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JUNE 2025 NEWSLETTER



Celebrating 1700 Years from the First Ecumenical Council in Nicaea

This beautiful icon of the First Ecumenical Council shows the 318 Holy Fathers in solemn assembly, holding the Nicene Creed inscribed in Greek—the very words that emerged from their historic deliberations in Nicaea in 325 A.D. At the center is Emperor Saint Constantine the Great, who convened the Council, surrounded by the hierarchs who courageously defended the truth that Christ is "of one essence with the Father" against the Arian heresy. These "luminaries who shine like stars in the spiritual firmament" defined the dogma of the one essence and nature of the Trinity, handing down this formula of faith to the Church. Celebrated each year on the Sunday between Ascension and Pentecost, this feast of the Holy Fathers reminds us that when we recite "Πιστεύω εἰς ἕνα Θεόν" (I believe in one God...), we join our voices with these holy defenders of Orthodoxy, including our own patron Saint Nicholas of Myra, who stood fearlessly for the truth that Jesus Christ is true God and true man.

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.

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

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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

June 2025

Πιστεύω εἰς ἕνα Θεόν, Πατέρα παντοκράτορα... I believe in one God, the Father Almighty...

My dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

This June, on the Sunday between our Lord's Ascension and the Feast of Pentecost, we celebrate as we do each year the Feast of the Holy Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council. This year, in 2025, we find ourselves amidst a most extraordinary anniversary, marking **1700 years** since those 318 hierarchs gathered in Nicaea in 325 A.D. What a profound gift it is to reflect upon the lasting witness of those **Holy Fathers** who, under the guidance and patronage of the Emperor of the Roman Empire, Saint Constantine the Great, courageously defended the very essence of our Orthodox faith.

When we recite the Nicene Creed at every Divine Liturgy, we echo the same unshakeable proclamation that emerged from that sacred assembly: that our Lord Jesus Christ is **"of one essence"** (ὁμοούσιος) with the Father. This was no mere theological exercise or academic debate, but a defense of the truth that Christ is fully God (and fully man), the very heart of the Gospel. A clergyman named Arius had dared to teach that "there was a time when the Son was not" — that the Son's begetting happened in time, making Him a created being rather than eternal God. The Church knew that if Jesus were not truly and eternally God, then our salvation would be meaningless, for only God himself could conquer death and grant us eternal life through His Resurrection.

But why should this ancient Council matter to us today? Because what happened in Nicaea still shapes everything we believe and practice as Orthodox Christians. Here are a few reasons why Nicaea is still relevant to us today:

Nicaea matters because Jesus Christ matters.

If Christ is not truly and fully God, then He cannot truly or fully save us. But because He is "Light of Light, true God of true God," as the Creed proclaims, He can enter into our suffering, defeat death, and restore us to life. The decision of the Council is not just dogma; it is the foundation of our hope.

Nicaea matters because our patron saint was there.

Among those present was our own beloved patron, **Saint Nicholas of Myra in Lycia**! His zealous defense of Christ's divinity — even to the point of striking Arius in righteous indignation — reminds us that truth is worth defending with passionate conviction. Though initially reprimanded for his actions, Saint Nicholas was vindicated through divine vision. His episcopal rank was restored as testimony to his holiness and the righteousness of his cause. The same saint known for his compassion and generosity also stood with courage when the truth was on the line.

FATHER'S MESSAGE, Con't

Nicaea matters because unity matters.

Hierarchs came to Nicaea from across the known Christian world, from the farthest reaches of the Roman Empire and beyond. In a time without cars or phones or planes, they made the journey because unity in the truth mattered that much. In our age of division and isolation, their witness calls us to be the Church not only in name, but in love and truth. The Council also worked to unify the celebration of Pascha — establishing that it would fall on the first Sunday after the first full moon following the vernal equinox — so that Christians everywhere could proclaim the Resurrection with one voice, a reminder that our shared faith in Christ's divinity is stronger than our differences.

Nicaea matters because passing on our faith matters.

For 1700 years, Christians have preserved and passed on the Creed, from one generation to the next, across continents and cultures. The question for us today is not whether the Creed will endure, but whether it will endure in us. Will we pass on not just the words, but the living faith that moved Saint Nicholas to risk everything for truth? Will we teach it with the same passion? Will we live it with the same courage?

