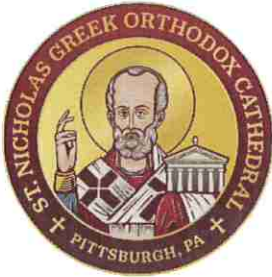


SUNDAY, September 8 – Sunday before Holy Cross

The Nativity of Our Most Holy Lady the Theotokos and Ever-Virgin Mary



WELCOME TO ST. NICHOLAS CATHEDRAL!

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

CLERGY: Rev. Fr. Eleftherios Constantine and Rev. Dn. Robert Lykos

Father's E-mail: fr.ec@stnickspgh.org

PROTOPSALTRIA: Amy Hogg

CHOIR DIRECTOR: Steve Andrews | ORGANIST: Brett Wells

Questions about our Parish? E-mail church@stnickspgh.org or call 412-682-3866

Our Sunday worship schedule: Orthros 8:15 a.m. & Divine Liturgy 9:30 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> by clicking the Giving tab and select donate. or you may access the donation page by visiting <https://abundant.co/stnickspgh/give>

TODAY:

- ❖ Coffee Hour will be hosted by the Parish Council in the Large Hall.
- ❖ There will be a meeting of the St. Nicholas Garden Club after church today.

THIS WEEK AT ST. NICHOLAS:

- Monday, September 9: YAL Basketball
- Friday, September 13: *Great Vespers at Holy Cross in Mt. Lebanon, PA*
- Saturday, September 14: Exaltation of the Holy Cross – STRICT FAST
Orthros 9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m.
- Sunday, September 15: Community Fellowship Sunday
First Day of Church School

Since last fall, the church beautification committee has been working hard. We will be requesting donations to purchase the following items, including new hanging oil lamps for the iconostasis, candlesticks for the ceremonial tables and altar cloths. Details regarding final costs will be available soon.

Anyone interested in contributing towards the cost of these items can please see either Father Eleftherios or any member of the committee: Carol Tsudis, Rob Day, Peter Krelis, Amy Hogg, Alex Davides, Tulla Velisaris or Deacon Robert Lykos.

TODAY'S HYMNS AND READINGS

The Festal Apolytikion Hymn of the day (for the Nativity of the Theotokos) in fourth mode is chanted twice for the Small Entrance:

Ἡ γέννησίς σου Θεοτόκε, χαρὰν ἐμήνυσσε πάση τῇ οἰκουμένῃ· ἐκ σοῦ γὰρ ἀνέτειλεν ὁ ἥλιος τῆς δικαιοσύνης, Χριστὸς ὁ Θεὸς ἡμῶν, καὶ λύσας τὴν κατάραν, ἔδωκε τὴν εὐλογίαν· καὶ καταργήσας τὸν θάνατον, ἔδωρήσατο ἡμῖν ζωὴν τὴν αἰώνιον.

Your Nativity, O Theotokos, imparted joy to the entire earth, for out of you has risen the Sun of Righteousness, Christ our God. He nullified the curse and instead gave His blessing; and causing death to be neutralized, He granted us eternal life.

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

Following the Small Entrance, the Resurrection Hymn of the week in second mode.

Ὅτε κατήλθες πρὸς τὸν θάνατον, ἢ ζωὴ ἢ ἀθάνατος, τότε τὸν ἄδην ἐνέκρωσας, τῇ ἀστραπῇ τῆς θεότητος· ὅτε δὲ καὶ τοὺς τεθνεῶτας, ἐκ τῶν καταχθονίων ἀνέστησας, πᾶσαι αἱ δυνάμεις τῶν ἐπουρανίων ἐκραύγαζον· Ζωοδότα Χριστέ, ὁ Θεὸς ἡμῶν δόξα σοι.

When You descended unto Death, O Lord, You who are immortal Life put Hades to death, by the lightning of Your divinity. And when You raised the dead from the netherworld, all the hosts of heaven sang aloud to You, "O Christ God, Giver of life, glory to You!"

After this, the Festal Apolytikion for the Nativity of the Theotokos is repeated (see above).

