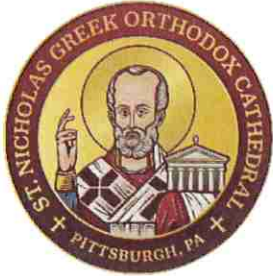


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SUNDAY, May 5, 2024 – Great and Holy Pascha

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WELCOME TO ST. NICHOLAS CATHEDRAL!

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WELCOME, VISITORS! You are honored guests here at St. Nicholas Cathedral and welcome at all our services. We invite you to receive the Holy Eucharist (Communion) if you are an Orthodox Christian who is prepared through fasting, prayer, and confession. If you are not Orthodox, or are Orthodox but have not prepared, we respectfully invite you instead to come forward at the end of the service for a blessing by the priest and a piece of blessed bread (antidoron).

Our Mission & Vision Statements

The **MISSION** of St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Cathedral is to Proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ in a Spirit of Unity and Love for All through Worship, Service, Education, Fellowship and Outreach.

Our **VISION** is to be a Welcoming and Growing Parish, Striving to Live the New Life in Christ according to the Teachings and Traditions of the Greek Orthodox Faith.

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TODAY:

Χριστὸς Ἀνέστη! CHRIST IS RISEN!

We are delighted to have you join us as we celebrate Christ's glorious Resurrection. Please join us after the service for a delicious Lamb Dinner to break the fast and enjoy Paschal fellowship, sponsored by the Ladies Philoptochos Society.

Everyone is welcome!

THIS WEEK AT ST. NICHOLAS:

- **Sunday, May 5, 2024:** Agape Vespers 12:30 p.m. (*NOTE TIME CHANGE*)
Easter Egg hunt following Agape Vespers
- **Monday, May 6, 2024:** Feast of St. George the Victorious Great Martyr
Orthros & Liturgy @ St. George Antiochian Cathedral 10:00 a.m.
- **Tuesday, May 7, 2024:** Adult Greek Classes 6:30 p.m.; GOYA Dance Practice 7:00 p.m.
- **Saturday, May 11, 2024:** Greek School 10:00 a.m.
- **Sunday, May 12, 2024:** GREEK FOOD FESTIVAL BEGINS 12:00 P.M.

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TODAY'S HYMNS AND READINGS

The festal hymn of Pascha in plagal first mode is chanted for the Small Entrance:

Χριστὸς ἀνέστη ἐκ νεκρῶν, θανάτῳ θάνατον πατήσας, καὶ τοῖς ἐν τοῖς μνήμασι, ζωὴν χαρισάμενος.

Christ is risen from the dead, by death trampling down upon death, and to those in the tombs He has granted life.

At the Small Entrance, the Festal Entrance Hymn is chanted:

Εν ἐκκλησίαις εὐλογεῖτε τὸν Θεόν, Κύριον ἐκ πηγῶν Ἰσραὴλ. Σῶσον ἡμᾶς Υἱὲ Θεοῦ, ὁ ἀναστὰς ἐκ νεκρῶν, ψάλλοντάς σοι, Ἀλληλούϊα.

Bless God in the churches, the Lord from the fountains of Israel. Save us, O Son of God, risen from the dead. We sing to You, Alleluia.

Following the Small Entrance, the festal hymn of Pascha in plagal first mode is repeated three times (see above).

After this, the alternate festal hymn of Pascha (Hypakoe) in fourth mode is chanted:

Προλαβοῦσαι τὸν ὄρθρον αἱ περὶ Μαριάμ, καὶ εὑροῦσαι τὸν λίθον ἀποκυλισθέντα τοῦ μνήματος, ἤκουον ἐκ τοῦ Ἀγγέλου· Τὸν ἐν φωτὶ αἰδίδω ὑπάρχοντα, μετὰ νεκρῶν τί ζητεῖτε ὡς ἄνθρωπον; βλέπετε τὰ ἐντάφια σπάργανα· δράμετε, καὶ τῷ κόσμῳ κηρύξατε, ὡς ἠγέρθη ὁ Κύριος, θανατώσας τὸν θάνατον· ὅτι ὑπάρχει Θεοῦ Υἱός, τοῦ σώζοντος τὸ γένος τῶν ἀνθρώπων.

When the women with Mary had come before dawn, and they found that the stone had been rolled away from the sepulcher, they heard from the Angel, “Why do you seek among the dead, as a mortal man, the One who exists in everlasting light? See the grave clothes in the sepulcher. Run and proclaim to the world that the Lord has risen and put death to death; for He is the Son of God who saves the human race.”

