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Saint Nicholas Greek Orthodox Cathedral Pittsburgh, PA

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MAY 2024 NEWSLETTER



“Let no one fear death, for the Savior’s death has set us free. He that was held prisoner of it has annihilated it. By descending into Hades, He made Hades captive—and it was angered when it tasted His flesh.

Foreseeing this, Isaiah proclaimed: “Hades,” he said, “was embittered when he met You below.” It was embittered, for it was abolished. It was embittered, for it was mocked. It was embittered, for it was slain. It was embittered, for it was overthrown. It was embittered, for it was fettered in chains. It took a body, and met God face to face. It took earth, and encountered Heaven. It took that which was seen, and fell upon the unseen.

O Death, where is your sting? O Hades, where is your victory? Christ is risen, and you are overthrown. Christ is risen, and the demons are fallen. Christ is risen, and the angels rejoice. Christ is risen, and life reigns. Christ is risen, and not one dead remains in the grave. For Christ, being risen from the dead, has become the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep. To Him be glory and dominion unto ages of ages. Amen.”

From the Catechetical Homily of St. John Chrysostom read on Pascha

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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Service Schedule

Fall and Winter Hours (September-June):

Orthros 8:45 a.m.

Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m.

Summer Hours (July & August):

Orthros 8:15 a.m.

Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m.

Hall Rentals

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.

Metropolis	412-621-5529	www.pittsburgh.goarch.org
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CHECK US OUT ON THE WEB

www.stnickspgh.org

www.stnickscathedralroom.com

And look for us on our Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/Saint-Nicholas-Greek-Orthodox-Cathedral-Pittsburgh-PA>

Watch Sunday services 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 www.stnickspgh.org by clicking please donate button - or you may access the donation page by using <https://abundant.co/stnickspgh/give>

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Little Angels/HOPE/JOY	Nikki Lykos	412-897-8208
60 Club	Fran Hanna	412-731-0790
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	Nick Strauch	724-931-0364
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PARISH COUNCIL COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Cemetery	John Frentzos
Community Center & Catering	George Bellios
Facilities	Victor Bertolina
Finance	James Machin
Food Festival	John Frentzos
Operational & Administration	John Frentzos
Parish Sustainability	Vasili Copetas
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FATHER'S MESSAGE

Pascha of delight! ... Today Christ emerged resplendently from the sepulcher as from a bridal chamber, and He filled the [myrrh-bearing] women with joy, saying, "Proclaim to the Apostles [that He is Risen]!" (from the Matins Praises of Pascha)

My dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Χριστὸς Ἀνέστη! Christ is Risen!

As the world blooms with the vibrant colors of spring, let us celebrate Resurrection of our Lord with profound joy. This Paschal season offers us a precious opportunity to reflect on those who first witnessed the glory of Christ's Resurrection.

The Myrrhbearing Women, who went to the tomb to anoint Christ's body, were the first to discover the truth of the Resurrection. Their transformation from despair to joy teaches us about hope and renewal. As we navigate the moments of doubt and sorrow in our own lives, let us draw inspiration from their courage and the joyous proclamation they received: "He is risen!"

The glorious message of Pascha, "Christ is Risen!" is not merely a declaration of our Lord's victory over death, but is also a call for our own spiritual renewal. It invites us to open our hearts to the radiant light of His Holy Resurrection—through which all of creation is sanctified. In this divine light, we receive a foretaste of the unending joy which awaits us in His heavenly Kingdom.

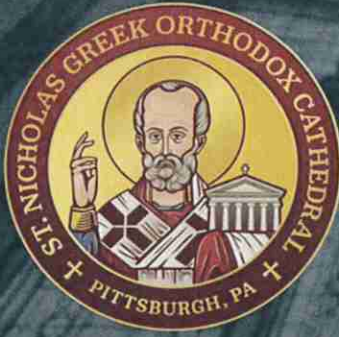
Of course, each May, as we share in the joy of our Lord's Resurrection, we also share with our greater Pittsburgh community the vibrant traditions of our Hellenic culture through our Cathedral's 62nd annual Food Festival. In this Paschal season, we also showcase the rich culinary heritage and spirit of Greek hospitality that each of you help bring to life. We are deeply grateful to all the volunteers whose dedication ensures our festival's continued success. Your efforts not only support the many ministries of our Cathedral, but also enhance and strengthen our community ties. Thank you for your unwavering commitment and for enriching the experience of our festival.

And so, as we celebrate Pascha, may the courage of the Myrrhbearing Women inspire us to cultivate hearts that are open, trusting, and joyous. And let us exclaim from the depths of our souls the triumphant declaration: Christ is Risen!

Prayerfully yours,

+Fr. 

† Fr. Eleftherios Constantine



Holy Week 2024

JOIN US THIS HOLY WEEK AS WE JOURNEY TO PASCHA

Saturday of Lazarus	Palm Sunday	Holy Monday	Holy Tuesday	Holy Wednesday
April 27	April 28	April 29	April 30	May 1
Orthros 9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m. <i>Youth Retreat and Palm Folding</i>	Orthros 8:45 a.m. Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m. Bridegroom Service 6:30 p.m.	Bridegroom Service 6:30 p.m.	Bridegroom Service (Hymn of Kassiani) 6:30 p.m.	Holy Unction 3:00 p.m. Bridegroom Service 6:30 p.m. <i>(Holy Unction offered at end of service)</i>

Holy Thursday	Holy Friday	Holy Saturday	PASCHA
May 2	May 3	May 4	May 5
Vesperal Liturgy 9:30 a.m. Service of the 12 Gospels 6:00 p.m.	Royal Hours 9:00 a.m. Apokathelosis 3:00 p.m. Lamentations 6:30 p.m.	Vesperal Liturgy 9:30 a.m. Midnight Office (Pannyichis) 11:00 p.m. Service of the Resurrection 11:45 p.m.	Agape Vespers 11:00 a.m.

