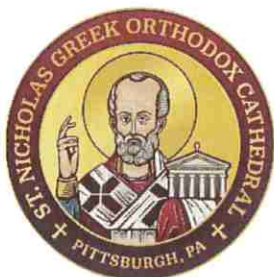


SUNDAY, September 14, 2025

Feast of the day: Exaltation of the Holy Cross



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To proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ in a spirit of unity and love for all through worship, service, education, fellowship and outreach.

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TODAY:

- ❖ We warmly welcome the participants of the 3rd Annual Synaxis of Women Byzantine Cantors who join us from across the country, and thank them for leading the chanting for today's services.
- ❖ We also welcome the new cohort of the Orthodox Volunteer Corps – PGH who join us today.
- ❖ Special Procession Service for the Elevation of the Holy Cross at the end of Liturgy
- ❖ Fasting Luncheon hosted by Philoptochos in the Large Hall following Divine Liturgy – all are welcome.
- ❖ A second basket will be passed today to benefit Hellenic College Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology – our seminary in Boston.

THIS WEEK AT ST. NICHOLAS:

• **Monday, September 15:**

• **Wednesday, September 17:**

• **Thursday, September 18:**

• **Saturday, September 20:**

• **Sunday, September 21:**

Parish Council Meeting 6:30 p.m.

YAL Basketball 7:00 p.m.

YAL Volleyball 7:00 p.m.

Pitt/CMU OCF 7:30 p.m.

Greek School 10:00 a.m.

Ministries Sunday

First Day of Church School

TODAY'S HYMNS AND READINGS

For the second Antiphon, the following festal variation is chanted along with the corresponding verses:

Σῶσον ἡμᾶς Υἱὲ Θεοῦ, ὁ σαρκὶ σταυρωθεὶς, ψάλλοντάς σοι, Ἀλληλούϊα.

Save us, O Son of God, who were crucified in the flesh. We sing to You, Alleluia.

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The Festal Hymn for the Exaltation of the Holy Cross in first mode is chanted twice for the Small Entrance:

Σῶσον, Κύριε, τὸν λαόν σου, καὶ εὐλόγησον τὴν κληρονομίαν σου, νίκας τοῖς βασιλεῦσι κατὰ βαρβάρων δωρούμενος, καὶ τὸ σὸν φυλάττων, διὰ τοῦ Σταυροῦ σου πολίτευμα.

Save, O Lord, Your people and bless Your inheritance, granting victory to the faithful over the enemy, and by Your Cross protecting Your commonwealth.

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

Υψοῦτε Κύριον τὸν Θεὸν ἡμῶν καὶ προσκυνεῖτε τῷ ὑποποδίῳ τῶν ποδῶν αὐτοῦ, ὅτι ἅγιός ἐστι. Σῶσον ἡμᾶς Υἱὲ Θεοῦ, ὁ σαρκὶ σταυρωθεὶς, ψάλλοντάς σοι, Ἀλληλούϊα.

Exalt the Lord our God, and worship at the footstool of His feet; for He is holy. Save us, O Son of God, who were crucified in the flesh. We sing to You, Alleluia.

Following the Small Entrance, the Festal Hymn for the Holy Cross in first mode is repeated (see above).

Finally, we chant the Festal Kontakion for the Feast of the Cross, in first mode:

Ο ὑψωθείς ἐν τῷ Σταυρῷ ἐκουσίως, τῇ ἐπωνύμῳ σου καινῇ πολιτείᾳ, τοὺς οἰκτιρμούς σου δώρησαι, Χριστέ ὁ Θεός. Εὐφρανὸν ἐν τῇ δυνάμει σου, τοὺς πιστοὺς βασιλεῖς ἡμῶν, νίκας χορηγῶν αὐτοῖς, κατὰ τῶν πολεμίων· τὴν συμμαχίαν ἔχοιεν τὴν σὴν, ὄπλον εἰρήνης, ἀήττητον τρόπαιον.

You who were lifted on the cross voluntarily, O Christ our God, bestow Your tender compassions upon Your new community to which You gave Your name. Cause our faithful emperors to be glad in Your power, granting them the victories against their adversaries. And for an ally, Lord, may they have You, peace as their armor, the trophy invincible.

