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Saint Nicholas Greek Orthodox Cathedral Pittsburgh, PA

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APRIL 2025 NEWSLETTER

APRIL 20, 2025



Pascha—meaning “passover”—is the Feast of feasts in the Orthodox Church, not only commemorating Christ’s Resurrection but revealing its cosmic and personal significance. Just as the Israelites were delivered from slavery in Egypt through the blood of the lamb, so too has Christ, the true Lamb of God, delivered us from the tyranny of sin and death by His Crucifixion and Resurrection. In the words of Elder Epiphanius, this sacred “passing over” is not merely historical or symbolic—it is our own spiritual journey: from guilt to righteousness, from darkness to light, from death to life. Christ leads us out of bondage into the “pasture of virtue,” granting us new life not merely for the future, but to be lived now, in the radiant joy of the Resurrection.

This theological reality is beautifully enacted during the Paschal services, beginning at midnight with the triumphant cry, “Come receive the light!” and culminating in the Divine Liturgy with the hymn “Christ is Risen.” The reading of Saint John Chrysostom’s Paschal Homily emphasizes the generosity of God’s grace, offering the joy of the Resurrection to all—regardless of spiritual preparation. Later that day, the Vespers of Love, with the Gospel proclaimed in many languages, announces that Christ’s victory over death is a message for the whole world. Pascha is not simply a liturgical event—it is the gateway to eternal life, the confirmation of our faith, and the fountain of joy that shapes the entire Christian life.

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

All Year Round

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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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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FATHER'S MESSAGE

April 2025

"If Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain and your faith is in vain"

(1 Corinthians 15:14)

My dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As we conclude the Great Lent and prepare to enter into the radiant season of Pascha, we do so not merely to remember a historical event, but to participate in a living reality: the death and resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Pascha is not just one feast among many—it is the Feast of Feasts, the very heart and foundation of our Orthodox Christian faith.

In His rising from the tomb, Christ has trampled down death by death and opened the way for all creation to share in the newness of life. Saint Paul tells us in a very straightforward manner, "If Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain and your faith is in vain" (1 Cor. 15:14). Without the Resurrection, there is no Gospel, there is no Church, and there really is no hope. But because He is risen, our faith is not in vain—it is victorious!

The liturgical celebration of Paschal itself offers us a small glimpse into this mystery. At midnight, we gather in darkness, holding candles, waiting for the light. Then, in one moment, light floods the church as we chant the hymn: "Come receive the light from the unwaning Light, and glorify Christ who is risen from the dead." This is not mere symbolism—it is the soul's journey from death to life in Christ. Again, Pascha is not merely a historical event, but is a living reality in which we actively participate.

The hymn of Pascha—"Christ is risen from the dead, by death He has trampled down death..."—is more than an just a hymn and sort of joyous expression. It is a declaration of truth, a proclamation of victory over death, sin, and despair. In Christ, the curse of Adam is reversed, and a new creation begins. The reading from the Gospel of John that we read at the Paschal Liturgy, we hear that: "In Him was life, and the life was the light of men" (John 1:4). This is the life now offered to us—not just after death, but beginning even now, through our union with the crucified and risen Lord.

FATHER'S MESSAGE, Con't

While every Sunday in the Church is a "little Pascha," this Feast of Feasts stands as the full revelation of the Kingdom. It reminds us that we are not people of despair, but people of hope, people of the Resurrection.

May the light of the Risen Christ shine in each of our hearts, our homes, and our lives, now and forever. Let us go forth rejoicing—not only today, but every day—because Christ is Risen, and in Him, we too are raised to eternal life.

Prayerfully yours in the risen Lord,

+Fr. 

† Fr. Eleftherios Constantine

SACRAMENTAL LIFE

FUNERAL

OUR CONDOLENCES to the family of *Christine Dickos* who fell asleep in the Lord on Friday, February 28, 2025. Her funeral was on Tuesday March 4, 2025 at Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church. May her memory be eternal.

OUR CONDOLENCES to the family of *George Sockos* who fell asleep in the Lord on Sunday, March 9, 2025. His funeral was on Tuesday March 11, 2025 at St. Nicholas Cathedral. May his memory be eternal.