Finally, we chant the festal kontakion of Pascha in plagal fourth mode:

Εἰ καὶ ἐν τάφῳ κατῆλθες Ἀθάνατε, ἀλλὰ τοῦ ἄδου καθεῖλες τὴν δύναμιν· καὶ ἀνέστης ὡς νικητής, Χριστέ ὁ Θεός, γυναιξὶ Μυροφόροις φθελγᾶμενος, Χαίρετε, καὶ τοῖς σοῖς Ἀποστόλοις εἰρήνην δωρούμενος, ὁ τοῖς πεσοῦσι παρέχων ἀνάστασιν.

Though You went down into the tomb, O Immortal One, yet You brought down the dominion of Hades; and You rose as the victor, O Christ our God; and You called out “Rejoice” to the Myrrh-bearing women, and gave peace to Your Apostles, O Lord who to the fallen grant resurrection.

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Instead of the Trisagion Hymn (Holy God...), the following is chanted:

Ὅσοι εἰς Χριστὸν ἐβαπτίσθητε, Χριστὸν ἐνεδύσασθε. Ἀλληλούϊα.

As many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. Alleluia.

Today's Epistle Reading (*Holy and Great Sunday of Pascha*):

The reading is from the Acts of the Apostles (1:1-8)

Τὸν μὲν πρῶτον λόγον ἐποιησάμην περὶ πάντων, ᾧ Θεόφιλε, ὧν ἤρξατο ὁ Ἰησοῦς ποιεῖν τε καὶ διδάσκειν ἄχρι ἧς ἡμέρας ἐντειλάμενος τοῖς ἀποστόλοις διὰ Πνεύματος Ἁγίου οὓς ἐξελέξατο ἀνελήφθη· οἷς καὶ παρέστησεν ἑαυτὸν ζῶντα μετὰ τὸ παθεῖν αὐτὸν ἐν πολλοῖς τεκμηρίοις, δι' ἡμερῶν τεσσαράκοντα ὀπτανόμενος αὐτοῖς καὶ λέγων τὰ περὶ τῆς βασιλείας τοῦ Θεοῦ. καὶ συναλιζόμενος παρήγγειλεν αὐτοῖς ἀπὸ Ἱεροσολύμων μὴ χωρίζεσθαι, ἀλλὰ περιμένειν τὴν ἐπαγγελίαν τοῦ πατρὸς ἣν ἠκούσατέ μου· ὅτι Ἰωάννης μὲν ἐβάπτισεν ὕδατι, ὑμεῖς δὲ βαπτισθήσεσθε ἐν Πνεύματι Ἁγίῳ οὐ μετὰ πολλὰς ταύτας ἡμέρας. οἱ μὲν οὖν συνελθόντες ἐπηρώτων αὐτὸν λέγοντες· Κύριε, εἰ ἐν τῷ χρόνῳ τούτῳ ἀποκαθιστάνεις τὴν βασιλείαν τῷ Ἰσραὴλ; εἶπε δὲ πρὸς αὐτούς· οὐχ ὑμῶν ἐστὶ γινῶναι χρόνους ἢ καιροὺς οὓς ὁ πατὴρ ἔθετο ἐν τῇ ἰδίᾳ ἐξουσίᾳ, ἀλλὰ λήψεσθε δύναμιν ἐπελθόντος τοῦ Ἁγίου Πνεύματος ἐφ' ὑμᾶς, καὶ ἔσεσθέ μοι μάρτυρες ἐν τῇ Ἱερουσαλὴμ καὶ ἐν πάσῃ τῇ Ἰουδαίᾳ καὶ Σαμαρείᾳ καὶ ἕως ἐσχάτου τῆς γῆς.

