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Saint Nicholas Greek Orthodox Cathedral Pittsburgh, PA

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JULY 2025 NEWSLETTER



THURSDAY, JULY 17, 2025

Saint Marina, is a revered figure in the Greek Orthodox Church, commemorated on July 17th. She was a young woman from Antioch of Pisidia who embraced Christianity and refused to renounce her faith despite facing persecution and torture. Her story is one of unwavering faith and martyrdom.

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

July 2025

"When [Jesus] was at table with them, he took the bread and blessed, and broke it, and gave it to [Luke and Cleopas]. And their eyes were opened and they recognized him..." (Luke 24:30-31, RSV)

My dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As we journey through these summer days, I invite you to ponder on the moment when our Lord revealed Himself—after the Resurrection—to the disciples on the road to Emmaus. In the simple act of breaking bread, their eyes were opened, and they recognized the Risen Christ in their midst. This sacred moment speaks to the heart of our faith and our ongoing encounter with our living God.

How often in our own lives do we walk alongside Christ without fully recognizing His presence? Much like those two disciples, our hearts may burn within us as we hear His word, yet it is in the breaking of the bread—the Divine Eucharist—that our spiritual eyes are truly opened. The Church has always seen in that moment at Emmaus a glimpse of the Eucharist—a sacred encounter where Christ reveals Himself through the blessing, breaking, and sharing of bread. Each time we gather for the Divine Liturgy, we are invited into that same mystery, where Christ makes Himself known to us in the most intimate way possible.

The Emmaus encounter teaches us that Christ meets us in our journey, especially in our moments of confusion, doubt, or sorrow. The disciples were walking away from Jerusalem, perhaps discouraged by the events of the Crucifixion, when a stranger joined them on the road. (The disciples didn't know it was Christ.) Our Lord did not abandon them in their uncertainty but drew near to walk with them, to listen to their concerns, and to illuminate their understanding through the Scriptures.

Saint Augustine beautifully captures this mystery when he writes: "The teacher was walking with them along the way and he himself was the Way" (Sermon 235.1-2). This profound insight reminds us that Christ is not merely instructing us about the path to God—He is Himself the path. Even when we fail to recognize His presence, He walks alongside us, guiding us to salvation with Him.

This summer, as many of us travel for our summer vacations or find ourselves in different routines, let us remember that Christ is our constant companion. Whether we are at home or away, in familiar surroundings or new places, He walks with us...always. Our recognition of His presence comes not through grand gestures but like a gentle breeze (cf. 3 Kingdoms 19:12) through the quiet moments of prayer, through the reading of Scripture, and most especially through our participation in the Eucharist.

FATHER'S MESSAGE, Con't

The disciples' experience also reminds us of the importance of hospitality and community. They invited the stranger to stay with them, saying, "Stay with us, for it is toward evening." In their openness to welcome another, they received the greatest gift—the revelation of Christ Himself. Let us follow their example by opening our hearts and homes to others, for in doing so, we may entertain Christ unawares.

This Gospel is read during Orthros as the fifth Eothinon, part of the eleven-resurrection Gospel cycle observed throughout the year. The accompanying hymns draw out the mystery of Christ's self-revelation to His disciples. This reminds us that Christ's revelation to us comes according to His divine wisdom and timing...it will happen *when* He wants it and *how* He wants it. Just as He gradually opened the disciples' understanding—first through Scripture, then through the breaking of bread—so too does He reveal Himself to us in small doses, preparing our hearts to receive Him more and more fully.

As we celebrate the Eucharist each Sunday, may we approach with the same eager anticipation as those disciples, knowing that Christ will make Himself known to us in the breaking of the bread. And when we drive out of the church parking lot and go back to the craziness of our world, may we carry that recognition with us, seeing Christ in one another and in all those we encounter on our daily journey.

May this summer season be one of spiritual sight and insight, where our eyes are continually opened to recognize our Lord's presence in our lives, in our community, and in the world around us.

Prayerfully yours,

+Fr. 

† Fr. Eleftherios Constantine

SACRAMENTAL LIFE

WEDDING

CONGRATULATIONS to Demetri John Bedel and Rebecca Anne Murphy who were united in the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony at St. Nicholas Cathedral on Saturday June 28, 2025. May God grant them Many Years!

PARISH COUNCIL

HAPPY SUMMER!

To celebrate our successful Food Festival, we will break bread as a St. Nicholas Family at the Festival Thank You Luncheon (see attached flyer).

