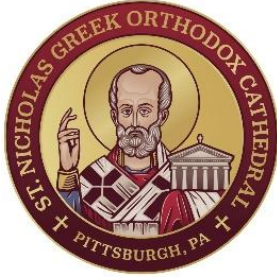


SUNDAY, December 21, 2025

Sunday before the Nativity of Christ

Third Mode · Sixth Eothinon



WELCOME TO ST. NICHOLAS CATHEDRAL!

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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

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TODAY:

- **Annual Christmas Pageant**
- **Coffee Hour hosted by GOYA in the Large Hall**
- **GOYA Athletic Meeting**
- **GOYA Basketball in the Large Hall**

THIS WEEK AT ST. NICHOLAS:

- **Monday, December 22:** YAL Basketball 7:00 p.m.
- **Wednesday, December 24:** Royal Hours 3:30 p.m.
Vespers Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great 5:00 p.m.
- **Thursday, December 25:** The NATIVITY of OUR LORD
Festal Orthros 8:30 a.m.; Divine Liturgy of John Chrysostom 9:30 a.m.
- **Sunday, December 28:** Memorial Service for Kemon Lardas (3 years)

Food Festival Preparations 2026

We are starting up again. This is what our tentative January schedule looks like. All help is appreciated.

- **Spanakopita**, Wednesday with an Evening cooking session; Thursday, Friday, January 7, 8 and 9
 - **Souzoukakia**, Friday and Saturday, January 16 and 17
- **Pastitsio**, Tuesday and Wednesday, January 27 and 28, (possibly Thursday, January 29).

TODAY'S HYMNS AND READINGS



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

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

Εὐφραινέσθω τὰ οὐράνια, ἀγαλλιάσθω τὰ ἐπίγεια, ὅτι ἐποίησε κράτος ἐν βραχίονι αὐτοῦ, ὁ Κύριος· ἐπάτησε τῷ θανάτῳ τὸν θάνατον· πρωτότοκος τῶν νεκρῶν ἐγένετο· ἐκ κοιλίας ἄδου ἐρρύσατο ἡμᾶς, καὶ παρέσχε τῷ κόσμῳ τὸ μέγα ἔλεος.

Let the heavens be glad. Let the earth rejoice exceedingly. For the Lord has shown strength with his arm. He trampled death by death. He became the first-born of the dead. Out of the belly of Hades, He has rescued us, and to the world He has granted the great mercy.

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

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

After this, we chant the hymn for the Forefeast of the Nativity, in fourth mode:

Ἑτοιμάζου Βηθλεέμ· ἡνοικται παῖσιν ἡ Ἑδέμ. Εὐτρεπίζου Ἐφραθᾶ, ὅτι τὸ ξύλον τῆς ζωῆς, ἐν τῷ Σπηλαίῳ ἐξήνθησεν ἐκ τῆς Παρθένου. Παράδεισος καὶ γάρ, ἡ ἐκείνης γαστήρ, ἐδείχθη νοητός, ἐν ᾧ τὸ θεῖον φυτόν· ἐξ οὗ φαγόντες ζήσομεν, οὐχὶ δὲ ὡς ὁ Ἀδὰμ τεθνηξόμεθα. Χριστὸς γεννᾶται, τὴν πρὶν πεσοῦσαν, ἀναστήσων εἰκόνα.

O Bethlehem, prepare, Eden is opened unto all. And be ready, Ephrata, for the Tree of life has in the grotto blossomed forth from the Virgin. Indeed, her womb is shown to be spiritually a Paradise, in which is found the God-planted Tree. And if we eat from it we shall live, and shall not die, as did Adam of old. Christ is born, so that He might raise up the formerly fallen image.

Then, we chant the hymn for the Holy Fathers, in second mode.

Μεγάλα τὰ τῆς πίστεως κατορθώματα! Ἐν τῇ πηγῇ τῆς φλογός, ὡς ἐπὶ ὕδατος ἀναπαύσεως, οἱ ἅγιοι τρεῖς Παῖδες ἠγάλλοντο· καὶ ὁ Προφήτης Δανιήλ, λεόντων ποιμήν, ὡς προβάτων ἐδείκνυτο. Ταῖς αὐτῶν ἱκεσίαις Χριστέ ὁ Θεός, σῶσον τὰς ψυχὰς ἡμῶν.

