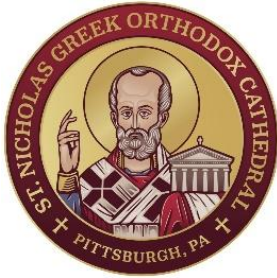


SUNDAY, October 19, 2025 – 3rd Sunday of Luke

Saint of the Day: the holy Prophet Joel

Second Mode · Eighth Eothinon



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Our weekly Sunday worship schedule: Orthros 8:15 a.m. & Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m.

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TODAY:

- ❖ Trisagion Service for Father George Christulides (36 years), Deaconess Mary Christulides (8 years), Deacon Euripides Christulides (2 years), Kikis Georgiou (5 months), Yiankos Panagotou (5 months), Christina Shakallis (3 months).
- ❖ PANCAKES for a PURPOSE – Join us after Liturgy to give back to our local community

THIS WEEK AT ST. NICHOLAS:

- **Monday, October 20:**
 - Bible Study (*Gospel of Luke*) 5:30 p.m.
 - Parish Council Meeting 6:30 p.m.
 - YAL Basketball 7:00 p.m.
- **Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday, October 20-23: Festival Cooking: Moussaka**
- **Tuesday, October 21:**
 - Adult Greek Classes 6:30 p.m.
- **Wednesday, October 22:**
 - YAL Volleyball 7:00 p.m.
- **Thursday, October 23:**
 - James (Iakovos) The Apostle Brother of Our Lord
 - Orthros 8:30 a.m.; Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m.
 - Pitt/CMU OCF 7:30 p.m.
 - Greek School 10:00 a.m.
- **Saturday, October 25:**
 - Memorial Service for Dr. Kyriakos Davides (40 days)
- **Sunday, October 26:**
 - PARISH ASSEMBLY
 - Friendsgiving Dinner

TODAY'S HYMNS AND READINGS



The Resurrection Hymn of the week in 2nd mode is chanted twice for the Small Entrance:

Ότε κατήλθες πρὸς τὸν θάνατον, ἡ ζωὴ ἡ ἀθάνατος, τότε τὸν ἄδην ἐνέκρωσας, τῇ ἀστραπῇ τῆς θεότητος· ὅτε δὲ καὶ τοὺς τεθνεώτας, ἐκ τῶν καταχθονίων ἀνέστησας, πᾶσαι αἱ δυνάμεις τῶν ἐπουρανίων ἐκραύγαζον· Ζωοδότα Χριστέ, ὁ Θεὸς ἡμῶν δόξα σοι.

When You descended unto Death, O Lord, You who are immortal Life put Hades to death, by the lightning of Your divinity. And when You raised the dead from the netherworld, all the hosts of heaven sang aloud to You, “O Christ God, Giver of life, glory to You!”

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

Following the Small Entrance, the Resurrection Hymn of the week in second mode is repeated (see above).

We then chant the Apolytikion hymn for our patron, St. Nicholas, in fourth mode:

Κανόνα πίστεως καὶ εἰκόνα πραότητος, ἐγκρατείας διδάσκαλον, ἀνέδειξέ σε τῇ ποιμένῃ σου, ἡ τῶν πραγμάτων ἀλήθεια· διὰ τοῦτο ἐκτήσω τῇ ταπεινώσει τὰ ὑψηλά, τῇ πτωχείᾳ τὰ πλούσια, Πάτερ ἱεράρχα Νικόλαε· πρέσβευε Χριστῷ τῷ Θεῷ, σωθῆναι τὰς ψυχὰς ἡμῶν.

The truth of things have revealed you to your flock as a rule of faith, an icon of meekness, and a teacher of temperance; for this cause you have achieved the heights by humility, riches by poverty. O Father and Hierarch Nicholas, intercede with Christ God that our souls be saved.

Finally, we chant the usual Kontakion in second mode:

Προστασία τῶν Χριστιανῶν ἀκαταίσχυντε, μεσιτεία, πρὸς τὸν Ποιητὴν ἀμετάθετε, μὴ παρίδης, ἁμαρτωλῶν δεήσεων φωνάς, ἀλλὰ πρόφθασον, ὡς ἀγαθή, εἰς τὴν βοήθειαν ἡμῶν, τῶν πιστῶς κραυγαζόντων σοι· Τάχυνον εἰς πρεσβείαν, καὶ σπεῦσον εἰς ἱκεσίαν, ἡ προστατεύουσα ἀεὶ, Θεοτόκε, τῶν τιμώντων σε.

