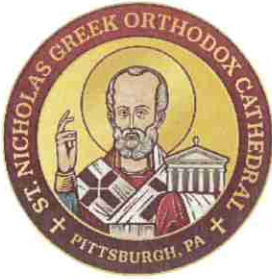


SUNDAY, October 5, 2025 – 2nd Sunday of Luke

Saint of the Day: The Holy Martyr Charitina

Plagal Fourth Mode · Sixth Eothinon



WELCOME TO ST. NICHOLAS CATHEDRAL!

VISIT www.stnickspgh.org for news and updates about our parish!

CLERGY: Rev. Fr. Eleftherios Constantine and Rev. Dn. Robert Lykos

Father's e-mail address: fr.ec@stnickspgh.org

PROTOPSALTRIA: Amy Hogg

CHOIR DIRECTOR: Steve Andrews | ORGANIST: Brett Wells

Questions about our Parish? E-mail church@stnickspgh.org or call 412-682-3866

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

WELCOME, VISITORS! You are honored guests here at St. Nicholas Cathedral and welcome at all our services. We invite you to receive the Holy Eucharist (Communion) if you are an Orthodox Christian who is prepared through fasting, prayer, and confession. If you are not Orthodox, or are Orthodox but have not prepared, we respectfully invite you instead to come forward at the end of the service for a blessing by the priest and a piece of blessed bread (antidoron).

If you cannot join us in person, you may participate in our services live at www.stnickspgh.org/ by selecting the link "Click Here for Live Streaming."

OUR MISSION

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

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

To make a donation, visit our website or scan the QR code



TODAY:

- ❖ National Church Music Sunday
- ❖ Memorial Service for George C. Copetas (20 years)
- ❖ Coffee Hour hosted by GOYA and sponsored by the Copetas Family in the Large Hall.
- ❖ GOYA CAR WASH
- ❖ Sixty Club Lunch & Business Meeting in the Small Hall after Liturgy

THIS WEEK AT ST. NICHOLAS:

- Monday, October 6: YAL Basketball 7:00 p.m.
- October 7-9: Fr. Eleftherios away at National Clergy Retreat
- Thursday, October 9: Pitt/CMU OCF 7:30 p.m.
- Saturday, October 11: Greek School 10:00 a.m.
- Sunday, October 12: GOYA Walk for Missions

TODAY'S HYMNS AND READINGS



<https://dcs.goarch.org/parish/>

The Resurrection Hymn of the week in pl. 4 mode is chanted twice for the Small Entrance:

Εξ ὕψους κατήλθες ὁ Εὐσπλαγχνος, ταφήν κατεδέξω τριήμερον, ἵνα ἡμᾶς ἐλευθερώσῃς τῶν παθῶν. Ἡ ζωὴ καὶ ἡ ἀνάστασις ἡμῶν, Κύριε δόξα σοι.

You descended from on high, O compassionate One, and consented to a three-day burial, to free us from the passions. O Lord, our life and resurrection, glory to You!

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

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

Then, the clergy chant the hymn for the memorial service in plagal fourth mode.

Μνήσθητι Κύριε, ὡς ἀγαθὸς τοῦ δούλου σου, καὶ ὅσα ἐν βίῳ ἡμαρτεν συγχώρησον· οὐδεὶς γὰρ ἀναμάρτητος, εἰ μὴ Σὺ ὁ δυνάμενος, καὶ τῷ μεταστάντι δοῦναι τὴν ἀνάπαυσιν.

Remember, O Lord, as You are good, Your servant, and forgive every sin he has committed in this life. For no one is sinless except You, Who have power to grant rest to those who have fallen asleep.

