



Saint Nicholas Greek Orthodox Cathedral Pittsburgh, PA

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AUGUST 2025 NEWSLETTER



**August 27:
St. Phanourios
the Great Martyr and
Newly-Revealed**

Saint Phanourios is commemorated on August 27. His icon was discovered miraculously intact among the ruins of a church on Rhodes, depicting him as a young soldier holding a cross and a lit candle, surrounded by scenes of his martyrdom. Though little is known of his life, the Church immediately recognized him as a saint, and his name — derived from the Greek phaneron, “I reveal” — reflects his role as one who brings hidden things to light.

Beloved especially in the Greek-speaking Orthodox world, Saint Phanourios is invoked for finding lost items or clarity in times of confusion. In thanksgiving, the faithful traditionally bake a phanouropita, a simple oil-based cake offered in his honor and shared with others. More than a finder of misplaced things, Saint Phanourios is a radiant witness to Christ, revealing the steadfastness of faith even in suffering.

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
Archdiocese	212-570-3500	www.goarch.org

CHECK US OUT ON THE WEB

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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	Lenna Cominos	412-370-8181

PARISH COUNCIL COMMITTEE CHAIRS

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FATHER'S MESSAGE

August 2025

"Deliver us, all of your servants, from danger, O Theotokos; after God, we all flee to you, for shelter and covering, as an unshakable wall and our protection." (from the Small Paraklesis)

My dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Each year, the Church invites us into a sacred rhythm of prayer during the *Δεκαπενταύγουστος*, the first fifteen days of August, through the beautiful services of the Paraklesis to the Theotokos.

The Paraklesis is a service of intercession offered specifically for the living—supplicatory canons chanted during the Dormition Fast that give voice to the prayers of the faithful: for healing, for peace, for consolation, and for strength. Names of family and friends are lifted up, especially those who are suffering in body, mind, or soul. And we ask the Panagia to pray for them—to pray with us and for us. "Disperse the storm of my grief," we sing, "for those in great sorrow, you are joy."

The Orthodox Church has always understood the saints as living members of the Body of Christ, not as distant or inaccessible figures. Just as we would ask a dear friend to pray for us, so we ask the saints. And chief among them stands the Theotokos, our "Champion General," our fervent intercessor, and the mother of us all.

We do not worship her; we honor and venerate her as the Mother of God and the most faithful disciple of her Son and our God. Her intercession is powerful because her love is pure. And as any good mother would, she never ceases to pray for her children.

During these August evenings, we alternate between two canons: the Small Paraklesis and the Great Paraklesis. While most of us are probably more familiar with the Small Paraklesis, both are beautiful services filled with psalms, hymns, and petitions that express our fallen humanity from the depths of our sorrows, fears, and needs—and gently lead us to hope in Christ.

The tone of these services is deeply personal and pastoral. In these prayers, we hear the echoing cries of the faithful through the centuries, and we are reminded that we are not alone in our struggles.

The Virgin Mary listens. And she prays.

FATHER'S MESSAGE, Con't

I invite you to join us for these services. Come and offer your burdens. As we lift up names before the Lord, come and pray for those you love... and even for those you struggle to love.

This is what the Church does: we pray for one another and with one another. Through the intercessions of the saints—especially the Panagia, who never ceases her motherly care for us—we draw nearer to Christ.

As we approach the Feast of the Dormition, may these days of fasting and prayer be filled with grace, comfort, and renewal for our souls—through the prayers of the Most Holy Theotokos.

Prayerfully yours,

† Fr. Eleftherios Constantine

SACRAMENTAL LIFE

BAPTISM

With much joy, we welcome into our Family of faith Samantha Angela Lampariello. She is the daughter of Dana (Matthews) and Michael Lampariello and was baptized on Sunday, July 13, 2025. Her Godmother is Bridgette Daugherty.

FUNERAL

OUR CONDOLENCES to the family of *Vera Jane Poland* who fell asleep in the Lord on Saturday, July 12, 2025. Her funeral was on Thursday, July 16, 2025 at St. Nicholas Cathedral. May her memory be eternal.

PARISH COUNCIL

**"August is a time of growing up,
of forgotten forever's,
full of the sweetest intent."** Meka Boyle

Starting August 1st, the Church will begin another season, the "Fifteen Days of August" dedicated to honoring Our All-holy, immaculate, most blessed and glorified Lady, the Theotokos and Ever-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 or two 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!

Looking forward to seeing **you** at St. Nicholas (in the **pews** or at one of these events)!

Yours in Christ,

Michelle Marie Kotsagrelou

Keeping up with Parish Council:

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

Homewood Cemetery

St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Cathedral Greek Section

There are currently 30 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.



NAMES FOR THE PARAKLESIS SERVICES:

August 2025

First Names Only - Please Print Clearly!