O Protection of Christians that never falls, intercession with the Creator that never fails, we sinners beg you, do not ignore the voices of our prayers. O good Lady, we implore you, quickly come unto our aid, when we cry out to you with faith. Hurry to intercession, and hasten to supplication, O Theotokos who protect now and ever those who honor you.

Today's Epistle Reading (Nineteenth Sunday):

The reading is from Paul's Second Letter to the Corinthians (11:31 – 12:9)

Αδελφοί, ὁ Θεὸς καὶ πατὴρ τοῦ Κυρίου ἡμῶν Ἰησοῦ Χριστοῦ οἶδεν, ὁ ὢν εὐλογητὸς εἰς τοὺς αἰῶνας, ὅτι οὐ ψεύδομαι. ἐν Δαμασκῷ ὁ ἐθνάρχης Ἀρέτα τοῦ βασιλέως ἐφρούρει τὴν Δαμασκηνῶν πόλιν πιάσαι με θέλων, καὶ διὰ θυρίδος ἐν σαργάνῃ ἐχαλάσθην διὰ τοῦ τείχους καὶ ἐξέφυγον τὰς χεῖρας αὐτοῦ. Καυχᾶσθαι δὴ οὐ συμφέρει μοι· ἐλεύσομαι γὰρ εἰς ὀπτασίας καὶ ἀποκαλύψεις Κυρίου. οἶδα ἄνθρωπον ἐν Χριστῷ πρὸ ἐτῶν δεκατεσσάρων· εἴτε ἐν σώματι οὐκ οἶδα, εἴτε ἐκτὸς τοῦ σώματος οὐκ οἶδα, ὁ Θεὸς οἶδεν· ἀρπαγέντα τὸν τοιοῦτον ἕως τρίτου οὐρανοῦ. καὶ οἶδα τὸν τοιοῦτον ἄνθρωπον· εἴτε ἐν σώματι εἴτε ἐκτὸς τοῦ σώματος οὐκ οἶδα, ὁ Θεὸς οἶδεν· ὅτι ἡρπάγη εἰς τὸν παράδεισον καὶ ἤκουσεν ἄρρητα ῥήματα, ἃ οὐκ ἐξὸν ἀνθρώπῳ λαλῆσαι. ὑπὲρ τοῦ τοιούτου καυχῆσομαι, ὑπὲρ δὲ ἑμαυτοῦ οὐ καυχῆσομαι εἰ μὴ ἐν ταῖς ἀσθενείαις μου. ἐὰν γὰρ θελήσω

καυχῆσασθαι, οὐκ ἔσομαι ἄφρων· ἀλήθειαν γὰρ ἐρῶ· φείδομαι δὲ μή τις εἰς ἐμὲ λογίσηται ὑπὲρ ὃ βλέπει με ἢ ἀκούει τι ἐξ ἐμοῦ. Καὶ τῇ ὑπερβολῇ τῶν ἀποκαλύψεων ἵνα μὴ ὑπεραίρωμαι, ἐδόθη μοι σκόλοψ τῇ σαρκί, ἄγγελος σατᾶν, ἵνα με κολαφίζῃ ἵνα μὴ ὑπεραίρωμαι. ὑπὲρ τούτου τρεῖς τὸν Κύριον παρεκάλεσα ἵνα ἀποστῇ ἀπ’ ἐμοῦ· καὶ εἰρηκέ μοι ἄρκεῖ σοι ἡ χάρις μου· ἡ γὰρ δύναμίς μου ἐν ἀσθενείᾳ τελειοῦται. ἥδιστα οὖν μᾶλλον καυχῆσομαι ἐν ταῖς ἀσθενείαις μου, ἵνα ἐπισκηνώσῃ ἐπ’ ἐμὲ ἡ δύναμις τοῦ Χριστοῦ.

