



Saint Nicholas Greek Orthodox Cathedral Pittsburgh, PA

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NOVEMBER 2025 NEWSLETTER

Saint John Chrysostom (November 13)



Born in Antioch in the mid-fourth century, St. John Chrysostom, “the Golden-Mouthed,” was famed for his eloquent preaching, his compassion for the poor, and his fearless defense of truth.

As Archbishop of Constantinople, he called his flock to holiness and integrity, even when his boldness led to exile. His final words, “Glory to God for all things,” became a lasting testimony of faith through suffering.

Because his repose on September 14 coincides with the Feast of the Holy Cross, the Church celebrates his memory on November 13. The Divine Liturgy that bears his name and which we celebrate nearly every Sunday remains one of his greatest gifts to the Church. So too does his vast body of writings: homilies, commentaries, and letters that continue to inform and shape Orthodox theology and reveal a heart truly aflame with love for Christ and His Church.

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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PARISH COUNCIL COMMITTEE CHAIRS

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Community Center & Catering - George Bellios
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FATHER'S MESSAGE

"Each one must do as he has made up his mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver." (2 Corinthians 9:7)

My dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As the season of Thanksgiving approaches, our hearts turn once again toward gratitude—gratitude for family, for the blessings of daily life, and above all, gratitude for the boundless love of God. Yet, as St. Paul reminds us, true thanksgiving is not only a matter of words or sentiment; it is expressed through cheerful giving. When we give joyfully, we mirror the generosity of our Creator, who gives to us unceasingly and without measure.

Our minds usually think automatically of financial giving when we hear this quote from St. Paul. But giving does not begin with the wallet, but with the heart. True giving stems from an awareness that all we have and all that we are comes from God. Every breath, every opportunity, and every relationship is a gift of divine grace. Thus, when we give—our time, our talents, or our treasure—we are simply returning to God what is already His. In the Divine Liturgy, this truth is beautifully expressed when we proclaim: "Your own of Your own we offer to You, in all and for all." Giving, then, becomes an act of worship—a "Eucharistic" act of thanksgiving that unites us to the Giver of every good and perfect gift which is from above (cf. James 1:17).

Yet there is another side to cheerful giving that we sometimes overlook: the willingness to receive. For many of us, it is easier to give than to receive—to offer help rather than accept it, to extend love rather than be vulnerable enough to receive it. But cheerful giving presupposes a cheerful receiving, especially when it comes to God's mercy and grace. Sometimes we resist receiving His forgiveness or love, believing ourselves unworthy or preferring to remain self-reliant. But God desires not only that we give, but that we open our hearts to receive all that He pours out upon us. Only when we allow ourselves to receive His mercy do we learn how to share it authentically with others.

As we gather this Thanksgiving around our tables, may we remember that every meal, every prayer, and every act of love is an offering to God. Let our gratitude be more than a word. Our gratitude should be a way of life and a way of love, made visible in how we speak and share with others, support our Church, and serve those in need. In doing so, we become living reflections of Christ Himself, who gave His very life for the salvation of the world, and who also teaches us how to receive with humility and thanksgiving.

FATHER'S MESSAGE, Con't

May our lives be filled with the joy that comes from both giving and receiving in love, and may our thanksgiving rise as a fragrant offering to the Lord who "richly provides us with all things to enjoy" (1 Tim. 6:17).

Prayerfully yours,

† Fr. Eleftherios Constantine

SACRAMENTAL LIFE

Weddings

Congratulations to *Erin Hatley and Jimmy Janis*, who were united in the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony at St. Nicholas Cathedral on Saturday, October 4, 2025. The Koumbaro was Rudy Agras. May God grant them many years!

Congratulations to *Bailey Gilberg and Peter Copetas*, who were united in the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony at St. Nicholas Cathedral on Saturday, October 11, 2025. The Koumbaro was George Copetas. May God grant them many years!

PARISH COUNCIL

Amid these colder days and longer nights, we anticipate the Light of Christ. On November 15th, we begin our forty-day journey to the Lord's birth. We spend time decorating, to radiate this light. We do this in the spirit of Thanksgiving and Joy!

