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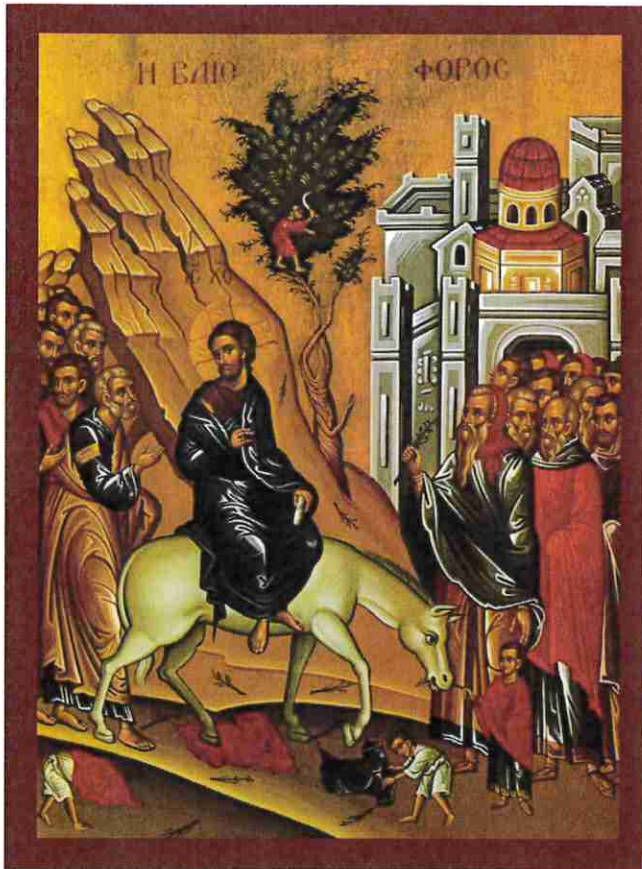
Saint Nicholas Greek Orthodox Cathedral Pittsburgh, PA

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APRIL 2024 NEWSLETTER

APRIL 28, 2024 PALM SUNDAY



The Feast of the Entry of our Lord into Jerusalem (commonly known as Palm Sunday) is a significant religious celebration in our Church that commemorates Jesus Christ's triumphal entry into Jerusalem. This event is mentioned in all four Gospels (Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John). Together with the Saturday of Lazarus, Palm Sunday marks the end of the 40-days of Lent and beginning of Holy Week, leading up to Pascha.

According to the biblical accounts, Jesus rode into Jerusalem on a donkey, which was a quasi-symbol of peace, fulfilling the prophecy from Zechariah (9:9) that a king would come to Jerusalem humbly and riding on a donkey. As he entered, crowds spread their cloaks on the road before him, while others cut branches from trees—particularly palms—and spread them on the road or waved them in the air, shouting "Hosanna to the Son of David!" and "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!" This act of spreading cloaks and branches was a way of showing honor to someone regarded as a king or a victorious leader.

The use of palm branches has led to the tradition in our Church of distributing palm branches to the faithful during the Palm Sunday service, usually folded into crosses. These branches are often kept by individuals in their homes as a blessing. This Feast sets the solemn tone for Holy Week, during which the events of Christ's last days, His Passion, Crucifixion, and glorious Resurrection are commemorated.

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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Fall and Winter Hours (September-June):

Orthros 8:45 a.m.

Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m.

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Orthros 8:15 a.m.

Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m.

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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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FATHER'S MESSAGE

My dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Last month, I shared the first part of some suggestions for Lent which Archbishop Demetrios, Formerly of America, had offered at a 2016 Lenten Retreat in Boston. Here are the rest of those suggestions. May our Lord open our hearts and souls this Lent, that we might readily receive the joy of His glorious Resurrection.

Prayerfully yours,



† Fr. Eleftherios Constantine

Ten Suggestions for Lent

By His Eminence Archbishop Demetrios, Formerly of America

(Part 2 of 2)

6. Reflect on our reading the Bible

Lent is a time to reflect on our relationship with the Holy Scriptures, because the Bible is central in the texts of the Triodion. We must always keep the biblical element at the forefront in our worship and in our life. How close are we to the Bible? Most people think about the Bible only at the reading of the Epistle and Gospel on Sunday at the Divine Liturgy. It is unthinkable that we as Christians do not have the Word of God as a central guide in everything we do. The Lenten period assists us to come closer and more frequently to the Bible and encourages us to reflect upon the Scripture. We should try to make reading from the Holy Bible a daily practice during this Lenten season and beyond.

7. Be aware of the Christocentric focus

Of course, the greatest focus of Lent should be on Jesus Christ Himself. Sometimes we can get caught up in fasting, in saying prayers, in going to Church, on our sins, or in all the rituals of this holy season; yet in the midst of all we do, we forget about Jesus Christ Himself. Lent is above all else a time to draw closer to Christ! Christ is the center of this Lenten period and should be the center of our lives. As we go through Lent and arrive at Holy Week with the Crucifixion and Resurrection, Christ must be at the beginning, in the middle, and at the end of all things.

FATHER'S MESSAGE, Con't

This Lenten period is a tremendous opportunity to come closer to Christ, and to be Christocentric in all that we think, say, or do.

We remember that the fall of Adam and Eve occurred through eating in disobedience to the commandment of God (Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-24), and that the restoration and victory in Christ was realized through His overcoming the temptation of eating (Matt. 4:1-11, Mark 1:12-13, Luke 4:1-13). But what does our incarnate God offer to us as the ultimate possibility of union with Him? He gave us His Body and His Blood to be eaten. He said to us, "Ὁ τρώγων μου τὴν σάρκα καὶ πίνων μου τὸ αἷμα ἐν ἐμοὶ μένει, καὶ γὰρ ἐν αὐτῷ." "He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood abides in me, and I in him" (John 6:56). Here is the ultimate paradox: During Lent, abstinence from food, i.e. fasting, is accompanied by partaking of the imperishable food, i.e. the Body and Blood of Christ. Adam and Eve fell away from paradise and from their connection to God through eating, and we are restored and united to God in the highest way through the Holy Communion by eating the Body and drinking the Blood of Christ. This is much more than being Christocentric. This is having Christ dwelling in us in a palpable way.

8. Cultivate human relationships

The season of Lent is also an opportunity to cultivate our human relationships in more authentic ways. Looking again at the hymnology of the Triodion, we clearly ascertain that there is an emphasis on loving and caring for each other, on moving away from evil and wrong things, on forgiving one another, and on being reconnected with our fellow human beings. The Book of Isaiah, read in its entirety during Lent, begins with a condemnation of the people of Israel because they had abandoned God, and then continues with an admonition to the Israelites to return to God and to be fair and to establish proper relationships with their fellow human beings. So, we are called to think of any relationships that are not in the proper condition and make every effort to remedy them. This is a very integral part of living our lives during Lent.

