

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 28, 2024 – 15<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Luke**

*Saint of the Day: Ephraim the Syrian*

First Mode • 1<sup>st</sup> 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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On-Line Giving donations are up and running on our web page [www.stnickspgh.org](http://www.stnickspgh.org) by clicking the please donate button – or you may access the donation page by visiting <https://abundant.co/stnickspgh/give>

## **TODAY:**

- ❖ A Trisagion service (for Greek School) in memory of: Metropolitan Maximos of Pittsburgh (2020), Fr. Sarantos Serviou (2023), Fr. Polycarp Rameas (2023), Fr. Michael Sfanos (2004), Archdeacon Euripides Christulides (2023), Archon Peter Clyde Papadakos (2022), Paraskevi Mavrogeorgis (1997), Vasilis Krinis (1997), Rudolph Athanasios Agraphiotis (1952), Vasiliki Bellios (2015), Harry Constandy (1961), Helen Hampers (2014), George Hazinas (2013), Ismene Kephalyoiannis (2013), John Seviles (2002), George Thomas (1998), Angelo Tsourekis (2001).
- ❖ Coffee hour is hosted today by Greek School in the Large Hall.
- ❖ The Annual Greek School Bake Sale will take place during Coffee Hour with an exhibit of projects done by the children to commemorate The Three Hierarchs and Greek Letters.
- ❖ Three Hierarchs Celebration – Artoklasia & Memorial for Greek School

### **THIS WEEK AT ST. NICHOLAS:**

- Monday, January 29, 2024: YAL Basketball 7:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, January 30, 2024: GOYA Basketball 6:00 p.m.; Adult Greek Classes 6:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, January 31, 2024: Young Adult Volleyball Night 7:00 p.m.
- Thursday, February 1, 2024: Agiasmos 12:00 noon
- Friday, February 2, 2024: *Presentation of our Lord @ Ypapanti Church in East Pittsburgh*  
*Orthros 8:45 a.m.; Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m.*
- Saturday, February 3, 2024: Greek School 10:00 a.m.
- Sunday, February 4, 2024: Memorial Service for Anna Koumbaridou & Andreas Koumbarides (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:*

**Τ**οῦ 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.

**T**he 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.*

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

*After this, we chant the hymn of today's saint (St. Ephraim) in plagal fourth mode.*

**Τ**αῖς τῶν δακρύων σου ῥοαῖς, τῆς ἐρήμου τὸ ἄγονον ἐγεώργησας, καὶ τοῖς ἐκ βάθους στεναγμοῖς, εἰς ἑκατὸν τοὺς πόνους ἐκαρποφόρησας, καὶ γέγονας φωστήρ τῇ οἰκουμένῃ, λάμπων τοῖς θαύμασιν, Ἐφραὶμ πατήρ ἡμῶν ὅσιε, πρέσβευε Χριστῷ τῷ Θεῷ, σωθῆναι τὰς ψυχὰς ἡμῶν.

**W**ith the rivers of your tears you made the barren desert bloom; and with your sighs from deep within, you made your labors bear their fruits a hundredfold; and you became a star, illuminating the world by your miracles, O Ephraim, our devout father. Intercede with Christ our God, for the salvation of our souls.

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

**Κ**ανόνα πίστεως καὶ εἰκόνα πραότητος, ἐγκρατείας διδάσκαλον, ἀνέδειξέ σε τῇ ποιμένῃ 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.

**T**he 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 Feast of Ypapanti), in first mode:*

**Ο** μήτραν παρθενικὴν ἀγιάσας τῷ τόκῳ σου, καὶ χεῖρας τοῦ Συμεὼν εὐλόγησας ὡς ἔπρεπε, προφθάσας καὶ νῦν ἔσωσας ἡμᾶς Χριστέ ὁ Θεός. Ἀλλ' εἰρήνευσον ἐν πολέμοις τὸ πολίτευμα, καὶ κραταίωσον Βασιλεῖς οὓς ἠγάπησας, ὁ μόνος φιλάνθρωπος.