(Name _____)

**ST. NICHOLAS GREEK ORTHODOX CATHEDRAL
NAMES FOR SATURDAYS OF THE SOULS 2025**

*"Again we pray for the repose of the souls of the departed servants of God . . . and for the forgiveness of all
their sins, both voluntary and involuntary."*

(Please note: First names only; use complete baptismal name, if known -Greek or English

Orthodox Christians

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Holy Week Service Schedule

SATURDAY, APRIL 12 — SUNDAY, APRIL 20

LAZARUS SATURDAY (4/12)	Orthros and Liturgy <i>Followed by Youth Retreat and Palm Folding</i>	8:30 a.m./9:30 a.m.
PALM SUNDAY (4/13)	Orthros and Liturgy Bridegroom Service	8:15 a.m./9:30 a.m. 6:30 p.m.
HOLY MONDAY (4/14)	Bridegroom Service	6:30 p.m.
HOLY TUESDAY (4/15)	Bridegroom Service	6:30 p.m.
HOLY WEDNESDAY (4/16)	Holy Unction Bridegroom Service <i>with Holy Unction</i>	3:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m.
HOLY THURSDAY (4/17)	Vespereal Liturgy Service of the 12 Gospels	9:30 a.m. 6:00 p.m.
HOLY FRIDAY (4/18)	Royal Hours Apokathelosis Service of Lamentations	9:30 a.m. 3:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m.
HOLY SATURDAY (4/19)	Proti-Anastasi Vespereal Liturgy Midnight Office (Pannyichis) Service of the Resurrection	9:30 a.m. 11:00 p.m. 11:45 p.m.
PASCHA SUNDAY (4/20)	Agape Vespers	11:00 a.m.

OUR JOURNEY TO PASCHA! 2025

Created by Fr. Jonathan Bannon (ACROD)

SUNDAYS		THEMES / GOSPEL READING	HOW TO PARTICIPATE:
Fast - Free Week FEBRUARY 9th		TRIDION WEEKS Publican and the Pharisee Epistle: 2 Timothy 3:10-15 Gospel: Luke 18:10-14	Show compassion on the poor and distressed. Trust in God, not yourself and ask for His help before every task this week.
Normal Fast Week FEBRUARY 16th		The Prodigal Son Returns! Epistle: 1 Corinthians 6:12-20 Gospel: Luke 15:11-32	Schedule a Confession. Every morning say, "Today I will be humble." Use up/freeze meats this week.
Meatfare FEBRUARY 23rd FAREWELL TO MEAT TODAY		The Last Judgement Epistle: 1 Corinthians 8:8-9:2 Gospel: Matthew 25:31-46	Pray facing East this week. Christ is returning from the East and we wait for Him! Use up/freeze dairy this week.
Cheesefare MARCH 2nd FAREWELL TO CHEESE TODAY		Adam and Eve are cast from Paradise! FORGIVENESS SUNDAY Epistle: Romans 13:11-14:4 Gospel: Matthew 6:14-21	Ask each other for forgiveness each evening this week before bed.
1st Sunday of Lent MARCH 9th		GREAT LENT BEGINS WITH FORGIVENESS VESPERS SUNDAY of ORTHODOXY Epistle: Hebrews 11:24-26, 32-12:2 Gospel: John 1:43-51	Bring an icon to church for a procession.
2nd Sunday of Lent MARCH 16th		ST GREGORY PALAMAS Epistle: Hebrews 1:10-2:3 Gospel: Mark 2:1-12	Bring a prayer rope to be blessed today! Use it and pray the Jesus Prayer each day this week.
3rd Sunday of Lent MARCH 23rd		VENERATION OF THE HOLY CROSS HALF WAY TO PASCHA! Epistle: Hebrews 4:14-5:6 Gospel: Mark 8:34-9:1	Wear your cross to church and kiss the cross each morning with a bow!
4th Sunday of Lent MARCH 30th		ST JOHN of the LADDER Epistle: Hebrews 6:13-20 Gospel: Mark 9:17-31	Every time you climb stairs this week ask St. John to help you reach Paradise with the sign of the cross!
5th Sunday of Lent APRIL 6th		ST MARY of EGYPT Epistle: Hebrews 9:11-14 Gospel: Mark 10:32-45	Ask the Theotokos to offer you and the world pure thoughts and ideas this week.
FLOWERY (PALM) SUNDAY! APRIL 13th GREAT WEEK BEGINS		GREAT AND HOLY WEEK ENTRY OF OUR LORD INTO JERUSALEM Epistle: Philippians 4:4-9 Gospel: John 12:1-18	Place your palm branches and pussywillows behind an icon at home and in your car!
GREAT AND HOLY FRIDAY APRIL 18th		GREAT AND HOLY FRIDAY JESUS DIES ON THE CROSS CHECK WITH YOUR PARISH FOR ROYAL HOURS AND VESPERS SCHEDULE	Refrain from TV, Internet & Phones to honor Christ's Death.
FEAST OF FEASTS! APRIL 20th NO FASTING!		BRIGHT WEEK HOLY PASCHA! (CHRIST IS RISEN!) Epistle: Acts 1:1-8 Gospel: John 1:1-17	Greet everyone with "CHRIST IS RISEN!" & say it before good morning and goodnight!

PARISH COUNCIL

WE ARE ALL INVITED TO THE FEAST!

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 April 20th.**

We are still looking for one more person 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 4-10, 2025.** 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 Marcie McGuire and Art Velisaris as our Cathedral's parish recipients of this year's **St. Photios Award!** They will be honored at the 11th St. Photios Awards Banquet Saturday, May 3rd (the day before our Food Festival) at the Pittsburgh-Cranberry Double Tree Hotel in Mars, PA.