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Instead of the Trisagion Hymn (Holy God...), the following is chanted:

Τὸν Σταυρόν σου προσκυνοῦμεν, Δέσποτα, καὶ τὴν ἀγίαν σου ἀνάστασιν δοξάζομεν.

We venerate Your Cross, O Master, and we glorify Your Holy Resurrection.

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Today's Epistle Reading (for the Feast):

The reading is from St. Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians (1:18 – 24)

Αδελφοί, ὁ λόγος ὁ τοῦ σταυροῦ τοῖς μὲν ἀπολλυμένοις μωρία ἐστὶ, τοῖς δὲ σωζομένοις ἡμῖν δύναμις Θεοῦ ἐστὶ. γέγραπται γάρ· ἀπολῶ τὴν σοφίαν τῶν σοφῶν, καὶ τὴν σύνεσιν τῶν συνετῶν

ἀθετήσω. ποῦ σοφός; ποῦ γραμματεὺς; ποῦ συζητητὴς τοῦ αἰῶνος τούτου; οὐχὶ ἐμώρνανεν ὁ Θεὸς τὴν σοφίαν τοῦ κόσμου τούτου; ἐπειδὴ γὰρ ἐν τῇ σοφίᾳ τοῦ Θεοῦ οὐκ ἔγνω ὁ κόσμος διὰ τῆς σοφίας τὸν Θεόν, εὐδόκησεν ὁ Θεὸς διὰ τῆς μωρίας τοῦ κηρύγματος σῶσαι τοὺς πιστεύοντας. ἐπειδὴ καὶ Ἰουδαῖοι σημεῖον αἰτοῦσι καὶ Ἕλληνες σοφίαν ζητοῦσιν, ἡμεῖς δὲ κηρύσσομεν Χριστὸν ἐσταυρωμένον, Ἰουδαίοις μὲν σκάνδαλον, Ἕλλησι δὲ μωρίαν, αὐτοῖς δὲ τοῖς κλητοῖς, Ἰουδαίοις τε καὶ Ἕλλησι, Χριστὸν Θεοῦ δύναμιν καὶ Θεοῦ σοφίαν.

Brethren, the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written, "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the cleverness of the clever I will thwart." Where is the wise man? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, it pleased God through the folly of what we preach to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. [RSV]

Today's Gospel Reading (for the Feast):

The reading is from the Holy Gospel according to John (19:6–11, 13–20, 25–28, 30)