**Y**ou sanctified the virginal womb by Your birth, O Lord, and blessed the hands of Symeon fittingly, O Christ God; and even now You came and saved us. Now, give peace to our Nation in time of war, and empower our Leaders, so loved by You, the only one who loves humanity.



### Today's Epistle Reading (32<sup>nd</sup> Sunday):

The reading is from St. Paul's First Letter to Timothy (4:9-15)

**Τ**έκνον Τιμόθεε, πιστὸς ὁ λόγος καὶ πάσης ἀποδοχῆς ἄξιος· εἰς τοῦτο γὰρ καὶ κοπιῶμεν καὶ ὀνειδιζόμεθα, ὅτι ἠλπίκαμεν ἐπὶ Θεῷ ζῶντι, ὃς ἐστὶ Σωτὴρ πάντων ἀνθρώπων, μάλιστα πιστῶν. Παράγγελλε ταῦτα καὶ δίδασκε. Μηδεὶς σου τῆς νεότητος καταφρονεῖτω, ἀλλὰ τύπος γίνου τῶν πιστῶν ἐν λόγῳ, ἐν ἀναστροφῇ, ἐν ἀγάπῃ, ἐν πνεύματι, ἐν πίστει, ἐν ἀγνείᾳ. Ἔως ἔρχομαι πρόσσεχε τῇ ἀναγνώσει, τῇ παρακλήσει, τῇ διδασκαλίᾳ. Μὴ ἀμέλει τοῦ ἐν σοὶ χαρίσματος, ὃ ἐδόθη σοι διὰ προφητείας μετὰ ἐπιθέσεως τῶν χειρῶν τοῦ πρεσβυτερίου. Ταῦτα μελέτα, ἐν τούτοις ἴσθι, ἵνα σου ἡ προκοπὴ φανερὰ ᾖ ἐν πᾶσιν.

**T**imothy, my son, the saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance. For to this end we toil and strive, because we have our hope set on the living God, who is the Savior of all men, especially of those who believe. Command and teach these things. Let no one despise your youth, but set the believers an example in speech and conduct, in love, in faith, in purity. Till I come, attend to the public reading of scripture, to preaching, to teaching. Do not neglect the gift you have, which was given you by prophetic utterance when the council of elders laid their hands upon you. Practice these duties, devote yourself to them, so that all may see your progress. [RSV]

### Today's Gospel Reading (15<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Luke):

The reading is from the Holy Gospel according to Luke (19:1-10)

**Τ**ῷ καιρῷ ἐκείνῳ, διήρχετο ὁ Ἰησοῦς τὴν Ἱερικὴν καὶ ἰδοὺ ἀνὴρ ὀνόματι καλούμενος Ζακχαῖος, καὶ αὐτὸς ἦν ἀρχιτελώνης, καὶ οὗτος ἦν πλούσιος, καὶ ἐζήτει ἰδεῖν τὸν Ἰησοῦν τίς ἐστι, καὶ οὐκ ἠδύνατο ἀπὸ τοῦ ὄχλου, ὅτι τῇ ἡλικίᾳ μικρὸς ἦν. καὶ προδραμὼν ἔμπροσθεν ἀνέβη ἐπὶ συκομορέαν, ἵνα ἴδῃ αὐτόν, ὅτι δι' ἐκείνης ἡμέλλε διέρχεσθαι. καὶ ὡς ἦλθεν ἐπὶ τὸν τόπον, ἀναβλέψας ὁ Ἰησοῦς εἶδεν αὐτόν καὶ εἶπεν πρὸς αὐτόν· Ζακχαῖε, σπεύσας κατὰβηθι· σήμερον γὰρ ἐν τῷ οἴκῳ σου δεῖ με μεῖναι. καὶ σπεύσας κατέβη, καὶ ὑπεδέξατο αὐτόν χαίρων. καὶ ἰδόντες πάντες διεγόγγυζον λέγοντες ὅτι παρὰ ἁμαρτωλῷ ἀνδρὶ εἰσῆλθε καταλῦσαι. σταθεὶς δὲ Ζακχαῖος εἶπε πρὸς τὸν Κύριον· Ἴδου τὰ ἡμίση τῶν ὑπαρχόντων μου, Κύριε, δίδωμι τοῖς πτωχοῖς, καὶ εἴ τινός τι ἐσυκοφάντησα, ἀποδίδωμι τετραπλοῦν. εἶπε δὲ πρὸς αὐτόν ὁ Ἰησοῦς ὅτι σήμερον σωτηρία τῷ οἴκῳ τούτῳ ἐγένετο, καθότι καὶ αὐτὸς υἱὸς Ἀβραάμ ἐστιν· ἦλθε γὰρ ὁ υἱὸς τοῦ ἀνθρώπου ζητῆσαι καὶ σῶσαι τὸ ἀπολωλός.