We are also beginning our 2026 Stewardship Campaign and must carefully assess our efforts of contribution and sacrifice to help our community continue its mission: "To proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ in a spirit of Unity and Love for All through WORSHIP, SERVICE, EDUCATION, FELLOWSHIP AND OUTREACH."

The Church does not have the option to walk, run or fly. The Church must fly, or it ceases to fulfill its mission.

Make the church a priority; you will not regret your decision.

Yours in Christ,

Michelle Marie Kotsagelos

Homewood Cemetery

St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Cathedral Greek Section

There are currently 24 graves available for purchase.

Cost per grave:

\$2,800.00 per grave for a member of St. Nicholas.

\$3,300.00 per grave for non-member.

Contact the Church Office at 412-682-3866 for further information.

Keeping up with Parish Council:

- ⇒ We are changing to a new church management software, Realm. It will assist with our communication with the parish, as well as member data. More details forthcoming.
- ⇒ Reminder if you need the use of the Facilities (Large Hall, Small Hall, Conference Room, etc.), please inform the Office Manager by the prior Thursday of your needs for proper set-up.

PARISH COUNCIL, Con't



ST. NICHOLAS GREEK ORTHODOX CATHEDRAL

REV. FR. ELEFTHERIOS CONSTANTINE REV. DN. ROBERT W. LYKOS



October 27, 2025

Beloved Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

On behalf of our Cathedral's Election Committee, I am writing to inform you that elections for the five (5) open slots on the St. Nicholas Cathedral Parish Council will be held on Sunday, December 7, 2025 (the same day as our annual St. Nicholas Bazaar), for a three-year term to begin on January 1, 2026. All parishioners who are members in good standing are invited and encouraged to vote. The poll will be open from 11:30 a.m. — 1:00 p.m.

At the Parish Assembly, which took place on Sunday, October 26, 2025, all parishioners of St. Nicholas Cathedral who are members in good standing were nominated. Those who wish to accept this nomination and run for Parish Council are kindly asked to complete the enclosed form and return it to the Church office by Sunday, November 23, 2025, and will also be required to attend a Parish Council Seminar (date and place to be determined).

Kindly know that all those who accept a nomination to be on the parish council must also complete the Archdiocese's Youth Safety Background registration and training module (this can be accessed at <https://ncsrisk.org/goarch/>).

Prayerfully yours,

+ Fr. 

Fr. Eleftherios Constantine
Cathedral Dean

Please note that parish members in good standing:

- 1.) *must be an Orthodox Christian (by Baptism or Chrismation),*
- 2.) *must have completed their 2024 Stewardship Pledge, and*
- 3.) *must have made a financial commitment (pledge or equivalent) in 2025.*

PARISH COUNCIL, Con't

Dear Parishioners:

On Sunday, October 26, 2025, the General Assembly approved a motion to nominate all members in good standing for election to Parish Council. Five (5) seats to Parish Council will be open for election for a term of three (3) years. If you are a member in good standing and would like to have your name placed on the ballot, kindly fill out the simple form below and return it to the church office by mail, fax, scanned e-mail, or hand-delivery. Any questions about being a member in good standing and your eligibility to run for office should be directed to Fr. Eleftherios.

The deadline to submit your name is Sunday, November 23, 2025. No letter or completed form received after November 23rd will be accepted. All candidates must attend the Parish Council Seminar.

Respectfully yours,



Michelle Marie Kotsagrelou
Parish Council President

Prayerfully yours



Fr. Eleftherios Constantine
Cathedral Dean

PARISH COUNCIL CANDIDATE FORM

I, _____, request that my name be placed on this year's
(Printed name of candidate)
ballot for election to the Parish Council, scheduled to be held on Sunday, December 7, 2025.

(Signature)

(Date)

(Address)

(Phone number)

(E-mail address)



STEWARDSHIP

Things Are Always Better With Pancakes!

Our inaugural *Pancakes for A Purpose* was a success!

