thursday, November 16, 9:00 am to 4:00 pm

St. Nick's Kitchen
Where Miracles Take Place

St. Nicholas Church School



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 Greek Orthodox Cathedral
Godparent Sunday
Church School Open House

Sunday, November 5, 2023



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



WHO:
CHURCH SCHOOL STUDENTS

WHAT:
CHURCH SCHOOL BAKE SALE

WHEN:
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2023

WHERE:
ST. NICHOLAS BAZAAR

WHY:
CHURCH SCHOOL FUNDRAISER

HOW:
BRING 2 DOZEN BAKED GOODS

QUESTIONS:
CONTACT SOPHIA BENDER 412-999-1391





St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Cathedral's Christmas Pageant Rehearsal Schedule

Sunday, December 3, 2023
During Church School for all children

Sunday, December 10, 2023
During Church School for Nursery-6th Graders

Saturday, December 16, 2023
12:30 P.M. – 1:30 P.M.
Final Rehearsal for all children

Sunday, December 17, 2023
Christmas Pageant in Church

Questions?
Contact
Joanna Darakos at 412-867-5376
or
Aimee Walker at 412-398-6094



*PROJECT
BUNDLE UP*

WE ARE LOOKING FOR
HATS, MITTENS, SCARVES
& GLOVES
FOR NEIGHBORHOOD
RESILIENCE PROJECT'S
'PROJECT BUNDLE UP'!



ST NICHOLAS

Byzantine Youth Choir

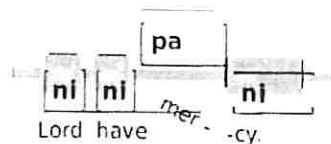
For Grades K - 12

Meets weekly for 20
minutes after Sunday School

Students can grab a snack at
coffee hour before coming



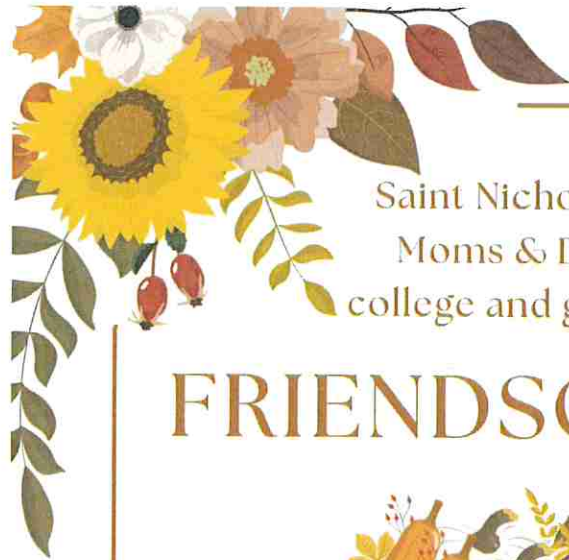
- *Learn the hymns of the Divine Liturgy
- * Online lessons with audio recordings and videos



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

Dinner for College Students

Attention all college and grad students. The Moms and Dads of St. Nicholas invite you to a "Friendsgiving" dinner on Sunday, Nov 12. Come to the Cathedral any time between 5:00pm and 7:00pm for a traditional Thanksgiving dinner with all the trimmings. Looking forward to seeing you. **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.**



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
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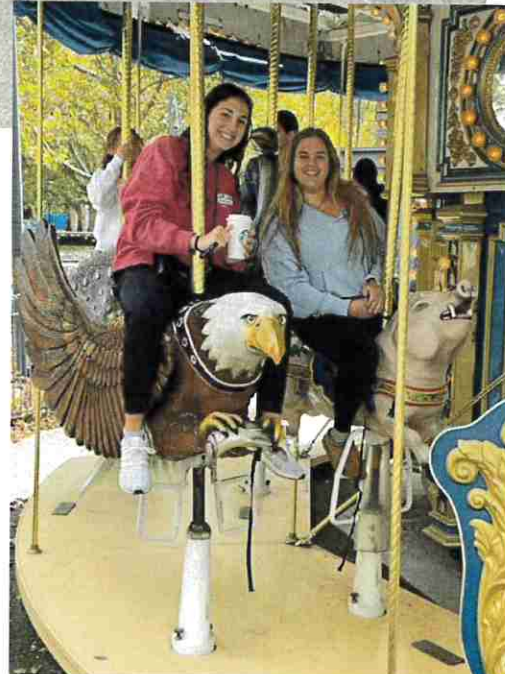
GOYA NEWS

Since our last check-in in September, our GOYA has achieved so much within the past month. We hosted our annual car wash event, which, thanks to the church members, really boosted our GOYA's stability. We had a blast washing cars!