Starting August 1st, the Church will begin another season, the "Fifteen Days of August" dedicated to honoring the Most Holy Virgin Mary, the Mother of God. It is the perfect opportunity during these two (2) weeks to show your light. Plan to attend Paraklesis Services and invite a friend to join you. It will prepare us to share the light with our "students" for the Blessing of the Backpacks Sunday, August 17th and College Student Welcome Sunday, August 24th!

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

Yours in Christ,

Michelle Marie Kotsagrelou

Keeping up with Parish Council:

- ⇒ At the Festival Thank You Luncheon we will receive the 2025 Food Festival Income/Expense Report.
- ⇒ **We are looking for one more person to help lead the parish.** If you are interested in serving, please contact me.
- ⇒ Parish Council is looking for volunteers (from our parish) to work in our office (answer phones, let workers in, etc.) while Bunny is out for her knee replacement surgery. It will be from July 14th to August 8th, during the hours of 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. If you are available, please contact Bunny at the office.

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.



The Food Festival is over, and it was a success!
So, Parish Council would like to invite you to a

THANK YOU LUNCHEON



**Food Festival
Financials will be
presented.**

**For more
information contact:
Michelle Kotsagrellos
412-680-1416**

**WE WILL ALSO BE CELEBRATING
FATHER ELEFTHERIOS'
2 YEAR ANNIVESARY
AT
ST. NICHOLAS CATHEDRAL!**

STEWARDSHIP



WHAT IS STEWARDSHIP AND HOW DOES IT AFFECT SAINT NICHOLAS CATHEDRAL?

The word *Stewardship* is defined many ways. The word comes from the Greek word “Oikonomia” or economy as applied to management of one’s home and/or household. It is also defined as being careful and responsible to something entrusted to that person.

We, the parishioners of Saint Nicholas have been entrusted to take good care of our church and most importantly, recognizing that all that we are and have, in this life, *is God’s gift to us*. Stewards show their love and thanks to our beloved church by giving regularly, giving their talents through volunteering and time to our church.

Summer is upon us and yes, things generally slow down, but our church continues running. Repairs, both expected and unexpected occur happen. They do not stop. Much as we take good care of our homes, we need to be vigilant on taking very good care of our Saint Nicholas. Stewardship grows our parish, through programs and ministries. They do not stop because of Summer.

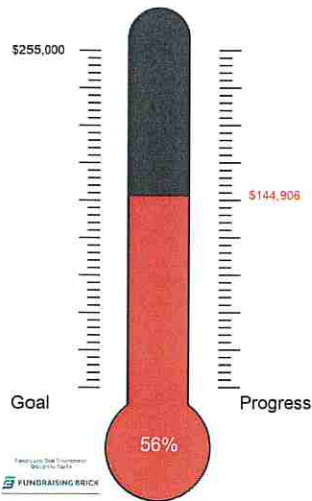
Please consider thoughtfully how you as a current or new Steward wish to give thanks to Saint Nicholas. Cards are available in the Narthex or for your convenience, online at www.stnickspgh.org.

Saint Nicholas thanks all who have participated in the careful and responsible management of our spiritual home.

2025 STEWARDSHIP

"YOUR OWN FROM YOUR OWN"

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



2025 STEWARDSHIP		06/30/2025
Total Stewards		249
Total Amount Pledged		\$144,906.00
Average Pledge		\$1,020.46
% Parish Participation to Date		83%
2024 Stewards (GOAL)		300
% of Total Budget to Date		56%
2025 Budget (GOAL)		\$ 255,000.00
Total Giving to Date		\$142,164.23
As of:		06/23/2025
Income: Envelopes & Pledges, and Basket Collection	\$204,462.00	
Expenses: Salaries, Utilities, Maintenance, Commitments, etc.	\$299,820.00	
	(\$ 95,358.00)	

Many of you have been contributing, but

PLEASE complete a Stewardship Card.

Our website may be used to fill out a Stewardship Card and make a payment

<https://www.stnickspgh.org>

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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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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.

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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

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Tulla Rakoczy

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Milan Trifanoff

Mary, John & Jasmine Peterson

Peter Tsudis

Carol Tsudis

Perry Velisaris

Dimitra, Christina & Evangelos Coutris
Yoanna & Stamatia Lykos
Tulla Velisaris

Yianni Velisaris

Dimitra, Christina & Evangelos Coutris
Tulla Velisaris

Jason Walker

Brooke & Drew Walker
Tasso Whipple

Tasso Whipple

Tyra Nelson

Leo Yannopoulos

Paulette Yannopoulos

Peter Yannopoulos

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*We apologize for any misspellings or omissions.