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.

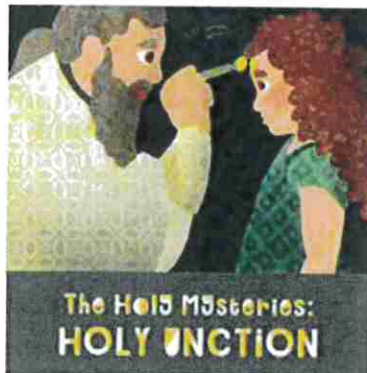
Please fill out the form below and give to one of the Parish Council mem-
bers or mail to the Parish Office. Donations of \$10.00 per Luminary to be
paid to St. Nicholas Cathedral by Monday, April 29th.

Names to be commemorated:

Paid By	
Check #	
Amount	
Date Rec'd	

CALL FOR READERS!

Readers are needed for Services as we celebrate Holy Week and Pascha. There are services each night and the opportunity to read at the Services is open to all. Our parish needs special commitments from readers to participate at the services below.



Holy Wednesday
Service of Holy Unction

Wednesday, May 1, 2024
at 3:00 p.m.

The seven (7) Epistle Readings at the Holy Unction Service are read in English. If you or someone you know is interested in offering one of these readings, please contact Michelle Kotsagrellos.



Great & Holy Pascha
Agape Vespers

Sunday, May 5, 2024
at 11:00 a.m.

During this brief service, the Gospel is proclaimed in as many languages as possible. If you or someone you know can read in any foreign language, please contact Michelle Kotsagrellos or Fr. Eleftherios to sign up.

A colorful poster for an Easter Egg Hunt. At the top, a string of colorful triangular bunting flags hangs across the page. Below the flags, a pink rectangular box contains the date "SUNDAY, MAY 5, 2024". The word "Easter" is written in a pink, cursive font, and "EGG HUNT" is written in large, bold, purple block letters. In the center, a white cartoon rabbit with a red collar sits on a patch of green grass with small white and orange flowers. Surrounding the rabbit are several large, colorful Easter eggs with various patterns like stripes, polka dots, and floral designs. Small orange and black butterflies are scattered around the scene. At the bottom, two smaller white rabbits are shown, one holding a striped egg. The background is a light blue sky with soft white clouds. The bottom of the poster features a green banner with white text and a dark green banner with white text, all set against a background of green grass, yellow daisies, and more Easter eggs.

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

PARISH COUNCIL

The Beautiful Month of May!

Our journey to Pascha began on Clean Monday (Καθαρά Δευτέρα). The weeks that followed have taken us through the period of Great Lent. We have tried to increase our prayer, our repentance, our almsgiving, and our dietary choices (fasting). Our destination, the Lord's empty tomb.

We have been on this journey together. And the final push is Holy Week! We are invited to attend the Holy Week Services (see enclosed Schedule) and to make a Paschal Offering. **Pascha is on May 5th**. I hope to see you all there!

Changing gears, Ted Hages and Dean Panagulias have stepped down from Parish Council. I would like to thank Dean Panagulias for his many years on Parish Council, especially as Treasurer/Assistant Treasurer (and our go to person) and Ted Hages for being Secretary last year and his assistance as Legal Counsel.

We are looking for two more people to help lead the parish. If you are interested in serving, please contact me.

The annual **Food Festival** is just around the corner, **Sunday-Saturday, May 12-18, 2024**. Thank you to all the women and men, who have given of their time to make sure the food items have been prepared. Don't forget to **volunteer** your time to help serve our patrons. No experience necessary. Help is always welcomed in the Food Line, Pastry Line and Online.

And finally, Congratulations to Vasili G. Copetas and Helen G. Copetas as our Cathedral's parish recipients of this year's **St. Photios Award!** They will be honored at the 10th Anniversary St. Photios Awards Banquet Saturday, May 18th (yes, the last day of our Festival) at the Pittsburgh-Cranberry Double Tree Hotel in Mars, PA.

I hope to see **you** at St. Nicholas (in the **pews** or at the **Food Festival!**)

Yours in Christ,

Michelle Marie Kotsagrelou

Keeping up with Parish Council:

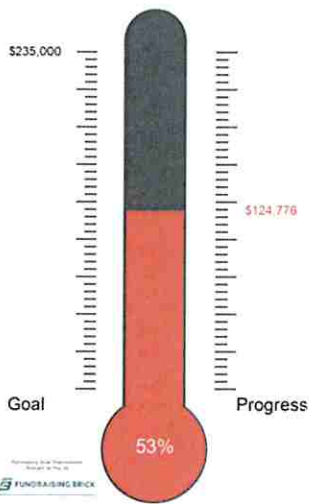
- ◆ We have hired Sheila Stickles from Cypher & Cypher for our accounting work.
- ◆ At the March 3rd General Assembly, it was approved that our parish will pledge \$50,000.00 over a five (5) year period for the New Metropolis Center (having Greek2Gos as the fundraising source).
- ◆ Kinetics AV will be installing an AV system in the Small Hall and external speakers (for the Food Festival).
- ◆ Allegheny Refrigeration will be replacing our freezer (after the Food Festival).
- ◆ Gordico Incorporated installed security cameras (and will be adding others).

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.