Finally, we chant the festal Kontakion for the Nativity of the Theotokos in fourth mode:

Ἰωακείμ καὶ Ἄννα ὄνειδισμοῦ ἀτεκνίας, καὶ Ἀδὰμ καὶ Εὐὰ, ἐκ τῆς φθορᾶς τοῦ θανάτου, ἠλευθερώθησαν, Ἄχραντε, ἐν τῇ ἀγία γεννήσει σου· αὐτὴν ἑορτάζει καὶ ὁ λαὸς σου, ἐνοχῆς τῶν πταισμάτων, λυτρωθεὶς ἐν τῷ κρᾶζειν σοι· Ἡ στειῖρα τίκτει τὴν Θεοτόκον, καὶ τροφὸν τῆς ζωῆς ἡμῶν.

Both Joachim and Anna from their sterility's stigma, and Adam and Eve from their mortality's ruin have been set free, O immaculate Maid, by your holy nativity. For this do your people hold celebration, redeemed from the guilt of transgression as they cry to you, "The barren one bears the Theotokos, the nourisher of our Life."

Today's Epistle Reading (For the Sunday before the Cross):

The reading is from Paul's Letter to the Galatians (6:11-18)

Ἀδελφοί, ἴδετε πηλίκους ὑμῖν γράμμασιν ἔγραψα τῇ ἐμῇ χειρὶ. ὅσοι θέλουσιν εὐπροσωπῆσαι ἐν σαρκί, οὗτοι ἀναγκάζουσιν ὑμᾶς περιτέμνεσθαι, μόνον ἵνα μὴ τῷ σταυρῷ τοῦ Χριστοῦ διώκωνται. οὐδὲ γὰρ οἱ περιτετμημένοι αὐτοὶ νόμον φυλάσσουν, ἀλλὰ θέλουσιν ὑμᾶς περιτέμνεσθαι, ἵνα ἐν τῇ ὑμετέρᾳ σαρκὶ καυχῶσινται. ἐμοὶ δὲ μὴ γένοιτο καυχᾶσθαι εἰ μὴ ἐν τῷ σταυρῷ τοῦ Κυρίου ἡμῶν Ἰησοῦ Χριστοῦ, δι' οὗ ἐμοὶ κόσμος ἐσταύρωται καὶ ἐγὼ τῷ κόσμῳ. ἐν γὰρ Χριστῷ Ἰησοῦ οὔτε περιτομὴ τι ἰσχύει οὔτε ἀκροβυστία, ἀλλὰ καινὴ κτίσις. καὶ ὅσοι τῷ κανόνι τούτῳ στοιχήσουσιν, εἰρήνη ἐπ' αὐτοὺς καὶ ἔλεος, καὶ ἐπὶ τὸν Ἰσραὴλ τοῦ Θεοῦ. Τοῦ λοιποῦ κόπους μοι μηδεὶς παρεχέτω· ἐγὼ γὰρ τὰ

στίγματα τοῦ Κυρίου Ἰησοῦ ἐν τῷ σώματί μου βαστάζω. Ἡ χάρις τοῦ Κυρίου ἡμῶν Ἰησοῦ Χριστοῦ μετὰ τοῦ πνεύματος ὑμῶν, ἀδελφοί· ἀμήν.

Brethren, see with what large letters I am writing to you with my own hand. It is those who want to make a good showing in the flesh that would compel you to be circumcised, and only in order that they may not be persecuted for the cross of Christ. For even those who receive circumcision do not themselves keep the law, but they desire to have you circumcised that they may glory in your flesh. But far be it from me to glory except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision counts for anything, nor uncircumcision, but a new creation. Peace and mercy be upon all who walk by this rule, upon the Israel of God. Henceforth let no man trouble me; for I bear on my body the marks of Jesus. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brethren. Amen. [RSV]

Today's Gospel Reading (*For the Sunday before the Cross*):
The reading is from the Holy Gospel according to Luke (4:16–22)

