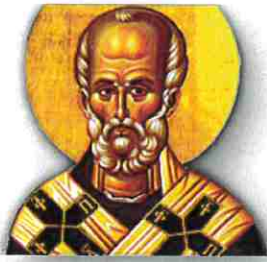


SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2023 – 14th Sunday of Luke

Saint of the Day: The Holy Prophet Zephaniah

First Mode · Fourth Eothinon



WELCOME TO ST. NICHOLAS CATHEDRAL!

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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.

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TODAY:

- ❖ A Trisagion Service is being chanted for the souls of the servants of God, Michael W. Bennett (17 years), Eugenia Savvas Constantinides (42 years) & Andreas Savvas Constantinides (50 years). May God grant them eternal rest.
- ❖ Congratulations to Greg and Mary Angelides, who are bringing their baby boy, *James*, to church today for his 40-day blessing!
- ❖ GOYA Meeting & Pastitsio making.
- ❖ Coffee hour is hosted today by GOYA in the Large Hall.

THIS WEEK AT ST. NICHOLAS:

- Monday, December 4, 2023: St. Barbara the Great Martyr - Orthros 9:00 a.m.; Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m. YAL Basketball 7:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, December 5, 2023: Metropolitan Savas' Nameday (at the Metropolis headquarters) Orthros & Divine Liturgy 9 a.m. (Open House to follow) 7:00 p.m. St Nicholas Vespers (at St. Nicholas Cathedral) 6:30 p.m. Adult Greek School Classes
- Wednesday, December 6, 2023: FEAST DAY OF ST. NICHOLAS – Orthros 9:00 a.m.; Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m. St. Nicholas Day Luncheon (Small Hall)
- Sunday, December 10, 2023: Church Bazaar. Memorial Service for Kemon Lardas (1 year), Donna Thomas (1year), Ageliki "Kiki" Markopoulos (20 years), Athanasios Markopoulos (10 years), Ekaterina Markopoulos (20 years), and Anna Margaros (3 years).

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TODAY'S HYMNS AND READINGS

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

Τοῦ λίθου σφραγισθέντος ὑπὸ τῶν Ἰουδαίων, καὶ στρατιωτῶν φυλασσόντων τὸ ἄχραντόν σου σῶμα, ἀνέστης τριήμερος Σωτήρ, δωρούμενος τῷ κόσμῳ τὴν ζωὴν. Διὰ τοῦτο αἱ Δυνάμεις τῶν οὐρανῶν ἐβόων σοι Ζωοδότα· Δόξα τῇ ἀναστάσει σου Χριστέ, δόξα τῇ βασιλείᾳ σου, δόξα τῇ οἰκονομίᾳ σου, μόνε Φιλάνθρωπε.

The stone having been sealed by the Pharisees and chief priests, * and Your all-immaculate body being guarded by soldiers, * You rose on the third day, O Lord and Savior, granting life unto the world. * Then the powers of the heavens cried out to You, O Giver of Life, and shouted, * "Glory to Your resurrection, O Christ! * Glory to Your eternal rule! * Glory to Your plan for saving us, only benevolent God!"

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 first mode is repeated (see above).

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 ἐκτίσω 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 Festal Kontakion (for the Forefeast of the Nativity), in third mode:

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

On this day the Virgin comes to the cave to give birth to God the Word ineffably, Who was before all the ages. Dance for joy, O earth, on hearing the gladsome tidings; with the Angels and the shepherds now glorify Him Who is willing to be gazed on as a young Child Who before the ages is God.