In the first book, O Theophilus, I have dealt with all that Jesus began to do and teach, until the day when he was taken up, after he had given commandment through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. To them he presented himself alive after his passion by many proofs, appearing to them during forty days, and speaking of the kingdom of God. And while staying with them he charged them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, which, he said, "you heard from me, for John baptized with water, but before many days you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit." So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom of Israel?" He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or seasons which the Father has fixed by his own authority. But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria and to the end of the earth." [RSV]

Today's Gospel Reading (*Holy and Great Sunday of Pascha*):

The reading is from the Holy Gospel according to John (1:1-17)

Ἐν ἀρχῇ ἦν ὁ Λόγος, καὶ ὁ Λόγος ἦν πρὸς τὸν Θεόν, καὶ Θεὸς ἦν ὁ Λόγος. Οὗτος ἦν ἐν ἀρχῇ πρὸς τὸν Θεόν. πάντα δι' αὐτοῦ ἐγένετο, καὶ χωρὶς αὐτοῦ ἐγένετο οὐδὲ ἓν ὃ γέγονεν. ἐν αὐτῷ ζωὴ ἦν, καὶ ἡ ζωὴ ἦν τὸ φῶς τῶν ἀνθρώπων. καὶ τὸ φῶς ἐν τῇ σκοτίᾳ φαίνει, καὶ ἡ σκοτία αὐτὸ οὐ κατέλαβεν. Ἐγένετο ἄνθρωπος ἀπεσταλμένος παρὰ Θεοῦ, ὄνομα αὐτῷ Ἰωάννης· οὗτος ἦλθεν εἰς μαρτυρίαν, ἵνα μαρτυρήσῃ περὶ τοῦ φωτός, ἵνα πάντες πιστεύσωσι δι' αὐτοῦ. οὐκ ἦν ἐκεῖνος τὸ φῶς, ἀλλ' ἵνα μαρτυρήσῃ περὶ τοῦ φωτός. Ἦν τὸ φῶς τὸ ἀληθινόν, ὃ φωτίζει πάντα ἄνθρωπον ἐρχόμενον εἰς τὸν κόσμον. ἐν τῷ κόσμῳ ἦν, καὶ ὁ κόσμος δι' αὐτοῦ ἐγένετο, καὶ ὁ κόσμος αὐτὸν οὐκ ἔγνω. εἰς τὰ ἴδια ἦλθε, καὶ οἱ ἴδιοι αὐτὸν οὐ παρέλαβον. ὅσοι δὲ ἔλαβον αὐτόν, ἔδωκεν αὐτοῖς ἐξουσίαν τέκνα Θεοῦ γενέσθαι, τοῖς πιστεύουσιν εἰς τὸ ὄνομα αὐτοῦ, οἳ οὐκ ἐξ αἱμάτων, οὐδὲ ἐκ θελήματος σαρκός, οὐδὲ ἐκ θελήματος ἀνδρός, ἀλλ' ἐκ Θεοῦ ἐγεννήθησαν. Καὶ ὁ Λόγος σὰρξ ἐγένετο καὶ ἐσκήνωσεν ἐν ἡμῖν, καὶ ἐθεασάμεθα τὴν δόξαν αὐτοῦ, δόξαν ὡς μονογενοῦς παρὰ πατρός, πλήρης χάριτος καὶ ἀληθείας. Ἰωάννης μαρτυρεῖ περὶ αὐτοῦ καὶ κέκραγε λέγων· οὗτος ἦν ὃν εἶπον, ὃ ὀπίσω μου ἐρχόμενος ἔμπροσθέν μου γέγονεν, ὅτι πρῶτός μου ἦν. Καὶ ἐκ τοῦ πληρώματος αὐτοῦ ἡμεῖς πάντες ἐλάβομεν, καὶ χάριν ἀντὶ χάριτος· ὅτι ὁ νόμος διὰ Μωϋσέως ἐδόθη, ἡ χάρις καὶ ἡ ἀλήθεια διὰ Ἰησοῦ Χριστοῦ ἐγένετο.

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God; all things were made through him, and without him was not anything made that was made. In him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came for testimony, to bear witness to the light, that all might believe through him. He was not the light, but came to bear witness to the light. The true light that enlightens every man was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world knew him not. He came to his own home, and his own people received him not. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God; who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth; we have beheld his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father. (John bore witness to him, and cried, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks before me, for he was before me.'") And from his fullness have we all received, grace upon grace. For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. [RSV]

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Instead of "It is truly right..." the Ninth Ode of the feast is chanted:

Ο Ἄγγελος ἐβόα τῇ κεχαριτωμένῃ, Ἄγνῃ Παρθένε, χαῖρε, καὶ πάλιν ἐρῶ, χαῖρε, ὁ σὸς Υἱὸς ἀνέστη τριήμερος ἐκ τάφου.