9. Practice almsgiving

Almsgiving is a vital aspect of the Lenten period. On one of the multiple occasions speaking about the need to be a person who takes care of others, St. John Chrysostom said that we are all called to give alms. He continued to say that even those who claim to be poor are not free from offering alms. Poverty is a poor excuse not to give. Indeed, there are poor people who give the half of what they have (see Mark 12:41-44). It could be said that almsgiving is a requirement for living our life as Christians. Christ said, "when you give alms" (Matt. 6:3), not *if* you give alms. Almsgiving is especially emphasized during this Lenten period, evidenced again by the hymnology of our Church.

10. Make this Lent a time for transformation

Ultimately, our Lenten season is a time of having a transformative experience. We are challenged to resolve that at the end of the Lenten period, when we celebrate Pascha, we are different from what we are today. The transformative aspect of Lent is an absolute necessity for spiritually enjoying this season. We are in the process of transformation if we steadily become Christocentric in all things, through the grace and power of our Lord Jesus Christ. This Lenten season provides us with a tremendous possibility to prepare spiritually, to be constantly transformed, and to be with Christ in His Passion and Resurrection.

OUR JOURNEY TO PASCHA! 2024

Created by Fr. Jonathan Bannon (ACROD)

SUNDAYS

THEMES / GOSPEL READING

HOW TO PARTICIPATE:

Fast - Free Week
FEBRUARY 25th



TRIDION WEEKS

Publican and the Pharisee

Epistle: 2 Timothy 3:10-15
Gospel: Luke 18:10-14

Show compassion on the poor and distressed. Trust in God, not yourself and ask for His help before every task this week.

Normal Fast Week
MARCH 3rd



The Prodigal Son Returns!

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 6:12-20
Gospel: Luke 15:11-32

Schedule a Confession. Every morning say, "Today I will be humble." Use up/freeze meats this week.

Meatfare
MARCH 10th
FAREWELL TO MEAT TODAY



The Last Judgement

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 8:8-9:2
Gospel: Matthew 25:31-46

Pray facing East this week. Christ is returning from the East and we wait for Him! Use up/freeze dairy this week.

Cheesefare
MARCH 17th
FAREWELL TO CHEESE TODAY



Adam and Eve are cast from Paradise!
FORGIVENESS SUNDAY

Epistle: Romans 13:11-14:4
Gospel: Matthew 6:14-21

Ask each other for forgiveness each evening this week before bed.

1st Sunday of Lent
MARCH 24th



GREAT LENT BEGINS WITH FORGIVENESS VESPERS

SUNDAY of ORTHODOXY

Epistle: Hebrews 11:24-26, 32-12:2
Gospel: John 1:43-51

Bring an icon to church for a procession.

2nd Sunday of Lent
MARCH 31st



ST GREGORY PALAMAS

Epistle: Hebrews 1:10-2:3
Gospel: Mark 2:1-12

Bring a prayer rope to be blessed today! Use it and pray the Jesus Prayer each day this week.

3rd Sunday of Lent
APRIL 7th



VENERATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

HALF WAY TO PASCHA!
Epistle: Hebrews 4:14-5:6
Gospel: Mark 8:34-9:1

Wear your cross to church and kiss the cross each morning with a bow!

4th Sunday of Lent
APRIL 14th



ST JOHN of the LADDER

Epistle: Hebrews 6:13-20
Gospel: Mark 9:17-31

Every time you climb stairs this week ask St. John to help you reach Paradise with the sign of the cross!

5th Sunday of Lent
APRIL 21st



ST MARY of EGYPT

Epistle: Hebrews 9:11-14
Gospel: Mark 10:32-45

Ask the Theotokos to offer you and the world pure thoughts and ideas this week.

FLOWERY (PALM) SUNDAY!
APRIL 28th
GREAT WEEK BEGINS



GREAT AND HOLY WEEK

ENTRY OF OUR LORD INTO JERUSALEM

Epistle: Philippians 4:4-9
Gospel: John 12:1-18

Place your palm branches and pussywillows behind an icon at home and in your car!

GREAT AND HOLY FRIDAY
MAY 3rd



GREAT AND HOLY FRIDAY

JESUS DIES ON THE CROSS
CHECK WITH YOUR PARISH FOR ROYAL HOURS AND VESPERS SCHEDULE

Refrain from TV, Internet & Phones to honor Christ's Death.

FEAST OF FEASTS!
MAY 5th
NO FASTING!



BRIGHT WEEK

HOLY PASCHA! (CHRIST IS RISEN!)

Epistle: Acts 1:1-8 Gospel: John 1:1-17

Greet everyone with "CHRIST IS RISEN!" & say it before good morning and goodnight!

Good Friday Luminary Memorials



Remember your loved ones with Luminaries
on Good Friday, May 3, 2024.

To include your loved one,
please fill out the form below.

Luminaries will have names included on the bags and
will be displayed on the steps of the church on
Good Friday Evening, as we walk with the
“Epitaphio” around the church.
Names will also be published.

Please fill out the form below and give to one of the Parish Council mem-
bers or mail to the Parish Office. Donations of \$10.00 per Luminary to be
paid to St. Nicholas Cathedral by Monday, April 29th.

Names to be commemorated:

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Check #	
Amount	
Date Rec'd	

2024 EASTER & LENTEN SPONSORED ITEMS

Your Donation is Greatly Appreciated!

ITEM

COST

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SALUTATIONS (five Fridays) Decorated Icon of Panagia		
1ST FRIDAY	50	Purchased
2ND FRIDAY	50	
3RD FRIDAY	50	
4TH FRIDAY	50	Purchased
5TH FRIDAY	50	
Flowers for Holy Cross Procession	200	Purchased
Lazarus Sat Icon	100	Purchased
Palm Sun Icon	100	Purchased
PALMS	30	Purchased
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ICON OF BRIDEGROOM - Palm Sun Evening until Holy Wed.	100	Purchased
HOLY WEDNESDAY		
HOLY UNCTION SERVICE-3 p.m.		
Oil	20	
Flour (used for Pascha Prosforo)	20	
HOLY THURSDAY EVENING		
A. Crucifixion Wreath (purple)	150	Purchased
B. Candle (1)	10	Purchased
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C. 12 Gospel Candles	60	Purchased
D. Icon of Christ on the Cross (purple-Holy Thurs., p.m.)	100	Purchased
GOOD FRIDAY - Epitaphion Candles (4)	50	Purchased
White Cotton Cloth (sheet)	-	
Epitaphios Flowers	100	
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HOLY SATURDAY/ PASCHA		
Resurrection Icon- Narthex (white)	100	Purchased
Resurrection Icon- Pulpit (white)	150	Purchased
Lily Plants	40	Purchased
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Wreath for Empty Cross (white)	100	Purchased
Large Vase Arrangement for Royal Doors 1 of 2	70	Purchased
Large Vase Arrangement for Royal Doors 2 of 2	70	
Smaller Vase Arrangement	50	Purchased
Smaller Vase Arrangement	50	Purchased

**Names of Departed for
HOLY FRIDAY — May 3, 2024**

To be commemorated before the Epitaphios at the Service of Lamentations

First Names Only - Please Print Clearly
May their memory be eternal!