Brethren, the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, he who is blessed for ever, knows that I do not lie. At Damascus, the governor under King Aretas guarded the city of Damascus and wanted to seize me, but I was let down in a basket through a window in the wall, and escaped his hands. I must boast; there is nothing to be gained by it, but I will go on to visions and revelations of the Lord. I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven — whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows. And I know that this man was caught up into Paradise — whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows — and he heard things that cannot be told, which man may not utter. On behalf of this man I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. Though if I wish to boast, I shall not be a fool, for I shall be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think more of me than he sees in me or hears from me. And to keep me from being too elated by the abundance of revelations, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan, to harass me, to keep me from being too elated. Three times I besought the Lord about this, that it should leave me; but he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.” I will all the more gladly boast of my weaknesses, that the power of Christ may rest upon me. [RSV]

Today’s Gospel Reading (3rd Sunday of Luke):

The reading is from the Holy Gospel according to Luke (7:11 – 16)

Τῷ καιρῷ ἐκείνῳ, ἐπορεύετο ὁ Ἰησοῦς εἰς πόλιν καλουμένην Ναῖν· καὶ συνεπορεύοντο αὐτῷ οἱ μαθηταὶ αὐτοῦ ἱκανοὶ καὶ ὄχλος πολὺς. ὥς δὲ ἤγγισε τῇ πύλῃ τῆς πόλεως, καὶ ἰδοὺ ἐξεκομίζετο τεθνηκώς υἱὸς μονογενῆς τῇ μητρὶ αὐτοῦ, καὶ αὕτη ἦν χήρα, καὶ ὄχλος τῆς πόλεως ἱκανὸς ἦν σὺν αὐτῇ. καὶ ἰδὼν αὐτὴν ὁ Κύριος ἐσπλαγχνίσθη ἐπ’ αὐτῇ καὶ εἶπεν αὐτῇ· μὴ κλαῖε· καὶ προσελθὼν ἥψατο τῆς σοροῦ, οἱ δὲ βαστάζοντες ἔστησαν, καὶ εἶπε· νεανίσκε, σοὶ λέγω, ἐγέρθητι. καὶ ἀνεκάθισεν ὁ νεκρὸς καὶ ἤρξατο λαλεῖν, καὶ ἔδωκεν αὐτὸν τῇ μητρὶ αὐτοῦ. ἔλαβε δὲ φόβος πάντας καὶ ἐδόξαζον τὸν Θεόν, λέγοντες ὅτι προφήτης μέγας ἐγήγερται ἐν ἡμῖν, καὶ ὅτι ἐπεσκέψατο ὁ Θεὸς τὸν λαὸν αὐτοῦ.

At that time, Jesus went to a city called Nain, and his disciples and a great crowd went with him. As he drew near to the gate of the city, behold, a man who had died was being carried out, the only son of his mother, and she was a widow; and a large crowd from the city was with her. And when the Lord saw her, he had compassion on her and said to her, “Do not weep.” And he came and touched the bier, and the bearers stood still. And he said, “Young man, I say to you, arise.” And the dead man sat up, and began to speak. And he gave him to his mother. Fear seized them all; and they glorified God, saying, “A great prophet has arisen among us!” and “God has visited his people!” [RSV]



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2025	STEWARDSHIP
Total Stewards	276 (GOAL 300)
Total Pledged	\$ 161,356.00 GOAL (\$255,000.00)
Avg. Pledge	\$ 989.91

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:

Sunday, November 2, 2025, will be **Godparent Sunday**. Godparents will join their godchild in worship during the Divine Liturgy, receive Holy Communion together, then attend Church School to see what their godchild learns there (and make cards to send to children at Children's Hospital and veterans at the VA Hospital for Make a Difference Day). Afterwards many will attend Coffee Hour sponsored by Philoptochos. It will be the start of a wonderful day together!

I appreciate the support from all of you and thanks for sharing your children with us every Sunday!

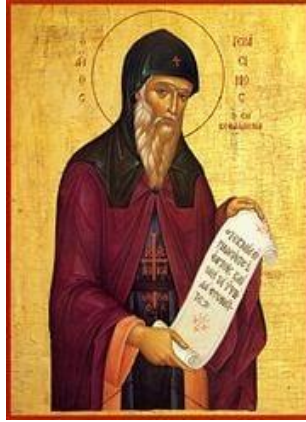
Yours in Christ

Miss Michelle

BREAST CANCER MONTH DAUGHTERS OF PENELOPE Bakeless BakeSale

Collecting Donations on Sunday, October 26, 2025.
All proceeds to benefit Breast Cancer Fund.