As we contemplate this momentous moment in the life of our Church, let us recognize that the faith of Nicaea is not simply doctrine to be recited, but life to be lived. When we confess that Jesus Christ is true God and true man, we proclaim that the Divine has entered fully into our human experience: into our joys and sorrows, our suffering and hope.

In this anniversary year, may we draw strength from the witness of the Holy Fathers. May we treasure the faith they preserved and be faithful stewards of this inheritance for the generations yet to come. May their clarity inspire our own understanding, and may their courage stir in us a bold and humble love for the truth.

Through their prayers, and by God's mercy, may we too confess with unwavering faith and conviction: that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Prayerfully yours,

+Fr. 

† Fr. Eleftherios Constantine

SACRAMENTAL LIFE

BAPTISM

With much joy, we welcome into our Family of faith Luca John Leventis. He is the son of John & Claire Leventis baptized on Saturday, May 24, 2025. His Godfather was George Bellios.

FUNERAL

OUR CONDOLENCES to the family of *Christina Krelis* who fell asleep in the Lord on Thursday, May 8, 2025. Her funeral was on Tuesday May 13, 2025 at St. Nicholas Cathedral. May her 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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PARISH COUNCIL

"June is the gateway to summer." Jean Hersey

A lot has happened in May. Marcie McGuire and Art Velisaris were honored at the **St. Photios Awards Banquet**, St. Nicholas Cathedral had a **record-breaking Food Festival**, we honored the special women in our lives on **Mother's Day**, had Greek School and Church School **Graduations**, Philoptochos honored our High School, College & Graduate Students on **Graduate Sunday**, our GOYAns played **sand volleyball**, and **our parish hosted the National St. John Chrysostom Oratorical Festival**.

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

Yours in Christ,

Michelle Marie Kotsagrelou

P.S. I want to sincerely thank all the volunteers who helped to make this year's Food Festival the best!

We are looking for one more person to help lead the parish.
If you are interested in serving, please contact Michelle Kotsagrelou or Fr. Eleftherios.

Thank You for Making the 41st National St. John Chrysostom Oratorical Festival Unforgettable!

We are filled with joy and gratitude following the successful hosting of the 41st National St. John Chrysostom Oratorical Festival, May 30-June 1, 2025. This incredible gathering transformed our Cathedral into a beacon of Orthodox Christian fellowship and witness.

Our heartfelt appreciation extends to Fr. Eleftherios, Dn. Robert, the Parish Council, Philoptochos, St. Nicholas Cathedral Staff, and our entire parish family whose generous contributions and tireless service made this celebration of faith, courage, and eloquence truly memorable. From the moment our guests arrived in our "Steel City" until their departure, we embodied the true spirit of Orthodox hospitality—*philoxenia*—opening our hearts and church doors to welcome our extended spiritual family.

The weekend was a wonderful testament to our Orthodox youth from across our Nation who stood before us as true Ambassadors of God, inspiring all who witnessed their dedication and faith. The presence of His Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros of America, His Eminence Metropolitan Savas of Pittsburgh, His Grace Bishop Athenagoras of Nazianzos, and distinguished Festival Committee members blessed our community immeasurably.

To every volunteer, donor, committee member, and faithful contributor who made this weekend possible: we remain ever grateful for your generous dedication. Together, we created an experience that will be treasured by participants, families, and guests for years to come.

The 2025 National St. John Chrysostom Oratorical Festival Host Committee

PARISH COUNCIL , Con't

Homewood Cemetery St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Cathedral Greek Section

There are currently 32 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 has just had another successful Food Festival. Why? Because of the efforts made by you, our faithful parishioners, young and old, be it by cooking, baking, folding boxes and all the other components in putting on a weeklong festival. God has bestowed his blessings upon all of us, and we must be thankful to Him for these blessings and gifts.

We show our thanks through Stewardship.