Τῷ καιρῷ ἐκείνῳ, συμβούλιον ἐποίησαν οἱ ἀρχιερεῖς καὶ οἱ πρεσβύτεροι κατὰ τοῦ Ἰησοῦ ὅπως αὐτὸν ἀπολέσωσι. Καὶ παρεγένοντο πρὸς Πιλᾶτον λέγοντες· σταύρωσον σταύρωσον αὐτόν. Λέγει αὐτοῖς ὁ Πιλᾶτος· λάβετε αὐτὸν ὑμεῖς καὶ σταυρώσατε· ἐγὼ γὰρ οὐχ εὐρίσκω ἐν αὐτῷ αἰτίαν. ἀπεκρίθησαν αὐτῷ οἱ Ἰουδαῖοι· ἡμεῖς νόμον ἔχομεν, καὶ κατὰ τὸν νόμον ἡμῶν ὀφείλει ἀποθανεῖν, ὅτι ἐαυτὸν Θεοῦ υἱὸν ἐποίησεν. Ὅτε οὖν ἤκουσεν ὁ Πιλᾶτος τοῦτον τὸν λόγον, μᾶλλον ἐφοβήθη, καὶ εἰσηλθεν εἰς τὸ πραιτώριον πάλιν καὶ λέγει τῷ Ἰησοῦ· πόθεν εἶ σύ; ὁ δὲ Ἰησοὺς ἀπόκρισιν οὐκ ἔδωκεν αὐτῷ. λέγει οὖν αὐτῷ ὁ Πιλᾶτος· ἐμοὶ οὐ λαλεῖς; οὐκ οἶδας ὅτι ἐξουσίαν ἔχω σταυρῶσαί σε καὶ ἐξουσίαν ἔχω ἀπολύσαι σε; ἀπεκρίθη Ἰησοὺς· οὐκ εἶχες ἐξουσίαν οὐδεμίαν κατ' ἐμοῦ, εἰ μὴ ἦν σοι δεδομένον ἄνωθεν· διὰ τοῦτο ὁ παραδιδούς μέ σοι μείζονα ἁμαρτίαν ἔχει. ὁ οὖν Πιλᾶτος ἀκούσας τοῦτον τὸν λόγον ἠγάγεν ἔξω τὸν Ἰησοῦν, καὶ ἐκάθισεν ἐπὶ τοῦ βήματος εἰς τόπον λεγόμενον Λιθόστρωτον, ἐβραϊστὶ δὲ Γαββαθᾶ· ἦν δὲ παρασκευὴ τοῦ πάσχα, ὥρα δὲ ὥσεὶ ἕκτη· καὶ λέγει τοῖς Ἰουδαίοις· ἴδε ὁ βασιλεὺς ὑμῶν. οἱ δὲ ἐκραύγασαν· ἄρον ἄρον, σταύρωσον αὐτόν. λέγει αὐτοῖς ὁ Πιλᾶτος· τὸν βασιλέα ὑμῶν σταυρώσω; ἀπεκρίθησαν οἱ ἀρχιερεῖς· οὐκ ἔχομεν βασιλέα εἰ μὴ Καίσαρα. τότε οὖν παρέδωκεν αὐτὸν αὐτοῖς ἵνα σταυρωθῇ. Παρέλαβον δὲ τὸν Ἰησοῦν καὶ ἠγάγον· καὶ βαστάζων τὸν σταυρὸν αὐτοῦ ἐξῆλθεν εἰς τὸν λεγόμενον κρανίου τόπον, ὃς λέγεται ἐβραϊστὶ Γολγοθᾶ, ὅπου αὐτὸν ἐσταύρωσαν, καὶ μετ' αὐτοῦ ἄλλους δύο ἐντεῦθεν καὶ ἐντεῦθεν, μέσον δὲ τὸν Ἰησοῦν. ἔγραψε δὲ καὶ τίτλον ὁ Πιλᾶτος καὶ ἔθηκεν ἐπὶ τοῦ σταυροῦ· ἦν δὲ γεγραμμένον· Ἰησοὺς ὁ Ναζωραῖος ὁ βασιλεὺς τῶν Ἰουδαίων. τοῦτον οὖν τὸν τίτλον πολλοὶ ἀνέγνωσαν τῶν Ἰουδαίων, ὅτι ἐγγὺς ἦν τῆς πόλεως ὁ τόπος ὅπου ἐσταυρώθη ὁ Ἰησοὺς· καὶ ἦν γεγραμμένον Ἑβραϊστὶ, Ἑλληνιστὶ, Ῥωμαϊστὶ. Οἱ μὲν οὖν στρατιῶται ταῦτα ἐποίησαν. εἰστήκεισαν δὲ παρὰ τῷ σταυρῷ τοῦ Ἰησοῦ ἡ μήτηρ αὐτοῦ καὶ ἡ ἀδελφὴ τῆς μητρὸς αὐτοῦ, Μαρία ἡ τοῦ Κλωπᾶ καὶ Μαρία ἡ Μαгдаληνὴ. Ἰησοὺς οὖν ἰδὼν τὴν μητέρα καὶ τὸν μαθητὴν παρεστῶτα ὃν ἠγάπα, λέγει τῇ μητρὶ αὐτοῦ· γύναι, ἴδε ὁ υἱός σου. εἶτα λέγει τῷ μαθητῇ· ἰδοὺ ἡ μήτηρ σου. καὶ ἀπ' ἐκείνης τῆς ὥρας ἔλαβεν ὁ μαθητὴς αὐτὴν εἰς τὰ ἴδια. Μετὰ τοῦτο εἰδὼς ὁ Ἰησοὺς ὅτι πάντα ἤδη τετέλεστοι, ἵνα τελειωθῇ ἡ γραφή, λέγει διψῶ. ὅτε οὖν ἔλαβε τὸ ὄξος ὁ Ἰησοὺς εἶπε, τετέλεστοι, καὶ κλίνας τὴν κεφαλὴν παρέδωκε τὸ πνεῦμα.

