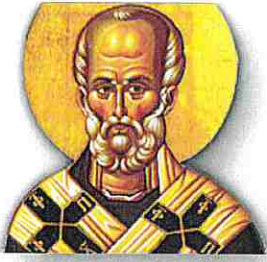


SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 2023 – 13th Sunday of Luke

Saints of the Day: Stylianos the Monk of Paphlagonia, & Nikon Metanoieite

Plagal Fourth Mode · Third Eothinon



WELCOME TO ST. NICHOLAS CATHEDRAL!

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

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Father's Email: fr.ec@stnickspgh.org

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Questions about our Parish? E-mail church@stnickspgh.org or call 412-682-3866

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."

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OUR DEEPEST CONDOLENCES to the family of *Roger Jutras*, (husband of Katherine Paras), who fell asleep in the Lord on November 20, 2023. His Funeral was on Saturday, November 25th at St. Nicholas Cathedral. May God grant him eternal rest.

TODAY:

- ❖ A Memorial Service is being chanted for the soul of the servant of God, Nicholas Pappas (2 years) and a Trisagion Service for Peter O. Stamoolis (16 years), Payonitsa Hages (2 years) and Alexandros Hages (10 years). May God grant them eternal rest.
- ❖ Coffee hour will be hosted by GOYA and sponsored by the family of Nicholas Pappas in the Small Hall.

THIS WEEK AT ST. NICHOLAS:

- Monday, November 27, 2023: YAL Basketball 7:00 p.m.
- Sunday, December 3, 2023: Trisagion Service for Michael W. Bennett (17 years), Eugenia Savvas Constatinides (42 years), and Andreas Savvas Constatinides (50 years).

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TODAY'S HYMNS AND READINGS

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

Εξ ὕψους κατήλθες ὁ Εὐσπλαγχνος, ταφήν κατεδέξω τριήμερον, ἵνα ἡμᾶς ἐλευθερώσης τῶν παθῶν. Ἡ ζωὴ καὶ ἡ ἀνάστασις ἡμῶν, Κύριε δόξα σοι.

You descended from on high, O compassionate One, and consented to a three-day burial, to free us from the passions. O Lord, our life and resurrection, glory to You!

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

Following the Small Entrance, the Resurrection Hymn of the week in plagal 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, ἢ τῶν πραγμάτων ἀλήθεια· διὰ τοῦτο ἐκτίσω τῇ ταπεινώσει τὰ ὑψηλά, τῇ πτωχείᾳ τὰ πλούσια, Πάτερ ἱεράρχα Νικόλαε· πρόσβευε 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 Festal Kontakion (for the Forefeast of the Nativity), in third mode:

Ἡ Παρθένος σήμερον, τὸν προαιώνιον Λόγον, ἐν Σπηλαίῳ ἔρχεται, ἀποτεκεῖν ἀπορρήτως. Χόρευε ἡ οἰκουμένη ἀκουτισθεῖσα, δόξασον μετὰ Ἀγγέλων καὶ τῶν Ποιμένων, βουληθέντα ἐποφθῆναι, Παιδίον νέον, τὸν πρὸ αἰώνων Θεόν..

On this day the Virgin Maid goes to the grotto to give birth to the pre-eternal Word in an ineffable manner. Dance for joy, all the inhabited earth, on hearing. Glorify along with Angels and with the shepherds Him who willed that He appear as a newborn Child, the pre-eternal God..

Today's Epistle Reading (25th Sunday):

The reading is from St. Paul's Letter to the Ephesians (4:1-7)