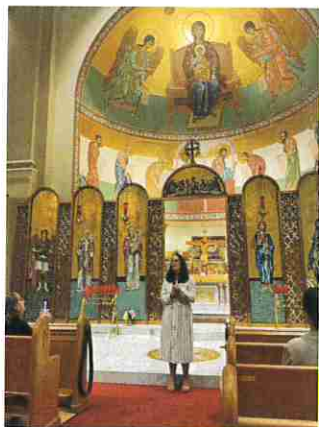
Our St. Nicholas community came together following services, to enjoy a delicious pancake and bacon breakfast, and partake in community fellowship and outreach for Lending Hearts, a 501.3c organization, benefiting pediatric patients and their families undergoing cancer treatments.

Thanks goes to not only our parishioners who attended, but to TeamStN, Tina Hammerling, chef extraordinaire for preparing the breakfast, Maria Bardakos, Sophia Panagis, Presbyt-era Ellie, Brett Wells, Jennifer Stepanow, Michelle Kotsagrellos, Carol Tsudis and Denise Daugherty. The breakfast was underwritten, with no costs assumed by our church, thus making all monies go directly to Lending Hearts.

Thank you Saint Nicholas Community for making our inaugural event a success.

Let's do this again next year!

In Christ,
Alexandra Davides





STEWARDSHIP

SAVE THE DATE: STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY
Sunday, December 7, 2025
WILL YOU RISE UP AND BUILD?

This call of Nehemiah to "rise up and build" invites us to become active members of the Church, the Body of Christ, to join in ministry and contribute according to our abilities. As Orthodox Christians, we understand that stewardship is a joint effort of all the members of the community. Every member has a role to play.

Stewardship is not a matter of "how much is it?" or "how much is needed?" Stewardship and generosity are aspects of spiritual discipline and an indication of our spiritual maturity. In stewardship we acknowledge that all we have is a gift from God and we are to use His gifts in ways that honor Him. This transforms our understanding of the blessings in our life. It prompts us to use our blessings for the good of others and for the glory of God.

We can rise up and build the wall of generosity. Stewardship is not just about money, though it is vital for our Church's mission. Stewardship is offering our time, serving in ministries, being ready to help, wherever we are needed. It is about offering our talents and our unique skills – whether in music, administration, hospitality, or technology – for the glory of God. It is about offering our treasures, giving a proportional and sacrificial portion of our income, recognizing that all we have comes from God.

We can rise up and build the wall of Christian love, seeing Christ in all people, forgiving with patience, and compassion. In Christian love, we serve those in need, both within and outside our parish family, in our neighborhood and around the world.

To rise up requires effort, dedication, and perseverance. Building and rebuilding is not easy. But when we commit ourselves fully and sacrificially, God will bless our efforts.

The story of Nehemiah reminds us that stewardship is not only a financial obligation; it is a response of gratitude and love to God for His blessings. It is about actively participating in the ongoing work of building up the Kingdom of God, starting with the walls of our own souls and extending to the life of our parish and the world around us.

The 2026 Stewardship Pledge Card in mid November, along with your 2025 *to date* Stewardship statement will be mailed in mid November. If you have any questions, please call the church office at 412.682.3866.

ST. NICHOLAS OPERATING BUDGET

The budget information below is a summary of the Financial Report presented at the Parish General Assembly of October 26.

2025 Projected End-of-Year Income and Expenses Compared to Budget

Income –

Budget - \$675,000, Projected Actual – \$689,766; \$14,766 additional income over budget

Expenses -

Budget - \$674,727, Projected Actual - \$704,324; \$29,597 additional expenses over budget

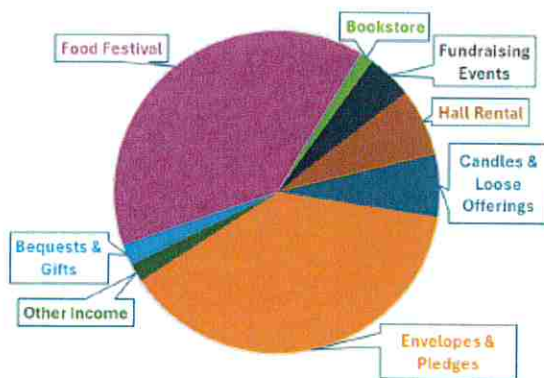
Net projected budget deficit of \$14,588 for 2025

The biggest culprit for our deficit is our utility bills. The total of utility bills was over budget by \$25,000, with our electric bill responsible for over \$20,000 of the deficit. Other expenses that were over budget were the cost of candles (\$5,000), payroll and payroll taxes (\$13,000), printing and copying (\$3,500).