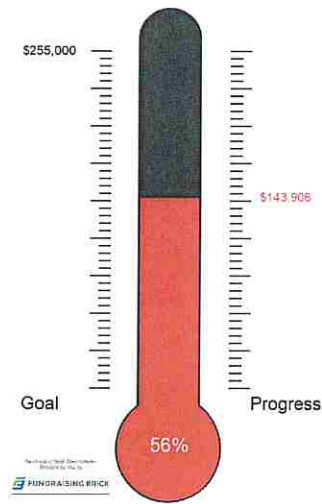
Our stewardship helps to fill in the gaps as Festival monies can only go so far.

Saint Nicholas still depends on Stewardship pledges to run efficiently and provide outreach via our ministries. Summer is almost upon us and we hope that you will continue to contribute towards your pledge. If you are new to Saint Nicholas, consider making a pledge. Cards are available in the Narthex or by going online to www.stnickspgh.org.

2025 STEWARDSHIP

"YOUR OWN FROM YOUR OWN"

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



2025 STEWARDSHIP		06/02/2025
Total Stewards		243
Total Amount Pledged		\$143,906.00
Average Pledge		\$1,035.29
% Parish Participation to Date		81%
2024 Stewards (GOAL)		300
% of Total Budget to Date		56%
2025 Budget (GOAL)		\$ 255,000.00
Total Giving to Date		\$127,214.23
As of:		04/30/2025
Income: Envelopes & Pledges, and Basket Collection	\$142,400.00	
Expenses: Salaries, Utilities, Maintenance, Commitments, etc.	\$220,240.00	
	(\$ 77,840.00)	

Many of you have been contributing, but

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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

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

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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

2025 STEWARDSHIP



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2025 STEWARDSHIP, Continued

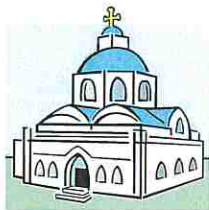


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St. Nicholas Church School



From the Church School Desk!

Finishing up my 18th year as Church School Director, I want to thank Father Eleftherios, Deacon Robert, my teachers (Pam Bertos, Aimee Walker, Linda Hages & Nicholas Hages, Sophia Bender, Presvytera Ellie & Denise Daugherty, and Lee Katsafanas), the students and **YOU** (the St. Nicholas parishioners) for helping to make this year a memorable one. We all came together to enrich the lives of **our** children. St. Nicholas is our spiritual family, and we all took part in educating our **youth** (the **you** of tomorrow). As a community, we showed our children our love and devotion to our Orthodox faith. Thank you for sharing your children with us every Sunday!

Church School did a lot this year and here is a recap:

An **Agiasmo Service** was done on Sunday, September 15, 2024, to start off the Church School year!

Sunday, November 3, 2024, was **Godparent Sunday**. Godparents and Godchildren worshiped during the Divine Liturgy, received Holy Communion together and attended Church School to see what their Godchild learns there (and made cards to send to children at Children's Hospital & VA Hospital for Make a Difference Day). Afterwards many attended the Coffee Hour hosted by Philoptochos. It was the start of a wonderful day together!

Church School, organized by Sophia Bender, had a successful Bake Sale, and sponsored a Balloon artist at the **St. Nicholas Day Bazaar**. Thank you, Sophia, for your efforts!

The Church School children presented their annual **Christmas Pageant** under the direction of Joanna Darakos on Sunday, December 22, 2024. It was a beautiful program enjoyed by the whole congregation. Thank you, Joanna!

55 hats, 87 pairs of gloves, 11 scarves, 52 pairs of socks, 1 set of earmuffs, 1 headband AND 49 coats were delivered to the Neighborhood Resilience Project and other area shelters for their **Project Bundle-up**. Thanks to all who contributed to this worthwhile cause.

The St. Nicholas Church School teachers, and students supported our GOYANs (and Church School students) at the Annunciation (York, PA), Annunciation (Cleveland, OH) and Holy Dormition/Ypapanti (Oakmont/East Pittsburgh, PA) **GOYA Basketball Tournaments** they attended (1/17-19/25, 01/31-2/2/25, and 2/14-16/25). Both the boys and the girls' teams did well. They also supported them at the **GOYA Volleyball Tournaments** on 03/29/25, St. John the Divine (Wheeling, WV), and 05/31/25, (St. Paul (North Royalton, OH).