At that time, the chief priests and the elders held counsel against Jesus, how to destroy him. And they went to Pilate, saying, "Crucify him, crucify him!" Pilate said to them, "Take him yourselves and crucify him, for I find no crime in him." The Jews answered him, "We have a law, and by that law he ought to die, because he has made himself the Son of God." When Pilate heard these words, he was the more afraid; he entered the praetorium again and said to Jesus, "Where are you from?" But Jesus gave no answer. Pilate therefore said to him, "You will not speak to me? Do you not know that I have power to release you, and power to crucify you?" Jesus answered him, "You would have no power over me unless it had been given you from above; therefore he who delivered me to you has the greater sin." When Pilate heard these words, he brought Jesus out and sat down on the judgment seat at a place called the Pavement, and in Hebrew, Gabbatha. Now it was the day of Preparation of the Passover; it was about the sixth hour. He said to the Jews, "Behold your King!" They cried out, "Away with him, away with him, crucify him!" Pilate said to them, "Shall I crucify your King?" The chief priests answered, "We have no king but Caesar." Then he handed him over to them to be crucified. So they took Jesus, and he went out, bearing his own cross, to the place called the place of a skull, which is called in Hebrew Golgotha. There they crucified him, and with him two others, one on either side, and Jesus between them. Pilate also wrote a title and put it on the cross; it read, "Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews." Many of the Jews read this title, for the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city; and it was written in Hebrew, in Latin, and in Greek. But standing by the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw his mother, and the disciple whom he loved standing near, he said to his mother, "Woman, behold your son!" Then he said to the disciple, "Behold your mother!" And from that hour the disciple took her to his own home. Then when Jesus had received the vinegar, he said, "It is finished"; and he bowed his head and gave up his spirit. [RSV]

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Instead of "It is truly right..." the Ninth Ode of the feast is chanted:

Μυστικὸς εἶ Θεοτόκε Παράδεισος, ἀγεωργήτως βλαστήσασα Χριστόν, ὅφ' οὗ τὸ τοῦ Σταυροῦ, ζωηφόρον ἐν γῇ, πεφυτούργηται δένδρον· δι' οὗ νῦν ὑψουμένου, προσκυνοῦντες αὐτόν, σὲ μεγαλύνομεν.

Theotokos, you are mystical Paradise, for without husbandry you have blossomed Christ, by whom on earth the Cross, as a life-bearing tree, has been planted and watered. As it is now exalted, we adore Him and worship Him and magnify you.

The Festal Communion hymn of the day is chanted, instead of the usual "Praise the Lord...":

Εσημειώθη ἐφ' ἡμᾶς τὸ φῶς τοῦ προσώπου σου, Κύριε. Ἀλληλούϊα.

O Lord, the light of Your face was stamped upon us. Alleluia.

Instead of "We have seen the true light..." the festal hymn for the Holy Cross is chanted.

Σῶσον, Κύριε, τὸν λαόν σου ...

Save, O Lord, Your people...



GREEK ORTHODOX ARCHDIOCESE OF AMERICA
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Prot. No. 423/2025

Archepiscopal Encyclical for the Exaltation of the Holy Cross
The Feast of the Universal Exaltation of the Precious and Life-giving Cross

September 14, 2025

Unto the Most Reverend and Right Reverend Hierarchs, Pious Priests and Deacons, Monks and Nuns, Presidents and Members of the Parish Councils, Honorable Archons of the Ecumenical Patriarchate, Members of Leadership 100, Day and Afternoon Schools, Philoptochos Societies, Youth, Greek Orthodox Organizations, and entirety of the Christ-named Plenitude of the Sacred Archdiocese of America:

Χαῖρε, Κριτοῦ δίκαιον φανέρωσις.... (Ακάθιστος τοῦ Τιμίου Σταυροῦ, Ν)
Hail, Manifestation of the Righteous Judge.... (Akathist of the Holy Cross, N)

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ,

Today, we hail the Precious and Life-giving Cross of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. In many of our parishes, the Akathist to the Holy Cross is chanted in overflowing praise. Like so many of our magnificent liturgical texts, this Akathist contains glimpses and glimmers of the mystery of our salvation in Christ, which illumine our spiritual path and teach us the deep things of God.