Φωτίζου, φωτίζου ἢ νέα Ἰερουσαλήμ· ἢ γὰρ δόξα Κυρίου ἐπὶ σὲ ἀνέτειλε. Χόρευε νῦν, καὶ ἀγάλλου Σιών, σὺ δὲ ἄγνη, τέρπου Θεοτόκε, ἐν τῇ ἐγέρσει τοῦ τόκου σου..

The Angel cried aloud to the Lady full of grace: Rejoice, O pure Virgin; and again I say Rejoice. Your Son has truly risen from the grave on the third day.

Arise, shine! Arise, shine, O new Jerusalem! Shine! For the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. Zion, exult and be glad now. O pure Mother of God, rejoice, celebrating the resurrection of Christ your Son!

The Festal Communion hymn of Pascha is chanted today, instead of the usual "Praise the Lord...":

Σῶμα Χριστοῦ μεταλάβετε, πηγῆς ἀθανάτου γεύσασθε.

Receive the Body of Christ; taste from the immortal fount.

Instead of "We have seen the true light..." the festal hymn of Pascha is chanted.

Χριστὸς ἀνέστη ἐκ νεκρῶν ...

Christ is risen from the dead ...

Instead of "Blessed be the name..." the festal hymn of Pascha is chanted.

Χριστὸς ἀνέστη ἐκ νεκρῶν ...

Christ is risen from the dead ...



GREEK ORTHODOX ARCHDIOCESE OF AMERICA
ARCHEPISCOPAL ENCYCLICAL

Prot. No. 104/2024

Archebiscopal Encyclical on Great and Holy Pascha, 2024

May 5, 2024

Unto the Most Reverend and Right Reverend Hierarchs, Pious Priests and Deacons, Monks and Nuns, Presidents and Members of the Parish Councils, Honorable Archons of the Ecumenical Patriarchate, Members of Leadership 100, Day and Afternoon Schools, Philoptochos Societies, Youth, Greek Orthodox Organizations, and entirety of the Christ-loving Plenitude of the Sacred Archdiocese of America:

*You who fast, and you who fast not, rejoice today!
The table is laden; let all fare sumptuously.
(Catechetical Oration of the Holy Chrysostom)ⁱ*

My beloved sisters and brothers in the Risen Lord,

Χριστός Ανέστη! Christ is Risen!

On Pascha night, the gilded voice of the legendary Archbishop of Constantinople cries out in every church throughout the Orthodox Christian world. In this only sermon ever preached on this “first of Sabbaths” (*μία τῶν Σαββάτων*) and “feast of feasts” (*ἐορτῶν ἐορτή*), the Holy Chrysostom invites one and all to partake of “the banquet of faith” (*τὸ συμπόσιον τῆς πίστεως*).

His grand call to everyone to share in the joy of the Resurrection comes without price, like the call of the Prophet who said, *Let everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and those who have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price* (Isaiah 55:1).ⁱⁱ For as we chant on this Holy Night, “let us all forgive all things in the Resurrection,”ⁱⁱⁱ from the smallest to the greatest of failings, no price is exacted for the abundance of God’s grace, *even grace upon grace* (John 1:16).



Indeed, we may not have kept the Fast as we first intended. And some do not keep the Fast at all. However, our invitation to “the banquet of faith” isn’t simply contingent upon the quality or quantity of the foodstuffs from which we partake or abstain. Instead, our participation in the Table as co-banqueters presupposes a high measure of philanthropy and compassion for our fellow neighbor.

Thus, the saintly Golden-Mouth calls all to the Table, the Holy Table, without regard for our fulfillment of the laws around fasting. For on the night of Pascha, the law of love transcends every shortcoming — if only we will extend the same love and forgiveness that God grants to us to others.

My beloved Christians, do not pass by the invitation of Saint John Chrysostom! Accept it without pride in whatever you think you have attained, and without shame or regret for how you may have fallen short of your intentions. The Table is laden! Let all fare sumptuously of God’s eternal mercy and love!

Χριστὸς Ἀνέστη! Christ is Risen!

+ELPIDOPHOROS
Archbishop of America

Note: To be read in every parish of the Archdiocese during Agape Vespers on Pascha Sunday, May 5, 2024.