Magnificent are the accomplishments of faith! The holy Three Servants greatly rejoiced, as they stood in the fountain of fire, as if beside the still waters; and the Prophet Daniel appeared to be a shepherd of lions, as if they were sheep. At their entreaties, O Christ God, save our souls.

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

Κανόνα πίστεως καὶ εἰκόνα πραότητος, ἐγκρατείας διδάσκαλον, ἀνέδειξέ σε τῇ ποίμνῃ 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 Festal Kontakion (for the Forefeast of the Nativity), in third mode:

Ἡ Παρθένος σήμερον, τὸν προαιώνιον Λόγον, ἐν Σπηλαίῳ ἔρχεται, ἀποτεκεῖν ἀπορόρητως. Χόρευε ἡ οἰκουμένη ἀκουτισθεῖσα, δόξασον μετὰ Ἀγγέλων καὶ τῶν Ποιμένων, βουληθέντα ἐποφθῆναι, Παιδίον νέον, τὸν πρὸ αἰώνων Θεόν.

On this day the Virgin comes to the cave to give birth to God the Word ineffably, Who was before all the ages. Dance for joy, O earth, on hearing the gladsome tidings; with the Angels and the shepherds now glorify Him Who is willing to be gazed on as a young Child Who before the ages is God.

Today's Epistle Reading (*Sunday Before Christmas*):

The reading is from Paul's Letter to the Hebrews (11:9 – 10, 32 – 40)

Ἀδελφοί, πίστει παρώκησεν Ἀβραάμ εἰς τὴν γῆν τῆς ἐπαγγελίας ὡς ἀλλοτρίαν, ἐν σκηναῖς κατοικήσας μετὰ Ἰσαὰκ καὶ Ἰακώβ τῶν συγκληρονόμων τῆς ἐπαγγελίας τῆς αὐτῆς· ἐξεδέχετο γὰρ τὴν τοὺς θεμελίους ἔχουσαν πόλιν, ἧς τεχνίτης καὶ δημιουργὸς ὁ Θεός. Καὶ τί ἔτι λέγω; ἐπιλείπει γὰρ με διηγούμενον ὁ χρόνος περὶ Γεδεών, Βαρὰκ τε καὶ Σαμψών καὶ Ἰεφθάε, Δαυῖδ τε καὶ Σαμουὴλ καὶ τῶν προφητῶν, οἱ διὰ πίστεως κατηγωνίσαντο βασιλείας, εἰργάσαντο δικαιοσύνην, ἐπέτυχον ἐπαγγελιῶν, ἔφραξαν στόματα λεόντων, ἔσβεσαν δύναμιν πυρός, ἔφυγον στόματα μαχαίρας, ἐνεδυναμώθησαν ἀπὸ ἀσθενείας, ἐγενήθησαν ἰσχυροὶ ἐν πολέμῳ, παρεμβολὰς ἐκλιναν ἀλλοτρίων· ἔλαβον γυναῖκες ἐξ ἀναστάσεως τοὺς νεκροὺς αὐτῶν· ἄλλοι δὲ ἐτυμπανίσθησαν, οὐ προσδεξάμενοι τὴν ἀπολύτρωσιν, ἵνα κρείττονος ἀναστάσεως τύχωσιν· ἕτεροι δὲ ἐμπαιγμῶν καὶ μαστίγων πείραν ἔλαβον, ἔτι δὲ δεσμῶν καὶ φυλακῆς· ἐλιθάσθησαν, ἐπρίσθησαν, ἐπειράσθησαν, ἐν φόνῳ μαχαίρας ἀπέθανον, περιῆλθον ἐν μηλωταῖς, ἐν αἰγείοις δέρμασιν, ὑστερούμενοι, θλιβόμενοι, κακουχούμενοι, ὧν οὐκ ἦν ἄξιος ὁ κόσμος, ἐν ἐρημίαις πλανώμενοι καὶ ὄρεσι καὶ σπηλαίοις καὶ ταῖς ὁπαῖς τῆς γῆς. Καὶ οὗτοι πάντες μαρτυρηθέντες διὰ τῆς πίστεως οὐκ ἐκομίσαντο τὴν ἐπαγγελίαν, τοῦ Θεοῦ περὶ ἡμῶν κρείττον τι προβλεψάμενου, ἵνα μὴ χωρὶς ἡμῶν τελειωθῶσι.

