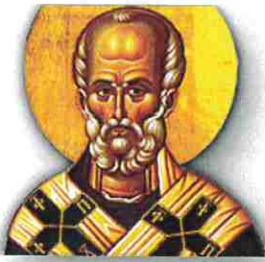


SUNDAY, MARCH 3, 2024 – 17th Sunday of Luke (Sunday of the Prodigal Son)

Saints of the Day: The Holy Martyrs Eftropios, Kleonikos, and Vasiliskos

Plagal Second Mode • Sixth Eothinon



WELCOME TO ST. NICHOLAS CATHEDRAL!

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

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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.

Watch Sunday services, which are streaming live from St. Nicholas Cathedral at www.stnickspgh.org/ and click on "Live Streaming Click Here."

On-Line Giving donations are up and running on our web page <https://stnickspgh.org/> by clicking the Giving tab and select donate. or you may access the donation page by visiting <https://abundant.co/stnickspgh/give>

TODAY:

- ❖ Memorial Service is being chanted for the souls of the servants of God for Antigone Hanna (40 days) and all departed Vlahokerasiotes.
- ❖ Trisagion Service for Nick Hanna (9 years)
- ❖ Coffee hour is hosted today by GOYA and sponsored by the family of Antigone Hanna and the Manthyrea Educational Society in the Large Hall.
- ❖ Church School Open House
- ❖ PARISH ASSEMBLY
- ❖ JOY, HOPE & Little Angels Dance Practice
- ❖ We are revamping our St. John Chrysostom Bookstore! There are two tables in the hallway between the Church and the Fellowship Room with older inventory. Please peruse and take what you wish. Any free will offerings are appreciated.

THIS WEEK AT ST. NICHOLAS:

- Monday, March 4, 2024: YAL Basketball 7:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, March 5, 2024: Adult Greek Classes 6:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, March 6, 2024: YAL Volleyball 7:00 p.m.
- Saturday, March 9, 2024: Saturday of the Souls – Orthros 8:30 a.m.; Liturgy 9:30 a.m. Greek School 10:00 a.m.

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TODAY'S HYMNS AND READINGS

The Resurrection Hymn of the week in plagal second mode is chanted twice for the Small Entrance:

Αγγελικαὶ δυνάμεις ἐπὶ τὸ μνήμα σου, καὶ οἱ φυλάσσοντες ἀπενεκρώθησαν· καὶ ἵστατο Μαρία ἐν τῷ τάφῳ, ζητοῦσα τὸ ἄχραντόν σου σῶμα. Ἐσκύλευσας τὸν ἄδην, μὴ πειρασθεὶς ὑπ' αὐτοῦ· ὑπήντησας τῇ Παρθένῳ, δωροῦμενος τὴν ζωὴν. Ὁ ἀναστὰς ἐκ τῶν νεκρῶν, Κύριε δόξα σοι.

When the angelic powers appeared at Your tomb, the soldiers guarding it feared and became as dead. And standing by the sepulcher was Mary, who was seeking Your immaculate body. Unassailed by Hades, You divested it of spoils. Then You met the Virgin. You granted life. O Lord, risen from the dead, glory to You!

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

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

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

Κανόνα πίστεως καὶ εἰκόνα προάφτης, ἐγκρατείας διδάσκαλον, ἀνέδειξέ σε τῇ ποιμένι 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.

After this, the clergy chant the hymn for the memorial service in plagal fourth mode.

Μνήσθητι Κύριε, ὡς ἀγαθὸς τῶν δούλων σου, καὶ ὅσα ἐν βίῳ ἡμαρτον συγχώρησον· οὐδεὶς γὰρ ἀναμάρτητος, εἰ μὴ Σὺ ὁ δυνάμενος, καὶ τοῖς μεταστᾶσι δοῦναι τὴν ἀνάπαυσιν.

Remember, O Lord, as You are good, Your servants, and forgive every sin they have committed in this life. For no one is sinless except You, Who have power to grant rest to those who have fallen asleep.

Finally, we chant the Kontakion of the day, in fourth mode (for the Prodigal Son):

Τῆς πατρῶας, δόξης σου, ἀποσκιρτήσας ἀφρόνως, ἐν κακοῖς ἐσκόρπισα, ὃν μοι παρέδωκας πλοῦτον· ὅθεν σοι τὴν τοῦ Ἀσώτου, φωνὴν κραυγάζω· Ἥμαρτον ἐνώπιόν σου Πάτερ οἰκτίρμον, δέξαι με μετανοοῦντα, καὶ ποιήσόν με, ὡς ἓνα τῶν μισθίων σου.