**A**t that time, Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through. And there was a man named Zacchaeus; he was a chief collector, and rich. And he sought to see who Jesus was, but could not, on account of the crowd, because he was small of stature. So he ran on ahead and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see him, for he was to pass that way. And when Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, make haste and come down; for I must stay at your house today." So he made haste and came down, and received him joyfully. And when they saw it they all murmured, "He has gone in to be the guest of a man who is a sinner." And Zacchaeus stood and said to the Lord, "Behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor; and if I have defrauded any one of anything, I restore it fourfold." And Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, since he also is a son of Abraham. For the Son of man came to seek and to save the lost." [RSV]

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## THEOPHANY HOUSE BLESSING SCHEDULING FORM

**“WHAT IS THEOPHANY?”** Each year on January 6 we celebrate the great feast of the Theophany of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, where God is revealed to the world as Trinity. At the Theophany, Christ is baptized in the River Jordan by St. John the Baptist, and we are presented with a great mystery: “He who is the Master of all is baptized by a servant, and He gives mankind cleansing through water.”

**BLESSING OF HOMES:** After the Blessing of the Water Service on January 6, Fr. Eleftherios will begin blessing the homes of our parish with holy water.

**WHAT IS A HOUSE BLESSING?** In celebration of Theophany — and throughout the month of January — Orthodox Christians invite Christ not only into their hearts, but also their homes. We call upon Him to bring the blessings and spiritual cleansing of the Jordan into our daily lives. The priest blesses our homes with Holy Water from the Theophany service, offering prayers for health, family, and God's abundant blessings in the coming year.

## WHAT DO I NEED TO DO?

- Please prepare a list of your family members' names and an icon for the blessing.
- The service will begin in the dining room or an area where your icons are displayed.
- You will be asked to guide the priest throughout your home for the Holy Water blessing.
- Kindly ensure a quiet environment by turning off televisions and silencing cell phones.

**WHAT ABOUT BUSINESSES?** Blessings are also available for offices or businesses.

IN ORDER TO HAVE YOUR HOUSE OR BUSINESS BLESSED, please fill out this form and return it to the church office. Fr. Eleftherios will communicate with you to schedule a date and time for your house blessing.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**Telephone:** \_\_\_\_\_ **E-mail** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**PREFERRED TIME OF VISIT:**      Morning              Afternoon              Evening

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION/SPECIAL REQUESTS:**

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*PRIVACY NOTICE: Your information will be kept confidential and used only for scheduling purposes.*





# ST. NICK'S YOUNG ADULT VOLLEYBALL

**1st & 3rd Wednesdays:**  
**Jan. 31, Feb. 7, Feb. 21, Mar. 6**  
**7-9 p.m.**

**JOIN US FOR FELLOWSHIP AND FUN**

419 S. Dithridge Street, PGH

For more info, email  
[nickhages@yahoo.com](mailto:nickhages@yahoo.com)