St. Nicholas Church School, Con't

St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Cathedral's Church School Open House was Sunday, February 9, 2025, where parents and grandparents attended Church School to see firsthand what their children are learning.

Sunday, March 9, 2025, the Church School students participated in the **Sunday of Orthodoxy Icon Procession** with their favorite icon!

Thank you to the Darakos, Hages, and Kotsagrellos Families for organizing a delicious **Breakfast** after the Divine Liturgy Saturday, April 12, 2025, (St. Lazarus Day) and the Kotsagrellos Family for organizing the **Agape Service Coffee Hour** and **Easter Egg Hunt** on Easter Sunday, April 20, 2025.

A special thank you to our **Myrophores (Myrrh Bearing Women)** Eirini Bouzos, Anastasia Constantine, Marina Constantine, Roma Day, Evina Frentzos, Augusta Hejmowski, and Sophia Koromvokis, who participated in the Good Friday evening service, our **GOYA young women (Anastasia Beridze, Marialena Bouzos, Zoe Darakos, Polina Kulidi, Yanna Mavrogeorgis, and Elisabeth Tsourekis)** who **received and distributed the light** at the Anastasi Service, and to the **Altar Boys**.

Thank you to the **GOYAns** for assembling the white candles used for the Good Friday Evening, Anastasi and Agape Services, decorating the Kouvouklion, preparing the leaves for the Holy Saturday Morning Service and assembling the Luminaries!

Congratulations to **Yoanna Lykos** (Junior Division), **Sophia Hogg** (Senior Division) and **Kingston Stamoolis** (Senior Division) our St. Nicholas Oratorical Festival participants, who took the time out of their busy schedules to research and write about their faith. **Sophia** represented our parish Saturday, April 26, 2025, at the Greek Orthodox Metropolis of Pittsburgh's **St. John Chrysostom Oratorical Festival** at Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church (Lancaster, PA), as a Senior Division finalist in the speech and vocal divisions. And... **PLACED FIRST IN BOTH! Sophia represented our parish and the Metropolis of Pittsburgh at the National St. John Chrysostom Oratorical Festival here at St. Nicholas May 30-June 1, 2025.** In the weeks to come, the participants will be presenting their speeches to the congregation during the sermon. Congratulations Yoanna, Sophia and Kingston, we are proud of you!

And, as with all 'school' years, Church School had to end. **Graduation** was Sunday, May 18, 2025. All students who were present received their graduation certificate and an icon of St. Nicholas. The teachers and staff received a gift, too. Special books were given to the Kindergarten class (The Bible for Young People) and the graduates (the Orthodox Study Bible).

Have a wonderful summer and see you in September!

Yours in Christ,
Miss Michelle

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Taki, Toulia, Demetri & Harry
Darakos
Tulla Rakoczy

Joanna Darakos
Toula Darakos
Tulla Rakoczy

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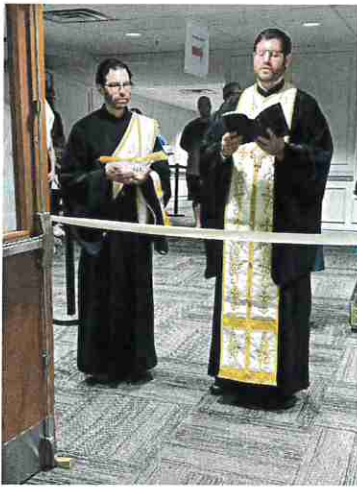
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St. Nicholas Church School Graduation May 18, 2025