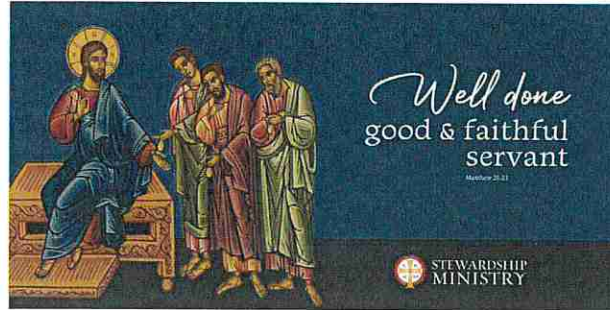


2024 STEWARDSHIP		04/22/2024
Total Stewards		215
Total Amount Pledged		\$124,776.00
Average Pledge		\$831.84
% Parish Participation to Date		72%
2023 Stewards (GOAL)		300
% of Total Budget to Date		53%
2023 Budget (GOAL)		\$ 235,000.00
Total Giving to Date		\$93,733.23
As of:		04/25/2024
Income: Pledges and Basket Collection	\$345,950.00	
Expenses: Salaries, Utilities, Maintenance, Commitments, etc.	\$441,140.00	
	(\$95,190.00)	

Many of you have been contributing, but
PLEASE complete a Stewardship Card.

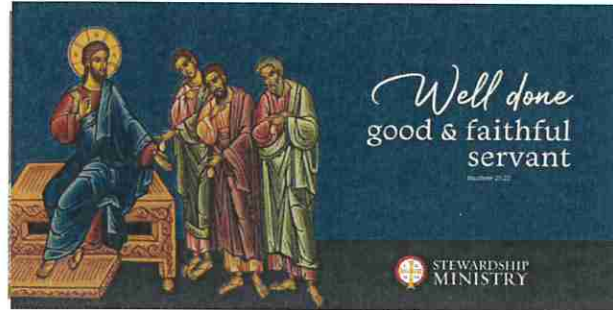
Our website may be used to fill out a Stewardship Card and make a payment
<https://www.stnickspgh.org>

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**2024 ST. NICHOLAS GREEK ORTHODOX CATHEDRAL
CONFIDENTIAL FAMILY STEWARDSHIP CARD**

Last Name _____ First Name _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

(Alternate address if applicable) _____

Home Phone _____ Work Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

Email _____

PLEASE provide pertinent information on reverse side about your family members-THANK YOU!

TREASURE- Total Gift for 2024 \$ _____ Contribution Frequency: Weekly Monthly Quarterly Annually

Please send Stewardship Envelopes I don't use envelopes Statement delivery: US Mail Email



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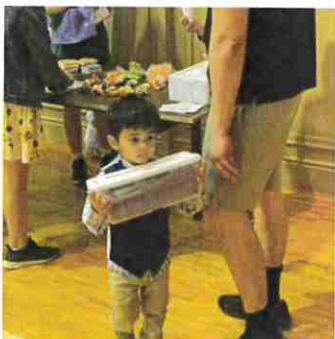
TALENT- *Please check the items below that you or a family member has some expertise or interest. Place initials of the specific family member after each item checked.*

- Greek Language School _____ Church School _____ Office/Newsletter _____ Church Choir _____
- Visitation of Elderly _____ Outreach Ministry _____ Website Mgmt. _____ Cooking/Festival _____
- Youth Ministry _____ Gardening _____ Construction/Mechanical/Plumbing _____
- Philoptochos _____ Other _____

TIME- *St. Nicholas Cathedral is grateful for our many volunteers. Thank you!*

Name & relationship i.e., self, spouse, child, etc. Date of birth Marital Status Occupation OR school/grade

Weekend of Service 2024



Philoptochos teamed up with our youth on Sunday, April 21st to make 150 Jared Boxes which will be donated to local hospitals. A heartfelt THANK YOU to those who donated in support of the Weekend of Service project!

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: _____
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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.
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FATHER'S DAY

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

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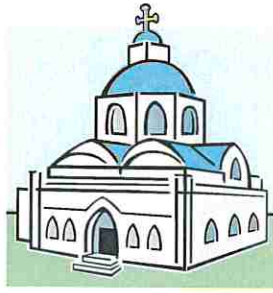
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St. Nicholas Church School



Upcoming dates to remember:

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 Easter!

Yours in Christ,
Miss Michelle

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.

**ST. NICHOLAS WOULD LIKE TO ACKNOWLEDGE
ALL OF OUR 2024 GRADUATES
MAY 19th!**

**Attention all High School, College, Trade, Graduate, or Professional Graduates:
Please join us on Sunday, May 19th, so that we may recognize you and present you with a
gift, in honor of your achievement!**

**Please fill out this short questionnaire and submit to church office via email
(church@stnicks.org), fax (412-683-4960) or mail (419 S. Dithridge Street, Pittsburgh, PA
15213) by May 15, 2024.**

Thank you!

Name _____

Phone: _____

Month of Graduation _____

High School: _____

Or

University/ Graduate School: _____

Degree Earned: _____

*****Please email a recent photo to church@stnickspgh.org so that we can include in the
next issue of the Newsletter.**

Awards and Honors:

Activities:

Future Plans:

SIXTY CLUB NEWS

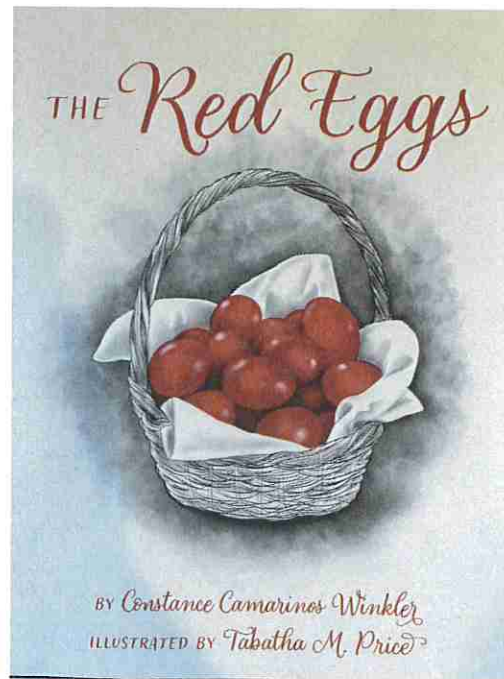
A visit at the Carnegie Science Center to see 154 genuine artifacts.
The Titanic Artifact Exhibition was visited by 15 participants on
Wednesday, April 10th.