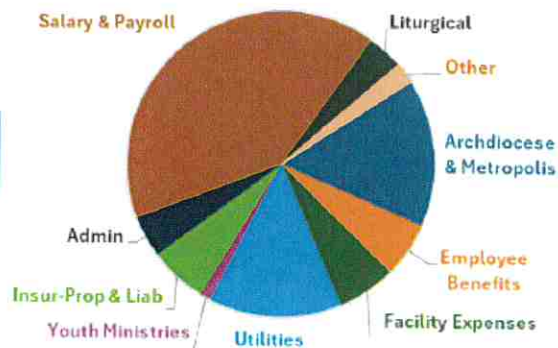
On the income side, the festival made \$7,000 more than budget, bequests and gifts to St. Nicholas were \$15,000 more than budget, and the bookstore made \$3,600 more than budget

2026 Approved Budget for the General Fund

BUDGET: 2026 INCOME - \$732,500



BUDGET: 2026 EXPENSES - \$736,162



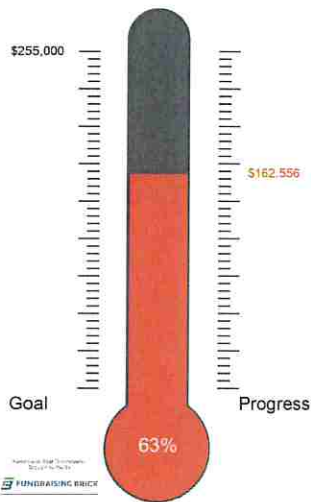
The Revenue for 2026 was budgeted to increase by \$43,000 over last years actual values. The goal will be an increase in Stewardship and in revenue from Fundraising Events with smaller increases in Hall Rental Income and Loose Offerings.

The expense budget for 2026 was increased to reflect the higher utility costs and included a \$9,000 increase in payment to the Archdiocese & Metropolis. Smaller budget increases were in Salary & Payroll, Administration Costs, and Liturgical Supplies.

The next Newsletter will have a summary of the Building Fund.

"YOUR OWN FROM YOUR OWN"

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



2025 STEWARDSHIP		10/28/2025
Total Stewards		274
Total Amount Pledged		\$162,556.00
Average Pledge		\$ 991.20
% Parish Participation to Date		91%
2025 Stewards (GOAL)		300
% of Total Budget to Date		63%
2025 Budget (GOAL)		\$ 255,000.00
Total Giving to Date		\$203,948.67
As of:		10/30/2025
Income: Envelopes & Pledges, Basket Collection & Food Festival	\$556,500.00	
Expenses: Salaries, Utilities, Maintenance, Commitments, etc.	\$529,100.00	
	\$ 27,400.00	

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>

2025 STEWARDSHIP



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2025 STEWARDSHIP



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!

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☐ Youth Ministry _____ ☐ Gardening _____ ☐ Construction/Mechanical/Plumbing _____
☐ 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 Church School



Sunday, November 2, 2025, will be **Godparent Sunday**. Godparents and godchildren will worship during the Divine Liturgy and 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!

This year, Church School, will again have a Bake Sale at the **St. Nicholas Day Bazaar**, as well as sponsor a Balloon artist.

The Church School children will present their **Christmas Pageant** under the direction of Joanna Darakos on Sunday, December 21, 2025. Please refer to the enclosed practice schedule for further details.

St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Cathedral Church School is preparing for their Holiday Outreach Project:

We are looking for hats, mittens, scarves, gloves, etc. for **Neighborhood Resilience Project's Project Bundle-up** to decorate our tree. Thanks in advance for your warm winter accessories and teaching the children the gift of giving.

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

Yours in Christ,
Miss Michelle



GODPARENT SUNDAY

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2025



**JOIN YOUR GODCHILD FOR
CHURCH WORSHIP, HOLY COMMUNION,
& CHURCH SCHOOL!**



**St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Cathedral's
Christmas Pageant Rehearsal Schedule**

Sunday, November 23, 2025
For 45 minutes immediately following the Divine Liturgy for all children

Sunday, December 7, 2025
During Church School for Nursery-6th Graders

Sunday, December 14, 2025
For 45 minutes immediately following the Divine Liturgy for all children

Saturday, December 20, 2025
12:45 P.M. - 2:00 P.M.
Final Rehearsal for all children

Sunday, December 21, 2025
Christmas Pageant in Church

QUESTIONS?