ⁱGreek: *Νηστεύσαντες και μη νηστεύσαντες, ευφράνθητε σήμερα. Ἡ τράπεζα γέμει, τρυφήσατε πάντες.* (ὁ Κατηχητικός Λόγος τοῦ Ἁγίου Χρυσοστόμου)

ⁱⁱGreek: *οἱ διγώντες πορεύεσθε ἐφ’ ὕδωρ και ὅσοι μη ἔχετε ἀργύριον βαδίσαντες ἀγοράσατε και πιετε ἀνευ ἀργυρίου και τιμῆς οἴνου και στέαρ.*

ⁱⁱⁱGreek: *Συγχωρήσωμεν πάντα τῇ Ἀναστάσει.*

PATRIARCHAL ENCYCLICAL
FOR HOLY PASCHA

Prot. No. 244

+ B A R T H O L O M E W
BY GOD'S MERCY
ARCHBISHOP OF CONSTANTINOPLE-NEW ROME
AND ECUMENICAL PATRIARCH
TO THE PLENITUDE OF THE CHURCH:
MAY THE GRACE, PEACE AND MERCY OF CHRIST RISEN IN GLORY
BE WITH YOU ALL
* * *

Most honorable brother Hierarchs and beloved children in the Lord,

By the pleasure and grace of God, the giver of all gifts, having run the race of Holy and Great Lent and spent with compunction the Week of our Lord's Passion, behold we delight in the celebration of His splendid Resurrection, through which we were redeemed from the tyranny of Hades.

The glorious Resurrection of the Lord Christ from the dead is a shared resurrection of the entire race of mortals and a foretaste of the perfection of all, as well as of the fulfilment of the Divine *Oikonomia* in the heavenly Kingdom. We participate in the ineffable mystery of the Resurrection in the Church, being sanctified in its sacraments and experiencing Pascha, "which has opened to us the gates of Paradise," not as a recollection of an event in the past, but as the quintessence of ecclesiastical life, as the presence of Christ ever among us, closer to us than we to ourselves. On Pascha, the Orthodox faithful discover their true selves as being in Christ; they are integrated into the movement of all things to the End Times, "with inexpressible and glorious joy" (1 Peter 1.8), as "children of light . . . and children of day" (1 Thess. 5.5).

The central feature of Orthodox life is its Resurrectional pulse. Philosophers have wrongly described Orthodox spirituality as "sullen" and "autumnal." By contrast, Westerners rightly praise the refined perceptiveness of the Orthodox in relation to the meaning and depth of the paschal experience. Yet this faith never forgets that the way to the Resurrection passes through the Cross. Orthodox spirituality does not recognize the utopianism of a Resurrection without Crucifixion, nor the pessimism of the Cross without the Resurrection. For this reason, in the Orthodox experience, evil does not have the final word in history, while faith in the Resurrection serves as the motivation for the struggle against the presence of evil and its consequences in the world, acting as a powerful transformative force. In the Orthodox self-consciousness, there is no place for surrender

to evil or for indifference toward the development of human affairs. On the contrary, its contribution to the transformation of history has theological basis and existential grounding and it unfolds without running the risk of identifying the Church with the world. The Orthodox believer is conscious of the antithesis between worldly reality and eschatological perfection. And so he or she cannot remain idle before any negative dimensions of the world. For this reason, the Orthodox Church has never considered the struggle for transforming the world as a meaningless matter. Our faith in the Resurrection has preserved the Church both from introversion and indifference for the world, as well as from secularization.

For us Orthodox, the entire mystery and existential treasure of our piety is condensed into Pascha. When we hear that the Myrrh-bearers “were astonished” upon “entering the tomb and seeing a young man dressed in bright clothes” (Mark 16.5), this characterizes the vastness and essence of our experience of faith as the experience of existential wonder. When we hear that “they were astonished,” this means that we find ourselves before a mystery that becomes deeper the more we approach it, in accordance with what has been said, that our faith “is not a journey from mystery to knowledge, but from knowledge to mystery.”

While the denial of mystery existentially reduces human nature, the respect of mystery opens to us the gates of heaven. Faith in the Resurrection is the deepest and clearest expression of our freedom; or rather, it is the birth of freedom as a voluntary acceptance of the supreme divine gift, namely of deification by grace. As “experienced Resurrection,” the Orthodox Church is the space of “authentic freedom” that for the Christian life is the foundation, way, and destiny. The Resurrection of Christ is the good news of freedom, the gift of freedom, and the guarantee of “shared freedom” in the “eternal life” of the Kingdom of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

With these sentiments, most precious brothers and beloved children, filled with the complete joy of participating in “the feast that is shared by all,” having received light from the unwaning light and given glory to Christ risen from the dead and brought life to all – even as we remember during this all-festal “chosen and holy day” all of our brothers and sisters in difficult circumstances – we pray to our Lord “who trampled down death by death,” the God of peace, that He might bring peace to the world and guide our steps toward every deed that is good and pleasing to Him, proclaiming the all-joyous hymn “Christ is Risen!”