St. John Chrysostom Bookstore

The St. John Chrysostom Bookstore would like to thank Constance Camarinos Winkler for generously donating 10 copies of her book, "The Red Eggs". Proceeds for the sale of her books will go towards furthering the bookstore ministry.

In addition, the St. John Chrysostom Bookstore would like Vince Nelson Maintenance Supervisor for giving the bookstore a beautiful fresh coat of paint to get it ready for Pascha and the Festival.



St. John Chrysostom Bookstore

Now featuring books, cards, and gifts for Great Lent, Pascha, and Mother's Day.



Available Now
Holy Bread Bags
Beautifully embroidered cotton bags for transporting or storing antidoros.



GOYA NEWS

This April, Goya had a successful spaghetti lunch camp fundraiser hosted by Keli Frenzoz which led to a \$250 camp discount per child who attend Saint Nicholas church.

Thanks to all who helped us get a big discount going to camp this year.

Congrats to all of the Goyans who made it to Youngstown in this year's Oratorical festival. Shoutout to Kingston Stamoolis who was runner up and has the ability to make it to Nationals!

Goya is helping with tech support for those in need. Please bring your cell phones, tablets, iPads, watches...ect to coffee hour and we will have a table set up for you to ask questions.

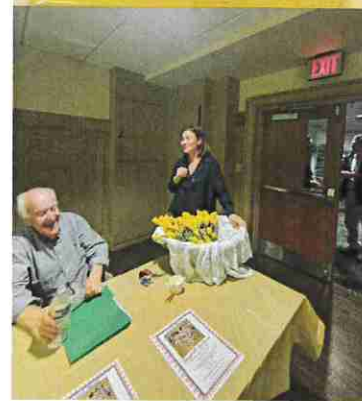
We want to thank Mrs. Kelly Gary and Mr. Jimmy Machin for all their efforts in preparing and teaching us for this years

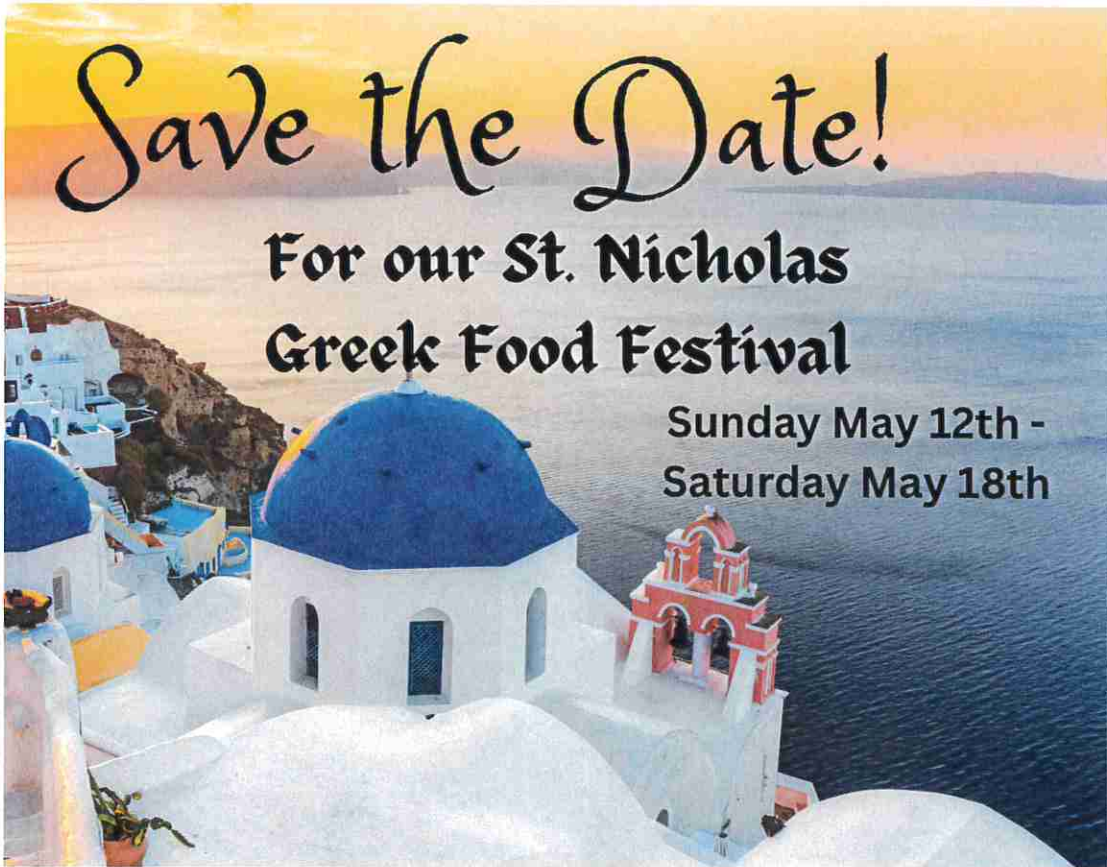
Camp Nazareth Spaghetti Luncheon Fundraiser April 7

The spaghetti luncheon was a success!! I want to thank everyone for their support by participating in the luncheon and/or offering donations throughout the year. We have a little over \$5600 raised for this fundraising year and are able to provide \$250 discount to each of our St. Nicholas children attending camp Nazareth.

THANK YOU to our special cooks Yianni Frentzos and Vasili Copetas. Thank you goyans for your help serving and to everyone who helped bring this event together; Lisa Kristian, Carrie Velisaris, Pam Bertos, and Keli Frentzos

We are still accepting donations. Checks payable to St. Nicholas Cathedral (memo area: "camp fund").