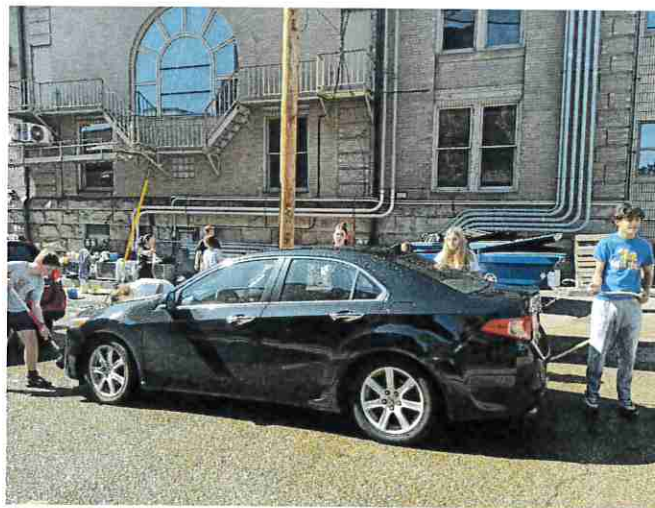
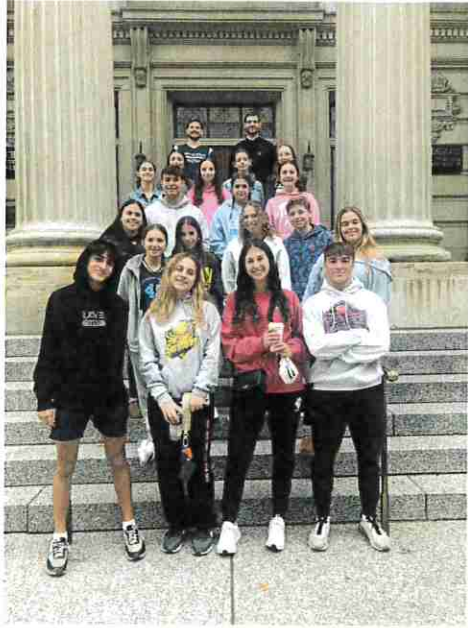
Our Mission Walk was another success. We walked throughout Oakland with many more participants than last year. We even got a chance to go on the carousel on the University of Pittsburgh campus. If you're thinking about joining our 7-12 grade GOYA.. do not hesitate! This is a family and open for anyone interested in joining.

Upcoming events: Saturday, November 11th- Bowling. Sunday, November 12th - GOYA meeting after Liturgy. November 17-19th Metropolis GOYA Retreat.

Houston Frentzos
Corresponding Secretary



GOYA NEWS, Con't



60's CLUB NEWS

A CHRISTMAS STORY

December 16

2:00

O'Reilly Theater

\$40.00

A comedy for the entire family—all ages!

We have reserved 12 easily accessible seats, but, if we act quickly, we may be able to get more. Contact Alice Gary at 412.249.8612.

As always, the Planning Committee welcomes suggestions. Contact: Alice Gary (412.249.8612), Fran Hanna (412.731.0790). Argie Stuart (412.681.6754) Helen Waskoskie (724.327.3539)

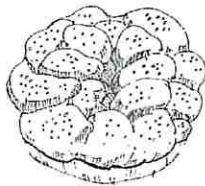
Many thanks to those who supported the Gateway Clipper Cruise event. We could not have asked for more perfect weather or a smoother ride!



Philoptochos News



On Sunday, October 22, Metropolis Philoptochos President, Joyce Spanakis, joined our St. Nicholas Philoptochos chapter for the first general meeting of the new ecclesiastical year. President Spanakis shared the work of the Metropolis and National Philoptochos and explained how, along with the chapters, each level supports the other. We also honored our members who are breast cancer survivors in celebration of Breast Cancer Awareness month. Thank you to all who attended!