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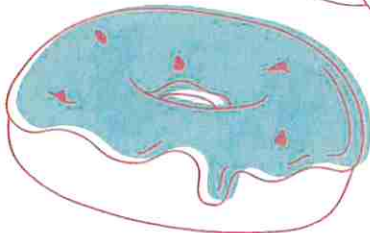
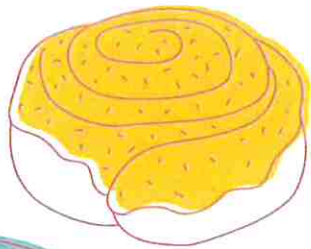
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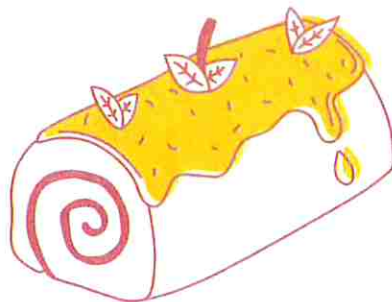
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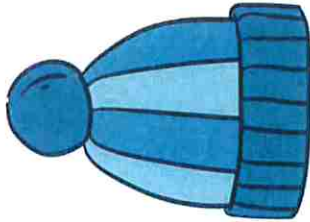
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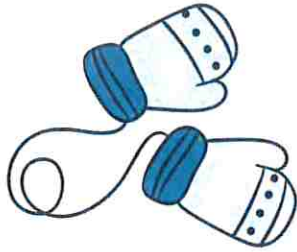


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SIXTY CLUB NEWS

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 Hanna
(412-731-0790) this week.

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

FOOD FESTIVAL

Food Festival Preparations, 2026

We are off to a running start. We began preparations for our 2026 food festival early in October with Baklava and Moussaka and it turned out to be a huge success. Our turnout each day was amazing. We even finished in record time.

A HUGE Thank You to all who came to help. We couldn't have done this without you. Your support, focus, determination and motivation were awesome. May this momentum continue into 2026.

A Shout Out this month goes to Dae Machin, who, with the help of Linda Hages, offered to take a lead in Baklava; to Vasili Copetas and John Frentzos, who made all the meat and bechamel sauce for 200 pans of Moussaka; and to Vasie-Leigh Andriotis, who came every single day to lend a hand for both Baklava and Moussaka.

We are taking a break with the holidays and will resume cooking in the New Year. The cooking schedule will be posted in December's Newsletter.

Thank you!

Happy Thanksgiving!

GREEK SCHOOL

Both the classes for children and the classes for adults are in full gear. Classes for children are on Saturdays from 10 – 12:30 pm with 7 teachers teaching the children. Classes for adults are on Tuesday evenings from 6:30 – 8pm with 3 teachers teaching adults. There are students in the children's classes, as well as, in the adult classes who have taken the standard international proficiency exams – Ellinomatheas, which are written and graded in Greece. We congratulate Dimitri Kitsios, who is in sixth grade, for successfully passing Ellinomatheas. On the Celebrations of the Three Hierarchs we will recognize all those who have successfully passed Ellinomatheas.

A few weeks ago, we ended classes a little early and had “Game Day” at noon for the children. Various fun activities, games, and crafts were available for all children to play and use their Greek. We plan to schedule this periodically.

At the end of October children will learn about OXI Day and why the Greek Orthodox celebrate Aghia Skepi, Holy Protection, twice – once on October 1 and the second time on October 28. But as everyone gets busier in November and starts preparing for the holidays, it is a time we also plan for the holidays and start learning hymns and Christmas Carols.

On November 10 everyone is invited to hear on zoom the presentation by Dr. Elias Petrou, Ph.D. on “An Island Divided: Cyprus from the Invasion of 1974 to Present Day.” Last year his presentation was “Cyprus from Antiquity to the Invasion.” He is an excellent presenter and researcher who is at the University of Illinois and has made a number of informative, historical presentations for our Metropolis.