PARISH COUNCIL

Come to Church as often as you can!

This season of the Church year is marked by additional services that invites us to turn closer to God. During this 40-day journey, we have the opportunity to prioritize worshipping the Lord.

However, many of us lead busy lives and may not be able to do this. But it's Lent. A time to increase the intensity of our spiritual lives. We are supposed to try to do more.

So, where do we begin?

Hopefully, we can all **Come to Church** for Liturgy on Sundays. And try to prioritize coming to Church a little more often for the Presanctified Liturgies Wednesday evenings (that include a potluck dinner and speaker) and Salutations to the Theotokos on Friday evenings.

Or you can volunteer your time making Kourambiethes (April 6th), Tiropita (April 13th & 14th) and Diples (April 24th) for the Food Festival or help assemble Jared Project Boxes (April 21st).

Looking forward to seeing **you** at St. Nicholas (and in the **pews**)!

Yours in Christ,

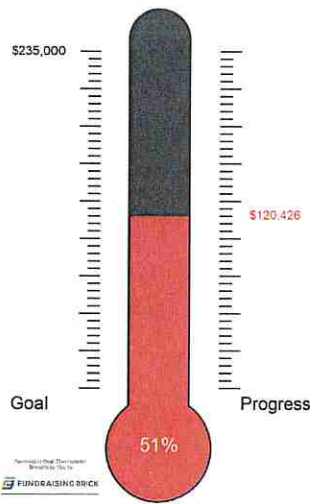
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2024 STEWARDSHIP

"Well Done, Good and Faithful Servant"

Mathew 25:23

Re-dedicate yourself to God by participating in the Divine Liturgy each Sunday and offer your **TIME, Talent** and treasure.



2024 STEWARDSHIP		03/25/2024
Total Stewards		204
Total Amount Pledged		\$120,426.00
Average Pledge		\$824.84
% Parish Participation to Date		68%
2023 Stewards (GOAL)		300
% of Total Budget to Date		51%
2023 Budget (GOAL)		\$ 235,000.00
Total Giving to Date		\$78,998.50
As of:		03/22/2024
Income: Pledges, Basket Collection and Food Festival	\$447,100.00	
Expenses: Salaries, Utilities, Maintenance, Commitments, etc.	\$489,900.00	
	(\$ 42,800.00)	

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
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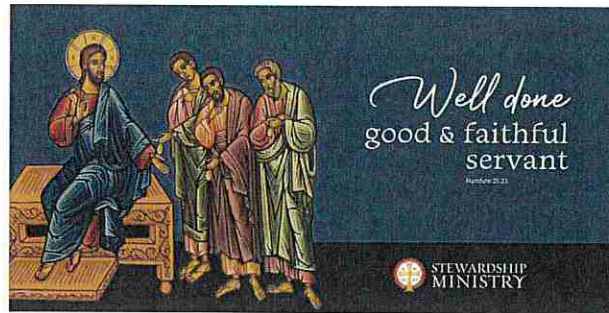
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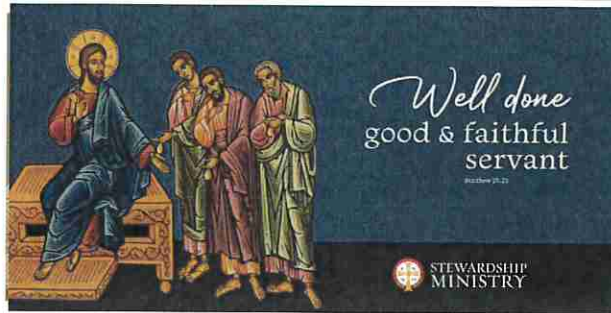
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Mr. & Mrs. James Stamatelos
Mr. & Mrs. Constantine Stamoolis
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Easter Bread

ST. NICHOLAS CATHEDRAL PHILOPTOCHOS IS TAKING ORDERS
FOR OUR DELICIOUS GREEK EASTER BREAD.

\$12 per loaf

ORDERS MUST BE PLACED BY SUNDAY, APRIL 21

BREAD WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR PICK-UP ON SUNDAY, APRIL 28

----- **ORDER FORM** -----

Complete the order form below and mail along WITH A CHECK made payable to:
St. Nicholas Philoptochos/Easter Bread, St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Cathedral, 419 S. Dithridge St., Pittsburgh, PA 15213

Name _____

Telephone _____ Number of Loaves _____

with Sesame Seeds

without Sesame Seeds

ORDERS CAN BE PLACED BY CALLING (412) 682-3866 OR BY FAX: (412) 683-4960

Thank you for your support.

All Proceeds Benefit the Ongoing Charitable Activities of our Philoptochos.

WEEKEND OF SERVICE

SUPPORTING
THE JARED BOX PROJECT

SUNDAY, APRIL 21ST
AFTER CHURCH



Help Philoptochos bring smiles to children in the hospital! Our entire parish community is encouraged to come together for our Weekend of Service project—making and donating Jared Boxes to local hospitals. Jared Boxes are plastic shoe boxes filled with small gifts, games, books and activities that are given to kids in the hospital to provide a fun distraction during a difficult time. Our goal is to make 150 boxes!



How can you help?

- **Make a monetary donation to help us buy items to fill and decorate the boxes**
(Cash or check to St. Nicholas Philoptochos with "Jared Box" in the memo)
- **Purchase items to fill the boxes**
(Contact Nikki Lykos for a list of specific items)
- **Help assemble boxes on April 21st**

Learn more about The Jared Box Project at thejaredbox.org

Please join Philoptochos
on Sunday, April 28
for our

PALM SUNDAY FAMILY LUNCHEON

(Immediately after church services)



\$20 adults • \$10 children (12 and under)

Reservations Required. Deadline Monday, April 22

*For reservations call or text Michelle Kotsagrelis (412-680-1416) OR
fill out the reservation form below and mail it along with a check made payable to St. Nicholas Philoptochos.*



Name _____

Phone Number _____

Reservations:

_____ Adults x \$20 = _____ _____ Children x \$10 = _____

Total Amount Enclosed \$ _____

Anastasi

CELEBRATION



Please join Philoptochos for a Paschal meal
as we celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord

Following Anastasi Services
The Cathedral Room

Free-Will Offering
is being accepted by Philoptochos to offset expenses

For more information, call St. Nicholas Cathedral 412-682-3866

Celebrating
MOTHER'S DAY

St. Nicholas Philoptochos believes in honoring the women in our lives. Honor your wife, mother, grandmother, godmother, sister, aunt or special friend with a gift to Philoptochos. Your donation will enable us to continue our work of charitable giving to individuals and families in need, area food banks, shelters for the homeless, social service agencies and countless research efforts in the battle against cancer and other catastrophic diseases.