Εἶπεν ὁ Κύριος· οὐδεὶς ἀναβέβηκεν εἰς τὸν οὐρανὸν εἰ μὴ ὁ ἐκ τοῦ οὐρανοῦ καταβάς, ὁ υἱὸς τοῦ ἀνθρώπου ὁ ὢν ἐν τῷ οὐρανῷ. καὶ καθὼς Μωϋσῆς ὑψώσε τὸν ὄφιν ἐν τῇ ἐρήμῳ, οὕτως ὑψωθῆναι δεῖ τὸν υἱὸν τοῦ ἀνθρώπου, ἵνα πᾶς ὁ πιστεύων εἰς αὐτὸν μὴ ἀπόληται, ἀλλ' ἔχη ζωὴν αἰώνιον. οὕτω γὰρ ἠγάπησεν ὁ Θεὸς τὸν κόσμον, ὥστε τὸν υἱὸν αὐτοῦ τὸν μονογενῆ ἔδωκεν, ἵνα πᾶς ὁ πιστεύων εἰς αὐτὸν μὴ ἀπόληται, ἀλλ' ἔχη ζωὴν αἰώνιον. οὐ γὰρ ἀπέστειλεν ὁ Θεὸς τὸν υἱὸν αὐτοῦ εἰς τὸν κόσμον ἵνα κρίνη τὸν κόσμον, ἀλλ' ἵνα σωθῆ ὁ κόσμος δι' αὐτοῦ.

The Lord said, “No one has ascended into heaven but he who descended from heaven, the Son of man who is in heaven. And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God so loved the world that he gave his only-begotten Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God sent the Son into the world, not to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him.” [RSV]

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Instead of “It is truly right...” the Ninth Ode of the feast is chanted in plagal fourth mode:

Ἀλλότριον τῶν μητέρων ἢ παρθενία, καὶ ξένον ταῖς παρθένοις ἢ παιδοποιΐα· ἐπὶ σοὶ Θεοτόκε ἀμφοτέρα ὠκονομήθη· διό σε πᾶσαι αἱ φυλαὶ τῆς γῆς, ἀπαύστως μακαρίζομεν..

Virginity is a state alien to mothers, and childbirth is foreign to those who are virgins. But in you, Theotokos, have both of these been accomplished. Indeed all generations everywhere now call you blessed evermore.

The Festal Communion hymn of the Theotokos is chanted today, instead of the usual “Praise the Lord...”:

Ποτήριον σωτηρίου λήψομαι καὶ τὸ ὄνομα Κυρίου ἐπικαλέσομαι. Ἀλληλουῖα.

I will take up the cup of salvation, and call upon the name of the Lord. Alleluia.

ORTHODOXY

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FOR YOUNG ADULTS

FEATURING KEYNOTE SPEAKER



Fr. Eleftherios Constantine

PRESIDING PRIEST OF ST. NICHOLAS GREEK ORTHODOX
CATHEDRAL OF PITTSBURGH, PA

UNIVERSITY OF PITTSBURGH AND
CARNEGIE MELLON UNIVERSITY OCF SPIRITUAL ADVISOR

SEPTEMBER 8, 2024 AT 5:00 PM

Monterey Pub

1227 Monterey St. Pittsburgh, PA 15212

**TOPIC: CLOTHED IN RIGHTEOUSNESS
A TALK ON SPIRITUAL AWARENESS**

Following our speaker, we invite you to enjoy fellowship,
a lively discussion and cake to celebrate the Panagia's birthday!

Questions? Contact Lucas Carroll at lucascarroll42@gmail.com

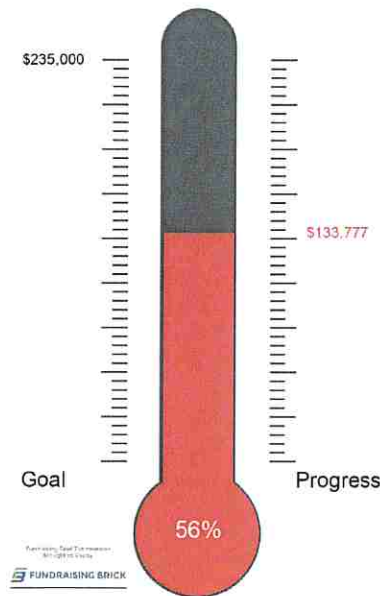


2024 Stewardship Pledge Cards are in the Narthex.

(Just ask a member of Parish Council)



Visit our website to fill out a Stewardship Card for 2024 or to donate <https://stnicksqgh>.



<u>2024</u>	<u>STEWARDSHIP</u>
Total Stewards	246 (GOAL 300)
Total Pledged	\$ 133,777.00 GOAL (\$235,000.00)
Avg. Pledge	\$801.06

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.



ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM BOOKSTORE



Stop by our table on Community Fellowship Sunday, Sept. 15, to see what our bookstore has to offer.

Open Sundays following Divine Liturgy.



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!