Pre-School



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High School

St. Nicholas Church School Graduation May 18, 2025



High School Graduates



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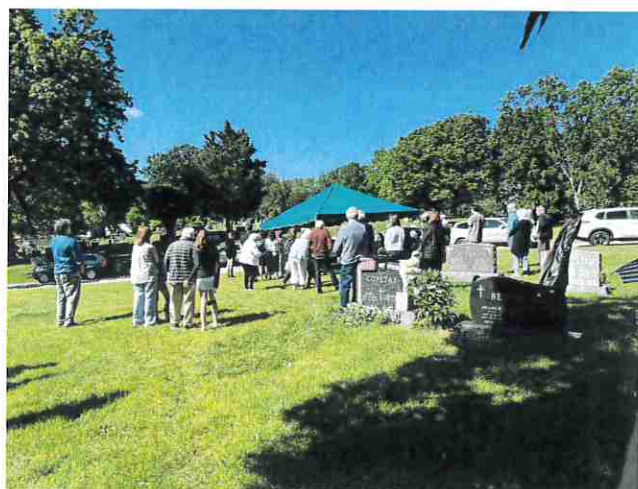
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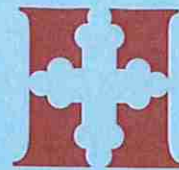
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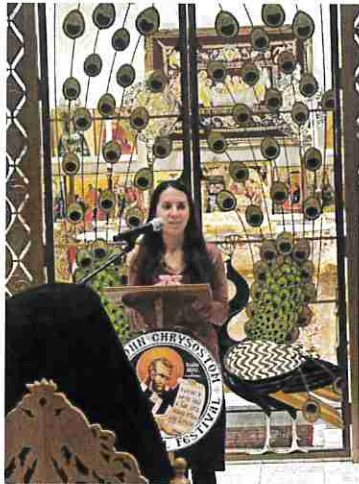
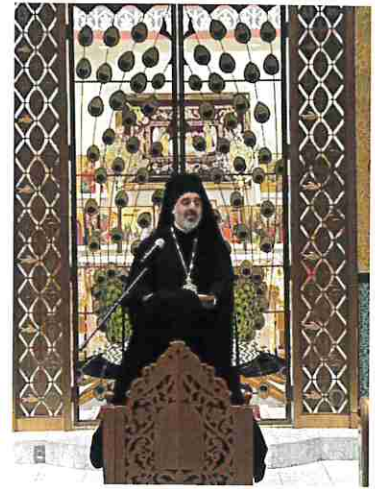
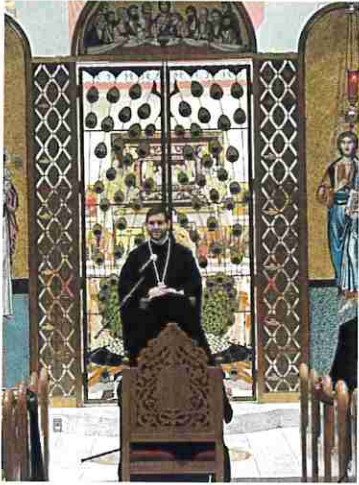


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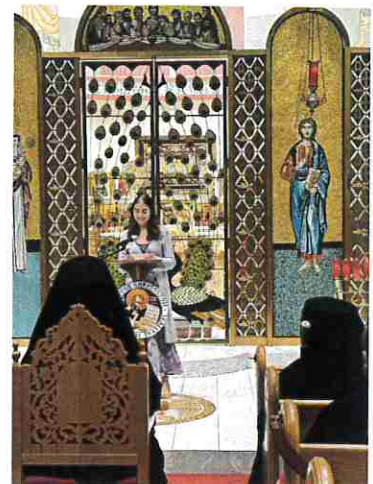
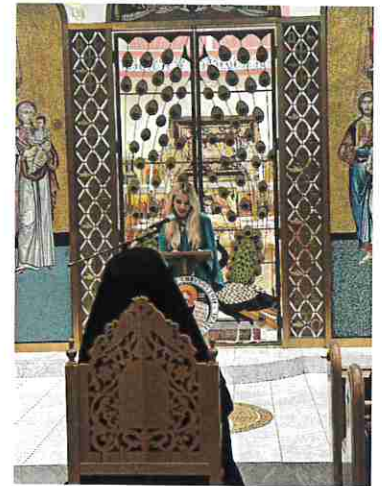
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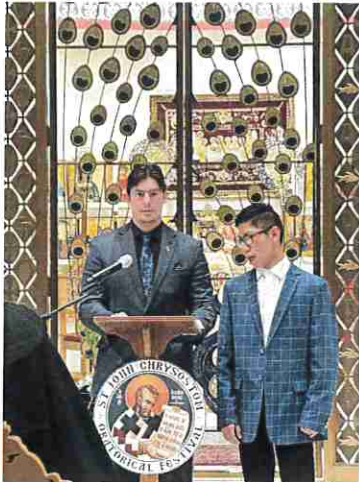