Brethren, by faith Abraham sojourned in the land of promise, as in a foreign land, living in tents with Isaac and Jacob, heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city which has foundations, whose builder and maker is God. And what more shall I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets — who through faith conquered kingdoms, enforced justice, received promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection. Some were tortured, refusing to accept release, that they might rise again to a better life. Others suffered mocking and scourging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned, they were sawn in two, they were tempted, they were killed with the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, afflicted, ill-treated — of whom the world was not worthy — wandering over deserts and mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth. And all these, though well attested by their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had foreseen something better for us, that apart from us they should not be made perfect. [RSV]

Today's Gospel Reading (*Sunday Before Christmas*):

The reading is from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew (1:1 – 25)

Βίβλος γενέσεως Ἰησοῦ Χριστοῦ, υἱοῦ Δαυῖδ υἱοῦ Ἀβραάμ. Ἀβραάμ ἐγέννησε τὸν Ἰσαὰκ, Ἰσαὰκ δὲ ἐγέννησε τὸν Ἰακώβ, Ἰακώβ δὲ ἐγέννησε τὸν Ἰούδαν καὶ τοὺς ἀδελφοὺς αὐτοῦ, Ἰούδας δὲ ἐγέννησε τὸν Φαρὲς καὶ τὸν Ζαρὰ ἐκ τῆς Θάμαρ, Φαρὲς δὲ ἐγέννησε τὸν Ἑσρῶμ, Ἑσρῶμ δὲ ἐγέννησε τὸν Ἀράμ, Ἀράμ δὲ ἐγέννησε τὸν Ἀμιναδάβ, Ἀμιναδάβ δὲ ἐγέννησε τὸν Ναασσών, Ναασσών δὲ ἐγέννησε τὸν Σαλμών, Σαλμών δὲ ἐγέννησε τὸν Βοὸζ ἐκ τῆς Ραχάβ, Βοὸζ δὲ ἐγέννησε τὸν Ὠβὴδ ἐκ τῆς Ρούθ, Ὠβὴδ δὲ ἐγέννησε τὸν Ἰεσσαί, Ἰεσσαί δὲ ἐγέννησε τὸν Δαυῖδ τὸν βασιλέα. Δαυῖδ δὲ ὁ βασιλεὺς ἐγέννησε τὸν Σολομῶνα ἐκ τῆς τοῦ Οὐρίας, Σολομῶν δὲ ἐγέννησε τὸν Ροβοάμ, Ροβοάμ δὲ ἐγέννησε τὸν Ἀβιά, Ἀβιά δὲ ἐγέννησε τὸν Ἀσά, Ἀσά δὲ ἐγέννησε τὸν Ἰωσαφάτ, Ἰωσαφάτ δὲ ἐγέννησε τὸν Ἰωράμ, Ἰωράμ

δὲ ἐγέννησε τὸν Ὀζίαν, Ὀζίας δὲ ἐγέννησε τὸν Ἰωάθαμ, Ἰωάθαμ δὲ ἐγέννησε τὸν Ἀχαζ, Ἀχαζ δὲ ἐγέννησε τὸν Ἐζεκίαν, Ἐζεκίας δὲ ἐγέννησε τὸν Μανασσῆ, Μανασσῆς δὲ ἐγέννησε τὸν Ἀμών, Ἀμών δὲ ἐγέννησε τὸν Ἰωσίαν, Ἰωσίας δὲ ἐγέννησε τὸν Ἰεχονίαν καὶ τοὺς ἀδελφοὺς αὐτοῦ ἐπὶ τῆς μετοικεσίας Βαβυλῶνος. Μετὰ δὲ τὴν μετοικεσίαν Βαβυλῶνος Ἰεχονίας ἐγέννησε τὸν Σαλαθιήλ, Σαλαθιήλ δὲ ἐγέννησε τὸν Ζοροβάβελ, Ζοροβάβελ δὲ ἐγέννησε τὸν Ἀβιούδ, Ἀβιούδ δὲ ἐγέννησε τὸν Ἐλιακείμ, Ἐλιακείμ δὲ ἐγέννησε τὸν Ἀζώρ, Ἀζώρ δὲ ἐγέννησε τὸν Σαδώκ, Σαδώκ δὲ ἐγέννησε τὸν Ἀχείμ, Ἀχείμ δὲ ἐγέννησε τὸν Ἐλιούδ, Ἐλιούδ δὲ ἐγέννησε τὸν Ἐλεάζαρ, Ἐλεάζαρ δὲ ἐγέννησε τὸν Ματθάν, Ματθάν δὲ ἐγέννησε τὸν Ἰακώβ, Ἰακώβ δὲ ἐγέννησε τὸν Ἰωσήφ τὸν ἄνδρα Μαρίας, ἐξ ἧς ἐγεννήθη Ἰησοῦς ὁ λεγόμενος Χριστός. Πᾶσαι οὖν αἱ γενεαὶ ἀπὸ Ἀβραὰμ ἕως Δαυῖδ γενεαὶ δεκατέσσαρες, καὶ ἀπὸ Δαυῖδ ἕως τῆς μετοικεσίας Βαβυλῶνος γενεαὶ δεκατέσσαρες, καὶ ἀπὸ τῆς μετοικεσίας Βαβυλῶνος ἕως τοῦ Χριστοῦ γενεαὶ δεκατέσσαρες.