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Father Evangelos Andreou Mitzie Andrews Maria Janik	Paul Chronis Elaine Vitsas
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Harry Bender Sophia & Maria Bender	Harry Darakos Taki, Argy, Toula, Demetri & Harry Darakos
George Bertos Pamela Bertos	Ron (Richards) Daugherty Denise & Bridgette Daugherty
Matheos Boubouras Nicholas Lamprinakos	Andreas Delivorias Petros & Marlene Delivorias

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George Gregory Alexandra Gregory	George Lykos The Lykos Family
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Haralambos Stoyias The Lykos Family	Arthur Velis Mitzie Andrews Maria Janik
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*We apologize for any misspellings or omissions.

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.

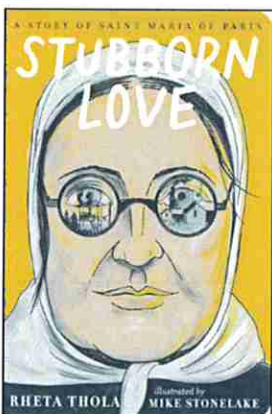
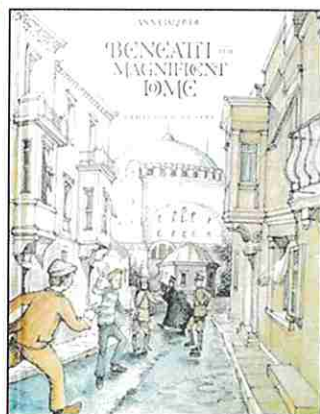
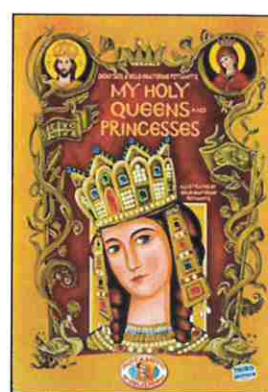
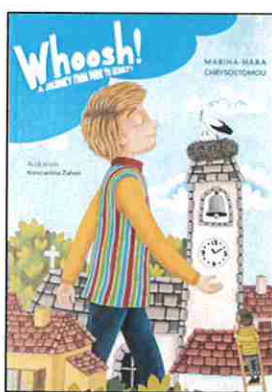
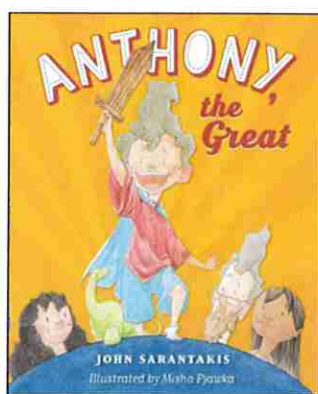
Each Youth Safety Worker is required to register yearly with the church.

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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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



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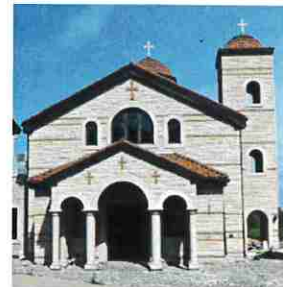
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NEWSLETTER OF THE GREEK ORTHODOX METROPOLIS OF PITTSBURGH



2025 ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM ORATORICAL FESTIVAL

Our 2025 Metropolis St. John Chrysostom Oratorical Festival was held on April 26 at Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church in Lancaster, PA. We had 11 Junior and 19 Senior Division Speakers. We once again had Essay, Poetry and Iconography Divisions which were judged remotely. We had a total of 19 participants in these categories. This year we were pleased to add a Vocal Division to our Festival. Both the Vocal Division and the Oratorical Scholarship will be named in memory of Archon Peter Clyde Nicholas Papadokos. The Vocal Division had seven vocalists for its inaugural year. Our Festival Participants represented 19 of the parishes of our Metropolis. Many thanks to the host committee and volunteers from Annunciation who put together a beautiful program including a delicious breakfast and lunch.