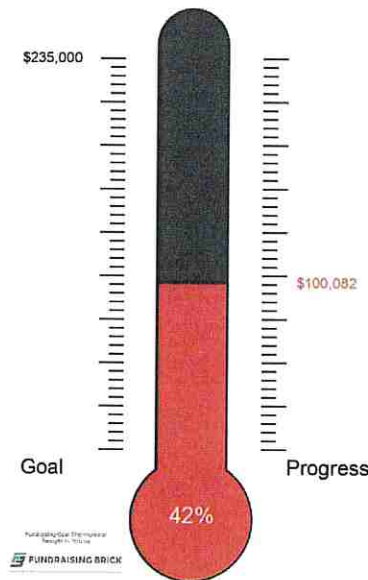
## 2024 Stewardship Pledge Cards are in the Narthex

*(Just ask a member of Parish Council)*



Visit our website to fill out a Stewardship Card for 2024 or to make a donation

<https://www.stnickspgh.org>



| <u>2024</u>    | <u>STEWARDSHIP</u>                   |
|----------------|--------------------------------------|
| Total Stewards | 112 (GOAL 300)                       |
| Total Pledged  | \$ 100,082.00<br>GOAL (\$235,000.00) |
|                |                                      |
| Avg. Pledge    | \$893.59                             |

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## YOUTH SAFETY WORKERS

Who is considered a Youth Safety Worker?

**All Clergymen (Bishops/Priests/Deacons, both Active & Retired)**

**Pastoral Assistants & Youth Directors**

**People assisting, in any ministry, where the participants are under 18 years of age or in high school, whichever is later.**

**Including Parish Youth Safety Administrators, Church School Teachers, Dance Directors, Greek School Teachers, Youth Advisors (including Chaperones & Drivers) and Parish Council.**

**Even... Parents who occasionally help-out but are alone with other people's children.**

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

Registration is available through the church office. In addition, all Youth Safety Workers are required to take two courses (on-line training platform) annually and to complete a background check every other year.

Here is the website: Please register at <https://ncsrisk.org/goarch/>. The first course, Youth Safety, has two parts. The second course, Youth Worker Regulations, has one part. Prompt completion is necessary as one cannot participate in any youth programs without being registered, having a background check, having PA state clearances, and completing the two courses.

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





### From the Church School Desk!

The St. Nicholas Church School teachers and students want to wish our GOYAns (and Church School students) Good Luck at the GOYA Basketball Tournament at Annunciation Church (Akron, OH) this weekend!

Church School students in grades 7<sup>th</sup>–12<sup>th</sup> can learn more about their faith and participate in the **St. Nicholas Oratorical Festival** that will be held in **March 2024**. For more information, please contact our Oratorical Festival Chair Eve Elsen at 412-580-9415 or eve.m.elsen@gmail.com.

Yours in Christ  
*Miss Michelle*

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## GOYA NEWS

GOYA is selling sweatshirts. If you are interested in purchasing the apparel for GOYA's fundraiser, please use the link below.

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfEe6qCSE82VpIBqWNzwuvSjul\\_TIAFtz80F3yFbDALOzuWQ/viewform?usp=sf\\_link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfEe6qCSE82VpIBqWNzwuvSjul_TIAFtz80F3yFbDALOzuWQ/viewform?usp=sf_link)

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## SAINT NICHOLAS GOLF OUTING COMMITTEE

We are looking for committee members for the golf outing fundraiser. The committee needs people to help with sponsors, auction items, and golfers. If you are interested in helping, please call the church office.

Thank you.