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NEW YORK TRIP

HURRY! LIMITED SEATING AVAILABLE!

Please help spread the word even if you, personally, are not going. One need not be Greek,

Orthodox or a senior. Tell your friends, neighbors, children, even grandchildren. Our neighboring churches have also been invited. There is no dress code for the shrine or the Paraklesis.

Double occupancy: \$580 per person Triple occupancy: \$550 per person

Single occupancy: \$800

(Down payment \$25 now—full payment due September 16)

Several people have expressed an interest in sharing a room. Let us know if you are interested and we will help make the arrangements.

We realize the amount of walking is a concern. Of course, you must be able to get on and off the bus, but where there is free time—the 9/11 memorial, the Ellis Island/Statue of Liberty and where you choose to have lunch--you walk at your own pace and distance. **Your only obligation is to be at the designated bus stop on time.** As any seasoned traveler will agree, tourist attractions are generally designed for the comfort of the tourist in mind with rest stops, seating and eateries near-by.

Any questions? Please contact Alice Gary (412-249-8612) or Fran Hanna (412-731-0790).

We are looking forward to three days and two nights of prayer, reflection, camaraderie and sightseeing in one of the world's most interesting cities-- and a great representation from Western Pennsylvania, Ohio and West Virginia.

Please Join Our St. Nicholas 60 Club
on a Memorable 3-day/2-night Trip to

NEW YORK CITY, NEW YORK

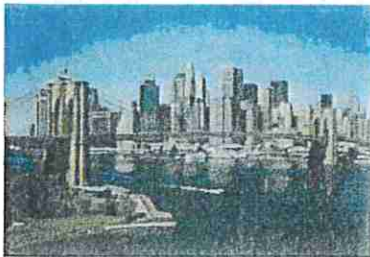
Featuring the ST. NICHOLAS GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH & NATIONAL SHRINE

3 DAYS - 2 NIGHTS

OCTOBER 15 - 17, 2024

\$580 per person
double occupancy

\$25 per person deposit due by 8/20/24
Balance due by 10/1/24
Make checks payable to:
St. Nicholas 60 Club
and mail to **St. Nicholas Cathedral**
(see address below)

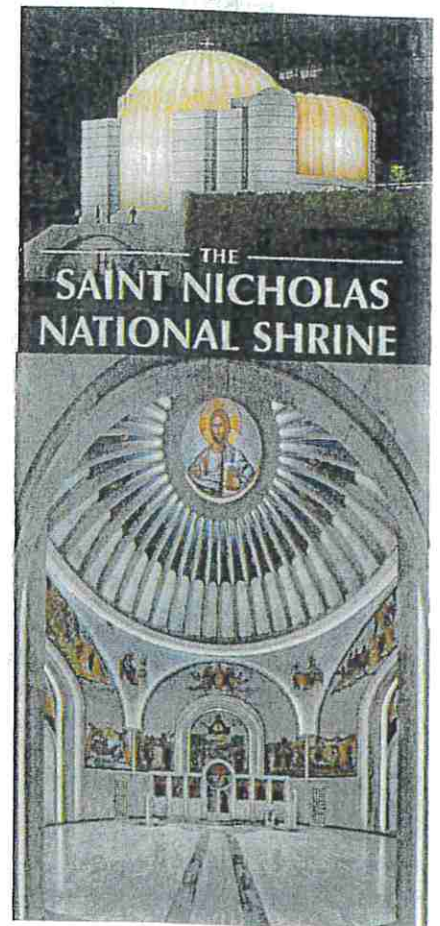


DELICIOUS MEALS
FABULOUS TOURS

PACKAGE INCLUDES:

- * 2 Nights lodging
- * 2 Breakfasts
- * 2 Dinners, including a lovely dinner in Astoria, Queens
- * Tour of the St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church & National Shrine
- * Visit & Tour the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America National Headquarters
- * Free time to visit the National 9/11 Memorial
- * Free time in Manhattan
- * Tour of Upper Manhattan
- * Tour of Lower Manhattan
- * Ferry to Statue of Liberty & Ellis Island with audio tour
- * Souvenir gift
- * Luggage handling
- * Taxes and meal gratuities
- * Motorcoach transportation

9/11
MEMORIAL



See reverse side for tentative itinerary

Cancellation insurance is available & highly recommended; see reverse side for details.