Join us this Mother's Day by honoring someone you love with a gift to Philoptochos.

*Make checks payable and send to: St. Nicholas Philoptochos, 419 S. Dithridge St. Pittsburgh, PA 15213, Memo: Mother's Day
DEADLINE TO SUBMIT NAMES FOR INCLUSION IN BULLETIN – WEDNESDAY, MAY 8, 2024*

Enclosed is my gift of \$ _____
(minimum gift of \$5.00 per name please — all donations are tax deductible)

Your Name: _____

Honorees will receive a special Mother's Day acknowledgement card.
The amount of your gift will not be disclosed.

Please accept this gift in **honor** of:

Name: _____
Address: _____

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Address: _____

Name: _____
Address: _____

Name: _____
Address: _____

Please accept this gift in **memory** of:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

*List any additional names and addresses on the back of this flyer and indicate whether donation is in Honor or in Memory.
Please print clearly.*

Celebrating
FATHER'S DAY

St. Nicholas Philoptochos believes in honoring the men in our lives. Honor your husband, father, grandfather, godfather, brother, uncle or a special friend with a gift to Philoptochos. Your donation will enable us to continue our work of charitable giving to individuals and families in need, area food banks, shelters for the homeless, social service agencies and countless research efforts in the battle against cancer and other catastrophic diseases.

Join us this Father's Day by honoring someone you love with a gift to Philoptochos.

Make checks payable and send to: St. Nicholas Philoptochos, 419 S. Dithridge St. Pittsburgh, PA 15213, Memo: Father's Day

DEADLINE TO SUBMIT NAMES FOR INCLUSION IN BULLETIN – SUNDAY, JUNE 9, 2024

Enclosed is my gift of \$ _____
(minimum gift of \$5.00 per name please — all donations are tax deductible)

Your Name: _____

Honorees will receive a special Father's Day acknowledgement card.
The amount of your gift will not be disclosed.

Please accept this gift in **honor** of:

Name: _____

Name: _____

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Please accept this gift in **memory** of:

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Please print clearly.*

St. Nicholas Church School



Church School students in grades 7th–12th can learn more about their faith and participate in the **St. Nicholas Oratorical Festival** that will be held April 15, 2024. For more information, please contact Chairman Eve Elsen at 412-580-9415 or eve.m.elsen@gmail.com.

Upcoming dates to remember:

Youth Retreat Communion Breakfast and Palm Making
Saturday, April 27, 2024
(Following the Divine Liturgy)

Easter Egg Hunt
Sunday, May 5, 2024
(Following the Agape Service)

Church School Graduation
Sunday, May 19, 2024

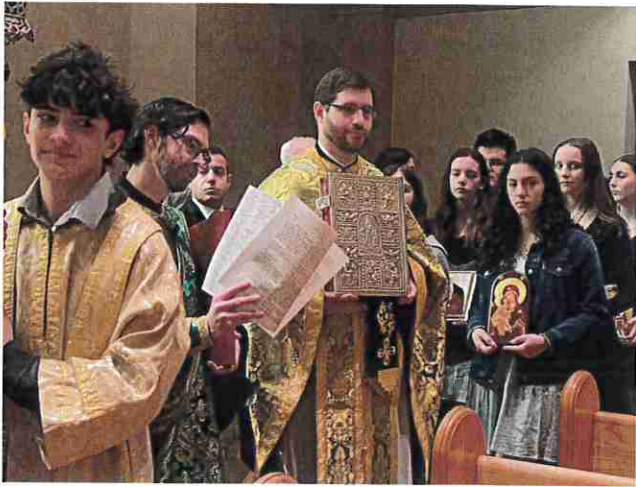
I appreciate the support from all of you and thanks for sharing your children with us every Sunday!

Wishing you a Blessed Lenten Season

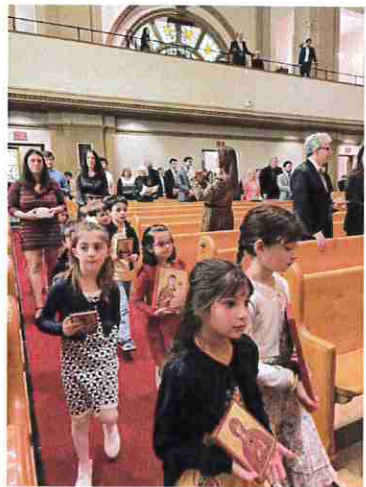
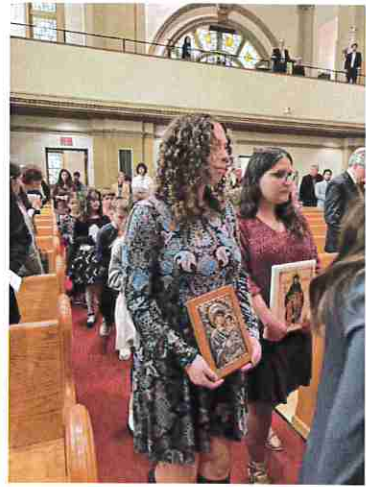
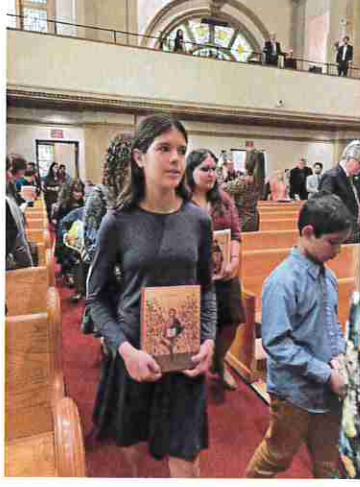
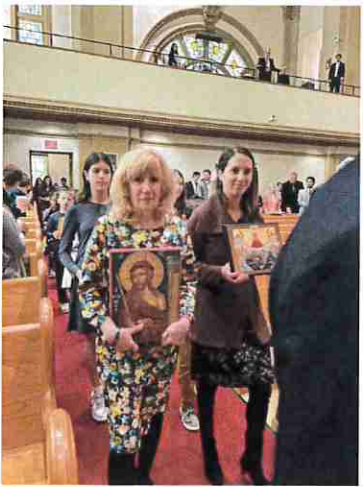
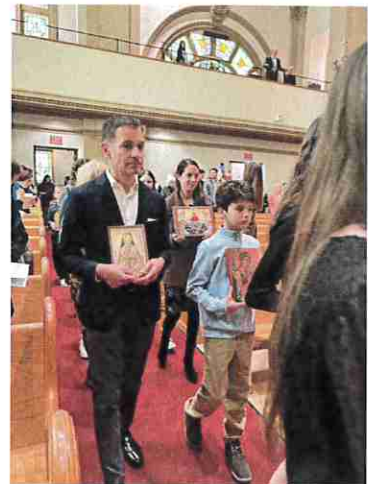
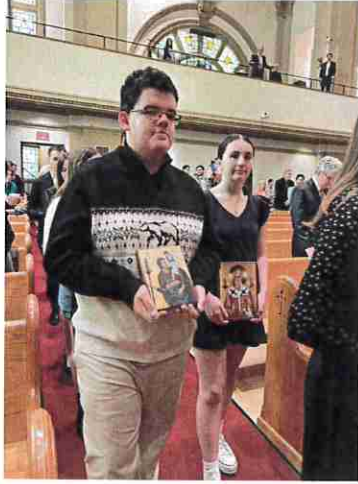
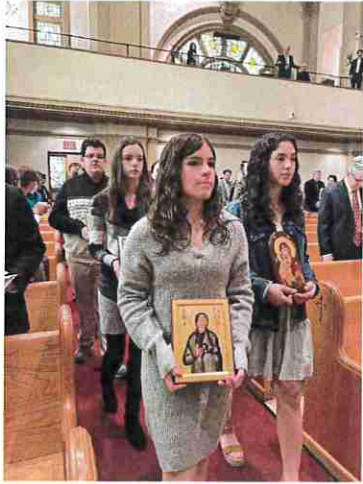
Yours in Christ,
Miss Michelle