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## Food Festival Preparations

### Food Festival Cooking

**Sessions** We are taking a temporary break as we head into February. We hope to see some new and familiar faces Saturday, Sunday and Monday, February 10, 11, 12 with Baklava. Heartfelt appreciation to those who have helped so far along this path to reach our goals. Special thanks to January's chairs: Alice Gary and John Edgos with Spanakopita, George Bellios with Souzoukakia and Marcie McGuire with Koulourakia.

### February At A Glance

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| Pasta Flora | Rescheduled to Saturday, April 20  |
| Baklava     | Saturday, February 10, 9:00 am – 4:00pm<br>Sunday, Feb. 11, after Church till 4:00pm<br>Monday, February 12, 9:00am – 4:00pm |
| Pastitsio   | Friday and Saturday, February 23 and 24,<br>9:00am – 4:00pm<br>Sunday, Feb. 25, After Church till 4:00pm                     |

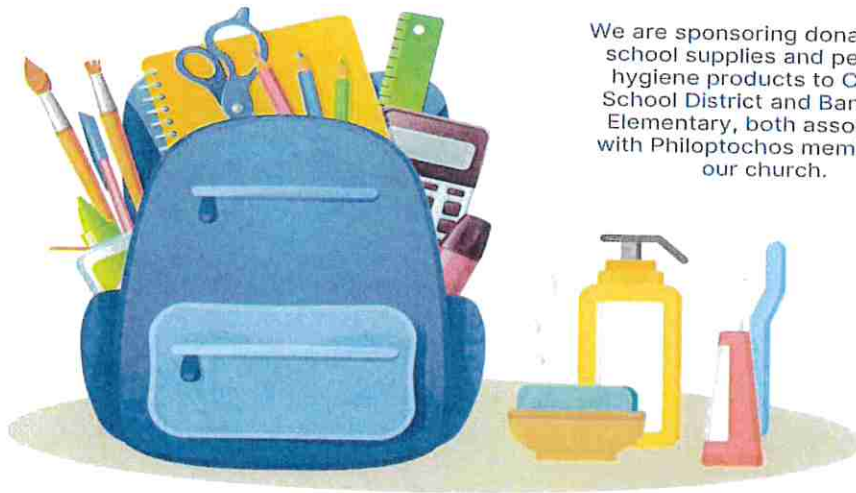
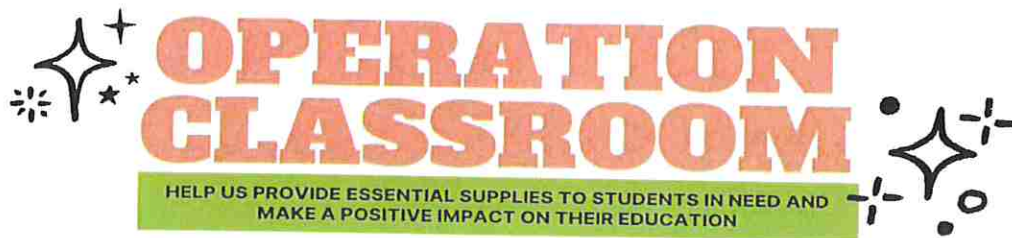
# PHILOPTOCHOS

## OPERATION CLASSROOM

Our parish's Philoptochos is getting started with Operation Classroom this year! Operation Classroom's mission, according to National Philoptochos, is "to assist and offer support to teachers and students in underserved or underfunded schools and provide resource that would not have been available through the local school district."

For more information on Operation Classroom, visit [www.philoptochos.org/operation-classroom/](http://www.philoptochos.org/operation-classroom/)

**St. Nicholas Cathedral Ladies Philoptochos Society**



We are sponsoring donations of school supplies and personal hygiene products to Cornell School District and Banksville Elementary, both associated with Philoptochos members at our church.