New Year's Bread **Baking**

Please join us on **Thursday, December 7th** to help mix, roll, bake and wrap hundreds of loaves of Vasilopita! We will begin early in the morning and continue into the evening until all the bread is cooled and wrapped.

And don't forget to order your Vasilopita in advance! They are \$12 each, and order forms are available in the Narthex. Vasilopita will be available for pick up at the St. Nicholas Bazaar on Sunday, December 10th.

Food Bank

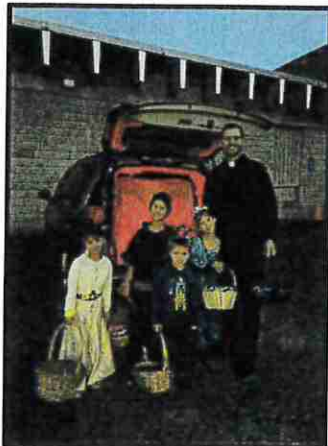
The Food Bank continues to need your support! You can donate by making a check payable to the "St. Nicholas Philoptochos Food Bank" or through United Way by designating the St. Nicholas Food Bank (#3288) through your employers United Way contribution.

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



JOY, HOPE & LITTLE ANGELS

JOY, HOPE and Little Angels enjoyed fellowship and fun at the Fall Festival on Friday, October 13th. Plenty of pizza, popcorn, s'mores and treats were enjoyed by everyone, young and old alike!



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

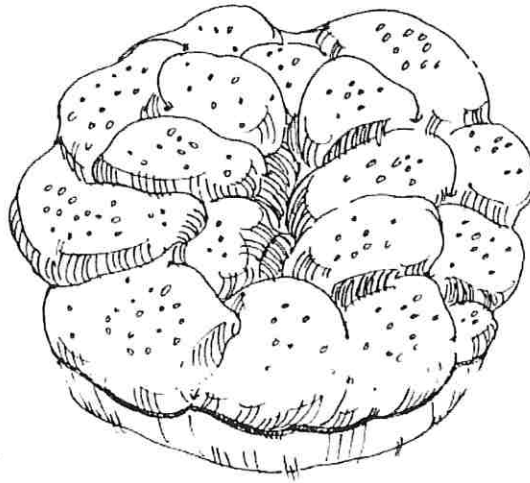
WHY?

- ☐ 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

Start the New Year Out by Helping Philoptochos Help Others



New Year's Bread

St. Nicholas Cathedral Philoptochos is taking orders for our delicious Greek New Year's Bread.
Each loaf contains the traditional New Year's coin.

\$12 per loaf

Bread will be available for pickup on Sunday, December 10 during the St. Nicholas Bazaar
For additional information contact Nikki Lykos at 412.897.8208

ORDER FORM

Complete the information below and mail along WITH A CHECK, made payable to:
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Telephone _____ Number of Loaves _____

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Thank you for your support.

All proceeds benefit the ongoing charitable activities of our Philoptochos

GREEK SCHOOL

Last month all the St. Nicholas Greek School teachers participated in a teacher training webinar sponsored by the Department of Greek Education of the Greek Orthodox Metropolis of Pittsburgh. It was presented by two founders and teachers of the Olive Tree Greek Education and Cultural Center in Massachusetts. It focused on fun and effective strategies for teaching speaking to students. Many activities and strategies were presented.

St. Nicholas Adult classes started in October. Classes for Beginners, Intermediates, and Advanced learners are all from 6:30pm until 8pm on Tuesday evenings. They are taught by Christina Retsoy, Dimitra Agapitou, and Katerina Mavriki. If you are still interested in starting, please e-mail Maria at mstamoolis@verizon.net

This month, on November 15, everyone is invited to learn about the “Fall of Constantinople in 1453 through Contemporary Sources.” It is presented by Elias Petrou, Ph.D. who is Assistant Professor and Head of Classical, Medieval, and Modern Greek Collections at the University of Illinois, Urbana Champaign. It has been 570 years since the fall of Constantinople and Dr. Elias will present reports of eyewitnesses who were behind the walls during the siege, how emperor Constantine XI Palaeologos tried to save its realm, and more. The link is on the attached flyer. It is sponsored by the Department of Greek Education of the Metropolis of Pittsburgh.