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

Κανόνα πίστεως καὶ εἰκόνα πραότητος, ἐγκρατείας διδάσκαλον, ἀνέδειξέ σε τῇ ποιίμνῃ σου, ἡ τῶν πραγμάτων ἀλήθεια· διὰ τοῦτο ἐκτίσω 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 ἀγαθὴ, 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 (Seventeenth Sunday):

The reading is from Paul's Second Letter to the Corinthians (6:16 – 7:1)

Αδελφοί, ὑμεῖς ἐστε ναὸς Θεοῦ ζῶντος, καθὼς εἶπεν ὁ Θεὸς ὅτι ἐνοικήσω ἐν αὐτοῖς καὶ ἐμπεριπατήσω, καὶ ἔσομαι αὐτῶν Θεός, καὶ αὐτοὶ ἔσονται μοι λαός. διὸ ἐξέλθατε ἐκ μέσου αὐτῶν καὶ ἀφορίσθητε, λέγει Κύριος, καὶ ἀκαθάρτου μὴ ἄπτεσθε, καὶ γὰρ εἰσδέξομαι ὑμᾶς, καὶ ἔσομαι ὑμῖν εἰς πατέρα, καὶ ὑμεῖς ἔσεσθέ μοι εἰς υἱούς καὶ θυγατέρας, λέγει Κύριος παντοκράτωρ. Ταύτας οὖν ἔχοντες τὰς ἐπαγγελίας, ἀγαπητοί, καθαρίσωμεν ἑαυτοὺς ἀπὸ παντὸς μολυσμοῦ σαρκὸς καὶ πνεύματος, ἐπιτελοῦντες ἀγιωσύνην ἐν φόβῳ Θεοῦ.

Brethren, you are the temple of the living God; as God said, "I will live in them and move among them, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. Therefore come out from them, and be separate from them, says the Lord, and touch nothing unclean; then I will welcome you, and I will be a father to you, and you shall be my sons and daughters, says the Lord Almighty." Since we have these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from every defilement of body and spirit, and make holiness perfect in the fear of God. [RSV]

Today's Gospel Reading (2nd Sunday of Luke):

The reading is from the Holy Gospel according to Luke (6:31 – 36)

Εἶπεν ὁ Κύριος: Καθὼς θέλετε ἵνα ποιῶσιν ὑμῖν οἱ ἄνθρωποι, καὶ ὑμεῖς ποιεῖτε αὐτοῖς ὁμοίως. καὶ εἰ ἀγαπᾶτε τοὺς ἀγαπῶντας ὑμᾶς, ποία ὑμῖν χάρις ἐστὶ; καὶ γὰρ οἱ ἁμαρτωλοὶ τοὺς ἀγαπῶντας αὐτοὺς ἀγαπῶσι. καὶ ἐὰν ἀγαθοποιῇτε τοὺς ἀγαθοποιοῦντας ὑμᾶς, ποία ὑμῖν χάρις ἐστὶ; καὶ γὰρ οἱ ἁμαρτωλοὶ τὸ αὐτὸ ποιοῦσι. καὶ ἐὰν δανείζητε παρ' ὧν ἐλπίζετε ἀπολαβεῖν, ποία ὑμῖν χάρις ἐστὶ; καὶ γὰρ ἁμαρτωλοὶ ἁμαρτωλοῖς δανείζουσιν ἵνα ἀπολάβωσι τὰ ἴσα. πλὴν ἀγαπᾶτε τοὺς ἐχθροὺς ὑμῶν καὶ ἀγαθοποιεῖτε καὶ δανεῖζετε μηδὲν ἀπελπίζοντες, καὶ ἔσται ὁ μισθὸς ὑμῶν πολὺς, καὶ ἔσεσθε υἱοὶ ὑψίστου, ὅτι αὐτὸς χρηστός ἐστιν ἐπὶ τοὺς ἀχαρίστους καὶ πονηροὺς. Γίνεσθε οὖν οἰκτίρμονες, καθὼς καὶ ὁ πατὴρ ὑμῶν οἰκτίρμων ἐστὶ.

The Lord said, "And as you wish that men would do to you, do so to them. If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. And if you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. But love your enemies, and do good, and lend, despairing of no man; and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the selfish. Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful." [RSV]

Helpful Apps



DIGITAL CHANT STAND
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The **GOA Digital Chant Stand** provides resources intended to enhance the worship experience of the Orthodox faithful with easily accessible liturgical texts and music. Follow along with the church services on this app. Available for iPhone and Android devices.