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

Yours in Christ,

Michelle Marie Kotsagrelou

What is happening at St. Nicholas?

The answer: A LOT!

Just read the Newsletter, there is something for everyone.

Keeping up with Parish Council:

**Homewood Cemetery
St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Cathedral
Greek Section**

There are currently 38 graves available for purchase.

**Cost per grave
\$2,800 per grave for member of St. Nicholas.
\$3,300 per grave for non-member.**

Contact the church office at 412-682-3866 for further information.



STEWARDSHIP

SAINT NICHOLAS STEWARDSHIP

Saint Nicholas is very grateful to our Stewards!

It is so important during this Lenten season to remember what Christ did for us.

Everything we as Orthodox Christians have and what we offer to God first comes from Him. He offers to us during the Divine Liturgy, the bread and wine, which through God's grace, becomes the Holy Eucharist. We see the world as God's gift, a sacrament of God's presence and a means of communion with Him.

We are then able to offer back to Him, in Thanksgiving and Love, the many blessings we receive from Him. In turn, these blessings are used to serve others, deepen our faith and to strengthen our beloved community.

We ask that 2025 Stewardship Pledge Cards be filled out and turned in as soon as possible. It affords our Parish to know what is expected to come in. These gifts will make our church to become stronger, a place of boundless faith and outreach. ***Imagine the possibilities!***

We thank those Stewards who have already turned in their pledge cards.

The cards are available in the Narthex as well as online at our website, www.stnickspgh.org. For your convenience, a copy is also available in this newsletter. Just print it out and send it into the church office.

Part of church membership is fulfilling his or her stewardship obligation to the Parish according to the Special Regulations and the Uniform Parish Regulations of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese. The responsibilities of membership, fall into three categories:

Liturgical: regular participation in Worship and Sacraments of the Church

Stewardship: Making and fulfilling a financial commitment. It affords being a "member in good standing".

It allows participation in volunteering in all aspects of church life, be it, serving on boards, teaching Sunday School, etc. and voting in Parish elections.

Canonical: Living within the canonical standards of the Greek Orthodox church, be it through, baptism and chrismation, becoming a godparent and marriage

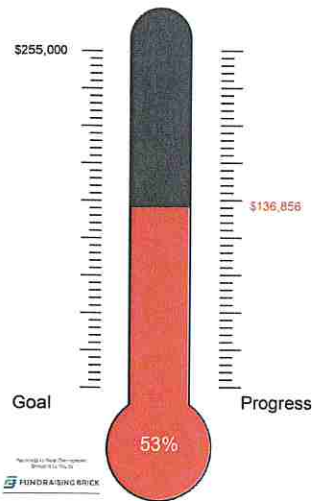
Give of your time, talents and treasure today. *Giving is the legacy of faith, hope and love* that will sustain our beloved Saint Nicholas generations to come.

Give of Your Own from Your Own: God will lovingly return to us much more than we could ever imagine!

2025 STEWARDSHIP

"YOUR OWN FROM YOUR OWN"

**We offer back to God
that which He has given us.**



2025 STEWARDSHIP		03/31/2025
Total Stewards		216
Total Amount Pledged		\$136,856.00
Average Pledge		\$1,052.74
% Parish Participation to Date		73%
2024 Stewards (GOAL)		300
% of Total Budget to Date		53%
2025 Budget (GOAL)		\$ 255,000.00
Total Giving to Date		\$96,978.36
As of:		03/13/2025
Income: Envelopes & Pledges, and Basket Collection	\$ 61,024.00	
Expenses: Salaries, Utilities, Maintenance, Commitments, etc.	\$102,752.00	
	(\$ 41,728.00)	

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>

2025 STEWARDSHIP



Saint Nicholas Greek Orthodox Cathedral
Pittsburgh, PA

2025 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 2025 \$ _____ Contribution Frequency: ☐ Weekly ☐ Monthly ☐ Quarterly ☐ Annually
☐ Please send Stewardship Envelopes ☐ I don't use envelopes Statement delivery: ☐ US Mail ☐ Email



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Pittsburgh, PA

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

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2025 STEWARDSHIP, Continued

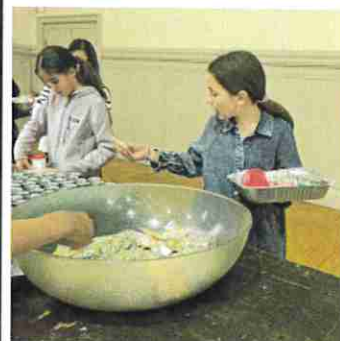


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Weekend of Service 2025



Our parish youth assembled 100 birthday cake kits, which will be donated to local food pantries. **THANK YOU** to everyone who donated in support of this year's Weekend of Service project!