Blessing of the Backpacks

SUNDAY, AUGUST 17TH

To pray for students for the upcoming school year. The prayer asks God to bless the backpacks and those who carry them, to give them love, support, presence, peace, grace, and learning. The prayer also reminds the students of the care of the parish, and encourages them to use their gifts, be good listeners, welcome newcomers, and enjoy new adventures!

Volunteers Needed for Upcoming Welcome Brunch for College and Graduate Students

Greetings! Planning is underway for our annual **Welcome Brunch for College and Graduate Students**, which will take place on **Sunday, August 24**, following the Divine Liturgy at **St. Nicholas**. This event is one of the highlights of the year for our students, and we love opening our doors to honor and welcome both new and returning members of our academic community.

We invite you to support this wonderful event in one or more of the following ways:

- Donate a baked good or prepared dish
- Help with setup or serving on the day of the event
- Offer a monetary contribution to help cover the cost of food, decorations, and welcome bags

This brunch is hosted by the Moms and Dads of St. Nicholas and is open to the entire community. It is made possible entirely through the generosity of our parishioners—thank you for your continued support!



Saint Nicholas Cathedral in the heart of Oakland-Pittsburgh invites you to their annual **Welcome Brunch** for College & Grad Students **Sunday, August 24th**

Be our guest immediately following Divine Liturgy
(Orthros at 8:15 am, Liturgy at 9:30)

Hosted by the
Saint Nicholas Cathedral
Moms & Dads



JOIN US FOR OUR



SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2025

**Our Picnic will be held after church at the
Vietnam Veterans Pavilion in Schenley Park.**

Come celebrate the end of the
Summer with Great Food,
Drinks, Games and Fellowship!!

Bring the whole family and
bring some friends too!!!!



Food served at Noon

Sponsored by the Parish of St Nicholas Cathedral

STEWARDSHIP



ON Q: STEWARDSHIP QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

What is a Steward?

A Steward is someone who cares for our church, its property and finances. As stewards, God asks each one of us to give of their time, talent and treasure.

What is a Pledge?

A pledge is a promise /covenant to help support our beloved Saint Nicholas. Your support helps the church pay its bills, maintain the property and enhance the ministries.

Your pledge is the church's source of income. Without pledges of support, Saint Nicholas would not be able to pay its bills, maintain their property or have outreach through its many ministries. Your pledges keep the lights on, the air conditioning and heat.

There would be no services, no Sunday School as examples.

Give what you feel you can give. Its through the gifts that God grants us that we can make a pledge.

Is it too late in the year to pledge?

It's never too late. Ideally, pledging sooner than later helps Saint Nicholas and those entrusted to care for the church to budget accordingly. Expenses, those planned as well as unexpected depend on pledges to pay for them.

How do I/We Pledge?

Pledging to Saint Nicholas is easy and just a click away, at www.stnickspgh.org. Cards are also available in the Narthex.

2025 STEWARDSHIP

"Your Own from Your Own"

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



2025 STEWARDSHIP		07/31/2025
Total Stewards		252
Total Amount Pledged		\$147,056.00
Average Pledge		\$1,007.23
% Parish Participation to Date		84%
2024 Stewards (GOAL)		300
% of Total Budget to Date		57%
2025 Budget (GOAL)		\$ 255,000.00
Total Giving to Date		\$149,979.23
As of:		06/30/2025
Income: Envelopes & Pledges, Basket Collection, and Food Festival	\$483,650.00	
Expenses: Salaries, Utilities, Maintenance, Commitments, etc.	\$366,600.00	
	\$117,050.00	

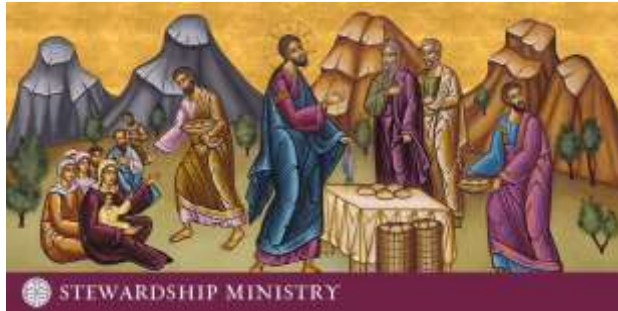
Many of you have been contributing, but

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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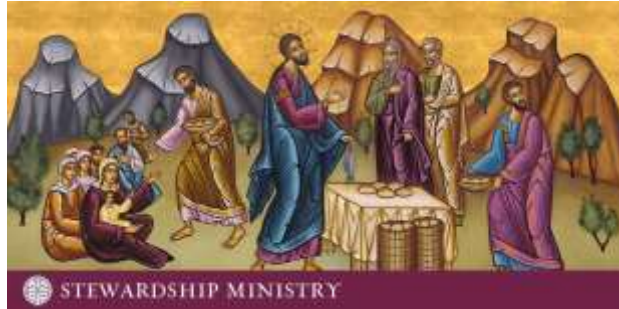


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Last Name _____ First Name _____

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(Alternate address if applicable) _____

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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

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Saint Nicholas Greek Orthodox Cathedral
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.