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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Philoptochos News

Join us **Sunday November 2nd** as we celebrate Godparents Sunday, **Philoptochos Sunday**, and the Eternal Memory of Metropolitan Maximos. Philoptochos Sunday celebrates the vital role of each Philoptochos Chapter – women of faith serving with love, compassion, and dedication. On this day we join to support the Ecumenical Patriarchate Fund. We pray for the Ecumenical Patriarchate and its ministries. Any monies donated today will go to nurture the heart of our Orthodox faith while strengthening our sacred bond with the Ecumenical Patriarchate to ensure its enduring presence for generations to come.

Our next **general meeting** is **Sunday November 9th**, Philoptochos Sunday, after service in the small hall. We will hold our quarterly **food drive**, please bring non-perishable items. **Fr. Paul Abernathy will be speaking.**

We would be honored to share more of our activities with you. **Spanakopita log** making Tuesday, November 9th, **Vasilopita baking** will take place on **Thursday December 4th**. Most of the help is needed from 9-1 and 3-5. Lunch will be provided. Please see Nikki Lykos or Alisa Balouris for more information or to let them know you can help. It is a fun day of baking and fellowship.

Saturday December 6th, following service we will be serving a **luncheon** in celebration of St. Nicholas. **Sunday December 7th** visit our table at the **Bazaar** to pick up your Vasilopita, Spanakopita log and/or buy raffle tickets for our wreath, gift card tree, and donated tickets.

We are humbled by the generous donations for Operation Classroom thus far. If you know of any district, school, teacher, or institution in need of school supplies please contact Sophia Bender or Eve Elsen.

As always, I am humbled and honored to lead this amazing group of women in our efforts and outreach. If you know anyone in need of assistance, please don't hesitate to reach out to any of the board members or to me directly.

Yours in Christ,

Maria Bardakos

Philoptochos President

412-519-8684

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

Questions? Email: youthsafety@goarch.org



GOYA

The month of October for our Goya was nothing but fun and busy. We started with our first meeting into our carwash. Thanks to all of you, we hit our record in funds made from the carwash! We couldn't be more appreciative of the donations.

We also walked for missions in Guatemala. This walk brings our goya together and also gets us to know more about each other and the new Goyans coming in while helping other people. Thank you to everyone who donated.

We really enjoy doing these fundraising and outreach events every year so thank you all for your generous support.

Next month we are looking forward to some fun and activities.



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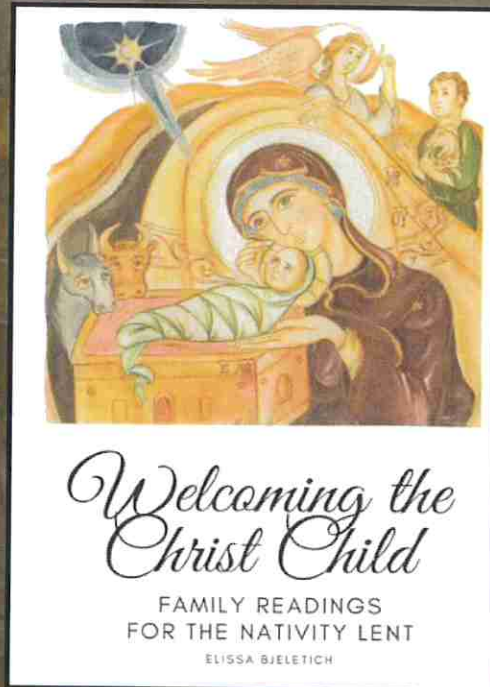
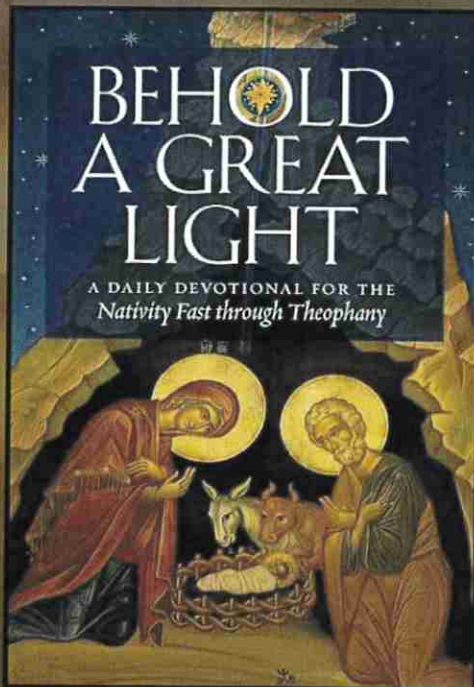
\$35 *Benefits our youth group activities.*