At the Phanar, Holy Pascha 2024
 + Bartholomew of Constantinople
 Fervent supplicant for you all
 to the Risen Lord

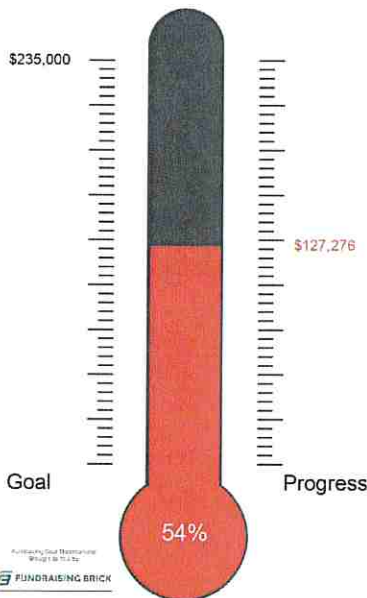
To be read after the Holy Gospel during the Divine Liturgy on the Feast of Holy Pascha.

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.>



<u>2024</u>	<u>STEWARDSHIP</u>
Total Stewards	218 (GOAL 300)
Total Pledged	\$ 127,276.00 GOAL (\$235,000.00)
Avg. Pledge	\$831.87

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.

The background of the entire page is a photograph of a Greek island, likely Santorini, featuring white-washed buildings with prominent blue domes and a red bell tower. The scene is set against a sunset sky with warm orange and yellow tones, overlooking a calm blue sea.

Save the Date!

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

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

AHEPA NEWS

AHEPA Day has been organized for May 19, 2024 this year. We Ahepans and Daughters of Penelope will attend church on Sunday May 19, 2024 to show appreciation for those past members



GOYA Technical Support



During coffee hour, people may bring laptops, Cell phones, tablets etc. !

Some would like to complete an assignment, finish up a work slide, watch a cooking video, and more!

Stop by the goya table during coffee hour with any electronic you are having difficulties with and have a goyan help you out!



From the Church School Desk!

Χριστός Ανέστη!
CHRIST IS RISEN!

Upcoming dates to remember:

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

Church School Graduation
Sunday, May 19, 2024

Yours in Christ
Miss Michelle

Food Festival Preparations

62nd Annual St. Nicholas Greek Food Festival

Sunday, May 12 - Saturday, May 18, 2024

Our festival is almost here. Please consider how you can help.

Set-Up is this coming week. We would need particular help during the day this coming Friday and Saturday, May 10 and 11, (cutting, cupping and plating of pastries, plating grape leaves, etc.).

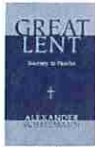
To volunteer during festival week, you may

- contact Bunny in the Church Office, (412-682-3866, Ext. 3),
- go on the Church's website, www.stnickspgh.org and with a click sign up there, or
- contact any of the following:

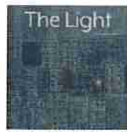
Elaine Andrianos, Food Line
Marcie McGuire, Pastries
Michelle Kotsagrellos, Online Orders
Lenna Cominos or Keli Frentzos, Loukoumades
Alice Gary, Baklava Sundaes
Nick Strauch, Bar

St. John Chrysostom Bookstore

Featuring books, cards, and gifts for Great Lent and Pascha.



Books



Children's Books



Icons



Cookbooks



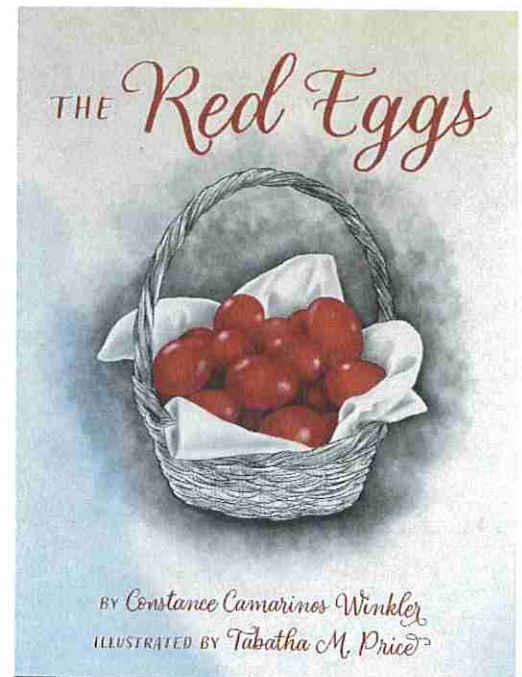
Greeting Cards



Coloring Books



Red Egg Dye



**THE GAPA SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS ARE IN THE
NARTHEX FOR GRADUATING SENIORS.**

Camp Fundraiser:

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").