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☐ Youth Ministry _____

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☐ 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

ST. NICHOLAS SIXTY CLUB NEWS
MEMBERS & FRIENDS
MYSTERY TRIP RAFFLE

August 28, 2025

ONLY 10 PARTICIPANTS

\$55.00 p/p

[Lunch not included --(avg. \$20 - \$30)]

Bus will leave St. Nicholas 9:00 a.m.-- return 3:15p.m.

Be brave: Take a chance! (INSIDE STEPS)

Make checks payable and mail to St. Nicholas Sixty Club,
419 S. Dithridge St., Pittsburgh, PA 15213, Drawing August 24.

Direct questions to Fran Hanna-412 731 0790 or

ichmac@comcast.net

Name_____Phone_____

Address_____

KEEP KIDS SAFE

ARCHDIOCESE POLICIES



Note: There is an additional process required by PA Law.

Are You a Youth Worker?

Priests, Deacons, Altar Helper, Sunday School or Greek School Teacher, Folk Dance Instructor, Oratorical Festival Coach, GOYA Advisor, Coach, Chaperone, JOY Advisor, etc! Parish Council Members too.

If so, you must register or log-in to your account each year.

youthsafetyplatform.goarch.org

Questions? Email: youthsafety@goarch.org



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.

GOYA, JOY, HOPE & Little Angels



ST. NICHOLAS



ALL YOUTH KICKOFF



GOYA.JOY.HOPE.LITTLE ANGELS



AUGUST 9TH

ST. NICHOLAS LARGE HALL
START AT 12:00

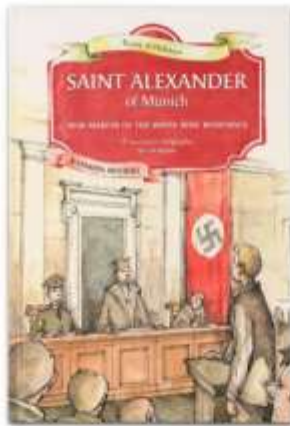


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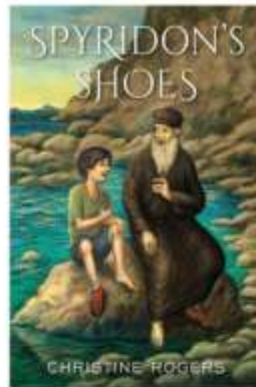
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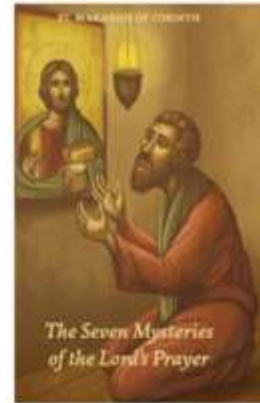
St. John Chrysostom Bookstore



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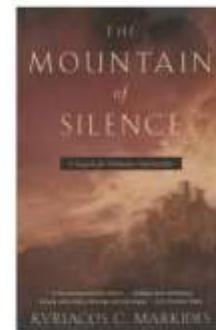
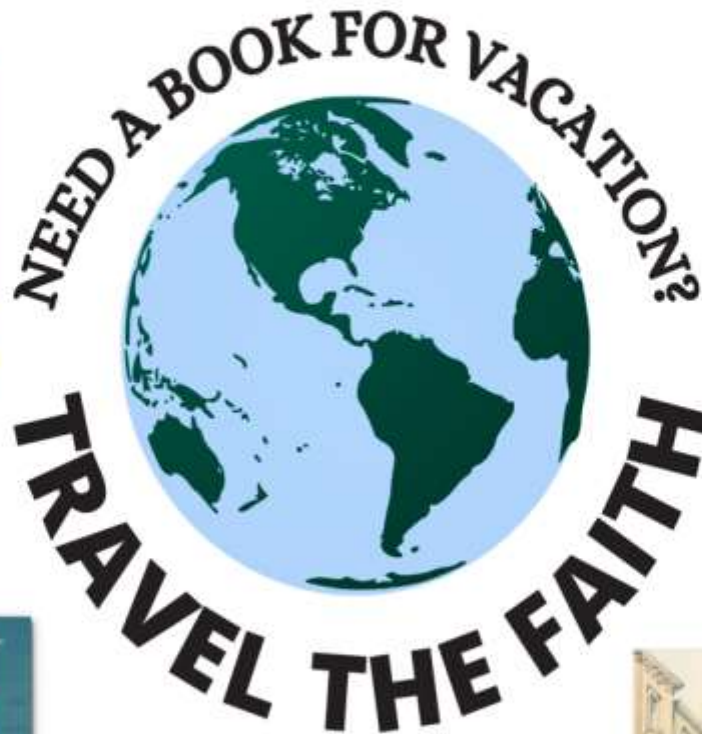
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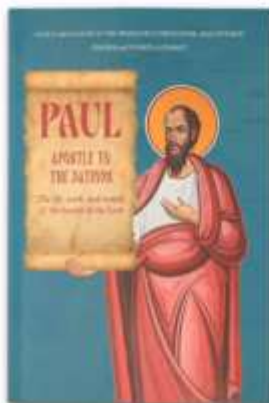
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TURKEY AND GREECE