The **Daily Readings App** on your mobile device is the easiest way to access the day's Bible readings prescribed by the Lectionary of the Greek Orthodox Church. The Daily Readings App also lets you read the lives of the saints or lookup fasting guidelines for each day right on your device. Available for iPhone, Android, and Kindle Fire devices.

NATIONAL CHURCH MUSIC SUNDAY

OCTOBER 5, 2025



Awed by the beauty of your
virginity, and the exceeding
radiance of your purity;

Gabriel stood amazed and cried
out unto you, O Theotokos,

What praise may I offer that is
worthy of your beauty?

By what name shall I call you?

I am lost and bewildered, but I
shall cry to you as commanded:

Rejoice, O full of grace.

Theotokos of the Akathist



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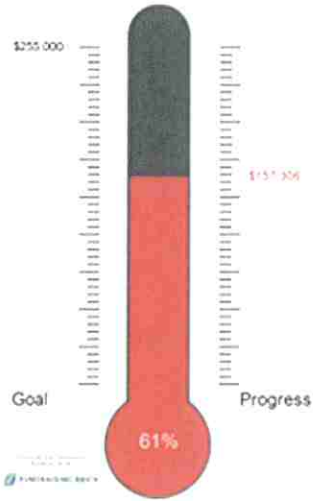
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Visit our website to fill out a Stewardship Card or to donate at <https://stnickspgh.org>.



<u>2025</u>	<u>STEWARDSHIP</u>
Total Stewards	268 (GOAL 300)
Total Pledged	\$ 157,306.00 GOAL (\$255,000.00)
Avg. Pledge	\$1,001.95

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, September 21, 2025, the bells started to ring again for the beginning of Church School with a special Agiasmo (Blessing of the Water) Service!

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

SAINTS ALIVE!



October 5th

- Charitina the Martyr
- Methodia the Righteous of Kimolos

October 9th

- James the Apostle, son of Alphaeus
- Andronicus & his wife Athanasia of Egypt

October 6th

- **The Holy and Glorious Apostle Thomas**
- Eroteis the Martyr of Cappadocia

October 10th

- Eulampius & Eulampia the Martyrs
- Our Righteous Father Theophilus the Confessor

October 7th

- Sergius & Bacchus the Great Martyrs of Syria
- Polychronios the Martyr

October 11th

- Philip the Apostle of the 70, one of the 7 Deacons
- Theophanes the Confessor, Bishop of Nicaea

October 8th

- Pelagia the Righteous
- Pelagia the Virgin-martyr of Antioch

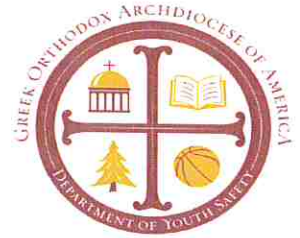
For more information about the Saints,
go to [Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America](http://www.greekorthodoxarchdioceseofamerica.org)

or

St. John Chrysostom Bookstore!

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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.

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

youthsafetyplatform.goarch.org

Note: PA Law has additional requirements. For more info, search Keep Kids Safe PA on the internet.

Questions? Email: youthsafety@goarch.org



FOOD FESTIVAL INFORMATION

We are happy to announce the beginning of our 2025 food festival preparations. We are beginning in October with Baklava followed by Moussaka. Please note the dates. Your support is invaluable.

Baklava	Thursday, October 9, 9am-4pm
	Friday, October 10, 9am-4pm
	Saturday, October 11, 9am-4pm
	Sunday, October 12, After Church to 4pm
	Possibly Monday, October 13, 9am-4pm
Moussaka	Monday, October 20, 9am-4pm
	Tuesday, October 21, 9am-4pm
	Wednesday, October 22, 9am-4pm
	Thursday, October 23, 9am-4pm

Dinner for the College Students

The Moms and Dads of St. Nicholas will be hosting a "Friendsgiving" Dinner for the area College students on Sunday, October 26. A traditional Thanksgiving dinner will be prepared with all the trimmings. If you would like to volunteer at this event or bake a dessert or side dish please contact:

Linda Hages at 412-523-7938
or Dae Machin at 724-413-1497.