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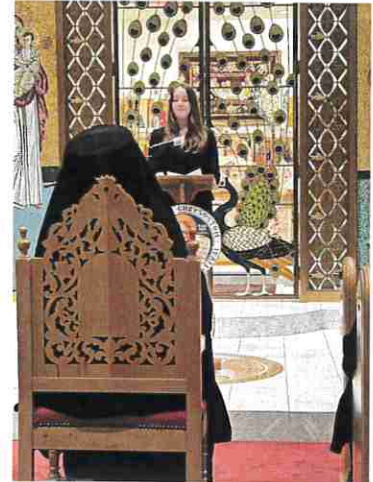


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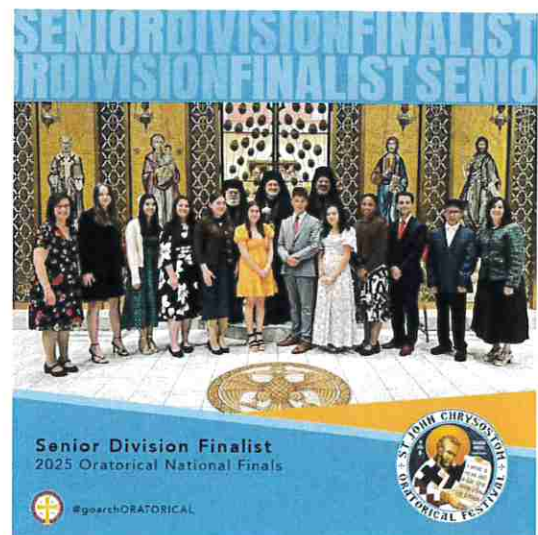
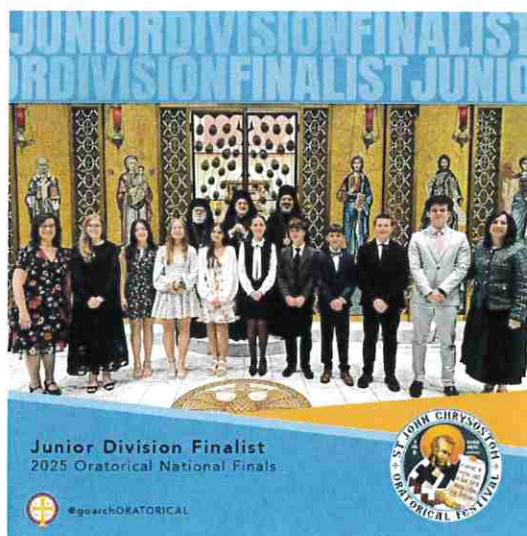
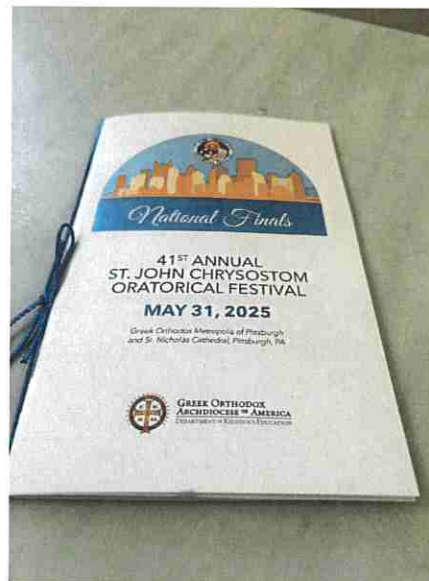