Αδελφοί, παρακαλῶ ὑμᾶς ἐγὼ ὁ δέσμιος ἐν Κυρίῳ ἀξίως περιπατῆσαι τῆς κλήσεως ἧς ἐκλήθητε, μετὰ πάσης ταπεινοφροσύνης καὶ πραΰτητος, μετὰ μακροθυμίας, ἀνεχόμενοι ἀλλήλων ἐν ἀγάπῃ, σπουδάζοντες τηρεῖν τὴν ἐνότητα τοῦ πνεύματος ἐν τῷ συνδέσμῳ τῆς εἰρήνης· ἐν σῶμα καὶ ἐν Πνεῦμα, καθὼς καὶ ἐκλήθητε ἐν μιᾷ ἐλπίδι τῆς κλήσεως ὑμῶν· εἷς Κύριος, μία πίστις, ἐν βάπτισμα· εἷς Θεὸς καὶ Πατὴρ πάντων, ὁ ἐπὶ πάντων καὶ διὰ πάντων καὶ ἐν πᾶσιν ὑμῖν. Ἐνὶ δὲ ἐκάστῳ ἡμῶν ἐδόθη ἡ χάρις κατὰ τὸ μέτρον τῆς δωρεᾶς τοῦ Χριστοῦ.

Brethren, I, a prisoner for the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all lowliness and meekness, with patience, forbearing one another in love, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of us all, who is above all and through all and in all. But grace was given to each of us according to the measure of Christ's gift. [RSV]

Today's Gospel Reading (13th Sunday of Luke):

The reading is from the Holy Gospel according to Luke (18:18-27)

Τῷ καιρῷ ἐκείνῳ, ἄνθρωπος τις προσῆλθε τῷ Ἰησοῦ πειράζων αὐτὸν καὶ λέγων· Διδάσκαλε ἀγαθέ, τί ποιήσας ζωὴν αἰώνιον κληρονομήσω; εἶπε δὲ αὐτῷ ὁ Ἰησοῦς· Τί με λέγεις ἀγαθόν; οὐδεὶς ἀγαθὸς εἰ μὴ εἷς, ὁ Θεός. τὰς ἐντολάς οἶδας· μὴ μοιχεύσης, μὴ φονεύσης, μὴ κλέψης, μὴ ψευδομαρτυρήσης, τίμα τὸν πατέρα σου καὶ τὴν μητέρα σου. ὁ δὲ εἶπε· Ταῦτα πάντα ἐφυλαξάμην ἐκ νεότητός μου. ἀκούσας δὲ ταῦτα ὁ Ἰησοῦς εἶπεν αὐτῷ· Ἔτι ἓν σοι λείπει· πάντα ὅσα ἔχεις πώλησον καὶ διάδος πτωχοῖς, καὶ ἔξεις θησαυρὸν ἐν οὐρανῷ, καὶ δεῦρο ἀκολούθει μοι. ὁ δὲ ἀκούσας ταῦτα περίλυπος ἐγένετο· ἦν γὰρ πλούσιος σφόδρα. Ἴδὼν δὲ αὐτὸν ὁ Ἰησοῦς περίλυπον γενόμενον εἶπε· Πῶς δυσκόλως οἱ τὰ χρήματα ἔχοντες εἰσελεύσονται εἰς τὴν βασιλείαν τοῦ Θεοῦ! εὐκοπώτερον γὰρ ἐστὶ κάμηλον διὰ τρυμαλιᾶς ραφίδος εἰσελθεῖν ἢ πλούσιον εἰς τὴν βασιλείαν τοῦ Θεοῦ εἰσελθεῖν. εἶπον δὲ οἱ ἀκούσαντες· Καὶ τίς δύναται σωθῆναι; ὁ δὲ εἶπε· Τὰ ἀδύνατα παρὰ ἀνθρώποις δυνατὰ παρὰ τῷ Θεῷ ἐστίν.

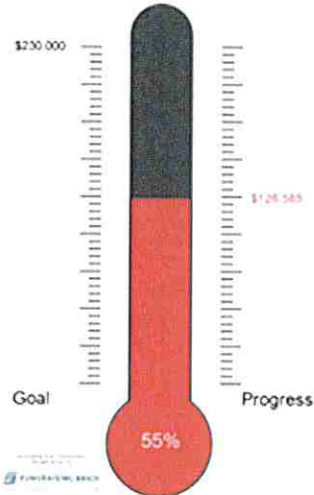
At that time, a ruler came to Jesus and asked him, "Good Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" And Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: 'Do not commit adultery, Do not kill, Do not steal, Do not bear false witness, Honor your father and mother.'" And he said, "All these I have observed from my youth." And when Jesus heard it, he said to him, "One thing you still lack. Sell all that you have and distribute it to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me." But when he heard this he became sad, for he was very rich. Jesus looking at him said, "How hard it is for those who have riches to enter the kingdom of God! For it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God." Those who heard it said, "Then who can be saved?" But he said, "What is impossible with men is possible with God." [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*