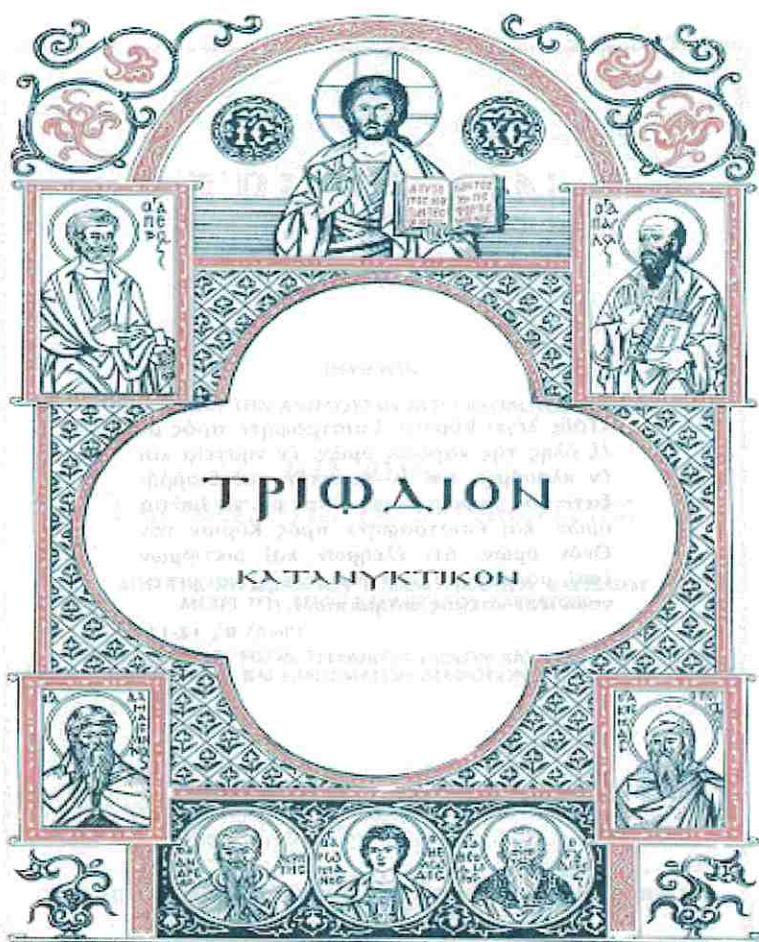
To make a monetary donation for Operation Classroom, please make checks payable to St. Nick's Philoptochos, and put Operation Classroom in the memo.

**ST. NICHOLAS PHILOPTOCHOS  
THANKS YOU FOR YOUR  
GENEROSITY!**

**SCAN THE QR CODE TO  
DONATE ITEMS FROM OUR  
AMAZON WISH LIST**







## “VITAMINS FOR THE SOUL: MUSICAL PRAYERS FROM THE TRIODION “TO-GO”

A LECTURE-CONCERT THAT PRESENTS SPIRITUALLY-UPLIFTING HYMNS  
OF THE TRIODION PERIOD, ACCESSIBLE “TO GO”,  
TO STRENGTHEN US IN THE LENTEN JOURNEY  
AND EVERYDAY OF OUR LIVES

PRESENTED BY  
THE BYZANTINE CHOIR  
OF THE GREEK ORTHODOX METROPOLIS OF PITTSBURGH

WHEN: SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25<sup>TH</sup>, 2024 AT 6 PM  
WHERE: ST. NICHOLAS GREEK ORTHODOX CATHEDRAL,

# GREEK SCHOOL

**Trisagion on Sunday, January 28, 2024**

**TODAY**

Greek School is holding a Trisagion in memory of His Eminence Metropolitan Maximos (2020), Rev. Fr. Sarantos Serviou (2023), Very Rev. Polycarp Romeas (2023), Fr. Michael Sfanos (2004), Archdeacon Euripides Christulides (2023), Archon Peter Clyde Papadakos (2022), Paraskevi Mavrogeorgis (1997), Vasilis Krinis (1997), Rudolph Athanasios Agraphiotis (1952), Vasiliki Bellios (2015), Harry Constandy (1961), Helen Hampers (2014), George Hazinas (2013), Ismene Kephalyiannis (2013), John Seviles (2002), George Thomas (1998), Angelo Tsourekis (2001).