FOR INFORMATION AND RESERVATIONS CONTACT:



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NEW YORK CITY, NEW YORK

3 Days - 2 Nights

The sample itinerary described below is approximately like the one your group will be following during your stay with WHITE STAR TOURS. However, the exact times, days, and destinations may vary for your group.

- Day 1** A **7:00 a.m.** departure from St. Nicholas Cathedral has you traveling to New York City with a lunch stop on your own along the way. At approximately **2:00 pm**, you will arrive in Manhattan to meet your local guide for **tours of Upper Manhattan** (the Lincoln Center, United Nations, Fifth Avenue, Harlem, St. John Divine Cathedral, St. Patrick's Cathedral, Central Park, and Rockefeller Center) and **Lower Manhattan** (famous buildings and colorful districts such as Soho, Little Italy, Chinatown, the Garment District, the Financial District, and Ground Zero). After the tour, check into your hotel with time to relax and freshen up before departing for **6:00 pm dinner** in the New York City area. After dinner, return to your hotel for a relaxing evening.
- Day 2** Enjoy a leisurely breakfast at your hotel (7-9 am), then board your motor coach to depart at 9:00 am for Manhattan for the opportunity to visit and **tour the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of American National Headquarters** which was founded in 1921. After your visit, you will travel to Lower Manhattan for a **noon arrival** at the **St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church & National Shrine** for a brief introduction to this extraordinary church ... truly a sight to behold. At **12:30 pm**, you will attend the **Paraklesis Service**. Following the Service, you may wish to visit the **9/11 Memorial** which is within walking distance to the Church. At approximately **3:00 pm**, you will travel to Astoria, Queens for the opportunity to shop at the newly opened **Titan Greek Food Store**. Your day will end with a delicious **6:00 pm dinner at one of the Greek restaurants (TBA)** in Astoria. At approximately **8:00 pm**, you will depart to return to your hotel for a restful evening.
- Day 3** After breakfast at your hotel (7-9 am), check out and depart at **9:00 am** for Lower Manhattan's Battery Park to board the Statue Cruise Ferry to Liberty Island to visit the **Statue of Liberty** and the **Statue of Liberty Museum**. Following your visit, you will re-board the ferry to cruise to **Ellis Island**, a landmark which symbolizes America's immigrant heritage. The Museum is designed as a self-guided museum with three floors of audio/visual displays and exhibits detailing the history of the immigration process from 1912 to 1954. Your enhanced visit will include an **audio tour** through this historic Main Building while allowing you to vividly relive the immigrant experience through first hand immigration accounts. You will also have the opportunity to see the **Wall of Honor** which lists the names of the immigrants that arrived on Ellis Island. Enjoy lunch on your own at either attractions. Re-board the ferry to return to Battery Park and continue home with fond memories of your trip to New York City.

THANK YOU FOR ALLOWING WHITE STAR TOURS TO BE A PART OF YOUR TRAVELS!

TRIP CANCELLATION PROTECTION

*Cancellation protection is encouraged for medical emergencies that may occur. The **Enhanced option must be paid within 14 days** from the day the first deposit for the trip is paid to the organization and/or group leader. There is an additional Enhanced upgrade - **Cancel for Any Reason**. Cancellation must be made no later than 48 hours prior to your scheduled departure, conditions, limitations, and exclusions do apply. These plans are only valid for trips booked through White Star Tours. To purchase the protection, please contact NTA/AON Insurance via their website at <https://nta.aontravelprotect.com> and provide the **Tour Operator Location #386097**.*

GREEK SCHOOL

The first day of **Children's Greek Language Classes** for the 2024 – 2025 school year will begin at 10 a.m. **on Saturday, September 21.** All the teachers are joyfully awaiting seeing the children. New activities are planned to take place this year. We ask that children accompanied by their Parents report directly to their class. An Aghiasmo Service will be done near the end of class with Rev. Fr. Eleftherios Constantine. The Annual Ice Cream Social will take place following the Aghiasmo Service.

Registration will take place on Sunday, September 1 or by mailing the form and payment to the church. Children's classes from Pre-K (4year olds) through 7th are on Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. To begin First Grade Level Greek, children are to be in First grade or higher in their American School.

Adult Greek Classes will start on the first week of October. They will be held on weeknights for one and a half hours. There are three classes—Beginners, Intermediates, and Advanced, all taught on the same evening.