Please Join Philoptochos
for our Annual
**Palm Sunday
Family Luncheon**

Sunday, April 13th 2025

Following Church Services

\$20 for Adults ~ \$10 for Kids (12 and under)

***Reservations are Required*
by Monday, April 7th**

Call or Text Michelle Kotsagrellos (412) 680-1416 or fill out the reservation
form below & mail it along with check to St. Nicholas Philoptochos

Name _____

Phone # _____

Reservations:

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

Total Amount Enclosed _____



Anastasi

CELEBRATION

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



*Following Anastasi Services
in the Cathedral Room*



Free Will Offering
is being accepted by Philoptochos
to offset expenses



Easter Bread

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

\$12 per loaf

ORDERS MUST BE PLACED BY SUNDAY, APRIL 6

BREAD WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR PICK-UP ON PALM SUNDAY, APRIL 13

ORDER FORM

Complete the order form below and mail along WITH A CHECK made payable to:

St. Nicholas Philoptochos/Easter Bread, St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Cathedral, 419 S. Dithridge St., Pittsburgh, PA 15213

Name _____

Telephone _____ Number of Loaves _____

☐ with Sesame Seeds

☐ without Sesame Seeds

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

Thank you for your support.

All Proceeds Benefit the Ongoing Charitable Activities of our Philoptochos.

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 – SUNDAY, MAY 4, 2025

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 8, 2025

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Please print clearly.*

Names of Departed for HOLY FRIDAY TRISAGION – April 18, 2025

To be Commemorated before the Epitaphios at the Service of Lamentations

First Names Only- Please Print Clearly!

"May their memory be eternal!"

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ST. NICHOLAS WOULD LIKE TO ACKNOWLEDGE ALL OF OUR GRADUATES MAY 18th!

Please fill out this short questionnaire and submit to church office via email (church@stnickspgh.org), fax (412-683-4960) or mail (419 S. Dithridge Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15213) by **May 12, 2025**. 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:

FOOD FESTIVAL

Our Pittsburgh Marathon.....Greek Style is almost approaching the Finish Line! 10 items completed, just 3 more to go!

With your help, we can cross the finish line. Our success in this very important fundraiser will be because of you!

2025 Festival Cooking Schedule Updated March 28, 2025 January

Spanakopita	COMPLETED
Pasta Flora	COMPLETED
Souzoukakia	COMPLETED

February

Pastitsio	COMPLETED
Galatoboureko	COMPLETED
Koulourakia	COMPLETED

March

Finikia	COMPLETED
Baklava	COMPLETED
Kourambiethes	COMPLETED

April

Tiropita	Friday, April 4, 9:00 – 6:00 No Saturday cooking Sunday, April 6, After Church till 4:00
Diples	Tuesday, April 22 9:00 – 4:00
Karidopita	Wednesday, April 9, 9:00—4:00

63rd Annual St. Nicholas Greek Food Festival
Sunday, May 4 – Saturday, May 10, 2025

St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Cathedral

**2025 GREEK FOOD FESTIVAL
ADVERTISING CONTRACT**



Name _____

Business _____

Address _____

Phone/ Cell _____

Email _____

AD DEADLINE APRIL 11, 2025

Ad Size	Color
Center Fold – (2 full page premium ads) /9w x 7.5h	\$2,000
Full Page Premium* / 4.5w x 7.5h – (4- inside cover flaps and adjacent pages)	\$900
Full Page/ 4.5w x 7.5h	\$800
Half Page/ 4.5w x 3.75h	\$450
Quarter Page/ 4.5w x 1.875h	\$250
Patron/listing*	\$50

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

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

☐ Use same ad as previous year

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

Authorized Signature _____ Date _____

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

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YOUTH SAFETY WORKERS

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. Nicholas Church School



From the Church School Desk!

Retreat, Breakfast & Palm Making
Saturday, April 12, 2025
(Following Divine Liturgy)

Easter Egg Hunt
Sunday, April 20, 2025
(Following the Agape Service)

Church School Graduation
Sunday, May 18, 2025

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



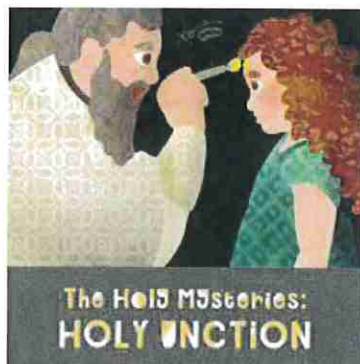
ATTENTION:
ALL CHURCH SCHOOL STUDENTS
YOUTH RETREAT
BREAKFAST & PALM MAKING



SATURDAY, APRIL 12, 2025
(Following the Divine Liturgy in the Small Hall)

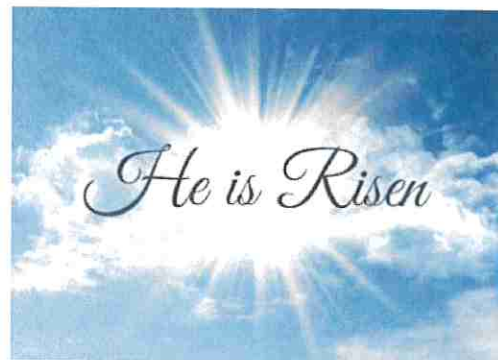
CALL FOR READERS !