Through the generosity of the parishes and our Metropolis Philoptochos Society who donated to our scholarship fund we were able to award \$500 scholarships to the top two speakers in each Division as well as \$100 scholarships to the first-place winner in each of the Essay, Poetry, Iconography and Vocal Divisions. The Metropolis of Pittsburgh Poetry, Essay, Iconography and Vocal Division Finalists were:

Poetry

Junior Winner: Anna Agrafiotis, Koimisis Tis Theotokos, Erie, PA
Senior Winner: Kalliope Kondolios, St. Demetrios, Warren, OH

Essay

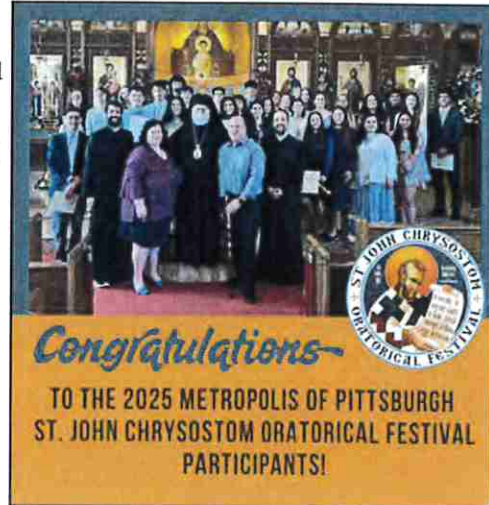
Junior Winner: Claire Gaitanis, Holy Trinity, Camp Hill, PA
Senior Winner: Anthony Asmis, St. Paul, N. Royalton, OH

Iconography

Estelle Raudenbush, Holy Trinity, Camp Hill, PA

Vocal

Sophia Hogg, St. Nicholas, Pittsburgh, PA



Sophia Hogg from St. Nicholas Cathedral, Pittsburgh and Taxiarchi Russ from Annunciation Cathedral, Columbus were selected to represent our Metropolis at the National Oratorical Festival which was hosted by our Metropolis and was held on May 30-June 1 at St. Nicholas Cathedral in Pittsburgh. Sophia and Taxiarchi delivered their speeches beautifully and were each awarded Honorable Mention and received \$2,500 scholarships.

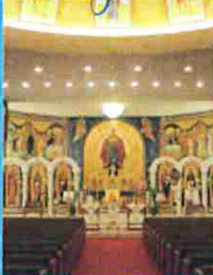
We were thrilled to be the hosts of this year's National Finals. The weekend began with a Paraklesis service on Friday evening at St. Nicholas followed by dinner and indoor Mini Golf. On Saturday we were honored to welcome His Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros who joined us to listen to the inspiring speeches followed by an Awards luncheon where finalists and guests enjoyed a Best of Pittsburgh themed menu. On Saturday evening the finalists and their guests boarded a 1920's style trolley and enjoyed a guided tour of Pittsburgh, including a ride on the Duquesne Incline and dinner at Le Mont restaurant followed by some Greek dancing! On Sunday, we concluded with Divine Liturgy led by Archbishop Elpidophoros during which the Junior and Senior Finalists presented their speeches. Liturgy was followed by a farewell brunch.



A special highlight of the National Finals weekend came on Saturday morning when special guest, Sergio Raftis delivered a heartfelt and inspiring witness of this faith. Sergio is mostly non-verbal so a friend read the speech but the words were Sergio's and the message was both powerful and inspiring. His speech deeply touched everyone present as well as those watching online. Many thanks to our host committee for all of their hard work in putting together a beautiful and memorable weekend for the 18 Finalists who represented all of the Metropolises in our Archdiocese.

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JULY 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 YAL Volleyball 7:00 p.m.	3	4 CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED HAPPY 4th of JULY	5
Father Eleftherios Away June 30 - July 11						
6 4th Sunday of Matthew Orthros 8:15 a.m. Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m.	7 YAL Basketball 7:00 p.m.	8	9	10	11	12
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13 Sunday of the Holy Fathers of the 4th Ecumenical Council Orthros 8:15 a.m. Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m. <i>Sacrament</i> 12:30 p.m.	14 YAL Basketball 7:00 p.m.	15	16 YAL Volleyball 7:00 p.m.	17 St. Marina, the Great-Martyr Orthros 8:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m.	18	19
20 6th Sunday of Matthew Orthros 8:15 a.m. Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m. THANK YOU LUNCHEON	21 YAL Basketball 7:00 p.m. Parish Council Meeting 6:30 p.m.	22 St. Markella of Chios & St. Mary Magdelene Orthros 8:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m.	23	24	25	26
27 7th Sunday of Matthew Orthros 8:15 a.m. Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m.	28 YAL Basketball 7:00 p.m.	29	30 YAL Volleyball 7:00 p.m.	31		

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