Τοῦ δὲ Ἰησοῦ Χριστοῦ ἡ γέννησις οὕτως ἦν. μνηστευθείσης γὰρ τῆς μητρὸς αὐτοῦ Μαρίας τῷ Ἰωσήφ, πρὶν ἢ συνελθεῖν αὐτοὺς εὐρέθη ἐν γαστρὶ ἔχουσα ἐκ Πνεύματος Ἁγίου. Ἰωσήφ δὲ ὁ ἀνὴρ αὐτῆς, δίκαιος ὢν καὶ μὴ θέλων αὐτὴν παραδειγματίσαι, ἐβουλήθη λάθρα ἀπολῦσαι αὐτήν. ταῦτα δὲ αὐτοῦ ἐνθυμηθέντος ἰδοὺ ἄγγελος Κυρίου κατ' ὄναρ ἐφάνη αὐτῷ λέγων· Ἰωσήφ υἱὸς Δαυῖδ, μὴ φοβηθῆς παραλαβεῖν Μαριάμ τὴν γυναῖκά σου· τὸ γὰρ ἐν αὐτῇ γεννηθὲν ἐκ Πνεύματός ἐστιν Ἁγίου. τέξεται δὲ υἱὸν καὶ καλέσεις τὸ ὄνομα αὐτοῦ Ἰησοῦν· αὐτὸς γὰρ σώσει τὸν λαὸν αὐτοῦ ἀπὸ τῶν ἁμαρτιῶν αὐτῶν. Τοῦτο δὲ ὅλον γέγονεν ἵνα πληρωθῇ τὸ ῥηθὲν ὑπὸ τοῦ Κυρίου διὰ τοῦ προφήτου λέγοντος· ἰδοὺ ἡ παρθένος ἐν γαστρὶ ἔξει καὶ τέξεται υἱόν, καὶ καλέσουσι τὸ ὄνομα αὐτοῦ Ἐμμανουήλ, ὃ ἐστι μεθερμηνευόμενον μεθ' ἡμῶν ὁ Θεός. Διεγερθεὶς δὲ ὁ Ἰωσήφ ἀπὸ τοῦ ὕπνου ἐποίησεν ὡς προσέταξεν αὐτῷ ὁ ἄγγελος Κυρίου καὶ παρέλαβε τὴν γυναῖκα αὐτοῦ, καὶ οὐκ ἐγίνωσκεν αὐτήν ἕως οὗ ἔτεκε τὸν υἱὸν αὐτῆς τὸν πρωτότοκον, καὶ ἐκάλεσε τὸ ὄνομα αὐτοῦ Ἰησοῦν.