St. Nicholas Church School, Con't

**SUNDAY OF ORTHODOXY
ICON PROCESSION
SUNDAY, MARCH 24, 2024**



St. Nicholas Church School, ICON PROCESSION 3.24.2024



St. Nicholas Church School, ICON PROCESSION 3.24.2024



**ST. NICHOLAS
ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM
ORATORICAL FESTIVAL**

MONDAY, APRIL 15, 2024

FOR MORE INFORMATION,
PLEASE CONTACT
CHAIRPERSON EVE ELSEN
AT 412-580-9415

OR

EVE.M.ELSEN@GMAIL.COM



ATTENTION:
ALL CHURCH SCHOOL STUDENTS
Youth Retreat
COMMUNION BREAKFAST & PALM MAKING



SATURDAY, APRIL 27, 2024
(Following the Divine Liturgy in the Small Hall)



SUNDAY, MAY 5, 2024

Easter
EGG HUNT



If you wish to help, please bring one dozen pre-filled plastic eggs on Sunday and drop them off in the Narthex before Church.

ALL PARISHIONERS are welcome to join the fun for coffee, juice, and donuts!

Following the Agape Service

Questions: Call Michelle Kotsagrellos (412) 680-1416

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.

Dance Group Costumes **Donations Needed**

The St. Nicholas Dancers (7th grade and up) are in need of additional costumes and replacement pieces. Our current costumes date back to 2013 and our needs have grown. We have contacted the costume manufacturer in Greece and will be placing an order soon. Our festival is quickly approaching, and we find ourselves in need. The current cost of a girl's costume is \$310, and a boy's costume is \$180.

We are currently collecting donations toward this project. Thank you to those who have already donated. **Please make checks payable to St. Nicholas Cathedral with St. Nicholas Dancers in the memo line. If you are mailing your check to the church, please write Attn: St. Nicholas Dancers on the envelope.**

For further information, please contact Linda Hages: 412-523-7938.

SIXTY CLUB NEWS

TITANIC ARTIFACT EXHIBITION

Wednesday, April 10 Cost: \$29.00*

Bus leaves St. Nicholas 10:15.**

More than 154 genuine artifacts such as a telegraph mechanism, Saalfeld perfume vials and labels, playing cards, passenger jewelry, even an almost perfect stack of au gratin dishes.

After browsing the exhibit at our own pace, our bus will take us to the Federal Galley for an individual choice of menu for lunch before returning to the church approximately 2:30.

*Price includes exhibit, bus, and driver's gratuity.

**We must have 15 participants for both the bus and the exhibit.

Reservations are due April 7.

Call Argie Stuart (412-6812-6754), Helen Waskoskie (724-327-3539),

Alice Gary (412-249-8612) or Fran Hanna (412-731-0790).

(Please make checks payable to St. Nicholas Sixty Club
and remit to any of the above.)

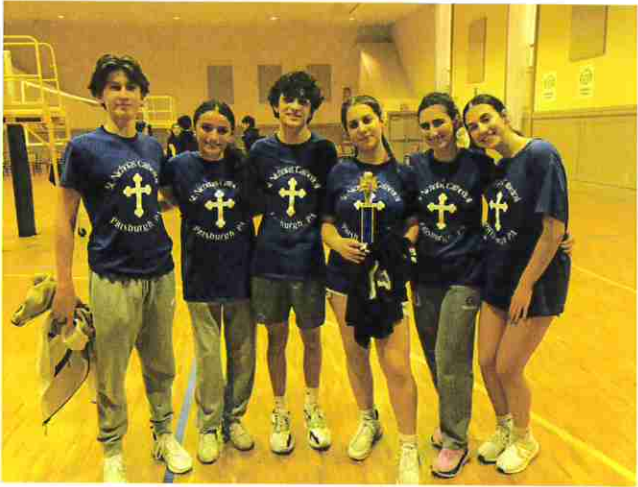
GOYA NEWS

Our St. Nicholas GOYA hosted the Metropolis Volleyball Tournament on Saturday, March 2nd. There were more than 250 attendance with 16 teams representing 14 parishes participating from throughout the Metropolis. The day started with a prayer offered by Fr. Eleftherios along with a welcome from our GOYA president Yanna Mavrogeorgis. The day was filled with games, sportsmanship and fellowship. The St. Demetrios parish from Warren received the sportsmanship trophy.

Thank you to Ed Guminski for securing the referees and donated his services for the day. Thank you to John Dakis for volunteering all his time and talent in the kitchen with providing a delicious lunch for all attending and Steve Andrews for preparing all the salads. Thank you to all the former GOYA moms and Yiayias for baking pastries for our dessert table. Thank you to Jim Kyros for always scheduling the games and overseeing the event all day. Thank you to Michelle Kotsagrellos and Cathy Pandeladis for taking care of registration. Thank you to Nick Lardas for setting up and donating the use of scaffolding that was used for referee stands.

Thank you Toulia Darakos for making all the parish posters that were displayed and then given to the parishes. Thank you to Theodora Constantine, Athena Contis, Nicholas Hages and Marilia Sawaya for coaching the GOYAns. St. Nicholas entered three teams and congratulations to one of our Senior and our Junior Team who earned 2nd place. Thank you to everyone who helped throughout the day including scorekeepers, line judges, concession stand workers, bakers, lunch servers, door monitors and everyone who donated items. Thank you to all the GOYAns, parents and all the parishioners for helping host this wonderful day for all our youth.