I revolted senselessly * out of Your fatherly glory; * I have squandered sinfully * all of the riches You gave me.* Hence to You, using the Prodigal's words, I cry out,* I have sinned before You, merciful loving Father.* O receive me in repentance, * I pray, and treat me * as one of Your hired hands.

Today's Epistle Reading (34th Sunday):

The reading is from St. Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians (6:12-20)

Ἀδελφοί, πάντα μοι ἔξεστιν, ἀλλ' οὐ πάντα συμφέρει· πάντα μοι ἔξεστιν, ἀλλ' οὐκ ἐγὼ ἐξουσιασθήσομαι ὑπὸ τινος. Τὰ βρώματα τῇ κοιλίᾳ καὶ ἡ κοιλία τοῖς βρώμασιν· ὁ δὲ Θεὸς καὶ ταῦτα καταργήσει. Τὸ δὲ σῶμα οὐ τῇ πορνείᾳ, ἀλλὰ τῷ Κυρίῳ, καὶ ὁ Κύριος τῷ σώματι· ὁ δὲ Θεὸς καὶ τὸν Κύριον ἡγείρε καὶ ἡμᾶς ἐξεγερεῖ διὰ τῆς δυνάμεως αὐτοῦ. Οὐκ οἶδατε ὅτι τὰ σώματα ὑμῶν μέλη Χριστοῦ ἐσιν; Ἄρα οὖν τὰ μέλη τοῦ Χριστοῦ ποιήσω πόρνῃς μέλη; Μὴ γένοιτο. Ἡ οὐκ οἶδατε ὅτι ὁ κολλώμενος τῇ πόρνῃ ἐν σῶμά ἐστιν; Ἔσονται γάρ, φησὶν, οἱ δύο εἰς σάρκα μίαν· ὁ δὲ κολλώμενος τῷ Κυρίῳ ἐν πνεύμᾳ ἐστι. φεύγετε τὴν πορνείαν. Πᾶν ἁμάρτημα ὃ ἐὰν ποιήσῃ ἄνθρωπος ἐκτὸς τοῦ σώματος ἐστιν· ὁ δὲ πορνεύων εἰς τὸ ἴδιον σῶμα ἁμαρτάνει. Ἡ οὐκ οἶδατε ὅτι τὸ σῶμα ὑμῶν ναὸς τοῦ ἐν ὑμῖν Ἁγίου Πνεύματος ἐστιν, οὗ ἔχετε ἀπὸ Θεοῦ, καὶ οὐκ ἐστὲ ἑαυτῶν; ἡγοράσθητε γὰρ τιμῇ· δοξάσατε δὴ τὸν Θεὸν ἐν τῷ σώματι ὑμῶν καὶ ἐν τῷ πνεύματι ὑμῶν, ἃτινά ἐστι τοῦ Θεοῦ.

Brethren, "all things are lawful for me," but not all things are helpful. "All things are lawful for me," but I will not be enslaved by anything. "Food is meant for the stomach and the stomach for food" – and God will destroy both one and the other. The body is not meant for immorality, but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. And God raised the Lord and will also raise us up by his power. Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Shall I therefore take the members of Christ and make them members of a prostitute? Never! Do you not know that he who joins himself to a prostitute becomes one body with her? For, as it is written, "The two shall become one flesh." But he who is united to the Lord becomes one spirit with him. Shun immorality. Every other sin which a man commits is outside the body; but the immoral man sins against his own body. Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, which you have from God? You are not your own; you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body and in your spirit which belong to God. [RSV]

Today's Gospel Reading (17th Sunday of Luke):

The reading is from the Holy Gospel according to Luke (15:11-32)