The book of the genealogy of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham. Abraham was the father of Isaac, and Isaac the father of Jacob, and Jacob the father of Judah and his brothers, and Judah the father of Perez and Zerah by Tamar, and Perez the father of Hezron, and Hezron the father of Aram, and Aram the father of Ammin'adab, and Ammin'adab the father of Nahshon, and Nahshon the father of Salmon, and Salmon the father of Bo'az by Rahab, and Bo'az the father of Obed by Ruth, and Obed the father of Jesse, and Jesse the father of David the king. And David was the father of Solomon by the wife of Uri'ah, and Solomon the father of Rehobo'am, and Rehobo'am the father of Abi'jah, and Abi'jah the father of Asa, and Asa the father of Jehosh'aphat, and Jehosh'aphat the father of Joram, and Joram the father of Uzzi'ah, and Uzzi'ah the father of Jotham, and Jotham the father of Ahaz, and Ahaz the father of Hezeki'ah, and Hezeki'ah the father of Manas'seh, and Manas'seh the father of Amon, and Amon the father of Josi'ah, and Josi'ah the father of Jechoni'ah and his brothers, at the time of the deportation to Babylon. And after the deportation to Babylon: Jechoni'ah was the father of Salathiel, and Salathiel the father of Zerub'babel, and Zerub'babel the father of Abi'ud, and Abi'ud the father of Eli'akim, and Eli'akim the father of Azor, and Azor the father of Zadok, and Zadok the father of Achim, and Achim the father of Eli'ud, and Eli'ud the father of Elea'zar, and Elea'zar the father of Matthan, and Matthan the father of Jacob, and Jacob the father of Joseph the husband of Mary, of whom Jesus was born, who is called Christ. So all the generations from Abraham to David were fourteen generations, and from David to the deportation to Babylon fourteen generations, and from the deportation to Babylon to the Christ fourteen generations.

Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child of the Holy Spirit; and her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to divorce her quietly. But as he

considered this, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, “Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary your wife, for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit; she will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.” All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet: “Behold, a virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and his name shall be called Emmanuel” (which means, God with us). When Joseph woke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took his wife, but knew her not until she had borne her firstborn son; and he called his name Jesus. [RSV]

SAINTS ALIVE!



December 21st

- Juliana of Nicomedia & her 630 Companion Martyrs
- Themistocles the Martyr of Myra

December 22nd

- **Anastasia the Great Martyr**
- Chrysogonos, Theodota, Evodias, & Eutychianus, the Martyrs

December 23rd

- Ten Martyrs of Crete
- Remembrance of the Founding of the Holy and Great Church of Christ, Hagia Sophia in Constantinople

December 24th

- Eve of the Nativity of Christ
- Eugenia the Righteous Nun-martyr of Rome and those with her

December 25th

- The Nativity of Our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ

December 26th

- Synaxis of the Holy Theotokos
- Euthemios the Confessor, Bishop of Sardis

December 27th

- Stephen, Archdeacon & First Martyr
- Theodore the Confessor, brother of Saint Theophanes the Poet



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

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



| 2025 | STEWARDSHIP |
|----------------|--------------------------------------|
| Total Stewards | 301 (GOAL 300) |
| Total Pledged | \$ 168,223.00 GOAL (\$255,000.00) |
| Avg. Pledge | \$ 966.80 |

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:

TODAY, the Church School children will present their **Christmas Pageant**, under the direction of Joanna Darakos. Break a leg Mary, Joseph, and the rest of the cast!

St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Cathedral Church School is preparing for their Holiday Outreach Projects. We are looking for hats, mittens, scarves, gloves, etc. for **Neighborhood Resilience Projects Project Bundle-up**. Thanks in advance for your warm winter accessories and teaching the children the gift of giving.

On behalf of the St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Cathedral Church School teachers and students have a Merry Christmas!

Yours in Christ
Miss Michelle

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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



PHILOPTOCHOS NEWS

Philoptochos is trying to put together a list of individuals who are willing and able to help the area college students (Pitt, CMU, Carlow, Chatham, Duquesne, RMU, CCAC, Penn State (Pittsburgh), Point Park, and LaRoche) during their stay here in Pittsburgh. A list of drivers, doctors, dentists, pharmacists, etc. is being compiled so they will have someone to call. Your assistance will be greatly appreciated. The goal is to have this list complete by the end of the year for distribution in January (next semester'). For more information, contact Michelle Kotsagrellos at 412-680-1416.

Homewood Cemetery

St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Cathedral Greek Section

There are currently 23 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.

SIXTY CLUB NEWS

SAVE the DAY: 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

Alice Gary (412-249-8612) this week.

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

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2025 CHRISTMAS Services




CHRISTMAS EVE: WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 24TH
ROYAL HOURS
3:30 P.M.
VESPERAL DIVINE LITURGY OF ST. BASIL THE GREAT
5:00 P.M.

CHRISTMAS DAY: THURSDAY, DECEMBER 25TH
FESTAL ORTHROS
8:30 A.M.
DIVINE LITURGY OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM
9:30 A.M.