Save the Date!

**For our St. Nicholas
Greek Food Festival**

**Sunday May 12th -
Saturday May 18th**

FOOD FESTIVAL

All Hands On Deck! We're down now to our last push! We've successfully reached the tail end of our cooking sessions with all thirteen of our items prepared, frozen and waiting for our big festival week. We've had great turnouts thanks to the many men, women and children who have participated in this major fundraiser.

Now we look forward to festival week, Sunday, May 12 to Saturday, May 18.
See you then! Bring your apron and dancing shoes!

How to Volunteer

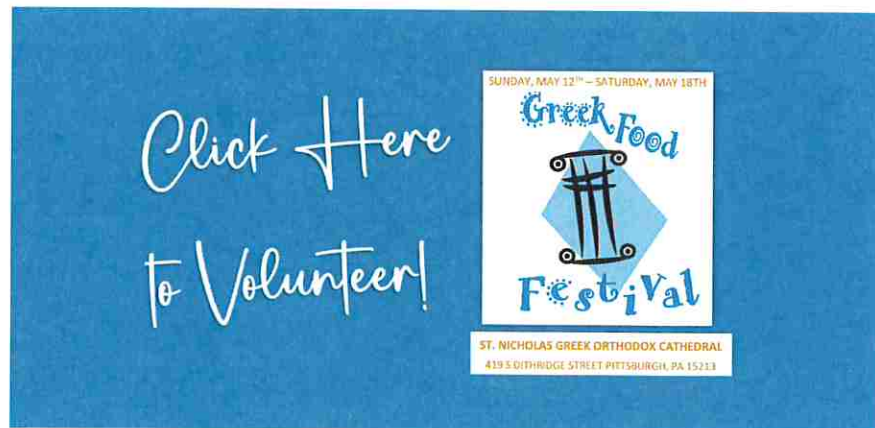
Set up will take place the week before the festival. Help in particular will be needed Friday, May 10 and Saturday, May 11.
To volunteer for the festival, you may contact the Church Office (412-682-3866, Extension 3) or contact any of the following:

Elaine Andrianos, Food Line
Marcie McGuire, Pastries
Michelle Kotsagrellos, Online Orders
Lenna Cominos or Keli Frentzos, Loukoumades
Alice Gary, Baklava Sundaes
Nick Strauch, Bar

It Takes A Village...

Many shoes need to be filled. Please consider how you can help the week of the festival.

Servers, cashiers, runners, greeters, bartenders
Pastry cutters, box makers
Food Line (Take out), Pastry Line, Online Orders, Bar, Coffee, Baklava
Sundaes, Loukoumades
Think of a job and it's yours!

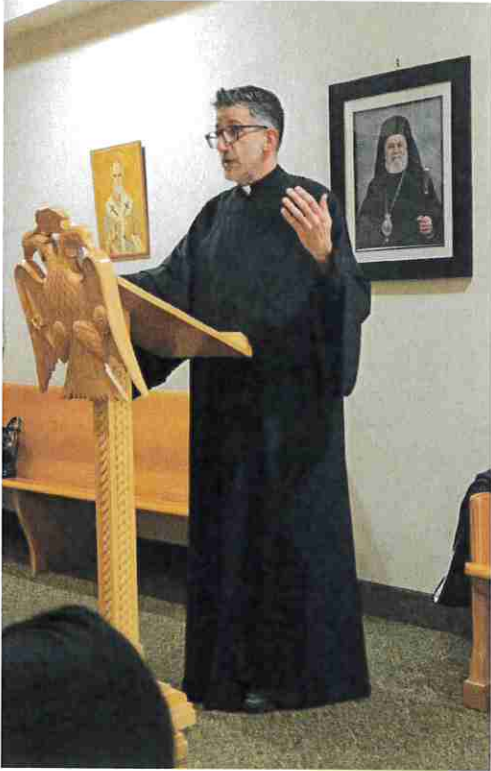


Visit www.stnickspgh.org to sign up for a volunteer time slot!

Lenten Lectures March 20, April 3, 10,, and 17.