"Ἡ Πόλις ἔαλω"

The Fall of Constantinople in 1453 through Contemporary Sources

It's 570 years since the Fall of the Byzantine Empire, an event that shaped history for centuries. See and hear reports of eyewitnesses, who were behind the walls during the siege. Learn how the last emperor Constantine XI Palaeologos tried to save its realm. What was the famous Golder Horn chain?

November 15 at 8:00 PM

Zoom Link: <https://tinyurl.com/GOMoPGrkEd>



Presented by Elias Petrou, Ph.D

Assistant Professor | Head of Classical, Medieval, and

Modern Greek Collections

University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign



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All names MUST be submitted NO LATER than December 5, 2023!!

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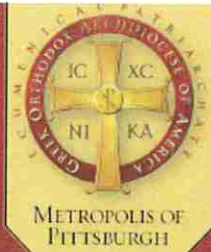
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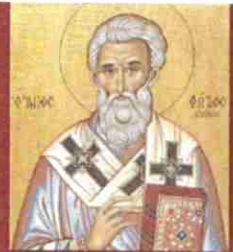
For reservations, please contact Joanne Melacrinos at (412) 400-4607 -or-

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

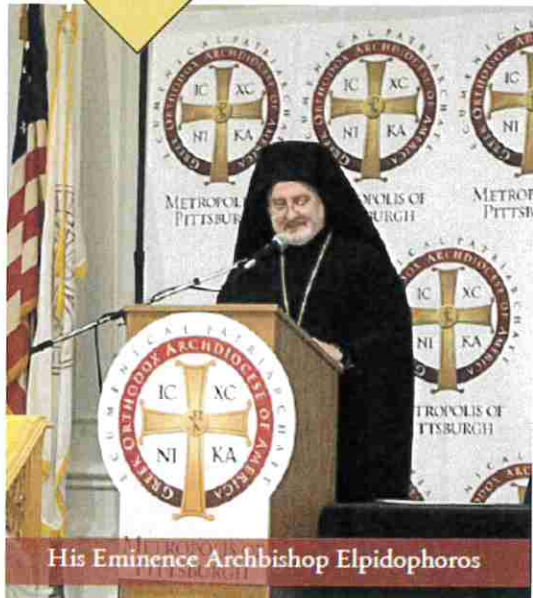


A Good Word - Λόγον Αγαθόν

NEWSLETTER OF THE GREEK ORTHODOX METROPOLIS OF PITTSBURGH



Clergy-Laity Assembly: Fr. George Callos, Chancellor



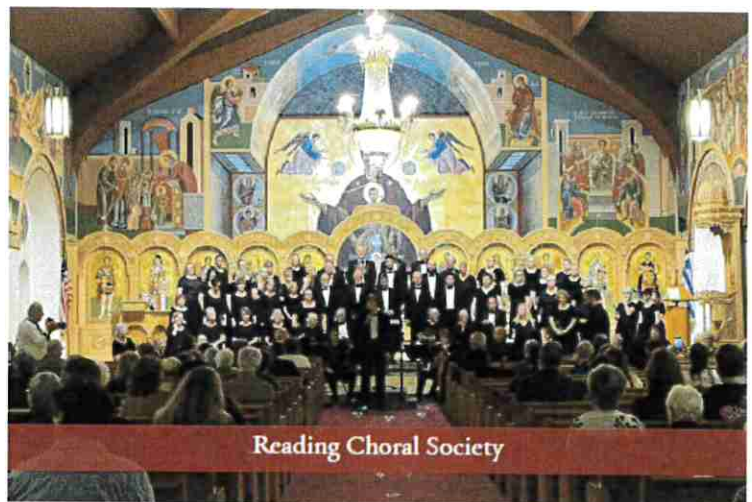
His Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros

The 2023 Metropolis Assembly was hosted by the Sts. Constantine & Helen community of Reading, Pennsylvania from 28-30 September. Our Metropolis was honored by the presence of His Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros of America, who spent time each day among the delegates and graced us with his kindness and warm Archpastoral blessings.

At the opening Banquet, His Eminence updated the assembly on the status of the charter revision process, and commended the Metropolis and its ministries on the New Metropolis Center project and the opportunities that await following its completion. Citing Ps 126:1 - Unless the Lord builds the house, those who build it labor in vain - His Eminence assured the group that the new center is "being built under the watchful eye of the Great Architect of Creation," and commending us to labor in love and cooperation with one another in order to cooperate with

His grace. Following the banquet, participants retired to the hotel for a social hour and fellowship.