For more information or to register as a new applicant, e-mail Maria at mstamoolis@verizon.net

ST. NICHOLAS CATHEDRAL
GREEK LANGUAGE SCHOOL REGISTRATION FOR CHILD
2024 - 2025

Yearly Tuition for Children

1 student=\$250; 2 students=\$450; 3 students=\$675; 4 students=\$900
 Make checks payable to **St. Nicholas Cathedral** with Greek School in the memo.

Child's **LAST NAME** (English&Greek) _____
 Child's **First Name** (English &Greek) _____
 ADDRESS _____
 CITY _____ State _____ ZIP _____
 HOME PHONE _____ primary CELL _____
 Primary E-MAIL _____
 Another CELL phone to receive info. _____
 Another E-MAIL to receive info. _____
 FATHER'S NAME (English & Greek) _____
 MOTHER'S NAME (English & Greek) _____
 School District Child Attends _____

Child's Age	Grade American School	Name Day	Birthdate	Grade Greek School

Any food allergies? Please list _____

IN case of EMERGENCY Εν ώρα ΑΝΑΓΚΗΣ Please give the names of relatives or other persons that could be reached. Children will be taken to Children's Hospital.

Emergency Name _____ PHONE _____
 Emergency Name _____ PHONE _____

Parent's Signature _____

Parent Volunteering – Your Help is Needed!

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| <p>___ serving on Greek School Committee</p> <p>___ with Costume fitting</p> <p>___ with St. Nicholas Bazaar</p> <p>___ with Christmas Caroling in nursing homes</p> <p>___ with copying</p> | <p>___ Substituting</p> <p>___ March 25th Luncheon</p> <p>___ with Greek Language Festival</p> <p>___ with Bake Sale</p> <p>___ being a teacher's assistant</p> |
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ST. NICHOLAS CATHEDRAL
GREEK LANGUAGE SCHOOL REGISTRATION FOR ADULT
2024 - 2025

Please select

Beginners

Intermediates

Advanced

Yearly Tuition \$ 350 per student

Checks payable to

St. Nicholas Cathedral

Memo: Greek School

Books are purchased by students
on their own

Please print

Name _____

Address _____

Home phone _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Cell phone _____

E-mail _____

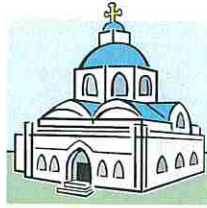
Emergency contact _____

Emergency phone _____

Have you had previous Greek lessons? _____

If so where _____

Why do you want to learn Modern Greek? _____



Sunday, September 15, 2024, the bells will start to ring again for the beginning of Church School with an Agiasmo (Blessings of the Water)!

As the Church School Director I am looking forward to working with the teachers and **YOU** (the St. Nicholas parishioners) to enrich the lives of our children. St. Nicholas is our spiritual family and we all should take part in educating our **youth** (the **you** of tomorrow). As a community, we need to show our children our love and devotion to our Orthodox faith.

This year's Church School theme is "**Knowing your Liturgy.**" Every week in the bulletin, there will be a question (and answer) about the Divine Liturgy.

Every week your child is encouraged to bring "a donation" to Church School (this will help them learn the lesson of "stewardship"), plus, be assigned homework: Do something nice for someone!

Continuing this year, a Church School Choir! Psaltis Amy Hogg will have special lessons with Church School students to teach them to chant the Divine Liturgy and on a Sunday soon, they will chant during Divine Liturgy.

Please take the time to look over the attached 2024-2025 Church School Calendar, fill out the registration form (and bring it on or before the 15th) and volunteer **your** time, talent, and treasure to help **our** children.

I would like to thank the parents in advance for sharing your children with us every Sunday! But what can you do to help? You can help our Church School program, in the final analysis, your child, by bringing him/her every Sunday. Encourage your child to tell you about the lesson taught for the day, as well as the craft brought home. Pray with your child. (Each lesson should begin and end with Prayer.) **Attend worship services together as a family; Divine Liturgy starts at 9:30 a.m.**

Yours in Christ,

Miss Michelle

**Registration Form
St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Cathedral
Church School**

Parent's Names

Address

Phone Numbers

Home _____

Work _____

Cell _____

E-mail _____

Children	Grade	Birthday	Nameday	Allergies
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May we call you to volunteer for one of our projects?