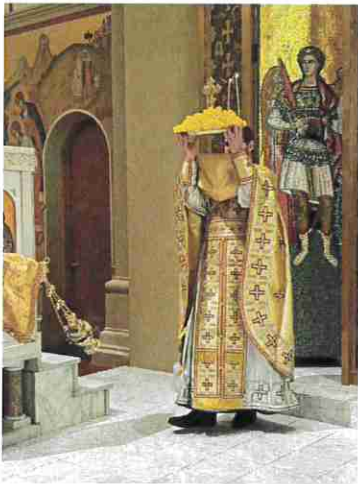
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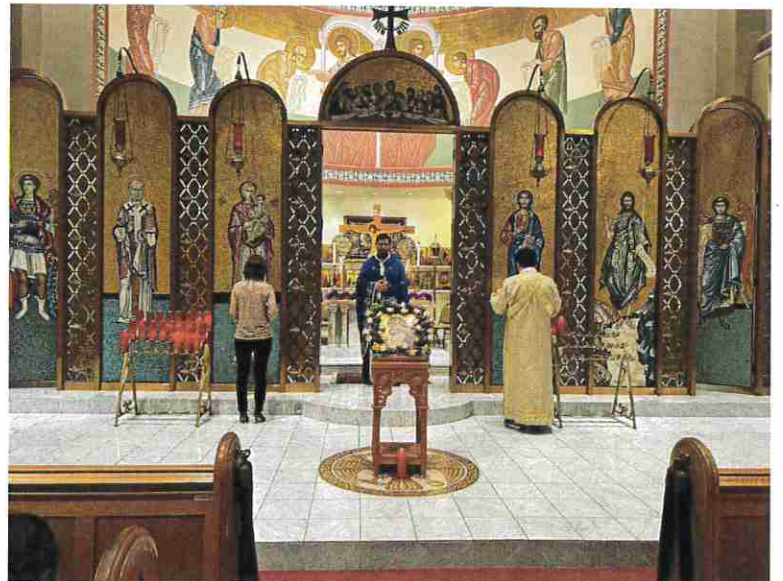
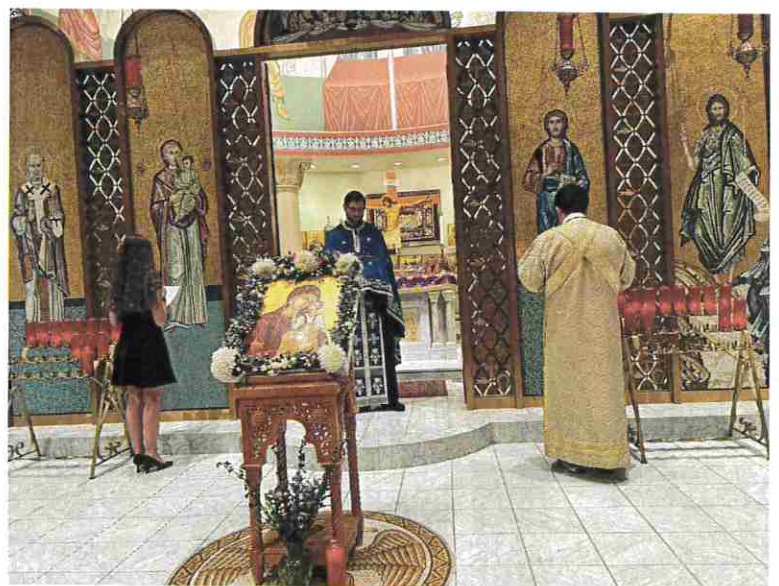
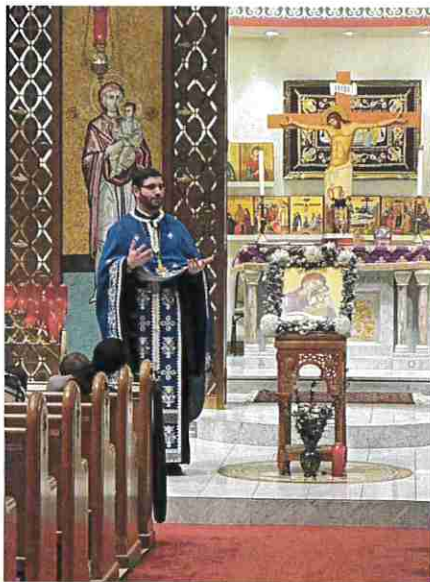
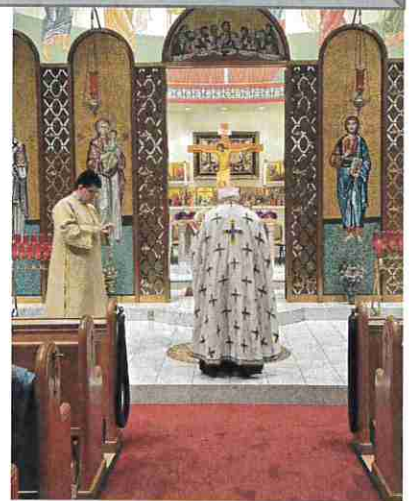
Archdeacon Ryan Gzikowski
Father Radu Bordeianu



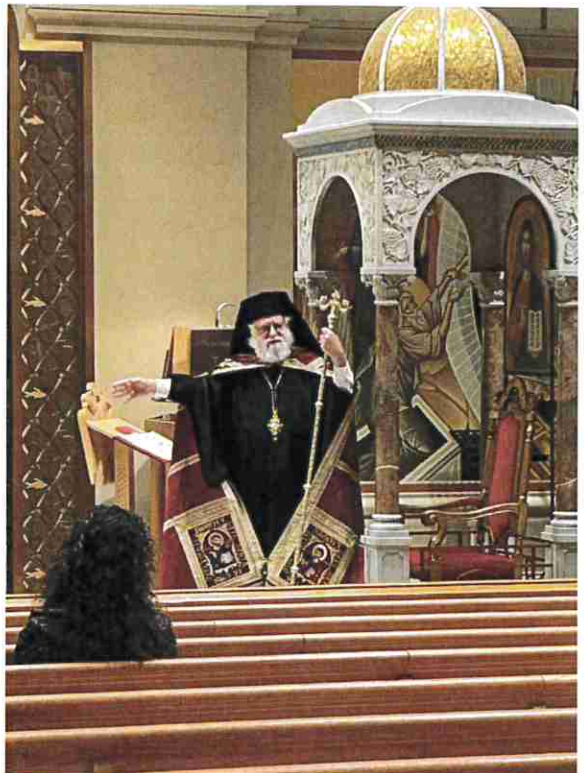
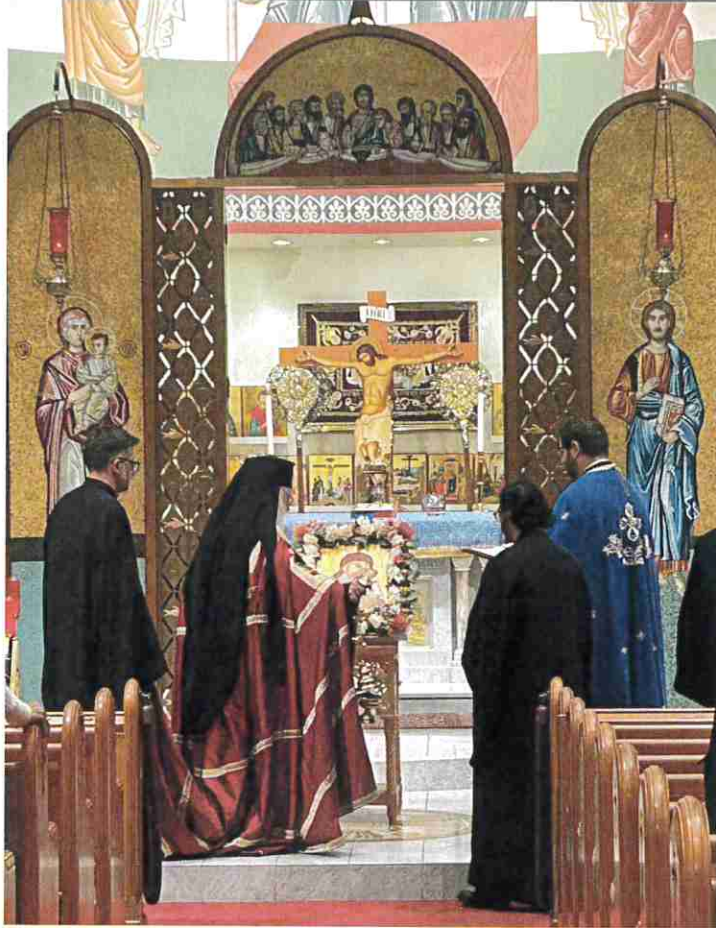
Sunday of the Holy Cross April 7th