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, April 16, 2025
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, April 20, 2025
at 11:00 a.m.

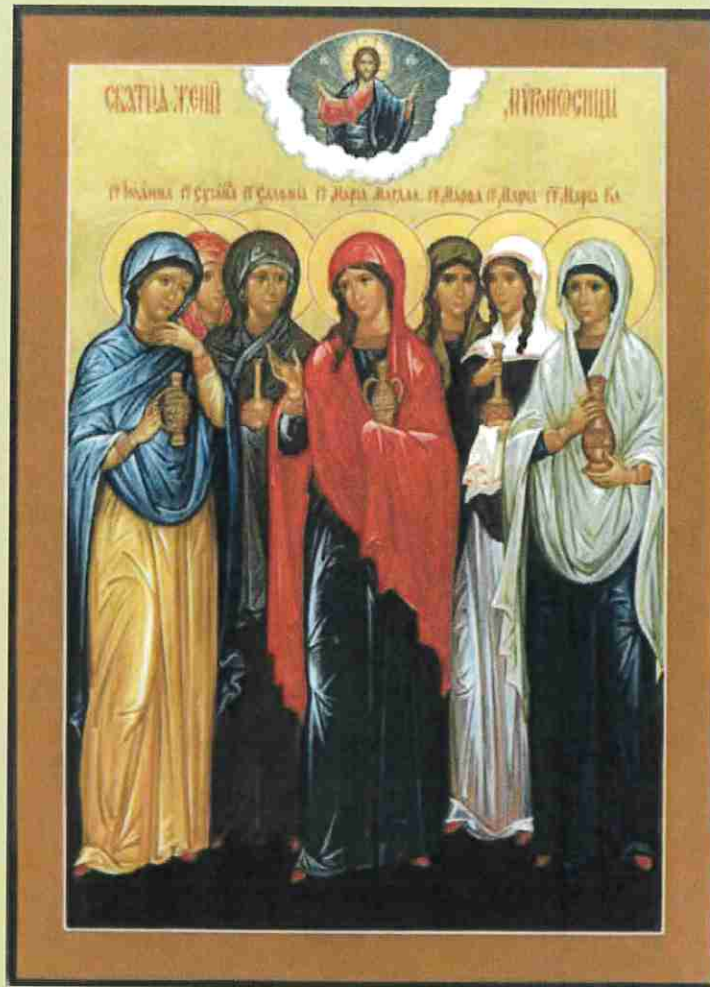
During this brief service, the Gospel is proclaimed in as many languages as possible. If you or someone you know can read in any foreign language, please contact Michelle Kotsagrellos or Fr. Eleftherios.

Myrophores

Any young girl (grades 2nd - 8th)
who would like to be a Myrophora
on Good Friday
during the Lamentation Service,
please contact Miss Michelle
(412-680-1416).

You will need to wear
your own white dress.





GOYA GIRLS:

*Your help is needed to distribute the light
of the Resurrected Lord as Myrophores.*

Please be at church by 11:30 p.m.

Saturday, April 19, 2025

SUNDAY, APRIL 20, 2025

Easter

EGG HUNT



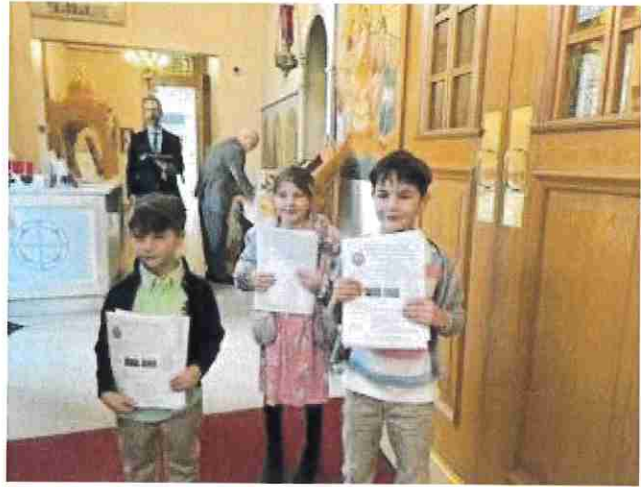
If you wish to help, please bring one dozen pre-filled plastic eggs on Sunday and drop them off in the Narthex before Church.