Substitute Teacher _____

Oratorical Festival _____

St. Nicholas Bazaar _____

Communion Breakfast _____

Christmas Pageant _____

Easter Egg Hunt _____

Snacks _____

Outreach Projects _____

Thanks for sharing your children with us every Sunday!

Church School Schedule

2024-2025



Sunday, September 15, 2024		Church School Begins with Agiasmo
Sunday, November 3, 2024		Godparent Sunday
Sunday, December 1, 2024	No Classroom Attendance	Thanksgiving Break
Sunday, December 8, 2024		St. Nicholas Bazaar
Sunday, December 22, 2024		Christmas Pageant
Sunday, December 29, 2024	No Classroom Attendance	Christmas Break
Sunday, January 5, 2025		Church School Resumes & Vasilopita Cutting
Sunday, February 9, 2025		Church School Open House
Sunday, March 9, 2025	Participation in Procession	Sunday of Orthodoxy
Saturday, April 12, 2025	Saturday of Lazarus	Communion Breakfast/Retreat/Palm Making
Sunday, April 13, 2025	Classroom Attendance	Palm Sunday
Sunday, April 20, 2025	No Classroom Attendance	Easter Sunday
Sunday, May 4, 2025	No Classroom Attendance	Food Festival
Sunday, May 18, 2025	No Classroom Attendance	Commencement

FOOD FESTIVAL & BAKING, GREEK DANCE, GREEK SCHOOL, GREEK SCHOOL, GOYA, LITTLE ANGELS, HOPE, JOY, MOMS & DADS, PHILOPTOCHOS, 60 CLUB, YAL, CHANTING, CHOIR, CHURCH SCHOOL,

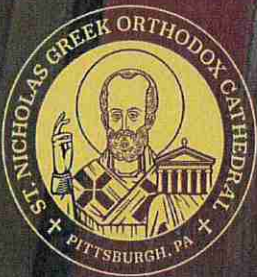
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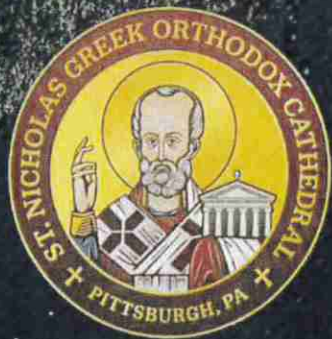
SUNDAY
6 OCTOBER

Orthros: 8:15 a.m.
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SEPTEMBER 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>8</p> <p>Nativity of the Theotokos and Sunday before the Cross</p> <p>Orthros 8:15 a.m. Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m.</p>	<p>9</p> <p>YAL Basketball 7:00 p.m.</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Philoptochos Board Meeting 6:30 p.m.</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p> <p><i>Great Vespers at Holy Cross in Mt. Lebanon, PA</i></p>	<p>14</p> <p>Exaltation of the Holy Cross</p> <p>Orthros 9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m.</p> <p><i>Strict Fast Day</i></p>
<p>15</p> <p>Sunday after Holy Cross</p> <p>Orthros 8:15 a.m. Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m.</p> <p>COMMUNITY FELLOWSHIP SUNDAY</p> <p>First Day of Church School</p>	<p>16</p> <p>Parish Council Meeting 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>YAL Basketball 7:00 p.m.</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p> <p>YAL Volleyball 7:00 p.m.</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p> <p>First Day of Greek School</p> <p>Greek School 10:00 a.m.</p>
<p>22</p> <p>1st Sunday of Luke</p> <p>Orthros 8:15 a.m. Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m.</p> <p>GOYA Car Wash</p>	<p>23</p> <p>YAL Basketball 7:00 p.m.</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p> <p>The Falling Asleep of St. John the Evangelist and Theologian <i>(in anticipation)</i></p> <p>Orthros 6:00 p.m. Divine Liturgy 7:00 p.m.</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p> <p>Metropolis of Pittsburgh Clergy-Laity Assembly at Holy Cross in Mt. Lebanon</p> <p>Greek School 10:00 a.m.</p>
<p>29</p> <p>2nd Sunday Of Luke</p> <p>Orthros 8:15 a.m. Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m.</p>	<p>30</p> <p>YAL Basketball 7:00 p.m.</p>	<p></p>	<p></p>	<p></p>	<p></p>	<p></p>