Today's Epistle Reading (26th Sunday):

The reading is from St. Paul's Letter to the Ephesians (5:8-19)

Αδελφοί, ὡς τέκνα φωτὸς περιπατεῖτε [ὁ γὰρ καρπὸς τοῦ φωτὸς ἐν πάσῃ ἀγαθwsύνη καὶ δικαιοσύνη καὶ ἀληθείᾳ] δοκιμάζοντες τί ἐστὶν εὐάρεστον τῷ Κυρίῳ καὶ μὴ συγκοινωνεῖτε τοῖς ἔργοις τοῖς ἀκάρποις τοῦ σκότους, μᾶλλον δὲ καὶ ἐλέγχετε, τὰ γὰρ κρυφῆ γινόμενα ὑπ' αὐτῶν αἰσχρὸν ἐστὶν καὶ λέγειν· τὰ δὲ πάντα ἐλεγχόμενα ὑπὸ τοῦ φωτὸς φανεροῦνται· πᾶν γὰρ τὸ φανερούμενον φῶς ἐστὶ. Διὸ λέγει· Ἔγειρε, ὁ καθεύδων, καὶ ἀνάστα ἐκ τῶν νεκρῶν, καὶ ἐπιφάσει σοι ὁ Χριστός. Βλέπετε οὖν ἀκριβῶς πῶς περιπατεῖτε, μὴ ὡς ἄσοφοι ἀλλ' ὡς σοφοί, ἐξαγοραζόμενοι τὸν καιρὸν, ὅτι αἱ ἡμέραι πονηραὶ εἰσι. Διὰ τοῦτο μὴ γίνεσθε ἄφρονες, ἀλλὰ συνιέντες τί τὸ θέλημα τοῦ Κυρίου. Καὶ μὴ μεθύσκεσθε οἴνῳ, ἐν ᾧ ἐστὶν ἀσωτία, ἀλλὰ πληροῦσθε ἐν Πνεύματι, λαλοῦντες ἑαυτοῖς ψαλμοῖς καὶ ὕμνοις καὶ ᾠδαῖς πνευματικαῖς, ᾄδοντες καὶ ψάλλοντες τῇ καρδίᾳ ὑμῶν τῷ Κυρίῳ.

Brethren, walk as children of light (for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true), and try to learn what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. For it is a shame even to speak of the things that they do in secret; but when anything is exposed by the light it becomes visible, for anything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it is said, "Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give you light." Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise men but as wise, making the most of the time, because the days are evil. Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery; but be filled with the Spirit, addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with all your heart. [RSV]

Today's Gospel Reading (14th Sunday of Luke):

The reading is from the Holy Gospel according to Luke (18:35-43)

Τῷ καιρῷ ἐκείνῳ, ἐγένετο ἐν τῷ ἐγγίξειν τὸν Ἰησοῦν εἰς Ἰεριχῶ τυφλὸς τις ἐκάθητο παρὰ τὴν ὁδὸν προσαιτῶν. ἀκούσας δὲ ὄχλου διαπορευομένου ἐπυνθάνετο τί εἶη ταῦτα. ἀπήγγειλαν δὲ αὐτῷ ὅτι Ἰησοῦς ὁ Ναζωραῖος παρέρχεται. καὶ ἐβόησε λέγων· Ἰησοῦ, υἱὲ Δαυῖδ, ἐλέησόν με. καὶ οἱ προάγοντες ἐπετίμων αὐτῷ ἵνα σιωπήσῃ· αὐτὸς δὲ πολλῶ μᾶλλον ἔκραζεν· Υἱὲ Δαυῖδ, ἐλέησόν με. σταθεὶς δὲ ὁ Ἰησοῦς ἐκέλευσεν αὐτὸν ἀχθῆναι πρὸς αὐτόν. ἐγγίσαντος δὲ αὐτοῦ ἐπηρώτησεν αὐτόν λέγων· Τί σοι θέλεις ποιήσω; ὁ δὲ εἶπε· Κύριε, ἵνα ἀναβλέψω. καὶ ὁ Ἰησοῦς εἶπεν αὐτῷ· Ἀνάβλεψον· ἡ πίστις σου σέσωκέ σε. καὶ παραχρῆμα ἀνέβλεψε, καὶ ἠκολούθει αὐτῷ δοξάζων τὸν Θεόν· καὶ πᾶς ὁ λαὸς ἰδὼν ἔδωκεν αἶνον τῷ Θεῷ.