SAINTS ALIVE!



October 19th

- Joel the Prophet
- Varys the Martyr

October 20th

- Artemius the Great Martyr of Antioch
- Matrona the Righteous of Chios
- **Gerasimus of Cephalonia**

October 21st

- Hilarion the Great
- Our Righteous Father Christodoulus, the Wonderworker of Patmos

October 22nd

- Averkios, Equal-to-the-Apostles and Wonderworker, Bishop of Hierapolis

October 23rd

- James (Iakovos) the Apostle, brother of Our Lord
- Our Righteous Father Ignatius, Patriarch of Constantinople

October 24th

- Arethas the Great Martyr and His Fellow Martyrs
- Sebastiane the Martyr

October 25th

- The Holy Martyrs Marcian and Martyrius the Notaries
- Tabitha, who was raised from the dead by Peter the Apostle

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Questions? Email: youthsafety@goarch.org



FOOD FESTIVAL UPDATE

We're preparing our festival Moussaka this week. We'll need help. Kindly support our efforts.

Moussaka	Monday, October 20, 9am-4pm Tuesday, October 21, 9am-4pm Wednesday, October 22, 9am-4pm Thursday, October 23, 9am-4pm
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Due to multiple events, the preparation of Spanakopita has been cancelled in November and will be rescheduled in January.

SIXTY CLUB NEWS

SAVE the DATE: January 25, 2026

EVERYONE IS INVITED

USA Birthday Party--250 years. Look for details.

Anyone willing to join the planning committee for this event, please contact Fran Hana (412-731-0790) this week.

Please remit \$15.00 dues to Argie Stuart for 2025-2026.

Pancakes for a Purpose

TODAY

*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



ST. NICHOLAS GREEK ORTHODOX CATHEDRAL

REV. FR. ELEFTHERIOS CONSTANTINE · REV. DNS. ROBERT W. LYKON



To: Members of The Greek Community of Allegheny County, PA
St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Cathedral

From: Parish Council

Subject: Parish Assembly of October 26, 2025

A Parish Assembly will convene immediately following the Divine Liturgy on Sunday, October 26, 2025.

The agenda for the General Assembly will be as follows:

- A. Opening Prayer
- B. Election of Assembly Chairperson (Secretary to be appointed by Chairperson)
- C. Approval of the minutes of the previous Parish Assembly meetings of October 27, 2024, and March 2, 2025
- D. Election of Board of Elections (Elect no less than three (3))
- E. Election to Fill Any Vacancies on Foundation Fund Board of Trustees (Elect no less than three (3) with staggered terms)
- F. Nominations for Election to Parish Council (Elections to be held on December 7, 2025, for five (5) positions)
- G. Father's Report & Reflections
- H. Executive Committee Report
- I. Foundation Fund Report
- J. Finance Committee Report
- K. Approval of 2026 Budget
- L. Any Other Committee Reports
- M. Old Business
- N. New Business
- O. Good of the Parish
- P. Adjournment

At this meeting, the Parish Assembly will be asked to approve the Budget for 2026. Copies of all of these documents and minutes of the prior Parish Assemblies will be distributed at the meeting. The Parish Council requests your presence and support. Please make every effort to attend.

Respectfully,

Michelle Marie Kotsagrelou

Michelle Marie Kotsagrelou, President

Prayerfully yours,

Fr. Eleftherios Constantine

Fr. Eleftherios Constantine, Dean



The Saint Nicholas Cathedral
Moms & Dads invite
all college and grad students to

FRIENDSGIVING

dinner

Sunday, October 26

4:00 - 7:00 pm

Saint Nicholas

Greek Orthodox Cathedral

419 South Dithridge St, Pittsburgh, PA

RSVP not required but requested
for more Info, text or call:
Linda 412-523-7938



GOYA News

Mission Walk - Thank you to all our GOYAns who participated in our annual **Mission Walk for Guatemala** in collaboration with our sister parish of Holy Cross, Mt. Lebanon. Thank you to all who contributed to this worthy mission. Money raised helps build hospitals, supports a seminary, provides liturgical items and assists less fortunate members of the church.