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:

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*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.

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

Enclosed is my gift of \$ _____

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Honorees will receive a special Father's Day acknowledgement card.

The amount of your gift will not be disclosed.

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JOIN CHAPTER ICAROS FOR THE 47th ANNUAL MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND MINI CONVENTION DANCE!

Sunday, May 26, 2024 ~ 9:00pm-2:00am

Dormition of the Theotokos Greek Orthodox Church Hall, 12 Washington Ave., Oakmont, PA 15139

Adults: \$25.00 Children (12 and under): \$5.00

Cash Bar ♦ Mezethes ♦ Chinese Raffle

Live Music with Ta Filarakia, featuring Victoria Mavrogeorgis on Viola!

Contact: Michelle Kotsagrelou at 412-680-1416 or mmk8317@hotmail.com

JOIN CHAPTER ICAROS FOR THE 22nd ANNUAL STEVE MANNERS ICARIAN OPEN



Steve Manners and Mike Aivaliotis

Saturday, May 25, 2024

Meadowink Golf Course

4076 Bulltown Road, Murrysville, PA 15668

*Don't be left out! Get a foursome together...
We will make foursomes as best we can for the rest.*

PRICE: \$115.00 includes green fees, cart, snack at the turn, beer, and dinner

AGENDA: 12:00pm – Registration
1:00pm – Shotgun Start
6:00pm – Dinner

CONTACT: Anna Aivaliotis at 412-310-7290 or annaca@pitt.edu

Dress Code: collared shirts; no cut-offs. **Reminder:** PA LCB does not allow you to bring your own beer.

THE 2024 PITTSBURGH SUMMER GREEK FESTIVALS GUIDE

It's a great tradition, and it's here again: 35 days of Greek Festivals in the Pittsburgh region, so plan well and you can eat Greek all summer! Post this schedule on your refrigerator and share copies with others. We look forward to seeing you!

LOCATION

DATES

- St. Nicholas (Pittsburgh/Oakland)May 12-18
- All Saints (Canonsburg)..... June 3-7
- Holy Cross (Pittsburgh/Mt. Lebanon) June 11-14
- Kimisis Tis Theotokou (Aliquippa)..... June 13-15
- Holy Dormition (Oakmont) June 28-30
- St. Spyridon (Monessen).....July 12
- Holy Trinity (Ambridge)July 16-20
- Presentation of Christ/Ypapanti (East Pgh.).....July 18-20
- Holy Trinity (Pittsburgh/North Hills)..... August 29-September 1

SEE BELOW FOR FESTIVAL HOURS & HOST PARISH WEB SITES. CHECK FOR UPDATES.

THE 2024 PITTSBURGH SUMMER GREEK FESTIVALS: ALL THE DETAILS

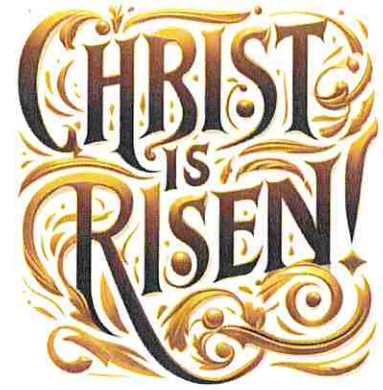
Don't cook tonight...go Greek! Please pass copies on to your friends! Greek food is always enjoyed best with good company!