At that time, as Jesus drew near to Jericho, a blind man was sitting by the roadside begging; and hearing a multitude going by, he inquired what this meant. They told him, "Jesus of Nazareth is passing by." And he cried, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" And those who were in front rebuked him, telling him to be silent; but he cried out all the more, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" And Jesus stopped, and commanded him to be brought to him; and when he came near, he asked him, "What do you want me to do for you?" He said, "Lord, let me receive my sight." And Jesus said to him, "Receive your sight; your faith has made you well." And immediately he received his sight and followed him, glorifying God; and all the people, when they saw it, gave praise to 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

ANGELS - Christmas Angels for the Neighborhood Resilience Project are available today.

Please visit the GOYA table after church and help make a child's Christmas brighter.

This is one of GOYA's annual outreach projects.

Please plan on bringing your wrapped gift or gift card to church by Sunday, December 10. Thank you for helping make a difference in a child's life.

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.



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



**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





WHO:
CHURCH SCHOOL STUDENTS

WHAT:
CHURCH SCHOOL BAKE SALE

WHEN:
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2023

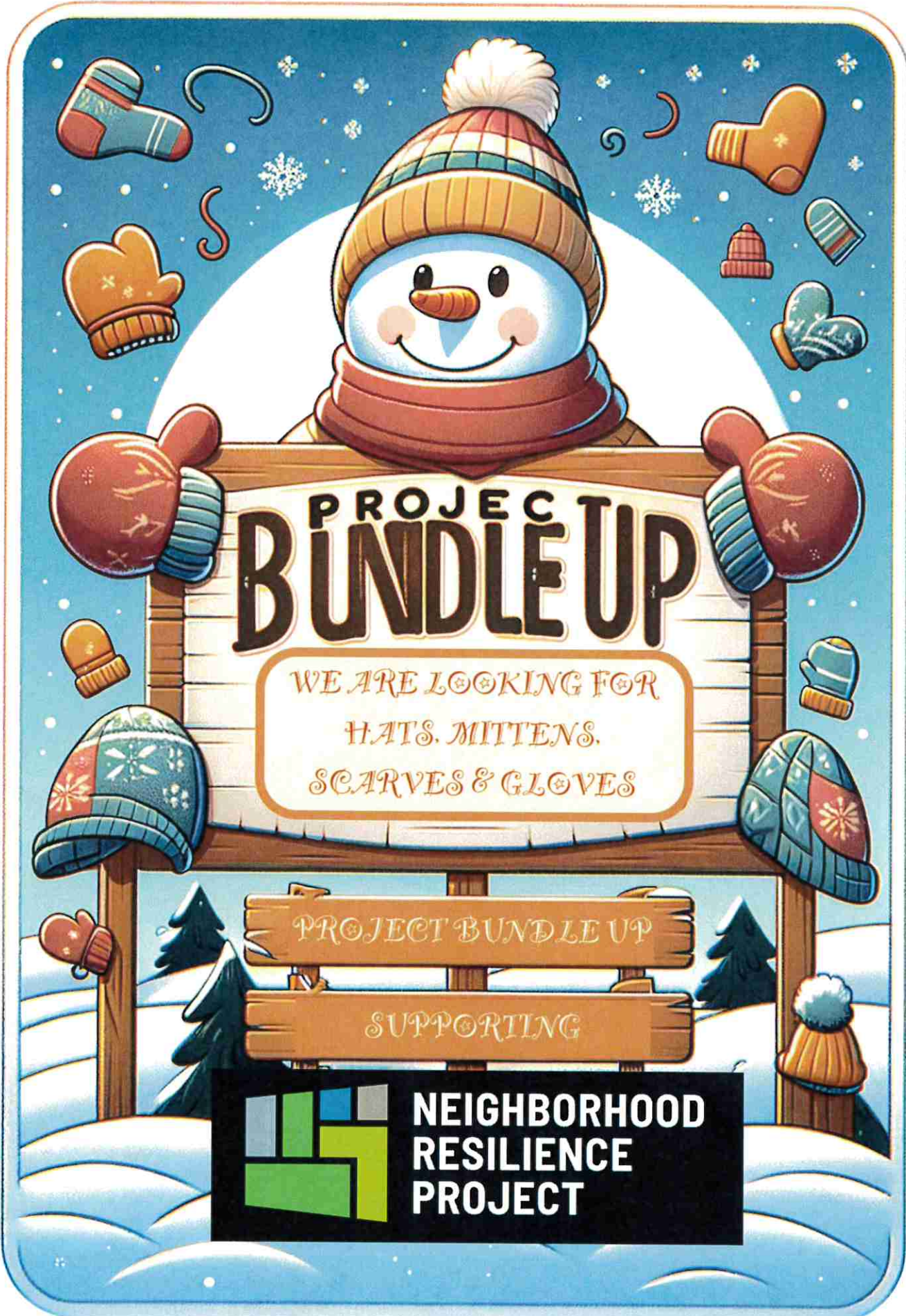
WHERE:
ST. NICHOLAS BAZAAR

WHY:
CHURCH SCHOOL FUNDRAISER

HOW:
BRING 2 DOZEN BAKED GOODS

QUESTIONS:
CONTACT SOPHIA BENDER 412-999-1391





PROJECT BUNDLE UP

WE ARE LOOKING FOR
HATS, MITTENS,
SCARVES & GLOVES

PROJECT BUNDLE UP
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 **NEIGHBORHOOD
RESILIENCE
PROJECT**



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!!!**