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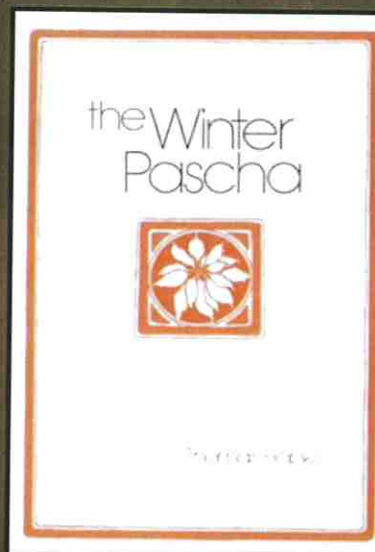
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NOVEMBER 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 Greek School 10:00 a.m. <i>Sacrament: Wedding</i>
2 5th Sunday of Luke Orthros 8:15 a.m. Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m. GODPARENT SUNDAY Philoptochos Sunday	3 Bible Study 5:30 p.m. YAL Basketball 7:00 p.m.	4 Adult Greek Classes 6:30 p.m.	5	6 Pitt/CMU OCF 7:30 p.m.	7 <i>Vigil for Synaxis of the Archangels at Dormition Church in Oakmont:</i> 7:00 p.m.	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	10 Bible Study 5:30 p.m. YAL Basketball 7:00 p.m.	11 Adult Greek Classes 6:30 p.m.	12 YAL Volleyball 7:00 p.m.	13 St. John Chrysostom, Archbishop of Constantinople Orthros 8:30 a.m. Liturgy 9:30 a.m. Pitt/CMU OCF 7:30 p.m.	14	15 <i>Nativity Fast Begins</i> Greek School 10:00 a.m.
16 Matthew, the Apostle & Evangelist Orthros 8:15 a.m. Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m.	17 Bible Study 5:30 p.m. Parish Council Meeting 6:30 p.m. YAL Basketball 7:00 p.m.	18 Adult Greek Classes 6:30 p.m.	19	20 Pitt/CMU OCF 7:30 p.m.	21 The Entrance of the Theotokos into the Temple Orthros 8:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m.	22 Greek School (with Open House) 10:00 a.m. GOYA Fall Retreat at Camp Nazareth Nov. 21-23
23 9th Sunday of Luke Orthros 8:15 a.m. Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m. IOCC Sunday	24 Bible Study 5:30 p.m. YAL Basketball 7:00 p.m.	25 St. Catherine, the Great Martyr 8:30 a.m. Orthros 9:30 a.m. Liturgy Adult Greek Classes 6:30 p.m.	26 YAL Volleyball 7:00 p.m.	27 THANKSGIVING <i>Church office closed</i>	28 <i>Day after Thanksgiving:</i> <i>Church office closed</i> <i>Sacrament: Baptism</i>	29 <i>No Greek School</i>
30 Andrew, the First- Called Apostle Orthros 8:15 a.m. Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m.	DECEMBER 1 Bible Study 5:30 p.m. YAL Basketball 7:00 p.m.	2	3	4 Barbara, the Great Martyr Orthros 8:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m. Pitt/CMU OCF 7:30 p.m.	5 <i>Metropolitan Savas' Nameday (at the Metropolis headquarters)</i> 9:00 am Orthros & Divine Liturgy <i>Open House to follow</i> Vespers for the Feast of St. Nicholas 6:30 p.m.	6 Nicholas, the Wonderworker, Archbishop of Myra in Lycia Orthros 8:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m. <i>St. Nicholas Day Luncheon</i> <i>No Greek School</i> CHURCH BAZAAR (set up)

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