Friday's program began with a report from Metropolitan Savas on the progress of the ministries and the opportunities that await the Metropolis in the coming year. Regular reports on Friday and Saturday were heard from the Metropolis Council Vice-Chair, Philoptochos President, Syndesmos President, Regional Archon Commander, Treasurer, Chancellor, Registrar, Archdiocesan Council representatives, and from some of the active committees and ministries, including Finance, Audit, Greek Education, Family Ministry, Religious Education, Youth & Young Adult Ministries, Youth Safety, and Camping Ministries. A comprehensive update on the New Metropolis Center was shared, including pictures of the groundbreaking and current construction progress. A presentation was shared on "Spiritual Transformation and Giving," a newly published work by Bishop Alexei of Sitka & Alaska that talks about the change brought to the giver and the receiver in acts of almsgiving to the Church and to the poor. Friday evening, following dinner, the Assembly delegates were treated to a beautiful concert by the Reading Choral Society and then a "Greek night" fellowship in the Church Hall with dancing and live music. On Saturday the 2024 Budget was passed by the delegates, and the Assembly elected eight laypersons to the Metropolis Council, two laypersons to the Archdiocesan Council, and three members to the Audit Committee, all for the 2024-2026 term. The reports and subsequent documents from the Assembly are all located on the Metropolis website, at <https://pittsburgh.goarch.org/2023-assembly>



Reading Choral Society

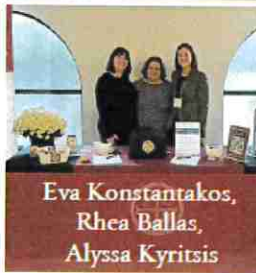
Youth Worker Assembly: Alyssa Kyritsis, Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministries

This year, the Youth Worker Track welcomed 11 registered participants along with a plethora of others who were interested in the speakers and topics we were blessed to offer. The highlight of our time together was spent with His Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros of America and His Eminence Metropolitan Savas of Pittsburgh who shared their wisdom and listened to our ideas in Youth and Young Adult Ministry. We were also joined in person by the National Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministries, Eva Konstantakos, who encouraged our Youth Workers to 'Approach Tough Topics in Love' and help us navigate working with young people in our ever-changing world.

Rhea Ballas of the Department of Youth Safety helped our PYAs navigate our new youth safety platform by offering us our own personal walkthrough session. Virtually, Fr. Nicolaos Tzetzis, Proistamenos of St. Nicholas in Troy, MI, taught us how to 'Engage Parents in Your Ministry' and Pres. Toni Mihalopoulos, founder of the Metropolis of Chicago's Pick Up Your Cross and Follow Me Ministry, opened our eyes to 'Making Ministry Inclusive' by offering ways we can welcome our brothers and sisters with special needs. Overall, it was a wonderful Clergy-Laity spent learning new concepts, sharing ideas and supporting one another.



Isaac Lampart, Ted Cherpas, Alyssa Kyritsis, Rev. Dn. Emmanuel Maginas, Paul Murray, Despina Murray, Pres. Becky Touloumes, Pasquale Santarelli and Anastasis Phyrillas



Eva Konstantakos, Rhea Ballas, Alyssa Kyritsis



Ted Cherpas, Alyssa Kyritsis, Dn. Jeremiah Mandoras, Archbishop Elpidophoros, and Metropolitan Savas

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**SATURDAY OCTOBER 28TH
9 AM - 12 NOON**

**Suffering and the Nature of Healing
An Orthodox Perspective**

**Guest Speakers Dr. Daniel Hinshaw &
Dr. Jane Carnahan Hinshaw**

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**FALL RETREAT: SUFFERING AND THE NATURE OF HEALING
AN ORTHODOX PERSPECTIVE**

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2023 9:00 AM – 12:00 NOON

Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church, 129 S. Union St. Akron, OH 44304

Guest Speakers: Daniel Hinshaw, M.D. Author of Suffering and the Nature of Healing, and his wife; Jane Carnahan Hinshaw, M.D.