## **St. Nicholas Greek School's Celebration of the Three Hierarchs and Greek Letters TODAY.**

There will be a Trisagion for those who had been instrumental with St. Nicholas Greek School's establishment, continuance, teaching, or scholarships. We will also hold an Artoklasia for the health of our students, their families, faculty, and our community. Recognition will be given to those who succeeded in proficiency testing, followed by a small presentation with chanting of the hymn "Phos Ilaron" chanted by all the children and alumni, dedicated in memory to Archon Peter Clyde Papadakos. This ancient hymn which was even stated by St. Basil the Great as an established hymn is chanted during Vesper Services. After Services, the Annual Greek School Bake Sale will take place during Coffee Hour with an exhibit of projects done by the children to commemorate The Three Hierarchs and Greek Letters.

Keep open March 31, 2024, to join us in the celebration of the Feast Day of Evangelismos and Greek Independence. On that day a Doxology, a luncheon, followed with an annual program presented by the students and GOYA dancers will take place.





## OVC SUNDAY – JANUARY 28



For more info email OVC staff Michael Sider-Rose and Kyra Limberakis at:

[info@orthodoxvolunteercorps.org](mailto:info@orthodoxvolunteercorps.org)



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

### LIVE YOUR FAITH. SERVE FOR A YEAR.

Orthodox Volunteer Corps (OVC) is a yearlong domestic service program for Orthodox young adults and an official Agency of the Assembly of Bishops. We offer young adults from across the country an immersive year of service in Pittsburgh and Boston, working at homeless shelters, after-school programs, free medical clinics, and more. In addition, Corps Members receive weekly formation & training in Orthodoxy and community-based leadership development, live in community with other Orthodox young adults, and engage local parishes. Housing, transportation, and food are 100% covered.

OVC began in Pittsburgh in 2022 and is expanding to Boston this fall. To learn more, scan the QR code. Application deadline for Fall 2024 is February 22. *Applicants must be 21-29 years old.*

**Nominate a young adult or apply yourself today!**



ASSEMBLY OF CANONICAL  
ORTHODOX BISHOPS  
OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Volunteer Sunday 2024

"The Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve."

Mark 10:45

Dear Beloved in Christ,

The Assembly of Canonical Orthodox Bishops of the United States of America has blessed the last Sunday of January as Volunteer Sunday, raising awareness about a new Agency of the Assembly, [Orthodox Volunteer Corps](#) (OVC). As the Episcopal Liaison to OVC, I invite you to join me in observing January 28 as Volunteer Sunday.

In the Gospel of Mark, Christ calls his disciples to an unexpected form of greatness—service.

*You know that those who are considered rulers over the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them. Yet it shall not be so among you; but whoever desires to become great among you shall be your servant. And whoever of you desires to be first shall be slave of all. For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many.*

Just as Christ called his first disciples to service, so he calls his followers today. Orthodox Volunteer Corps seeks to embody this call by providing a yearlong, domestic immersive service program for young adults (21-29 years old) combined with Orthodox formation, community living, and engagement with local parishes. OVC began programming in Pittsburgh in 2022 with 6 Corps Members, grew to 30 participants in 2023, and will expand to Boston in 2024. Corps Members serve alongside our most vulnerable neighbors—at homeless shelters, after-school programs, free medical clinics, and more.

Please join me in reminding the faithful of our call to serve and in raising awareness at our parishes of this new ministry of service, Orthodox Volunteer Corps.