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

Following the Agape Service

Questions: Call Michelle Kotsagrellos (412) 680-1416

SUNDAY, MARCH 23, 2025 YOUTH SUNDAY, YOUTH CHOIR, & WEEKEND OF SERVICE



41st ANNUAL ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM ORATORICAL FESTIVAL

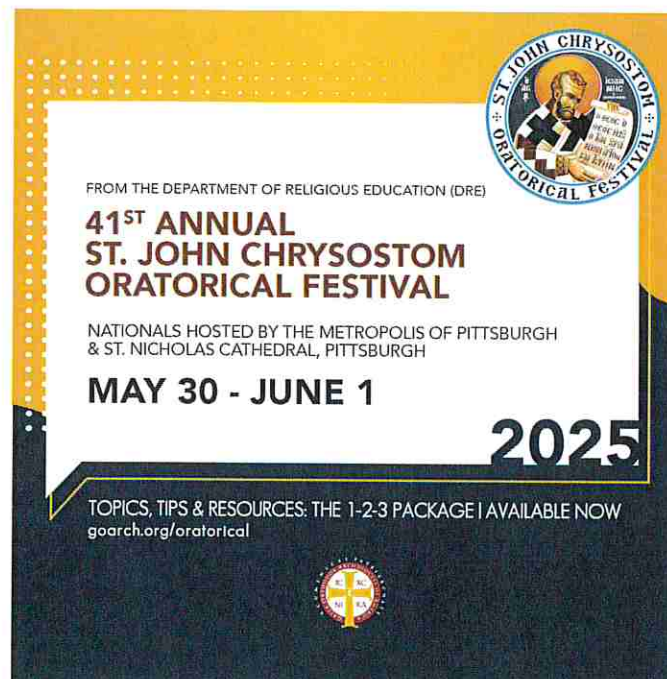
With the blessing of His Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros of America, the Metropolis of Pittsburgh has been granted the distinct honor of hosting the 2025 St. John Chrysostom National Oratorical Festival! This prestigious event will be hosted May 31-June 2, 2025 at St. Nicholas Cathedral in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

To host an event of this magnitude and importance takes not only the efforts of many incredible volunteers, but also a substantial amount of funding. The Greek Orthodox Archdiocese covers the scholarships given to our speakers, but all weekend events, including activities, meals, transportation, etc. is the responsibility of our Parish, St. Nicholas. ***This is where you come in!***

We humbly ask that you consider a donation, of any amount, to help make this a most memorable event for the young people joining us from across the country. For many, this will be their first time in Pittsburgh, so our prayer is to welcome them with the love and hospitality we have all grown so accustomed to. *Your donation is 100% tax deductible and will be recognized at our event within the program available to all participants.*

Thank you for the love, support and prayers for a successful National Oratorical Festival. This is a vital ministry within our Metropolis, and we are truly blessed to be given this opportunity!

Yours in Christ,
Eve Elsen and Elaine Keim
Co-Chairs of the 2025 St. John Chrysostom National Oratorical



GREEK SCHOOL

On March 30, St. Nicholas Greek School celebrated Evangelismos and Greek Independence. The children, dressed in traditional costumes, did a beautiful job chanting “Ypermacho” in church. Their performances were wonderful after the delicious luncheon made by Tina Hammerling, Vasilis Copetas, and John Frentzos. A large 3-D mulberry tree was made by Panayiota Preovolos which looked like the tree still alive today and was used to martyr St. Ephraim of Nea Makri the Newly-Revealed Wonderworker. A beautiful large monastery entrance was made by Vince Nelson depicting the monastery of Evangelismos in Nea Makri, where the relics of St. Ephraim are venerated. All the poems and skits were translated on a slide show above the performances. This year Demetri and Achilleas Kitsios made an excellent exhibit of Greek Independence items to give more meaning on the struggle for Independence. The finale of the program was a joyful dance performance done by all the children. We would like to thank everyone who donates and supports our Greek language program.

During the Salutation Services some Greek School alumni did a very beautiful and amazing job chanting the prayers to our Most Holy Theotokos. They were Toula, Demetri, and Harry Darakos, Yanna Mavrogeorgis, Panagioti Stamoolis, and from our choir was Victoria Dionisos. We appreciate very much the time each of these young ladies and gentlemen spend to learn and chant these spiritually uplifting prayers in ancient Greek.

In April there will not be Greek School on Saturday of Lazarus and on Holy Saturday. But we hope to see everyone in church on those holy days.

St. Nicholas Greek School wish to everyone “Καλή Ανάσταση”

GOYA TIMES

Congratulations to GOYA for officially finishing eight months of fun!!!

We started off our March month with dance and practices. We were so happy to welcome some new people to our dance group. And we especially can't wait for the festival!! □ We also started off our volleyball practices, and we have been preparing to win these volleyball tournaments!