Agenda

0900 – 0905 Opening Prayer Fr. Dean Kokanos

0905 – 0915 Welcome Melanie Morris, President | Introductions Alexandros Nicolozakis, M.D.

0915 – 1030 Suffering-an Orthodox Perspective and Healing Independent of Care

1030 – 1045 Stretch Break

1045 – 1115 The Therapeutic Encounter and the Business Model of Healthcare—the Stresses of Corporatized Medicine and How the Orthodox Faith May Guide Medical Practice

1115 – 1200 Panel discussion: The Psychology of Incorporating Our Orthodox Faith into the Care of Our Patients

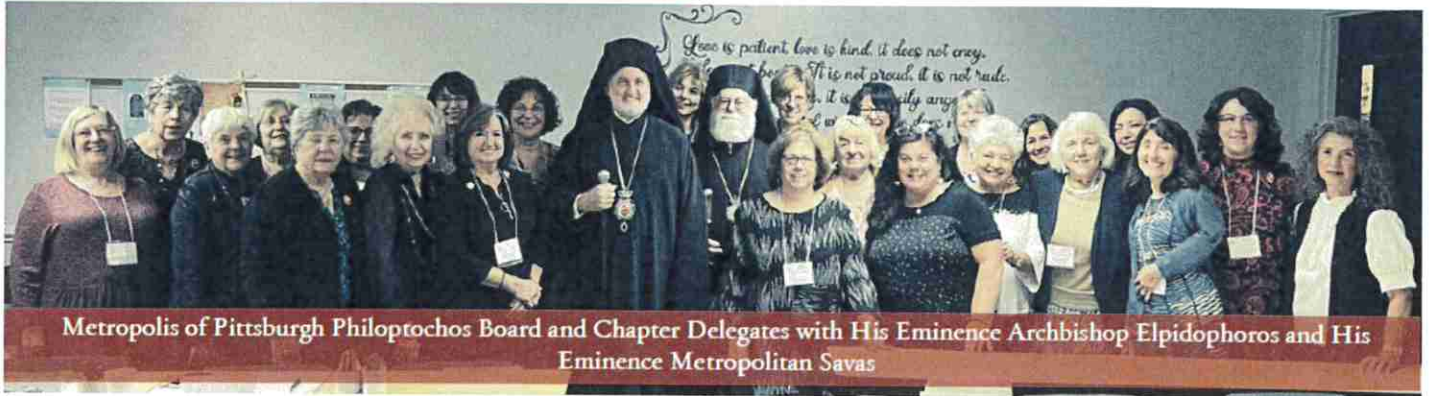
1200 – 1215 General Membership Meeting and Book Study kick off

1215 Closing Prayer Fr. Dean Kokanos

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Philoptochos Assembly: Joyce Spanakis, President

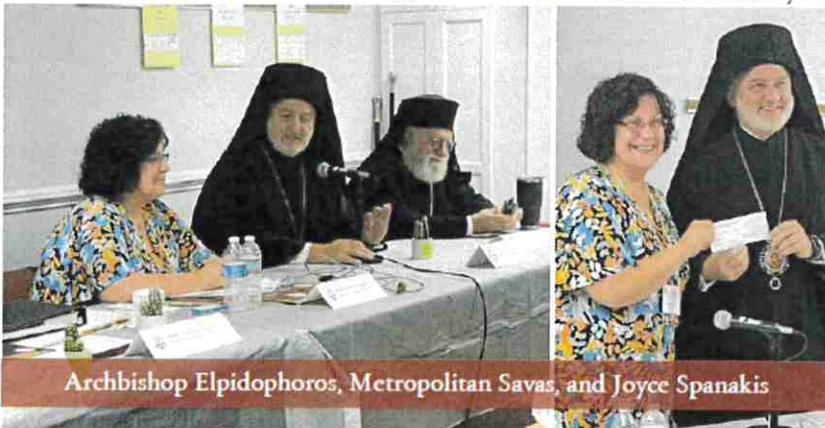


Metropolis of Pittsburgh Philoptochos Board and Chapter Delegates with His Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros and His Eminence Metropolitan Savas

The members of the Metropolis of Pittsburgh Philoptochos Assembly had a fruitful and beneficial two days of meetings. The Philoptochos women were blessed to have His Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros and His Eminence Metropolitan Savas in attendance for some of their meeting, and to hear the words of His Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros commending the work of the Philoptochos not only in our Metropolis, but world-wide.