Please note: **we will be collecting donations through Sunday, October 26.** If interested in supporting this great program, checks may be given to a GOYA member or mailed to St. Nicholas GOYA, 419 S. Dithridge Street, Pittsburgh, PA. 15213, payable to: Holy Cross Mission Fund.

GOYA Car Wash - Thank you to everyone who supported our annual car wash. The proceeds from the fundraiser benefit our ministry.

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

AN ISLAND DIVIDED:

CYPRUS FROM THE INVASION OF 1974 TO PRESENT DAY

PRESENTED BY DR. ELIAS PETROU, PH.D

Assistant Professor
Head of Classical, Medieval and Modern Greek Collections
University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign

NOVEMBER 10, 2025
AT 8:00 PM EST



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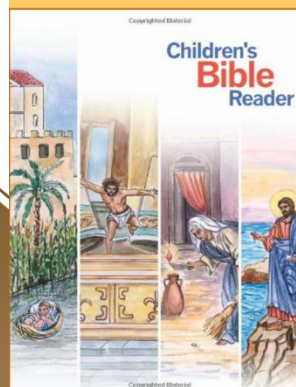
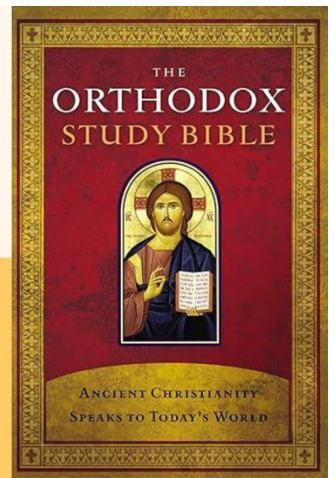
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BIBLE STUDY



MONDAYS

5:30 P.M.

We will be studying the Gospel according to Luke



OCTOBER 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
19 3rd Sunday of Luke Orthros 8:15 a.m. Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m. PANCAKES FOR A PURPOSE GOYA Girls BB Practice	20 Bible Study 5:30 p.m. Parish Council Meeting 6:30 p.m. YAL Basketball 7:00 p.m.	21 Adult Greek Classes 6:30 p.m.	22 YAL Volleyball 7:00 p.m.	23 James (Iakovos) the Apostle, Brother of Our Lord Orthros 8:30am Divine Liturgy 9:30am Pitt/CMU OCF 7:30 p.m.	24	25 Greek School 10:00 a.m
	Food Festival Cooking: Moussaka					
26 6th Sunday of Luke Orthros 8:15 a.m. Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m. PARISH ASSEMBLY GOYA BB Practice FRIENDSGIVING DINNER	27 Bible Study 5:30 p.m. YAL Basketball 7:00 p.m.	28 Adult Greek Classes 6:30 p.m.	29	30 Pitt/CMU OCF 7:30 p.m.	31	NOVEMBER 1 Greek School 10:00 a.m <i>Sacrament: Wedding</i>
2 GODPARENT SUNDAY 5th Sunday of Luke Orthros 8:15 a.m. Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m. <i>Philoptochos Sunday</i>	3 Bible Study 5:30 p.m. YAL Basketball 7:00 p.m.	4 Adult Greek Classes 6:30 p.m.	5 YAL Volleyball 7:00 p.m.	6 Pitt/CMU OCF 7:30 p.m.	7	8 Greek School 10:00 a.m
9 7th Sunday of Luke Orthros 8:15 a.m. Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m. Philoptochos General Meeting Guest Speaker Fr. Paul Abernathy (Small Hall)	10 Bible Study 5:30 p.m. YAL Basketball 7:00 p.m. Webinar: An Island Divided 8:00 p.m.	11 Adult Greek Classes 6:30 p.m.	12	13 St. John Chrysostom, Archbishop of Constantinople Orthros 8:30am Liturgy 9:30am Pitt/CMU OCF 7:30 p.m.	14	15 Nativity Fast Begins Greek School 10:00 a.m