CONSTANTINOPLE

ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM
BOOKSTORE

Gerontissa Theophano and the Sisters warmly welcome you to the Nativity of the Theotokos Greek Orthodox Monastery 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.**

Visitors should be modestly dressed for all visits to the Monastery.

Women are asked to wear long skirts & men to wear long pants, socks with sandals & shoes

Please RSVP so that the Monastery has adequate hospitality:

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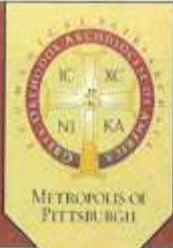
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2025 CLERGY LAITY ASSEMBLY
SEPTEMBER 25 - 27, 2025
Registration opens 4:00pm
(Clergy 11:30am)

Annunciation Cathedral Columbus, OH
555 N High St, Columbus OH 43215-2068

pittsburgh.goarch.org/2025-assembly

Registration Cost:
3/2 Days: \$250.00 | 1 Day: \$150.00
+ \$15.00 for Friday Evening event:
Global Foodie Experience

Online Registration Opens: Aug 1
Registration Deadline: Sept 14

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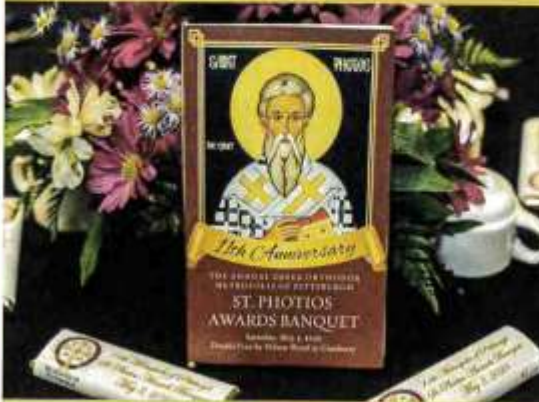
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WEEKENDS: SEP 13-14
ALLISON PARK, PA 15101
FRI. AUGUST 8 AT 6:30 PM

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YORK, PA
TUESDAY, AUGUST 12
4:30 PM

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Adult Track: Priscilla Callos, MDiv, RBC, CT
Youth Track: Marina Giannirakis, M5W, MPS

OPEN TO ALL FAMILIES! REGISTRATION OPENS JULY 19.



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AUGUST 2025						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Small Paraklesis 6:30 p.m.	2
	NOTE: DORMITION FAST – AUGUST 1—14					
3 8th Sunday Of Matthew Orthros 8:15 a.m. Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m.	4 Small Paraklesis 6:30 p.m. YAL Basketball 7:30 p.m.	5 Great Vespers for the Feast of the Transfiguration 6:30 p.m.	6 The Transfiguration of our Lord <i>Liturgy at Holy Transfiguration Monastery in Ellwood City, PA</i> YAL Volleyball 7:00 p.m.	7 Great Paraklesis 6:30 p.m.	8 Regional Paraklesis With Central Region Youth 6:30 p.m. <i>At St. George Chapel in McCandless</i>	9 All Youth Kickoff Event 12:00 noon
10 9th Sunday of Matthew Orthros 8:15 a.m. Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m.	11 Small Paraklesis 6:30 p.m. YAL Basketball 7:30 p.m.	12 Great Paraklesis 6:30 p.m.	13 Small Paraklesis 6:30 p.m.	14 Great Vespers in Oakmont or Aliquippa	15 Dormition of the Theotokos Orthros 8 :30 a.m. Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m.	16
17 10th Sunday of Matthew Orthros 8:15 a.m. Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m. BLESSING OF BACKPACKS	18 Parish Council Meeting 6:30 p.m.	19	20	21	22	23 GOMOPALOOZA (Metropolis Music and Arts Festival) in Warren, OH 11:00 a.m.-9:00 p.m.
24 11th Sunday of Matthew Orthros 8:15 a.m. Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m. COLLEGE STUDENT WELCOME SUNDAY	25 YAL Basketball 7:00 p.m.	26	27	28		30
31 12th Sunday of Matthew Orthros 8:15 a.m. Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m.						

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