It is not without purpose that our Theological School is named "Holy Cross," because the Cross of our Lord is one of the greatest teachers in the two thousand years of the Church. We have amazing and erudite Saints, like Basil and the Gregorys, whose writings endure through the ages, and who are studied intently at our Theological School. But the Holy Cross of our Lord teaches wordlessly. It teaches by example, and by sheer manifestation. Therefore, when we chant, "Hail, Manifestation of the Righteous Judge," we come to the realization that the Lord, hanging upon the Cross, is being revealed to us as the Righteous Judge.

Let us all pause for a moment and consider the only truly innocent human being, put to death for the sake of every other human being. It is an unfeigned "sign of contradiction," as the Prophet Simeon the Elder said (Luke 2:34). For from the Cross, the Lord delivers no judgment of anyone — not his crucifiers, nor the ones who clamored for His destruction, nor those who ridiculed Him in His agony. The Lord, the Judge of the Universe, judged no one; rather, He gave His life for the life of the world with forgiveness.

Such is the lesson for each of us, then, as we praise the Holy Cross. To forgive, rather than condemn. To love, rather than despise. These are the lessons that are at the core of our training of the good people studying at our beloved Hellenic College and Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology. Today, on their Feastday, let us remember this vital Institution of our Church and support its mission, as we apply ourselves to the lesson of the Cross, the greatest teacher of our souls.

With paternal love in Christ,

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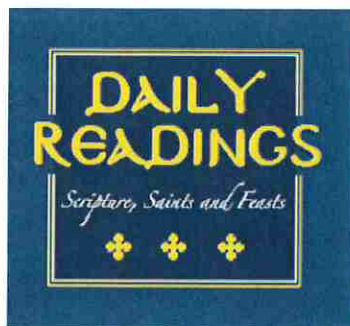
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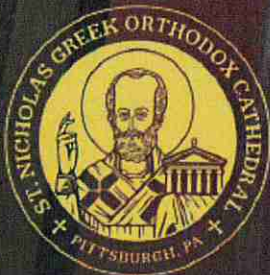
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Total Stewards	257 (GOAL 300)
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Avg. Pledge	\$1,007.18

Stewardship 2025: Thank you to our new and returning Saint Nicholas Stewards! For those who have not filled out a card, please do so as our church depends on stewardship for ongoing ministries as well as maintaining our beautiful Cathedral.

Cards are available in the Narthex and online at <http://www.stnickspgh.org>.

From the Church School Desk:

Next week, Sunday, September 21, 2025, the bells will start to ring again for the beginning of Church School with an Agiasmo (Blessings of the Water)!

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

This year's Church School theme is "**Saints Alive**." Each week in the bulletin, there will be information about different Saints that we, as Orthodox Christians, commemorate that week.

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

Continuing this year, a Church School Choir! Psalteria Amy Hogg will continue to have special lessons with Church School students to teach them to chant the Divine Liturgy and quarterly will chant during Divine Liturgy.

Please take the time to look over the attached 2025-2026 Church School Calendar, fill out the registration form (and bring it on or before the 21st) and volunteer **your** time, talent, and treasure to help **our** children.

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

Yours in Christ,
Miss Michel

Registration Form

St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Cathedral

Church School

Parent's Names

Address

Phone Numbers

Home _____

Work _____

Cell _____

E-mail _____

Children

Grade

Birthday

Nameday

Allergies

May we call you to volunteer for one of our projects?

Substitute Teacher _____

Oratorical Festival _____

St. Nicholas Bazaar _____

Communion Breakfast _____

Christmas Pageant _____

Easter Egg Hunt _____

Snacks _____

Outreach Projects _____

Thanks for sharing your children with us every Sunday!