Εἶπεν ὁ Κύριος τὴν παραβολὴν ταύτην· Ἄνθρωπός τις εἶχε δύο υἱούς. καὶ εἶπεν ὁ νεώτερος αὐτῶν τῷ πατρί· πάτερ, δός μοι τὸ ἐπιβάλλον μέρος τῆς οὐσίας. καὶ διεῖλεν αὐτοῖς τὸν βίον. καὶ μετ' οὐ πολλὰς ἡμέρας συναγαγὼν ἅπαντα ὁ νεώτερος υἱὸς ἀπεδήμησεν εἰς χώραν μακρὰν, καὶ ἐκεῖ διεσκόρπισεν τὴν οὐσίαν αὐτοῦ ζῶν ἀσώτως. δαπανήσαντος δὲ αὐτοῦ πάντα ἐγένετο λιμὸς ἰσχυρὰ κατὰ τὴν χώραν ἐκείνην, καὶ αὐτὸς ἤρξατο ὑστερεῖσθαι. καὶ πορευθεὶς ἐκολλήθη ἐνὶ τῶν πολιτῶν τῆς χώρας ἐκείνης, καὶ ἔπεμψεν αὐτὸν εἰς τοὺς ἀγρούς αὐτοῦ βόσκειν χοίρους· καὶ ἐπεθύμει γεμίσαι τὴν κοιλίαν αὐτοῦ ἀπὸ τῶν κερατίων ὧν ἤσθιον οἱ χοῖροι, καὶ οὐδεὶς ἐδίδου αὐτῷ. εἰς ἑαυτὸν δὲ ἐλθὼν εἶπε· πόσοι μίσθιοι τοῦ πατρὸς μου περισσεύουσιν ἄρτων, ἐγὼ δὲ λιμῷ ὧδε ἀπόλλυμαι! ἀναστὰς πορεύσομαι πρὸς τὸν πατέρα μου καὶ ἐρῶ αὐτῷ· πάτερ, ἡμαρτον εἰς τὸν οὐρανὸν καὶ ἐνώπιόν σου· οὐκέτι εἰμὶ ἄξιός κληθῆναι υἱός σου· ποίησόν με ὡς ἓνα τῶν μισθίων σου. καὶ ἀναστὰς ἦλθε πρὸς τὸν πατέρα ἑαυτοῦ. ἔτι δὲ αὐτοῦ μακρὰν ἀπέχοντος εἶδεν αὐτὸν ὁ πατήρ αὐτοῦ καὶ ἐσπλαγχνίσθη, καὶ δραμὼν ἐπέπεσεν ἐπὶ τὸν τράχηλον αὐτοῦ καὶ κατεφίλησεν αὐτόν. εἶπε δὲ αὐτῷ ὁ υἱός· πάτερ, ἡμαρτον εἰς τὸν οὐρανὸν καὶ ἐνώπιόν σου, καὶ οὐκέτι εἰμὶ ἄξιός κληθῆναι υἱός σου. εἶπε δὲ ὁ πατήρ πρὸς τοὺς δούλους αὐτοῦ· ἐξενέγκατε τὴν στολὴν τὴν πρώτην καὶ ἐνδύσατε αὐτόν, καὶ δότε δακτύλιον εἰς τὴν χεῖρα αὐτοῦ καὶ ὑποδήματα εἰς τοὺς πόδας, καὶ ἐνέγκαντες τὸν μόσχον τὸν

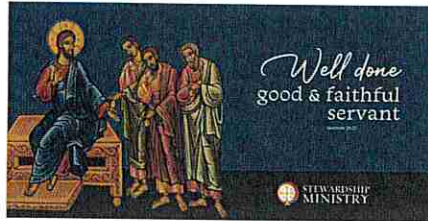
σιτευτόν θύσατε, καὶ φαγόντες εὐφρανθῶμεν, ὅτι οὗτος ὁ υἱός μου νεκρὸς ἦν καὶ ἀνέζησεν, καὶ ἀπολωλὼς ἦν καὶ εὐρέθη. καὶ ἤρξαντο εὐφραίνεσθαι. Ἦν δὲ ὁ υἱὸς αὐτοῦ ὁ πρεσβύτερος ἐν ἀγρῷ· καὶ ὡς ἐρχόμενος ἤγγισε τῇ οἰκίᾳ, ἤκουσε συμφωνίας καὶ χορῶν, καὶ προσκαλεσάμενος ἓνα τῶν παίδων ἐπυνθάνετο τί εἶη ταῦτα. ὁ δὲ εἶπεν αὐτῷ ὅτι ὁ ἀδελφός σου ἦκει, καὶ ἔθυσεν ὁ πατήρ σου τὸν μόσχον τὸν σιτευτόν, ὅτι ὑγιαίνοντα αὐτὸν ἀπέλαβεν. ὠργίσθη δὲ καὶ οὐκ ἤθελεν εἰσελθεῖν. ὁ οὖν πατήρ αὐτοῦ ἐξελθὼν παρεκάλει αὐτόν. ὁ δὲ ἀποκριθεὶς εἶπε τῷ πατρὶ· ἰδοὺ τοσαῦτα ἔτη δουλεύω σοι καὶ οὐδέποτε ἐντολήν σου παρῆλθον, καὶ ἐμοὶ οὐδέποτε ἔδωκας ἔριφον ἵνα μετὰ τῶν φίλων μου εὐφρανθῶ· ὅτε δὲ ὁ υἱός σου οὗτος, ὁ καταφαγὼν σου τὸν βίον μετὰ πορνῶν, ἦλθεν, ἔθυσας αὐτῷ τὸν μόσχον τὸν σιτευτόν. ὁ δὲ εἶπεν αὐτῷ· τέκνον, σὺ πάντοτε μετ' ἐμοῦ εἶ, καὶ πάντα τὰ ἐμὰ σὰ ἐστίν· εὐφρανθῆναι δὲ καὶ χαρῆναι ἔδει, ὅτι ὁ ἀδελφός σου οὗτος νεκρὸς ἦν καὶ ἀνέζησε, καὶ ἀπολωλὼς ἦν καὶ εὐρέθη.