<u>2023</u>	<u>STEWARDSHIP</u>
Total Stewards	279 (GOAL 300)
Total Pledged	\$126,585.00 GOAL (\$230,000.00)
Avg. Pledge	\$715.17

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.

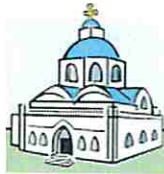
Those interested in becoming a Youth Safety Worker and have not started the process or need to determine what documentation you need to complete, please contact Taki Darakos, edarakos@aol.com, 412-944-4961.

GOYA NEWS

Christmas Chocolate Sale - GOYA is once again selling SARRIS Chocolate.
Please place your order with a GOYAn during coffee hour.
Thank you for supporting our fundraising efforts.

Food Festival Preparations

We'll be tackling the other twelve items in 2024.
Happy Thanksgiving! Merry Christmas! Happy New Year!
The cooking schedule will be posted in the December Newsletter



From the Church School Desk!

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.

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



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

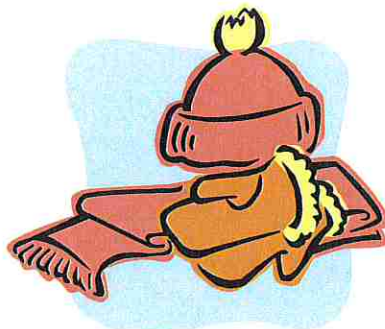
Aimee Walker at 412-398-6094





PROJECT BUNDLE UP

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



ST NICHOLAS

Byzantine Youth Choir

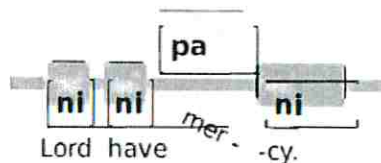
For Grades K - 12

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

**“SING PRAISES TO OUR GOD,
SING PRAISES”**

**THE ANNUAL PAN-ORTHODOX CHRISTMAS CONCERT
is Back!**



**FEATURING: THE PAN-ORTHODOX CHOIR
OF GREATER PITTSBURGH, UNDER THE
DIRECTION OF FR. THOMAS SOROKA
AND
CHOIRS FROM MULTIPLE ORTHODOX
JURISDICTIONS**

Sunday, December 10, 2023, 4 pm

St. Nicholas Serbian Orthodox Church
2110 Haymaker Road, Monroeville

SPONSORED BY: THE ORTHODOX CLERGY BROTHERHOOD OF GREATER PITTSBURGH

Fellowship following the concert Freewill offering to benefit various Orthodox Charities



*Glory to God in the highest, and on
earth peace, good will toward men.*

Choral Concert

Featuring

**The Byzantine Choir
of the Greek Orthodox Metropolis of Pittsburgh**

and

The St. Elijah Serbian Orthodox Church Choir

singing sacred a cappella choral music from the Byzantine
and Slavic traditions to celebrate the Nativity season.

Saturday, December 23
St. Elijah Serbian Orthodox Church
2200 Main Street
Aliquippa, PA
5 pm - Vespers
6 pm - Concert
Light Refreshments to follow
Free admission, non-perishable items
accepted for donation



It's Back!!!