Church School Schedule

2025-2026

Sunday, September 21, 2025		Church School Begins with Agiasmo
Sunday, September 28, 2025	No Classroom Attendance	Great Race
Sunday, November 2, 2025		Godparent Sunday
Sunday, November 30, 2025	No Classroom Attendance	Thanksgiving Break
Sunday, December 7, 2025		St. Nicholas Bazaar
Sunday, December 21, 2025		Christmas Pageant
Sunday, December 28, 2025	No Classroom Attendance	Christmas Break
Sunday, January 4, 2026		Church School Resumes & Vasilopita Cutting
Sunday, March 1, 2026	Participation in Procession	Sunday of Orthodoxy
Sunday, March 8, 2026		Church School Open House
Saturday, April 4, 2026	Saturday of Lazarus	Breakfast/Retreat/Palm Making
Sunday, April 5, 2026	Classroom Attendance	Palm Sunday
Sunday, April 12, 2026	No Classroom Attendance	Easter Sunday
Sunday, May 3, 2026	No Classroom Attendance	Pittsburgh Marathon
Sunday, May 10, 2026	No Classroom Attendance	Food Festival
Sunday, May 17, 2026	No Classroom Attendance	Commencement/Graduate Sunday

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All Clergy, Altar Helpers, Sunday School or Greek School Teachers, Folk Dance Instructors, Oratorical Festival Chairs, GOYA Advisors, Basketball Coaches, Chaperones, JOY Advisors, etc! Parish Council Members too.

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Questions? Email: youthsafety@goarch.org



FOOD FESTIVAL NEWS

We are excited to announce that we will be getting a head start on our festival cooking in October!

Baklava: Thursday, October 9, Friday, October 10, Saturday, October 11, Sunday, October 12 and possibly Monday, October 13.

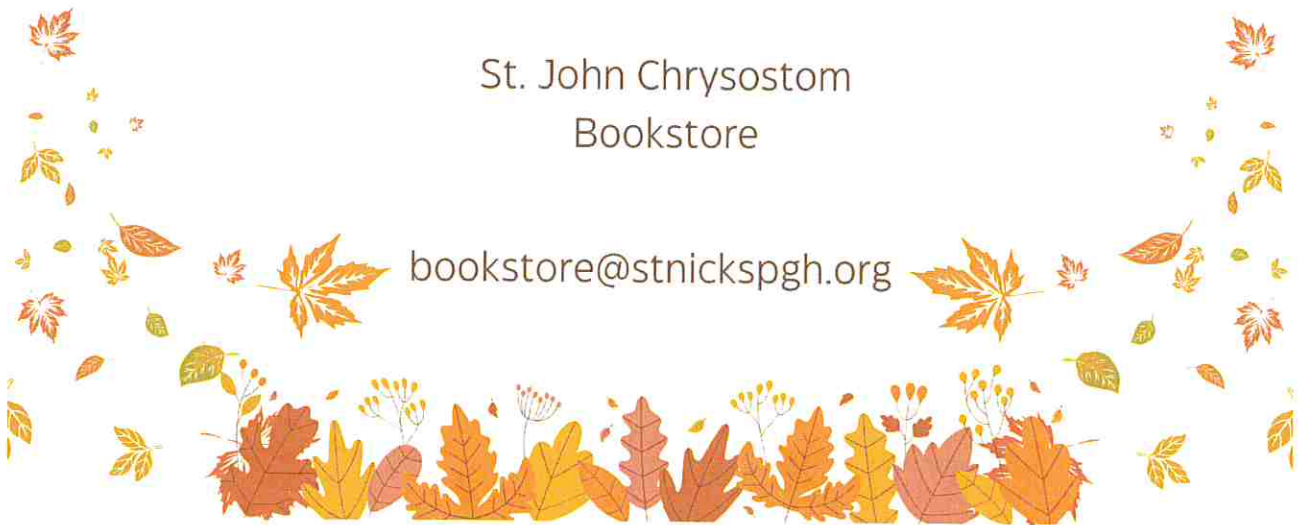
Moussaka: Monday, October 20, Tuesday, October 21, Wednesday, October 22 and Thursday, October 23.