The Lord said this parable: "There was a man who had two sons; and the younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of the property that falls to me.' And he divided his living between them. Not many days later, the younger son gathered all he had and took his journey into a far country, and there he squandered his property in loose living. And when he had spent everything, a great famine arose in that country, and he began to be in want. So he went and joined himself to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into his fields to feed swine. And he would gladly have fed on the pods that the swine ate; and no one gave him anything. But when he came to himself he said, 'How many of my father's hired servants have bread enough and to spare, but I perish here with hunger! I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me as one of your hired servants.' And he arose and came to his father. But while he was yet at a distance, his father saw him and had compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him. And the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' But the father said to his servants, 'Bring quickly the best robe, and put it on him; and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet; and bring the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and make merry; for this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.' And they began to make merry. Now his elder son was in the field; and as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing. And he called one of the servants and asked what this meant. And he said to him, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has received him safe and sound.' But he was angry and refused to go in. His father came out and entreated him, but he answered his father, 'Lo, these many years I have served you, and I never disobeyed your command; yet you never gave me a kid, that I might make merry with my friends. But when this son of yours came, who has devoured your living with harlots, you killed for him the fatted calf!' And he said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. It was fitting to make merry and be glad, for this your brother was dead, and is alive; he was lost, and is found.'"
[RSV]



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://stnickspgh>



2024	STEWARDSHIP
Total Stewards	185 (GOAL 300)
Total Pledged	\$ 116,165.00 GOAL (\$235,000.00)
Avg. Pledge	\$860.48

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.

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.

GREEK SCHOOL

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.



From the Church School Desk!

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 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

St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Cathedral

Church School Open House

TODAY



Join your Child or Grandchild
for

Church Worship, Holy Communion & Church School!



Church School Students:

Please bring an icon
Sunday, March 24, 2024
for the
Sunday of Orthodoxy
Icon Procession

Join Us for The 97th Annual
Vlahokerasiotiki Makaronada

Saturday, March 9th

St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Cathedral

*Dinner followed by Open Greek Night**
Featuring The Filarakia

Doors Open at 6:00 p.m. • Dinner Served at 7:00 p.m.
Live Music Begins at 8:30 p.m.

Adults - \$40.00 • College Students - \$30.00
Children 12 and under - \$15.00 • Children 3 and under - Free

*No Cover Charge for Greek Night

*A portion of the proceeds will be donated to the
St. Nicholas Cathedral church beautification fund!*

For dinner reservations, please contact Nikki Lykos by March 2nd
phone: 412-897-8208 e-mail: nvlykos@gmail.com

Name: _____ PHONE: _____

_____ Adults _____ Children 12 and under _____ Children 3 and under

Make checks payable to Manthyrea Educational Society and mail to:

Nikki Velisaris Lykos
1512 La Salle Avenue
Pittsburgh, PA 15216

Food Festival Preparations

We're halfway there!

March

Finikia	Saturday, March 16, 9:00 am to 4:00pm
Galatoboureko	Friday and Saturday, , March 22 & 23, 9:00 am to 4:00pm Sunday, March 24, after Church to 4:00pm

April

Kourambiethes	Saturday, April 6, 9:00 am to 4:00pm
Tiropita	Saturday, April 13, 9:00am to 4:00pm Sunday, April 14, after Church to 4:00pm
Pasta Flora	Saturday, April 20, 9:00 – 4:00 pm

Diples	Wednesday, April 24, 9:00 – 4:00pm
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FOOD FESTIVAL DATES

SUNDAY, MAY 12 – SATURDAY, MAY 18, 2024

CELEBRATE ORTHODOXY!