GOYA NEWS, Con't



FOOD FESTIVAL

Food Festival, 2024

It Takes A Village...

Past: March

March was a refreshing month with the completion of Karidopita and Finikia and Galatoboureko at the end of the month.

- Karidopita: Thank you to those of you who volunteered. We have this down to a science now and can make Karidopita with just a handful of people.
- Finikia: Thanks to the great turnout of parishioners who came to help plus the Velisariclan, who helped their Thea Nikki and Yiayia Tulla, Finikia were a huge success. There was definitely a lot of hustling and bustling going on! Thank you, Nikki Lykos, for chairing.
- Galatoboureko: Galatoboureko was rescheduled to Friday and Saturday, March 29 and 30. We were overwhelmed with the wonderful response to our call for help for a crew to make the crema filling. We will need help in assembling the pans. Thank you, Elaine Keim, for offering to chair.

A **HUGE** Thank You goes to all of you who have helped us reach this point! We are thankful for your support.

Present: April

Kourambiethes	Saturday, April 6, 9:00 am to 4:00pm
Tiropita	Saturday, April 13, 9:00am to 4:00pm Sun., April 14, after Church to 4:00pm
Pasta Flora	Saturday, April 20, 9:00am-4:00pm
Diples	Wednesday, April 24, 9:00am – 4:00pm

It seems as if we are always sending out friendly requests for Help. Someone recently asked, “Isn’t a cooking schedule just enough?”

A number of our volunteers are “Seniors” (if not Senior “Seniors”) and committed to the cause. They have St. Nicholas in their blood. Some stay longer than they should and leave pretty tired. For the remaining items, mostly Pastries, please consider committing an (extra) hour or two or three of your time to respectfully lighten the load on others. Most of April’s items are scheduled on a weekend.

The ‘food’ we are making from scratch is key to the success of our ‘food’ festival. Our reputation supercedes us. We have been doing this for 62 years. Let’s keep up the tradition for our children and their love of Greek dancing, our families and their cohesive sense of identity, our church with all its spiritual connections and the Greater Pittsburgh community, who anxiously looks forward to our festival, our delicious Greek cuisine and warm, welcoming hospitality. We’re all in this together.

FOOD FESTIVAL, Con't

Future: May

Set-Up: Tuesday, May 7-Saturday, May 11
St. Nicholas 62nd Annual Greek Food Festival

Sunday, May 12 – Saturday, May 18

Before we know it, the festival will be here!

It Takes A Village...

Many shoes need to be filled. Please consider how you can help out the week of the festival. More details will follow.

Servers, cashiers, runners, greeters, bartenders

Pastry cutters, box makers

Food Line (Take out), Pastry Line, Online Orders, Bar, Coffee, Baklava Sundaes, Loukoumades

FOOD FESTIVAL AD BOOK

The food prepping is well underway, and the ad book committee is ramping things up for this year's campaign. Through this communication, we would like to open the opportunity for all members of our parish to help us with this church fundraiser.

We understand that everyone has a lot on their plate, and we don't want to add too much more. However, we would like to enlist our parishioners to help us sell more ads. Let's use the friends and family approach and either contact them directly about an ad or introduce one of us and we can follow up. This can be a friend's business, a brothers-in-law's law firm, your neighbor's restaurant....whatever it is, we would welcome new advertisers.

If you have ideas, thoughts, or questions, please contact one of the ad book committee members, so we can assist you. If by chance you would like to join our small humble fun committee, we welcome volunteers of course.

Thank you for helping us,

Elaine Andrianos, Alisa Balouris, Simon Barber, Lenna Cominos,

St. Nicholas Ad Book Committee

St. Nicholas Greek Food Festival

February 2024

Dear Friends,

St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Cathedral will be hosting our 62nd annual Greek Food Festival from **May 12 thru May 18**. We truly enjoy bringing this weeklong event to our community year after year.

We would like to give you the opportunity to be part of our festival by advertising in our **2024 Food Festival Ad Book**. This is a great way to advertise your business to the thousands of people who come to enjoy our great Greek food, music and hospitality, while at the same time, supporting our church's fundraising efforts. The money raised through our ad book benefits the St. Nicholas Cathedral Building Fund and since St. Nicholas is a 501(C)3 that makes your contribution tax deductible.

Below you will find this year's advertising prices and which are also outlined on the ad contract:

Ad Size	Cost
Full Page Premium* (inside covers and center pages)	\$850
Full Page/ 4.5w x 7.5h	\$700
Half Page/ 4.5w x 3.75h	\$400
Quarter Page/ 4.5w x 1.8750h	\$250
Patron/ listing (family names or in memory of someone)	\$50

**There are 4 premium pages available and are on a first come first serve basis.*

Please consider placing an ad by completing the attached ad contract with your contact information, payment type, and ad size selection. Completed contracts and ads can be sent via e-mail to foodfestadbook@stnickspgh.org, or mail to:

St. Nicholas Cathedral
c/o Greek Food Festival Ad Book Committee
419 South Dithridge Street
Pittsburgh, PA 15213

A few things to note:

- DEADLINE FOR ALL ADS is April 15, 2024
- For all ads, please use high resolution **JPEG** files.
- If you would like to use an ad previously placed in the ad book, please indicate on the ad contract
- All ads are in color

For additional information or if you have any questions, please call Lenna Cominos at (412) 370-8181, or send an e-mail to foodfestadbook@stnickspgh.org.

Best regards,

Elaine Andrianos, Alisa Balouris, Simon Barber, Lenna Cominos

St. Nicholas Ad Book Committee

St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Cathedral

**2024 GREEK FOOD FESTIVAL
ADVERTISING CONTRACT**



Name _____

Business _____

Address _____

Phone/ Cell _____

Email _____

AD DEADLINE APRIL 15, 2024

Ad Size	Color
Full page Premium (inside covers and center fold) 4.5w X 7.5H	\$850
Full Page/ 4.5w x 7.5h	\$700
Half Page/ 4.5w x 3.75h	\$400
Quarter Page/ 4.5w x 1.8750h	\$250
Patron/listing*	\$50

**Patron listing is for name(s) or in memory of someone*

For repeat customers, please indicate below if you would like to use the same ad as last year.