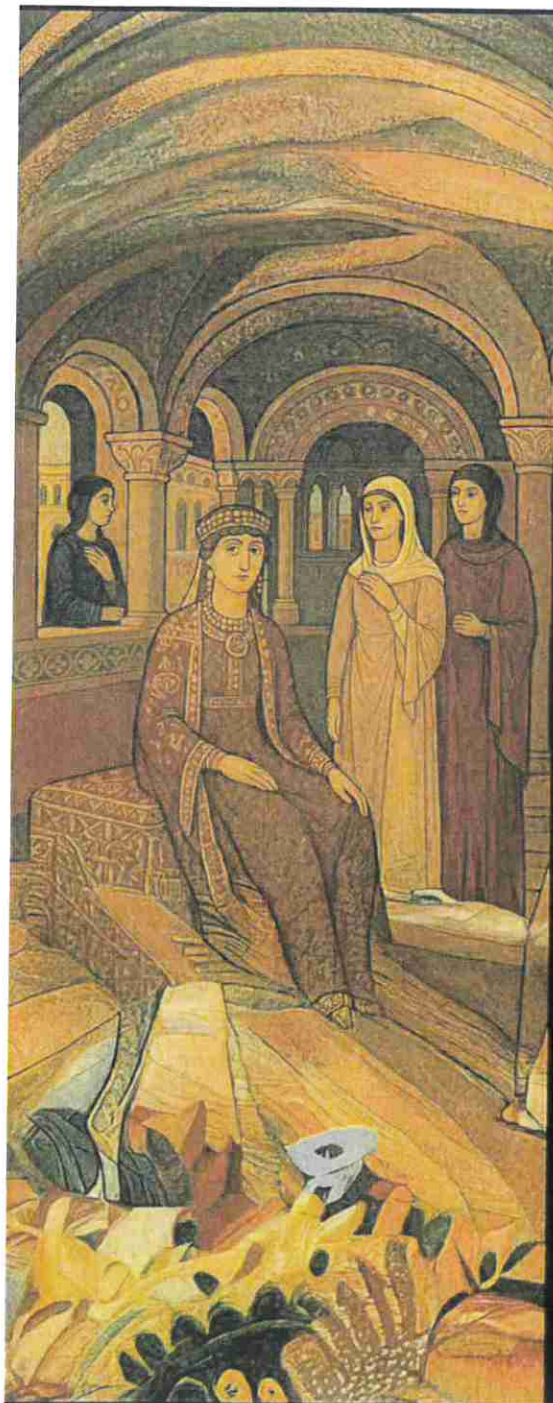


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AT 7 PM

AND THEN
LIVE Q AND A
ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2025
AT 2 PM

VIRTUAL SESSIONS AT
PAHELLENICFOUNDATION.ORG/TRAGEDY

SUPPORT GOYA MISSION WALK FOR GUATEMALA



On October 12, 2025, St. Nicholas GOYA will participate in a walk through Oakland supporting the vital work of the mission trips in Guatemala.

Money raised from this event will be used for:

- Building hospitals
- Establishing a seminary
- Translating liturgical/ theological books
- Sewing vestments/ other liturgical coverings
- Providing parishes with icons/ liturgical utensils
- Assisting less fortunate members of the church
- Supporting other mission teams

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

You can help by making a donation. Please make checks payable to Holy Cross Mission Fund and give to a GOYA member or mail to:

St. Nicholas GOYA
419 S. Dithridge Street
Pittsburgh, PA 15213

If you have any questions,
please contact the chair of this
event, Demetri Darakos, at
demetri.darakos@gmail.com

Pancakes for a Purpose

Sunday, October 19

*St. Nicholas Cathedral Hall
following Divine Liturgy*

Our **purpose** is to give back to our local community.
This inaugural breakfast will benefit **Lending Hearts**.
Give from your heart, to this free-will event.

For more information, please contact:
Michelle Kotsagrellos or Alexandra Davides



*Lending
hearts*



Gluten free options
will be available

SEPTEMBER 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
14 Exaltation of the Holy Cross Orthros 8:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m.	15 Parish Council Meeting 6:30 p.m. YAL Basketball 7:00 p.m.	16	17 YAL Volleyball 7:00 p.m.	18 Pitt/CMU OCF 7:30 p.m.	19	20 Greek School 10:00 a.m.
21 Sunday after Holy Cross Orthros 8:15 a.m. Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m. MINISTRIES SUNDAY First Day of Church School	22 YAL Basketball 7:00 p.m.	23	24	25 Pitt/CMU OCF 7:30 p.m.	26	27 Greek School 10:00 a.m. <i>Sacrament – Wedding</i>
28 1st Sunday of Luke Orthros 8:15 a.m. Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m. <i>(PGH Great Race)</i>	29 YAL Basketball 7:00 p.m.	30				

Metropolis of Pittsburgh Clergy Laity Assembly
in Columbus, OH