GOYA News

TODAY - GOYA Car Wash. Please support our annual fundraiser by purchasing a ticket today from our GOYAns. All funds help support our GOYA ministry.

Sunday, October 12 - Walk for Missions. GOYA will be participating in their annual Walk for Mission. Please consider making a donation to this worthy charity. See the flyers in this bulletin for more information.

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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?

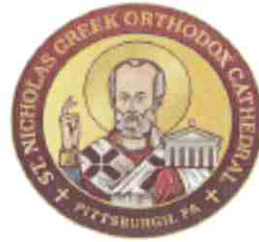
You can help by making a donation. Please make checks payable to Holy Cross Mission Fund and give to a GOYA member or mail to:

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



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FALL FESTIVAL



Friday, October 17th | 6:00pm

Craft - Pizza - Truck Decorating
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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 Kotsagrellos, President

Prayerfully yours,

Fr. Eleftherios Constantine, Dean

Join us to kick off the All Saints 100th Anniversary weekend...

A NIGHT ON THE ISLANDS

SAILING THROUGH 100 YEARS OF HISTORY
FRIDAY OCTOBER 24, 2025

All Saints Greek Orthodox Church
601 W McMurray Road, Canonsburg, PA 15317

DOORS OPEN AT 6:00 PM
DINNER TO FOLLOW AT 7:00 PM

TICKETS

\$25.00 FOR ADULTS \$15.00 FOR CHILDREN

Greek Appetizers, Dinner and Desserts

Cash Bar Featuring Imported Greek Beers & Wine Flights

Music by Alpha Omega Orchestra



Attention all college and grad students.

The Moms and Dads of St. Nicholas invite you to a "Friendsgiving" dinner on Sunday, October 26. Come to the Cathedral any time between 4:00 pm and 7:00 pm for a traditional Thanksgiving dinner with all the trimmings. Looking forward to seeing you.



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





GODPARENT SUNDAY

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2025



**JOIN YOUR GODCHILD FOR
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& CHURCH SCHOOL!**



Pancakes for a Purpose

Sunday, October 19

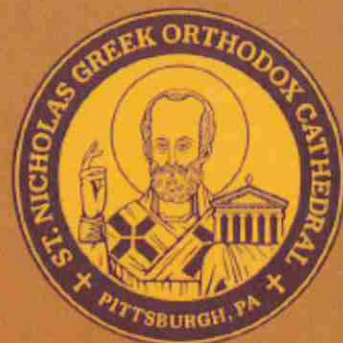
*St. Nicholas Cathedral Hall
following Divine Liturgy*

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

OCTOBER 2025

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5 2nd Sunday of Luke Orthros 8:15 a.m. Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m. GOYA CAR WASH	6 YAL Basketball 7:00 p.m.	7 Adult Greek Classes 6:30 p.m.	8	9 Pitt/CMU OCF 7:30 p.m.	10	11 Greek School 10:00 a.m. <i>Sacrament: Wedding</i>
National Clergy Retreat October 6-9						
12 Sunday of the 7th Ecumenical Council Orthros 8:15 a.m. Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m. WALK FOR MISSIONS	13 Bible Study 5:30 p.m. Philoptochos Board Meeting 6:30 p.m. YAL Basketball 7:00 p.m.	14 Adult Greek Classes 6:30 p.m.	15	16 Pitt/CMU OCF 7:30 p.m.	17 Little Angels/HOPE/JOY FALL FESTIVAL 6:00 p.m.	18 Greek School 10:00 a.m.
19 3rd Sunday of Luke Orthros 8:15 a.m. Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m. Pancakes for a Purpose GOYA 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	23 Pitt/CMU OCF 7:30 p.m.	24	25 Greek School 10:00 a.m.
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