Use same ad as previous year

Please make check payable and mail to St. Nicholas Cathedral. Check enclosed Bill me

Authorized Signature _____ Date _____

Please print or attach ad copy, or email ad file in a high-resolution JPEG format to: foodfestadbook@stnickspgh.org

Date Received

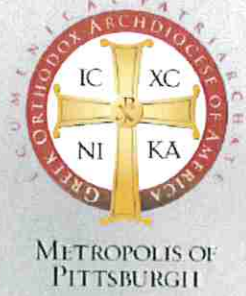
Check Number:

Receipt Number

419 S. Dithridge St. Pittsburgh, PA 15213 • Phone: 412-412-682-3866 • Fax: 412-683-4960

St. Photios Awards Banquet

His Eminence
Metropolitan Savas
cordially invites you to
celebrate the dedicated
volunteers of our Holy and
God-protected
Metropolis of Pittsburgh



MAY 18 2024 • 4:00 PM
DOUBLETREE BY HILTON
PITTSBURGH-CRANBERRY
910 Sheraton Drive, Mars, PA 16046

Online reservation:
tinyurl.com/stphotiosawardsreg
\$95/adult, \$25/child (under 12)
Reservation & Sponsorship
Deadline: April 28

No Refunds available after May 4
or mail reservations to:
St. Photios Awards Banquet
Greek Orthodox Metropolis of Pittsburgh
5201 Ellsworth Ave, Pittsburgh, PA 15232

Please make checks payable to:
'Greek Orthodox Metropolis of Pittsburgh'

Banquet Co-Chairpersons:
Archdeacon Ryan:
412 621 5529
rgzikowski@pittsburgh.goarch.org
Marianne Stearns:
412 600 2159
mstearns@nauticom.net



**NET PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT
THE METROPOLITAN'S BENEVOLENCE FUND**
pittsburgh.goarch.org 412 621 5529
contact: lhenry@pittsburgh.goarch.org

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GREEK ORTHODOX METROPOLIS OF PITTSBURGH

10TH ANNUAL ST. PHOTIOS AWARDS BANQUET

Saturday May 18, 2024 - DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Pittsburgh-Cranberry

RE: ST. PHOTIOS AWARDS BANQUET PROGRAM BOOK SPONSORSHIP

Dear Beloved Archons of the Ecumenical Patriarchate, Leadership 100 Members,
Metropolis Council Members, Philoptochos Board & Philoptochos Chapter Presidents,

The 2024 Metropolis of Pittsburgh St. Photios Awards Banquet will be held on Saturday, May 18, 2024, at the DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Pittsburgh-Cranberry, hosted by His Eminence Metropolitan Savas. This event will once again recognize worthy men and women from our parishes in Ohio, West Virginia and Pennsylvania, for their distinguished and selfless service to their parishes and our Holy Metropolis.

A part of our program, as in the past, is our **Program Booklet**, containing the information about the honorees. The generous Program Sponsors, listed appropriately within the booklet, help to defray the cost of the meals for the awardees so these dedicated volunteers can attend the banquet for free, and the net proceeds from the event benefit the **Metropolitan's Benevolence Fund**, which has distributed over \$500,000 in the past eleven years to support individuals and families in need.

Please support this event by sponsoring the booklet to honor our worthy awardees. Your name will be listed in the Program Booklet distributed at the event. A Sponsorship Form is enclosed for your convenience.

With love in Christ,

Archdeacon Ryan Gzikowski
Mrs. Marianne Stearns
Awards Banquet Co-Chairs

Mr. Anthony Balouris
Mr. Elias Bardis
Mrs. Katherine Bardis
Program Booklet Co-Chairs

St. Photios Awards Banquet, Con't



GREEK ORTHODOX METROPOLIS OF PITTSBURGH

10TH ANNUAL ST. PHOTIOS AWARDS BANQUET
 Saturday May 18, 2024 - Doubletree By Hilton Hotel Pittsburgh-Cranberry

ST. PHOTIOS AWARDS PROGRAM BOOK SPONSORSHIP FORM

Sponsorship Levels	Contribution Levels	Please Select ✓
Grand Benefactor	\$3,000 +	
Benefactor	\$1000 - \$2,999	
Patron	\$750 - \$999	
Sponsor	\$500 - \$749	
Supporter	\$250 - \$499	
Friend	\$100 - \$249	
Helper	\$50 - \$99	

Sponsorship as you wish it to be listed:

Sponsorships will be listed by Contribution Level in the St. Photios Awards Banquet Program Book, which will be distributed at the dinner on Saturday, May 18, 2024, at the DoubleTree by Hilton Pittsburgh-Cranberry. Net proceeds from this event will benefit the Metropolitan's Benevolence Fund.

NEW this year sponsorship contributions can be given online at:

pittsburgh.goarch.org/st-photios-awards-banquet

Please make checks payable to: 'Greek Orthodox Metropolis of Pittsburgh' with St. Photios Awards Banquet Sponsorship marked in the memo.

Check # Check Total:

Sponsor Name:

Sponsor Address:

Sponsor Phone: Sponsor Email:

Please mail check, and complete sponsorship form to:
St. Photios Awards Banquet, Greek Orthodox Metropolis of Pittsburgh,
 5201 Ellsworth Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15232

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out to Louise Henry:
 412 621 5529 | lhenry@pittsburgh.goarch.org

St. Photios Awards Banquet, Con't



GREEK ORTHODOX METROPOLIS OF PITTSBURGH

10TH ANNUAL ST. PHOTIOS AWARDS BANQUET
 Saturday May 18, 2024 - DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Pittsburgh-Cranberry

ST. PHOTIOS AWARDS BANQUET RESERVATIONS FORM

Address: DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Pittsburgh-Cranberry, 910 Sheraton Drive, Mars, PA 16046
Date: Saturday May 18 | **Time:** 4:00 p.m. Hors d'oeuvres | 5:00 p.m. Dinner
Tickets: Adult - \$95.00 | Children 12 and under \$25.00 (*Tables of 10*)
Parking: Free at the hotel

Total Adult Reservations x \$95.00: Total Child Reservations x \$25.00: TOTAL:

IMPORTANT:

- Please fill out the requested information clearly. Turn over the page for additional reservations.
- Awardees attend gratis, (*no charge*) as guests of His Eminence. Include the awardee/s in the reservations but do not include payment for them.
- Please make checks payable to: 'Greek Orthodox Metropolis of Pittsburgh' with St. Photios Awards Banquet marked in the memo.
- Please inform us of vegetarian requests on the form or strictly no later than April 28.
- **RESERVATIONS DEADLINE: STRICTLY APRIL 28. | NO REFUNDS AFTER MAY 4**

Awardee Name			
Name			
Address			
City/State/Zip			
Phone			
email			
Parish			
Add additional guests below. More space over the page.			
Attendee		Attendee	
Attendee		Attendee	
Attendee		Attendee	
Attendee		Attendee	

Please mail checks, completed reservation form, sponsorship form, and donations to:
St. Photios Awards Banquet,
 Greek Orthodox Metropolis of Pittsburgh, 5201 Ellsworth Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 1523
NOTE: We will not accept reservations without payment.

St. Photios Awards, Con't

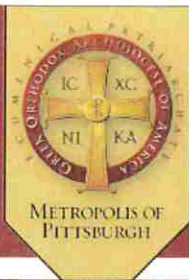
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Notes:

Staying overnight? For room reservations contact: DoubleTree Hotel direct at (724) 776-6900
Discount Rate: \$119.00/night until April 28 | Use the Group Name: **“Saint Photios Awards Dinner”**
Please do not contact the hotel with banquet questions.