Salutations Services March 22, 29, April 5, and 12



Service of the Akathist Hymn April 19th



Operation Classroom March 29th



GREEK SCHOOL

Greek School

St. Nicholas Greek School alumni did an outstanding job chanting/reading the prayers to Panaghia and Christ at the beautiful services for the “Salutations to our Most Holy Theotokos.” We thank Toula Darakos, Dimitri Darakos, Yanna Mavrogeorgis, Victoria Mavrogeorgis, and Panagiotis Stamoolis for their inspirational work.

St. Nicholas Greek School has only one in-person class in May which will be held on Saturday, May 11. There are no classes on Saturday, May 18 which is the last day of the St. Nicholas Festival nor on the 25th which is Memorial Day weekend.

The last day of class will be held on Saturday, June 1, and Greek School Graduation will take place on Sunday, June 2. Certificates and awards will be given on that day after Divine Liturgy. That will be followed by an “End of the Year, Graduation Program” and pizza party.

During the St. Nicholas Festival, Ellinomatheas Testing will take place for a few hours in the morning. Ellinomatheas Tests are written in Thessaloniki, Greece at the Centre for Greek Language. They are proficiency exams which are administered on the same days across the world. St. Nicholas Cathedral is designated as a Testing Center for our Metropolis. A number of our students with others from the Metropolis will be taking the exams. We wish to all of them much success.

Our school is one of the longest, continuously-running schools in the nation. We thank our community for supporting our Greek School Program.

The Greek School Staff, children, and parents, wish to everyone, “Καλή Ανάσταση!”

Greek School March 25th Program March 31st



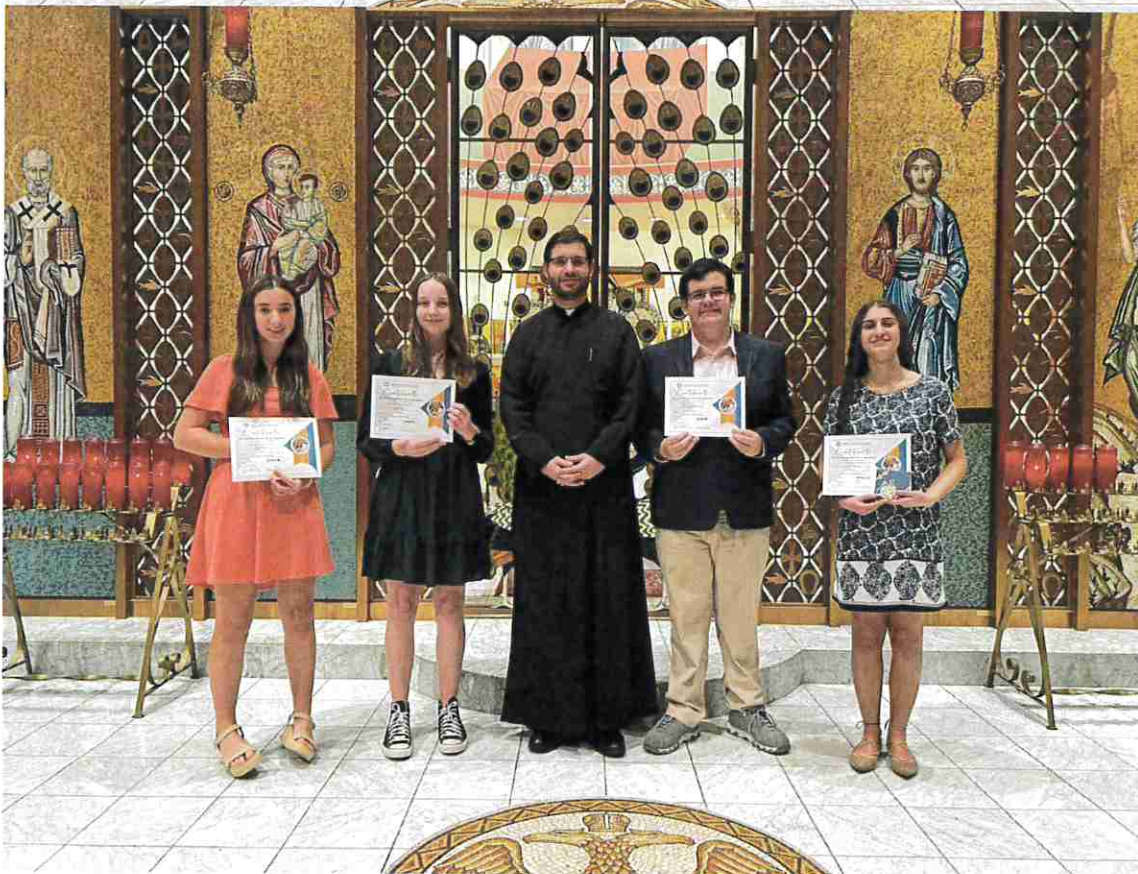
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St. John Chrysostom Parish Oratorical Festival April 15th