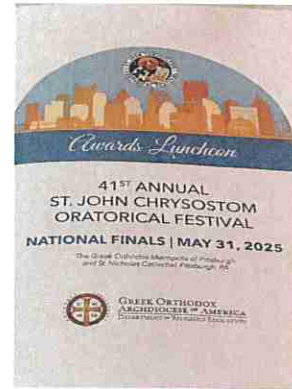


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Molly's Trolley Ride



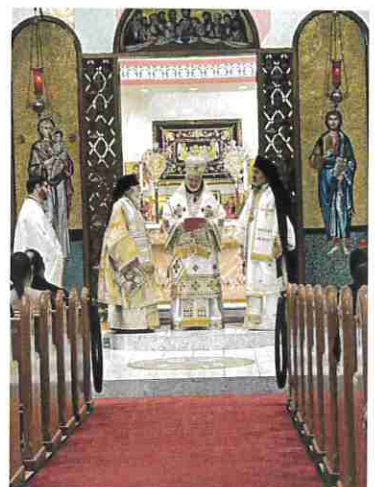
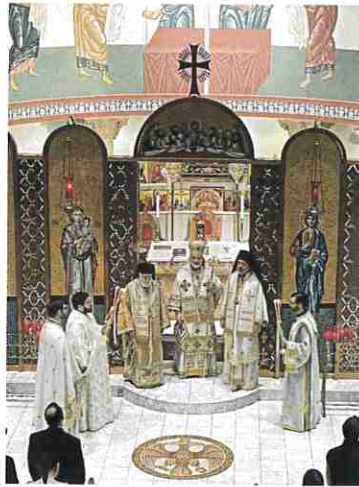
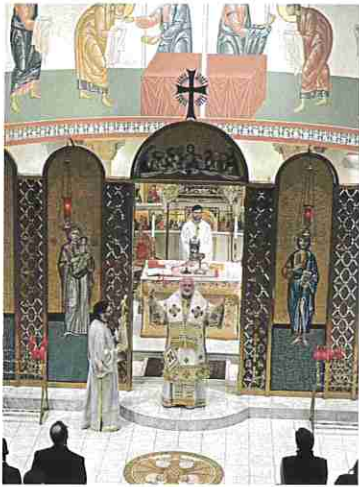
Incline Ride

Dinner & Dancing
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the
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Sunday





National Presbytera Sunday



The Committee

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.

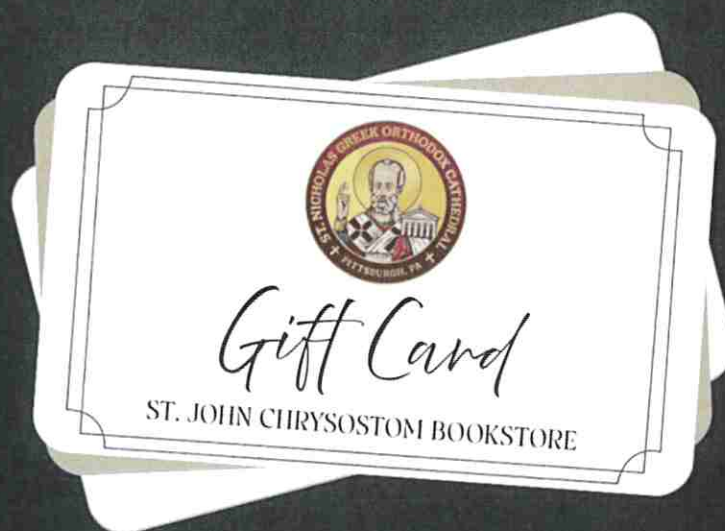
Each Youth Safety Worker is required to register yearly with the church.

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.

Those interested in becoming a Youth Safety Worker and have not started the process or need to determine what documentation you need to complete, please contact Taki Darakos, edarakos@aol.com, 412-944-4961.

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Summer Feast Days*

31st Memorial Commemoration for Gerontissa Taxiarchia

August 2nd - Saturday

9:00 am: Hours, Divine Liturgy, Memorial Service - Lunch Follows

*In 2014, on the 20th Anniversary of the repose of Gerontissa Taxiarchia,
we launched the capital campaign to build the new Monastery, something Gerontissa Taxiarchia greatly desired.
Since then, all proceeds commemorating our Holy Gerontissa have gone to the construction project.*

*We invite you to come and honor her by attending the
Memorial Commemoration and donating in her memory to
complete the new Church.*



**Prophet Elias
Feast Day**

July 18th - Friday

5:00 pm: Vespers, Orthros

July 19th - Saturday

9:00 am:

Hours, Divine Liturgy - Lunch Follows



**Nativity of the Theotokos
Feast Day**

September 5th - Friday

5:00 pm: Vespers, Orthros

September 6th - Saturday

9:00 am:

Hours, Divine Liturgy - Lunch Follows



Come to the Monastery with your family!