Parish	Dates	Address	Phone	Website	Hours
Saint Nicholas	May 12-18	419 S. Dithridge Street Pittsburgh (Oakland)	412-682-3866	www.StNicksPgh.org	Sun: 12p-8p; Mon-Fri: 11a-9p; Sat: 1p-9p
All Saints	June 3-7	601 West McMurray Road Canonsburg	724-745-5205	www.AllSaintsCbg.org	Mon-Fri: 11a-9p
Holy Cross	June 11-14	123 Gilkeson Road Pittsburgh (Mt. Lebanon)	412-833-3355	www.HolyCrossPgh.org	Tue-Thu: 11a-8p Fri: 11a-9p
Kimisis Tis Theotokou	June 13-15	2111 Davidson Street Aliquippa	724-375-5341	www.Theotokou.org	Thu-Sat: 11a-8p
Holy Dormition	June 28-30	12 Washington Avenue Oakmont	412-828-4144	www.DormitionPgh.org	Fri-Sun: 12p-11p Dinner until 9pm
Saint Spyridon	July 12	1207 Grand Boulevard Monessen	724-684-5411	stspyridon.pa.goarch.org	Fri: 11a-9p
Holy Trinity (Ambridge)	July 16-20	2930 Beaver Road Ambridge	724-266-5336	www.htgoc.org	Tue-Sat: 11:30a-8:30p
Ypapanti (Presentation of Christ)	July 18-20	1672 Electric Avenue East Pittsburgh	412-824-9188	www.ypapanti.net	Thu-Sat: 11a-9p
Holy Trinity (Pittsburgh)	August 29- September 1	985 Providence Boulevard Pittsburgh (across from Passavant Hospital)	412-366-8700	www.HolyTrinityPgh.org	Thu-Sun: 11a-9p

Thank you for enjoying our great Greek food and visiting our churches. Want to also help these communities feed, minister to and provide health care for the hungry and needy of the Hill District and the Pittsburgh area? Support the Neighbor Resilience Project by visiting neighborhoodresilience.org, a philanthropic ministry united in faith and joined by a desire to provide action-oriented and sustainable solutions for poverty-and-trauma-affected communities in the Pittsburgh area.

This free guide is provided as a public service of Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church (Pittsburgh). Online at HolyTrinityPgh.org/pittsburgh-greek-festivals-guide.

PASCHAL GREETING IN OTHER LANGUAGES



Albanian – Krishti u ngjall! Vërtet u ngjall!

Arabic – !اقح ماق! حيسملا ماق (*al-Masīḥ qām! Haqqan qām!*)

Armenian – Christos haryav i merelotz! Orhnial e Haroutiunn Christosi! –
(*Christ is risen! Blessed is the resurrection of Christ!*)

Bulgarian – Христос възкръсна! Наистина възкръсна! (*Hristos vyzkryсна!
Naistina vyzkryсна!*)

Coptic – ΠιΧριστος αφτωνφ! Ήεν ουμεθμι αφτωνφ! (*Pikhristos Aftonf! Khen
oumethmi aftonf!*)

Dutch – Christus is opgestaan! Hij is waarlijk opgestaan!

English – Christ is Risen! Truly He is Risen!

French – Christ est ressuscité! Il est vraiment ressuscité!

Georgian – ქრისტე აღსდგა! ჭეშმარიტად აღსდგა! (*Kriste aḡsdga!
Č'ešmarit'ad aḡsdga!*)

German – Christus ist auferstanden! Er ist wahrhaftig auferstanden!

Greek – Χριστός ανέστη! Ἀληθῶς ανέστη! (*Khristós Anésti! Alithós Anésti!*)

Italian – Cristo è risorto! È veramente risorto!

Japanese – ハリストス復活! 実に復活! (*Harisutosu fukkatsu! Jitsu ni fukkatsu!*)

Korean – 그리스도께서 부활하 셧네! 참으로 부활하셧네! (*Geuriseudokkeseo
Buhwalhasheotne! Chameuro Buhwalhasheotne!*)

Latin – Christus resurrexit! Resurrexit vere!

Mandarin – 基督復活了 他確實復 活了 (*Jidu fuhuo-le! Ta queshi fuhuo-le!*)

Norwegian – Kristus er oppstanden! Han er sannelig oppstanden!

Polish – Chrystus zmartwychwstał! Prawd-ziwie zmartwychwstał!

Portuguese – Cristo ressuscitou! Em verdade ressuscitou!

Romanian – Hristos a înviat! Adevărat a înviat!

Church Slavonic – Хрїсто́съ воскрѣсе! Воистину воскресе! (*Christos voskrese!
Voistinu voskrese!*)

Spanish – ¡Cristo ha resucitado! ¡En verdad ha resucitado!

Swahili – Kristo Amefufukka! Kweli Amefufukka!

MAY 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
5 GREAT AND HOLY PASCHA Agape Vespers 12:30 p.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 Award 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	30	31	JUNE 1 Greek School 10:00 a.m.