A Good Word - Λόγον Αγαθόν

NEWSLETTER OF THE GREEK ORTHODOX METROPOLIS OF PITTSBURGH



2024 Clergy Family Retreat



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

10th ST. PHOTIOS AWARDS BANQUET

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Banquet Co-Chairpersons:
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10th ST. PHOTIOS AWARDS BANQUET

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This year's Clergy Family Lenten Retreat was again hosted by Antiochian Village, Ligonier PA from March 26-28, 2024. This year's theme was "A brother helped is like a small city", focusing on deepening our relationships with each other, with Christ and with God. Our guest speaker was Rev. Dr. Nicholas Louh who provided much discussion and food for thought.

Our take-away from the retreat and Fr. Nick: Spend fifteen minutes a day with God: five minute each in prayer, scripture reading, and silence.

Question who or what is ruling your life? Is Christ the King of our lives?

Have active conversation with Christ.

Listen to Christ in our prayers and ask Him what He wants us to do, and what He wants us to stop doing.

Be grateful. Keep a gratitude journal documenting daily what you are grateful for.

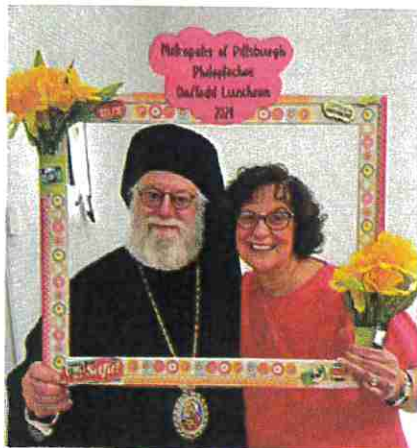
In conclusion, the retreat offered a wonderful opportunity for the clergy and their families to recharge, reconnect, and reflect.

2024 Daffodil Luncheon
Metropolis Philoptochos President: Joyce Spanakis

The 2024 Daffodil Luncheon was held on April 6th at the Marriott Pittsburgh Airport. The women of the Holy Trinity Ambridge Philoptochos, led by president and luncheon chair, Paula Yakoumas, did an outstanding job hosting the beautiful event.

The Marriott Grand Ballroom was filled with approximately 150 smiling, embracing, excited Philoptochos members and guests from across the Metropolis. We were honored to have His Eminence Metropolitan Savas join us. The guest speaker for the day was Lacie Spagnolo, author of the book, *You Were Born to Do This- Now Push*. Lacie's husband, Tom, son, Jimmy and daughter, Lily were also guests at the event.

Following a delicious Lenten meal, guests heard inspiring remarks from Luncheon Chair, Paula Yakoumas, Metropolis Philoptochos President, Joyce Spanakis, Lacie Spagnolo and His Eminence Metropolitan Savas. In her presentation, Lacie shared the inspiration for her book and the miraculous events that strengthened her and her family through their courageous struggle with Jimmy's



alignant brain tumor diagnosis at 4 months of age. Her smile was contagious, and her story of faith, hope and resilience kept guests wanting to hear more. Coincidentally, Lacie's book became available on Amazon the day of the luncheon. On behalf of the Metropolis Philoptochos, President Joyce Spanakis presented Lacie with a marble icon of the *magia Kardiotissa*, as well as the plan to purchase 25 of Lacie's books to be placed in care packages for families of patients at the Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh. Monies raised from this year's event will be divided 2/3 to the Metropolis of Pittsburgh Emergency Fund (for humanitarian Aid) and 1/3 to the Seminarians Our Future Fund.

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Summer Camp 2024

"Then He said to the disciple, 'Behold, your mother!'"
JOHN 19:27

IN HER ARMS

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



SUPPORT HIS EMINENCE AND OUR METROPOLIS MINISTRIES

It costs approximately \$1,000 per day to operate our Metropolis - including Metropolitan Savas'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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MAY 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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 Vespereal 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 Vespereal Liturgy 9:30 a.m. Midnight Office of the Resurrection 11:00 p.m. Service of the Resurrection 11:45 p.m.
5 GREAT AND HOLY PASCHA Agape Vespers 11:00 a.m.	6 Feast of St. George, the Victorious Great Martyr <i>Orthros & Liturgy @ St. George Antiochian Cathedral 10:00 a.m.</i>	7 Adult Greek Classes 6:30 p.m. GOYA Dance Practice 7:00 p.m.	8	9	10	11 Greek School 10:00 a.m.
12 Thomas Sunday Orthros 8:45 a.m. Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m.	13	14	15	16	17	18 <i>Metropolis of Pittsburgh St. Photios Awards Banquet</i>
ST. NICHOLAS GREEK FOOD FESTIVAL MAY 12 – 18, 2024						
19 Sunday of the Myrrh-Bearing Women Orthros 8:45 a.m. Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m. Church School & Graduate Sunday AHEPA Sunday	20	21 Sts. Constantine and Helen, Equal-to-the Apostles Orthros 9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m. Adult Greek Classes 6:30 p.m.	22	23	24	25 <i>No Greek School</i>
26 Sunday of the Paralytic Orthros 8:45 a.m. Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m.	27 Memorial Day <i>Church Office Closed</i> Divine Liturgy and Trisagion at Wilkinsburg Cemetery 9:30 a.m. Trisagion at Homewood Cemetery 12:00 noon	28	29 39	30	31	JUNE 1 Greek School 10:00 a.m.

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