The guest speakers were Kate Alley from the LightHouse Center of Reading, a new facility for women and children experiencing homelessness. The Metropolis Philoptochos also made a donation of \$1,000 to the LightHouse Center. We enjoyed informative presentations from Rhea Ballas on Youth Safety, the Metropolis Board Advisor and National Philoptochos treasurer, Barbara Pasalis on the National Philoptochos Humanitarian Aid Worldwide. Metropolis Y2AM director, Alyssa Kyritsis, presented information on the YAL conference and their service project for Global Links. She also shared information on the cross-generational Weekend of Service held in conjunction with Philoptochos. Alyssa Kyritsis was presented with a check for \$500 toward the YAL Global Links service project.

Since January 2022, the National Philoptochos with the assistance of its 438 chapters across the Archdiocese representing 25,000 women, as well as its nine Metropolis Philoptochoses donated \$814,178 in International Disbursements. These included money to IOCC for Ukraine, the earthquakes in Turkey and Syria, the floods and fires in Greece as well as Hurricane Ian and the Maui fires. A check for \$3,300 was presented to His Eminence Metropolitan Savas for his Good Samaritan Fund and a check for \$3,300 will be mailed to the Nativity of the Theotokos Monastery. It was approved that



Archbishop Elpidophoros, Metropolitan Savas, and Joyce Spanakis

the four Metropolis of Pittsburgh seminarians will each receive \$3,000 for a total disbursement of \$12,000. In response to Archon Nick Tranto's Archon's young adult pilgrimage presentation to the Ecumenical Patriarchate pilot program, the Metropolis Philoptochos voted and approved to give \$5,000 to the program earmarked for when a Metropolis of Pittsburgh young adult is in attendance. As part of the budget for 2024, a decision was made regarding the division of Daffodil Luncheon proceeds.

Since the balance in our Emergency Fund is low due to the increased number of natural disasters this past year, it was decided to designate two thirds of the Daffodil Luncheon proceeds to the Emergency Fund and one third to the Seminarian Our Future Fund. This division of funds will be revisited on a yearly basis and division of the proceeds will be determined by the fund balances available in the Emergency and Social Service Funds. Delegates left the 2023 assembly honored to have had the opportunity to meet and interact with His Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros of America, informed, energized and humbled to be a member of such an amazing organization and valuable ministry of the church.



The host parish offering gifts to Archbishop Elpidophoros, Metropolitan Savas, Fr. Theodore Petrides, Mary Dialectos, and Chris Dickos

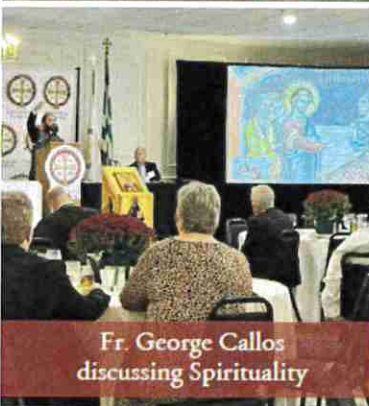


Archbishop Elpidophoros receiving his own Philadelphia Eagle Shirt from the host parish.



Delegates and parishioners enjoyed a Greek Night on the Friday.

New Metropolis Center Progress October 8 2023



Fr. George Callos discussing Spirituality



Archons and delegates enjoying the Greek night!

New Metropolis Center Update

The foundations are being poured and blocks are being laid! 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 scan the QR code. Thank You!

Archon Nick Lekas - New Metropolis Center Project Manager



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NOVEMBER 2023

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|---|---|---|-----------------------------|---|---|---|
| | | | 1 Open Gym 7:00 p.m. | 2 | 3 | 4 Greek School 10:00 a.m. Event (SH) 2:00 p.m. |
| 5 5 th 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 (in anticipation) 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 8 th 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. |
| FF Moussaka prep 9-4 pm Nov 13—16 | | | | | | |
| 19 9 th 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 Church Office Closed | 24 Church Office Closed | 25 Ball at the Cathedral |
| 26 13 th Sunday of Luke Orthros 8:45 a.m. Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m. (No Church School) | 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. | | |

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