After this we had our Spaghetti Luncheon. Thank you to all of the volunteers that helped pass out lunches and to all of the people that spoke about Camp Nazareth. This event was a great fundraiser and the food was so good! After this we had the Volunteer Backpack Feeding Program and our weekend of service. We had a great church service and it was so nice of all of the GOYANS to help.

But we can't stop yet because we still have our volleyball tournament on March 29th. LETS GO SAINT NICKS!!! BUMP, SET, SPIKE!!!

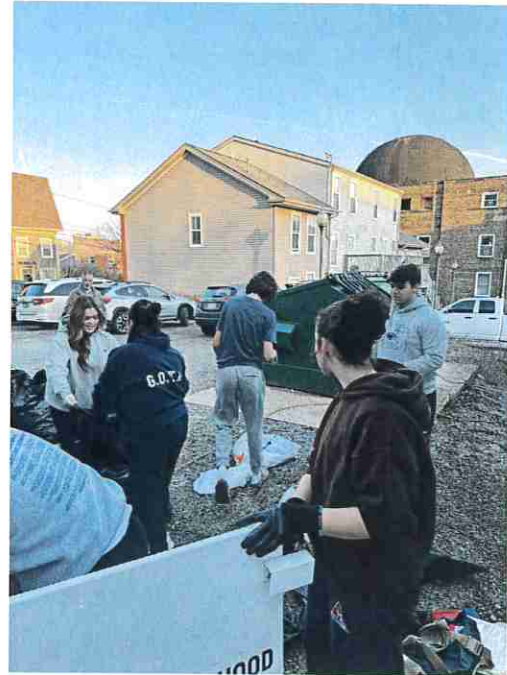
GOYA Is wishing everybody a lovely March and wonderful upcoming April!

UPCOMING EVENTS

- March 29th - Indoor Volleyball Tournament
- April 6th - Dance Practice
- April 12th - Youth Retreat (Lazarus Saturday)
- April 18th - Good Friday Retreat

GOYA Con't

**Backpack Feeding Program & Clean-up
at
Neighborhood Resilience Project
March 11, 2025**





ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM BOOKSTORE

CELEBRATING ONE YEAR OF RE-OPENING OUR BOOKSTORE

We would like to thank Fr. Eleftherios, the Parish Council, and the entire St. Nicholas Community for your support over the last year.

We are blessed to share in this ministry with you!



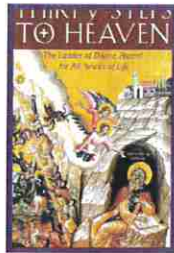
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LENT AND HOLY WEEK

RESOURCES

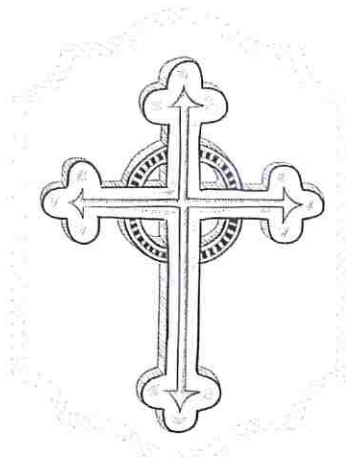
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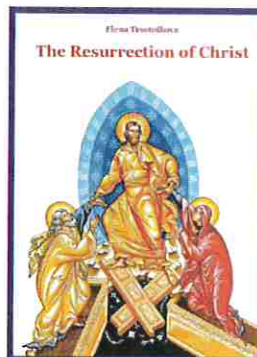
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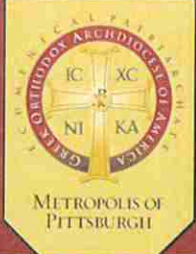
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A Good Word - Λόγον Αγαθόν

NEWSLETTER OF THE GREEK ORTHODOX METROPOLIS OF PITTSBURGH



3RD METROPOLIS OF PITTSBURGH PHILOPTOCHOS ANNUAL MEETING/RETREAT

On Friday, March 7th and Saturday, March 8th, the Metropolis of Pittsburgh Philoptochos sisters met at the Double Tree Hotel in Washington, PA for their 3rd Annual Meeting/Retreat. Close to 50 women gathered together for fellowship and prayer, to share ideas and to gain information presented by President Joyce Spanakis, Executive Officers, Anna Vedouras and Paula Makris, as well as committee chairs, Irene Sellas and Marianne Stearns. Metropolis Chancellor, Fr. George Callos addressed the women and gave an update on the New Metropolis Center.

The women also had the opportunity to copy a scripture verse and write a brief personal message on photocopied icons for the Orthodox Prison Ministry. Images of icons were photocopied in black and white according to the stringent rules for prison ministry. All pages will be sent in bulk to New York where they will be distributed to various inmates.

It was a wonderful weekend and all who attended were uplifted and inspired. Our Philoptochos sisters are eagerly looking forward to coming together again on April 5th for our Metropolis Daffodil Luncheon hosted by the women of Holy Trinity Pittsburgh benefiting both our Seminarian Our Future and Emergency Funds.