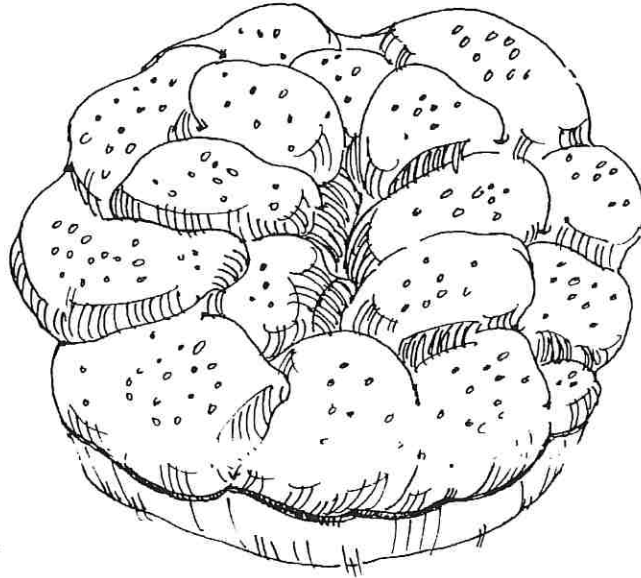
**Hope our surprise visitor from the North Pole doesn't
eat all the Loukoumades.**

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

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Complete the information below and mail along WITH A CHECK, made payable to:
St. Nicholas Philoptochos/New Year's Bread, St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Cathedral, 419 S. Dithridge St, Pittsburgh, PA 15213

Name _____

Telephone _____ Number of Loaves _____

_____ with Sesame Seeds _____ without Sesame Seeds

Thank you for your support.

All proceeds benefit the ongoing charitable activities of our Philoptochos

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SING PRAISES”**

**THE ANNUAL PAN-ORTHODOX CHRISTMAS CONCERT
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**FEATURING: THE PAN-ORTHODOX CHOIR
OF GREATER PITTSBURGH, UNDER THE
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AND

**CHOIRS FROM MULTIPLE ORTHODOX
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Sunday, December 10, 2023, 4 pm

**St. Nicholas Serbian Orthodox Church
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Fellowship following the concert Freewill offering to benefit various Orthodox Charities



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**The Byzantine Choir
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and

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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

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2024**

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Reserve Your Table

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ST NICHOLAS

Byzantine Youth Choir

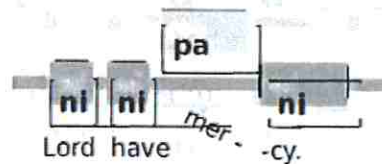
For Grades K - 12

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

DECEMBER 2023

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