For any questions please contact Banquet Co-Chair Marianne Stearns: 412 600 2159 | mstearns@nauticom.net
 or Louise Henry at the Metropolis: 412 621 5529 x10 | lhenry@pittsburgh.goarch.org



A Good Word - Λόγον Αγαθόν

NEWSLETTER OF THE GREEK ORTHODOX
METROPOLIS OF PITTSBURGH



New Metropolis Center Construction Update

With the better weather and soil issues in the rearview mirror, progress has accelerated. We now have some of the first floor flat concrete work in place along with foundation walls rising. Here you can see the elevator area foundation walls beginning and interior basement footer forms. Here too are the piers that will support the dome of the chapel and the completion of the stairwell masonry.

In the coming two weeks, Kathy and I will be presenting at three more parishes to provide everyone the opportunity to support our dear church and encourage fellowship, ministry and worship for us, our kids and grandkids (we have 12 -- pressure's on!).



The Metropolis of Pittsburgh
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BY MARCH 25TH

Proceeds to benefit:
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Emergency Fund and Seminarian Scholarship Fund

As mentioned last month, for this Lenten Season, most parishioners around the Metropolis will receive a mailing that kicks off our public fundraising campaign. Look for it! Thereafter, you will see social media videos of ministry workers who will speak to the potential this new center brings us all.

AND as I always will, I ask that you seriously consider a pledge, or raising your pledge, or pre-paying your pledge so that we AVOID ANY DEBT! We will continue fundraising until we are there! Please help us so that this new home is only ever a blessing AND NEVER A BURDEN to our church. Please participate and be part of our community!

Archon Nick Lekas - New Metropolis Center Project Manager

METROPOLIS HAPPENINGS:

The Department of Greek Education for the Greek Orthodox Metropolis of Pittsburgh presents

THE NINTH ANNUAL GREEK LANGUAGE FESTIVAL AND QUIZ BOWL

Saturday, April 13, 2024
St. Demetrios Church, Rocky River, OH 11am - 3pm

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Registration Deadline: March 30 2024
For more information and registration visit:

pittsburgh.goarch.org/greek-education
Maria Stamoolis: mstamoolis@verizon.net



METROPOLIS OF PITTSBURGH CAMP 2024

Week 1 (Grades 2-4): June 16-22
Week 2 (Grades 5-7): June 23-29
Week 3 (Grades 7-9): June 30-July 6
Week 4 (Grades 10-12): July 7-13



WELCOME BACK CAMPERS!

Campers attend the week of the grade level they are completing this school year.

More Information: y2am.pittsburgh.goarch.org/summercamp



REGISTRATION OPENS MARCH 25TH AT 7PM



WEEKEND OF SERVICE

APRIL 20-21, 2024

THE OFFICE OF YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULT MINISTRIES ALONG WITH THE METROPOLIS LADIES PHILIPPOUS SOCIETY WANT TO ENCOURAGE ALL OUR PARISHES TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS YEAR'S ANNUAL WEEKEND OF SERVICE!

LED BY YOUTH, YOUNG ADULTS AND PHILIPPOUS CREWTEAMS, ENTIRE PARISHES ARE ENCOURAGED TO COME TOGETHER AND DO SOMETHING TO SERVE OTHERS DURING THAT WEEKEND.

Questions? Contact Alyssa Kyritsis at akyritsis@pittsburgh.goarch.org or Joyce Spanakis at jspanakis@me.com



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FOR ONLINE RESERVATION & SPONSORSHIP:
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Banquet Co-Chairpersons:
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It costs approximately \$1,000 per day to operate our Metropolis - including Metropolitan Savvas's Archpastoral visitations, preparations for summer camp and GOYA retreats, our vital registry, and more. Please consider sponsoring a day in the life of the Metropolis:

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APRIL 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 YAL Basketball 7:00 p.m.	2 GOYA Dance Practice 7:00 p.m.	3 Presanctified Liturgy 6:30 p.m. Potluck Dinner and Lenten Lecture 7:30 p.m.	4	5 3 rd Salutations to the Theotokos 6:30 p.m.	6 Greek School 10:00 a.m. Festival Baking Kourambiethes (9a-4p)
7 Sunday of the Holy Cross 8:45 a.m. Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m. Camp Nazareth Spaghetti Luncheon Fundraisere 12:00 noon	8 YAL Basketball 7:00 p.m.	9. Adult Greek Classes 6:30 p.m. GOYA Dance Practice 7:00 p.m.	10 Presanctified Liturgy 6:30 p.m. Potluck Dinner and Lenten Lecture 7:30 p.m.	11	12 4 th Salutations to the Theotokos 6:30 p.m.	13 Greek School 10:00 a.m. Festival Baking Tiropita (9a-4p) 9 th Annual Greek Language Festival and Quiz Bowl in Rocky River, OH
14 Sunday of St. John Climacus Orthros 8:45 a.m. Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m. Festival Baking Tiropita (after Church-4p)	15 YAL Basketball 7:00 p.m. St. John Chrysostom Parish Oratorical Festival	16 Adult Greek Classes 6:30 p.m.	17 Presanctified Liturgy 6:30 p.m. Potluck Dinner and Lenten Lecture 7:30 p.m.	18	19 Service of the Akathist Hymn 6:30 p.m.	20 Greek School 10:00 a.m. Festival Baking – Pasta Flora (9a-4p)
21 Sunday of St. Mary of Egypt Orthros 8:45 a.m. Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m. WEEKEND OF SERVICE	22 YAL Basketball 7:00 p.m.	23 Adult Greek Classes 6:30 p.m.	24 Festival Baking – Diples (9a-4p) YAL Volleyball 7:00 p.m.	25 Philoptochos Easter Bread Baking	26	27. Lazarus Saturday Orthros 9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m. Youth Retreat and Palm Making 12:00 noon
28 PALM SUNDAY Orthros 8:45 a.m. Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m. Palm Sunday Luncheon Bridegroom Service 6:30 p.m.	29 HOLY MONDAY Bridegroom Service 6:30 p.m.	30 HOLY TUESDAY Bridegroom Service 6:30 p.m.	MAY 1 HOLY WEDNESDAY Holy Unction 3:00 p.m. "Bridegroom" Service 6:30 p.m. <i>Holy Unction offered at end of service</i>	2 HOLY THURSDAY Vesperal Liturgy 9:30 a.m. Service of the 12 Gospels 6:00 p.m.	3 HOLY FRIDAY Royal Hours 9:00 a.m. Apokathelosis 3:00 p.m. Lamentations 6:30 p.m.	4 HOLY SATURDAY Vesperal Liturgy 9:30 a.m. Midnight Office of the Resurrection 11:00 p.m. Service of the Resurrection 11:45 p.m.

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