In Christ,

Bishop Andrei  
Episcopal Liaison to OVC



# JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2024

| Sunday   | Monday  | Tuesday   | Wednesday                             | Thursday                                 | Friday   | Saturday   |
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| 28<br><br>15th Sunday of Luke<br>Orthros<br>8:45 a.m.<br>Divine Liturgy<br>10:00 a.m.<br><br>Three Hierarchs<br>Celebration -<br>Artoklasia and<br>Memorial for<br>Greek School  | 29<br><br>YAL Basketball<br>7:00 p.m.   | 30<br><br>Synaxis<br>of<br>The Three Hierarchs<br>Orthros<br>9:00 a.m.<br>Divine Liturgy<br>10:00 a.m.<br><br>Adult Greek Classes<br>6:30 p.m.<br><br>GOYA<br>Girls Basketball<br>6:00 p.m.   | 31                                    | FEBRUARY 1<br><br>Agiasmos<br>12:00 p.m. | 2<br><br>Presentation of<br>our Lord<br>(Ypapanti)<br>Divine Liturgy at<br>Ypapanti Church<br>in East Pittsburgh<br>8:45 am Orthros,<br>10:00 am Liturgy | 3<br><br>Greek School<br>10:00 a.m.  |
| 4<br><br>15th Sunday<br>Of<br>Matthew<br>Orthros<br>8:45 a.m.<br>Divine Liturgy<br>10:00 a.m.<br><br>Event (LH)<br>4:00 p.m.   | 5<br><br>YAL Basketball<br>7:00 p.m.  | 6<br>St. Photios the Great,<br>Patriarch of<br>Constantinople<br>Regional Divine<br>Liturgy at Kimisis<br>Church in Aliquippa<br>Orthros 8:45 a.m.<br>Liturgy 10:00 a.m.<br><br>Adult Greek Classes<br>6:30 p.m.<br><br>GOYA<br>Basketball<br>6:00 p.m. | 7<br><br>YAL Volleyball<br>7:00 p.m.  | 8  | 9  | 10<br><br>St. Haralambos<br>the<br>Hieromartyr<br>Orthros<br>9:00 a.m.<br>Divine Liturgy<br>10:00 a.m.<br><br>Greek School<br>10:00 a.m. |
| 11<br><br>16th Sunday<br>Of<br>Matthew<br>Orthros<br>8:45 a.m.<br>Divine Liturgy<br>10:00 a.m.<br><br>GOYA<br>Basketball Practice  | 12<br><br>Philoptochos<br>Board Meeting<br>6:30 p.m.<br><br>YAL Basketball<br>7:00 p.m. | 13<br><br>Adult Greek Classes<br>6:30 p.m.<br><br>GOYA<br>Basketball<br>6:00 p.m.   | 14                                    | 15                                       | 16<br><br>GOYA Basketball Tournament in<br>Canonsburg, PA: Feb. 16-18  | 17<br><br>Greek School<br>10:00 a.m.   |
| 18<br><br>Sunday<br>of the<br>Canaanite<br>Orthros<br>8:45 a.m.<br>Divine Liturgy<br>10:00 a.m.  | 19<br><br>Parish Council<br>Meeting<br>6:30 p.m.<br><br>YAL Basketball<br>7:00 p.m.     | 20<br><br>Adult Greek Classes<br>6:30 p.m.  | 21<br><br>YAL Volleyball<br>7:00 p.m. | 22                                       | 23   | 24<br><br>Greek School<br>10:00 a.m.   |
| 25<br><br>Sunday of the<br>Publican and<br>Pharisee:<br>TRIODION<br>Begins Today<br>Orthros 8:45 a.m.<br>Divine Liturgy<br>10:00 a.m.<br><br>Concert: VITAMINS<br>FOR THE SOUL:<br>Musical Prayers from<br>the Triodion "To-Go"<br>6:00 p.m. | 26<br><br>YAL Basketball<br>7:00 p.m.   | 27<br><br>Adult Greek Classes<br>6:30 p.m.  | 28                                    | 29                                       |  |  |
| FAST FREE WEEK   |   |   |                                       |  |  |  |
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