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

ST. PHOTIOS AWARDS BANQUET

DOUBLETREE BY HILTON PITTSBURGH-CRANBERRY, MARS PA

SAT MAY 3 4:00 PM SCAN ME TO MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS

Tickets:

Awardees: complimentary

Adults: \$95.00

Children (under 12): \$25.00

Reservation Deadline: April 15

No Refunds after April 15

For information on Reservations, Sponsorships and Awardee Nominations please visit:
pittsburgh.goarch.org/st-photios-awards-banquet

NET PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT THE METROPOLITAN'S BENEVOLENCE FUND

Louise Henry at lhenny@pittsburgh.goarch.org 412.621.5529 x10 pittsburgh.goarch.org



Metropolis of Pittsburgh Camp

Week 1:
June 15-21
2nd-4th
Grade

Week 2:
June 22-28
5th-7th
Grade

Week 3:
June 29-July 5
7th-9th
Grade

Week 4:
July 6-12
10th-12th
Grade

Early Registration: April 8th at 7:00 pm - May 8th at 11:59 pm
Regular Registration: May 9th at 12:00 am - June 1st at 11:59 pm
More information: y2am.pittsburgh.goarch.org/summecamp

NEW METROPOLIS CENTER CONSTRUCTION MARCH 2025 UPDATE

With the receipt and installation of the massive, decorative trusses in the social hall, we have been able to complete the roof. Utilities routed to and within continue to be constructed. With the advent of the Metropolitan's Residence, excavation has begun on the home. Given the alternating weather (extreme cold, then rain, then cold), progress has been challenging, yet we continue to progress!



1. Left - Social Hall, Right - Chapel
2. Main Entrance in Center
3. Terrace
4. Corner to Right - Offices
5. Residence Excavation to Right
6. Social Hall Looking into Chapel
7. Rear Outdoor Portico

"God Is Good" is a phrase we often use without much thinking but this month, we just can't say it enough! As of February, we have exceeded the \$14,000,000 mark in pledges and donations. We've worked hard to get here and are only here because God is Good! We are now down to our LAST MILLION TO RAISE!

PARISH PLEDGES = \$987,114.00
PHILOPTOCHOS PLEDGES = \$68,270.00
for a total of \$1,055,384.00!

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the 2nd Annual

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Thank you as always for your support!

Archon Nick Lekas
New Metropolis Center
Project Manager



PLEASE SUPPORT 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:

Greek Orthodox Metropolis of Pittsburgh, 5201 Ellsworth Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15232
412-621-5529 (Main) 412-465-0460 (Camp) 412-621-8543 (Youth)
pittsburgh.goarch.org info@pittsburgh.goarch.org



APRIL 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Adult Greek Classes 6:30 p.m.	2 Presanctified Liturgy 6:00 p.m. Potluck Dinner and Lenten Lecture 7:15 p.m.	3	4 Akathist Hymn 6:00 p.m.	5 Greek School 10:00 a.m.
					Food Festival Baking - Tiropita	
6 Sunday of St. Mary of Egypt Orthros 8:15 a.m. Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m.	7 YAL Basketball 7:00 p.m.	8 Adult Greek Classes 6:30 p.m.	9	10	11 Philoptochos Easter Bread Baking 9:00 a.m.	12 Lazarus Saturday Orthros 8:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m. <i>Followed by Youth Retreat and Palm Making</i>
13 PALM SUNDAY Orthros 8:15 a.m. Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m. Palm Sunday Luncheon Bridegroom Service 6:30 p.m.	14 HOLY MONDAY Bridegroom Service 6:30 p.m.	15 HOLY TUESDAY Bridegroom Service 6:30 p.m.	16 HOLY WEDNESDAY Holy Unction 3:00 p.m. Bridegroom Service 6:30 p.m. <i>Holy Unction offered at end of service</i>	17 HOLY THURSDAY Vespertal Liturgy 9:30 a.m. Service of the 12 Gospels 6:00 p.m.	18 HOLY FRIDAY Royal Hours 9:30 a.m. Apokathelosis 3:00 p.m. Lamentations 6:30 p.m.	19 HOLY SATURDAY Vespertal Liturgy 9:30 a.m. Midnight Office of the Resurrection 11:00 p.m. Service of the Resurrection 11:45 p.m.
20 GREAT AND HOLY PASCHA Agape Vespers 11:00 a.m.	21 YAL Basketball 7:00 p.m.	22 Adult Greek Classes 6:30 p.m.	23 Feast of St. George the Victorious Great Martyr Orthros & Liturgy @ St. George Antiochian Cathedral	24	25	26 Greek School 10:00 a.m.
27 Thomas Sunday Orthros 8:15 a.m. Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m.	28 YAL Basketball 7:00 p.m.	29 Adult Greek Classes 6:30 p.m.	30			
			Food Festival Set-up			

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