Enjoy our home-made pastries, frappes & items made by the Sisters, available for purchase.

Become a part of completing a Monastery Church, a rare occurrence in America!

Donate for the Glory of God & the intercessions of His Holy Mother, The Theotokos.

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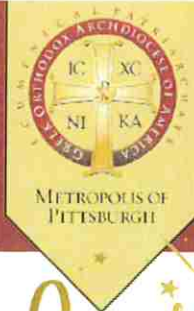
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Congratulations!

METROPOLIS OF PITTSBURGH
11TH ANNUAL ST. PHOTIOS AWARDS



Christ is Risen! On Saturday, May 3 we gathered together to celebrate and honor 63 Awardees and 1 Metropolis Honoree for the 11th Annual St. Photios Awards Banquet. These dedicated individuals have given their precious time, energy and expertise supporting their parish over many years. A true reflection of their faith and commitment to their Church and Christ, an inspiration to us all! We'd also like to say a BIG thank you to our St. Photios Awards Banquet Committee, in particular Co-Chairs, Marianne Stearns and ArchDn. Ryan Gzikowski, who coordinated the event with such care and attention to detail. Please join us in congratulating all our AMAZING 2025 St. Photios Awardees!



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METROPOLIS OF PITTSBURGH CAMP 2025

"My yoke is easy and my burden is light" - Matthew 11:30

THIS IS THE WAY

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



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2025 GREEK CULTURAL CAMP

<https://tinyurl.com/StPaul-GreekCulturalCamp>

June 11th - 13th
12:00 PM - 5:00 PM



New Metropolis Center Update

We are getting closer to the finishing line for the construction! (Projected for Fall 2025). We cannot wait to open YOUR new Metropolis Center and share the wonderful facilities with YOU, the community of our Sacred Metropolis. Please consider a contribution to the campaign. For online donations please scan the QR code below.

Please make checks payable to "Greek Orthodox Metropolis of Pittsburgh" with NMC Donation written in the memo.

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New Metropolis Center
PO Box 640729
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GREEK ORTHODOX METROPOLIS OF PITTSBURGH

Metropolitan Savas
invites YOU to
the 2nd Annual

Sat. Aug. 23rd
11am - 9pm

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All Proceeds go to
the GOMoP Youth &
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Bands
Solo Acts
Arts & Crafts

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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:

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JUNE 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Fathers of the 1st Ecumenical Council Orthros 8:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m. Visit of Archbishop Elpidophoros of America for Oratorical Festival	2 YAL Basketball 7:00 p.m.	3	4 YAL Volleyball 7:00 p.m.	5	6	7 Saturday of Souls Orthros 8:00 a.m. Liturgy 9:00 a.m.
8 PENTECOST Orthros 8:15 a.m. Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m. <i>Followed by Kneeling Vespers</i>	9 Monday of the Holy Spirit <i>Orthros and Liturgy at Holy Trinity (North Hills) or Holy Trinity (Ambridge)</i> YAL Basketball 7:00 p.m.	10	11	12 GOYA End of the Year Celebration 6:00 p.m.	13	14
15 Sunday of All Saints Orthros 8:15 a.m. Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m.	16 YAL Basketball 7:00 p.m.	17	18 YAL Volleyball 7:00 p.m.	19	20	21
Fr. Eleftherios at Camp Nazareth – Week One						
22 2nd Sunday of Matthew Orthros 8:15 a.m. Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m.	23 YAL Basketball 7:00 p.m. Parish Council Meeting 6:30 p.m.	24 Nativity of the Forerunner John the Baptist Orthros 8:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m.	25	26	27	28
29 Sts. Peter and Paul, the Holy Apostles Orthros 8:15 a.m. Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m.	30 YAL Basketball 7:00 p.m.					

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