THE ORTHODOX CLERGY BROTHERHOOD OF GREATER PITTSBURGH INVITES YOU TO THE PITTSBURGH AREA

GREAT VESPERS OF THE ANNUNCIATION AND PAN-ORTHODOX SUNDAY OF ORTHODOXY CELEBRATION

Sunday, March 24, 2024 at 4:30 PM
Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church
Pittsburgh, PA 15237













Celebrant and Homilist: His Grace Bishop Andrei of Cleveland
Romanian Episcopate of the Orthodox Church in America
Featuring the Pan-Orthodox Choir of Pittsburgh

Great Vespers will be followed by fellowship and Lenten refreshments.

SUNDAY, MARCH 24, 2024

OUR JOURNEY TO PASCHA! 2024

Created by Fr. Jonathan Bannon (ACROD)

SUNDAYS		THEMES / GOSPEL READING	HOW TO PARTICIPATE:
Fast - Free Week FEBRUARY 25th		<i>TRIODION WEEKS</i> 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! <i>FORGIVENESS SUNDAY</i> 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		<i>GREAT LENT BEGINS WITH FORGIVENESS VESPERS</i> 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 <i>HALF WAY TO PASCHA!</i> 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		<i>GREAT AND HOLY WEEK</i> 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 <i>JESUS DIES ON THE CROSS</i> 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!		<i>BRIGHT WEEK</i> 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!

MARCH 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
3 Sunday of the Prodigal Son Orthros 8:45 a.m. Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m. Church School Open House PARISH ASSEMBLY Little Angels, HOPE & JOY Greek Dancing	4 YAL Basketball 7:00 p.m.	5 Adult Greek Classes 6:30 p.m.	6 YAL Volleyball 7:00 p.m.	7	8	9 Saturday of Souls Orthros 8:30 a.m. Liturgy 9:30 a.m. Greek School 10:00 a.m. <div>Metropolis GOYA Retreat March 8-10</div>
10 Judgment Sunday (Meatfare Sunday) Orthros 8:45 a.m. Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m. Little Angels, HOPE & JOY Greek Dancing	11 YAL Basketball 7:00 p.m.	12 Adult Greek Classes 6:30 p.m.	13	14	15 Pan-Orthodox Regional Akathist Service "For those afflicted with cancer" at <i>St. John the Baptist Orthodox Church in Allison Park</i> 6:30 p.m.	16 Commemoration of the Holy Men and Women Who Have Excelled in Asceticism ("2nd Saturday of Souls") Orthros 9:00 a.m. Liturgy 10:00 a.m. Greek School 10:00 a.m. Little Angels, HOPE & JOY Greek Dancing
17 Forgiveness Sunday (Cheesefare Sunday) Orthros 8:45 a.m. Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m. Philoptochos General Meeting Forgiveness Vespers of Compunction 5:00 p.m.	18 CLEAN MONDAY LENT BEGINS Great Compline 6:00 p.m. YAL Basketball 7:00 p.m.	19 Adult Greek Classes 6:30 p.m. Parish Council Meeting 6:30 p.m.	20 Presanctified Liturgy 6:30 p.m.	21	22 1st Salutations to the Theotokos 6:30 p.m. <i>Reception Hosted by Philoptochos</i>	23 Commemoration of the Miracle of Kollyva wrought by Saint Theodore ("3rd Saturday of Souls") Orthros 9:00 a.m. Liturgy 10:00 a.m. Greek School 10:00 a.m.
24 1st Sunday of Lent SUNDAY OF ORTHODOXY Orthros 8:45 a.m. Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m. Little Angels, HOPE & JOY Greek Dancing Pan-Orthodox Vespers at <i>Holy Trinity North Hills</i> 4:30 p.m.	25 Annunciation of the Theotokos and Greek Independence Day Orthros 9:00 a.m. Liturgy 10:00 a.m. Followed by Doxology YAL Basketball 7:00 p.m.	26 Adult Greek Classes 6:30 p.m. <div>Pittsburgh Metropolis Clergy Lenten Retreat in Ligonier, PA March 26-28</div>	27	28	29 2nd Salutations to the Theotokos 6:30 p.m.	30 Greek School 10:00 a.m.
31 2nd Sunday of Lent Sunday of St. Gregory Palamas Orthros 8:45 a.m. Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m. March 25th Luncheon and Program						