**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!!!**

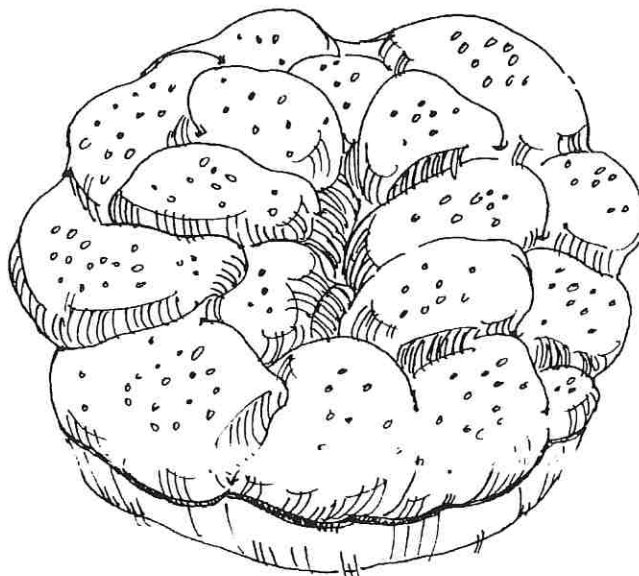
**Hope our surprise visitor from the North Pole doesn't
eat all the Loukoumades.**

COME JOIN THE FUN!

Chairpersons:
Lenna Cominos,
Keli Frentzos, and
Lisa Kristian



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** -----

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St. Nicholas Philoptochos/New Year's Bread, St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Cathedral, 419 S. Dithridge St, Pittsburgh, PA 15213

Name _____

Telephone _____ Number of Loaves _____

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Thank you for your support.

All proceeds benefit the ongoing charitable activities of our Philoptochos

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2024

Holy Trinity Ambridge

THE MERAKLIDES

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4-9 - \$15 4 and Under - Free

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Contact Church Office

(724)266-5336



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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 Melacrinis at (412) 400-4607 -or-

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

NOV/DECEMBER 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26 NOVEMBER 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 Adult Greek Classes 6:30 p.m. Beg/Inter/Adv	29	30 St. Andrew the First-Called Apostle Orthros 9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m.	1 Agiasmos 12:00 noon Event (LH) 6:00 pm	2 Greek School 10:00 a.m. Baptism
3 14th Sunday of Luke Orthros 8:45 a.m. Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m. Girls GOYA BB	4 St. Barbara the Great Martyr Orthros 9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m. YAL Basketball 7:00 p.m.	5 <i>Metropolitan Savas' Nameday (at the Metropolis headquarters)</i> 9:00 am Orthros & Divine Liturgy Open House to follow St. Nicholas Vespers 7:00 p.m. Adult Greek Classes 6:30 p.m.	6 FEAST OF ST. NICHOLAS Orthros 9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m. St. Nicholas Day Luncheon Open Gym 7:00 p.m.	7 Philoptochos Vasilopita Bread Baking	8 Event (BH)	9 CHURCH BAZAAR (set up) Greek School 10:00 a.m.
10 10th Sunday of Luke Orthros 8:45 a.m. Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m. CHURCH BAZAAR PC Elections	11 Philoptochos Board Meeting 6:30 p.m. YAL Basketball 7:00 p.m.	12 <i>Liturgy for feast of St. Spyridon (Monessen, PA)</i> Adult Greek Classes 6:30 p.m.	13 Open Gym 7:00 p.m.	14	15 St. Eleutherios the Hieromartyr Orthros 9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m.	16 Greek School 10:00 a.m. Greek School Christmas Party 12:00 noon Event (BH) 4:00 pm
17 11th Sunday of Luke Orthros 8:45 a.m. Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m. Christmas Pageant Girls GOYA BB	18 Parish Council Meeting 6:30 p.m. YAL Basketball 7:00 p.m.	19 Adult Greek Classes 6:30 p.m.	20 St. Ignatius of Antioch, the God-Bearer Orthros 9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m. Open Gym 7:00 p.m.	21	22 Royal Hours 10:00 a.m.	2 <i>No Greek School</i>
24 Sunday before Nativity Orthros 8:45 a.m. Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m. <i>(No Church School)</i> Christmas Eve Vespers 4:30 p.m.	25 CHRISTMAS DAY The NATIVITY of OUR LORD Orthros 9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m. <i>Church Office Closed</i>	26 <i>Church Office Closed</i>	27	28	29 Wedding	30 <i>No Greek School</i>
31 Sunday after Nativity Orthros 8:45 a.m. Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m. <i>(No Church School)</i>						