Winter Coat Drive



December 1-31, 2025
St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Cathedral

We are looking for new or clean & slightly used coats
to donate to Pittsburgh area shelters this winter season.

Please drop off coats in the bin by the Church Office.



Happy Birthday USA

Celebrate 250 Years with Friends & Family!

★★★
A Classic American Luncheon
Sunday, January 25th, 2026
Following Divine Liturgy

Sponsored by The 60's Club
All are welcome

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GOYA NEWS

ST. NICHOLAS SWEATSHIRTS

A new order for sweatshirts (White with Blue
lettering) will be placed for our Parishioners,
GOYANS, Coaches, and Parents.

Crewnecks \$20

Hoodies \$30

Additional cost \$5 for name on back

2X and 3X additional \$3

Checks payable to St. Nicholas GOYA
Deadline for ordering is December 30th.

For more information text/call

Linda 412-523-7938.

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
42:45 P.M. – 2:00 P.M.
Final Rehearsal for all children

Sunday, December 21, 2025
Christmas Pageant in Church

QUESTIONS?
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DIRECTOR
JOANNA DARAKOS
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WE ARE LOOKING FOR HATS, GLOVES/MITTENS, SCARVES & SOCKS
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St. Nicholas GOYA

AD BOOK

Dear Parishioners

St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Cathedral's youth group (GOYA) is thrilled to be hosting a Metropolis Basketball Tournament at our church this year. We are hoping that you will consider placing an advertisement in our tournament book, to help support our youth. Given the escalating costs of hosting these tournaments, the Tournament Program Book contributes greatly to the essential revenue needed as part of our overall cost raising efforts.

The tournament will be held the weekend of February 13-15, 2026 and we are expecting over 500 people from across PA and OH to attend! The program book serves as a great way to advertise local businesses and recognize our GOYANS. Attached you will find our submission form, which has all of the information you need to place the ad. The deadline for advertisements is February 4th.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please feel free to contact me at (412)915-7838.

Thank you for your consideration and support!

Sincerely,

Maria Coutris

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St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Cathedral
Pittsburgh, PA

GOYA METROPOLIS BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT
FEBRUARY 13-15, 2026

TOURNAMENT PROGRAM BOOK SUBMISSION FORM

Please support our youth by placing an ad in the tournament book. Advertisements may include business as well as personal wishes to the groups and/or individual players.

Please check your choice below:

- ☐ Centerfold \$250.00
- ☐ Full Page (5 ½ X 8 ½) \$150.00
- ☐ Half Page (5 ½ X 4 1/4) \$100.00
- ☐ 1/4 Page (2 ¾ X 4 1/4) \$60.00
- ☐ Line sponsor (maximum of 60 characters/line) \$30.00

- One photo may be included in FULL or HALF page ads
- Additional photos are \$5.00 each
- Submission MUST BE .jpg format
- All ads are BLACK & WHITE, no color options

Ads may be submitted in hard copy or through email by FEBRUARY 4th to:

Maria Coutris
mvcoutris@gmail.com

8551 Ivy Hill Drive #9
Poland, OH 44514

Please make checks payable to:
St. Nicholas GOYA (mail to address above)
If you have questions, please call: (412)915-7838

Thank you for your continued support!

| DECEMBER 2025 | | | | | | |
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| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
| 21 Sunday before Nativity Orthros 8:15 a.m. Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m. <i>Christmas Pageant</i> | 22 YAL Basketball 7:00 p.m. | 23 Adult Greek Classes 6:30 p.m. | 24 Royal Hours 3:30 p.m. Vesperal Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great 5:00 p.m. | 25 The NATIVITY of OUR LORD Festal Orthros 8:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom 9:30 a.m. <i>CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED</i> | 26 <i>CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED</i> | 27 |
| 8 Sunday after Nativity Orthros 8:15 a.m. Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m. | 29 YAL Basketball 7:00 p.m. | 30 Adult Greek Classes 6:30 p.m. | 31 | JANUARY 1, 2026 NEW YEAR'S DAY, CIRCUMCISION OF OUR LORD, FEAST OF BASIL THE GREAT Orthros 9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy of St Basil 10:00 a.m. <i>CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED</i> | 2 | 3 |
| 4 Sunday before Theophany Orthros 8:15 a.m. Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m. Cutting of Vasilopita | 5 Royal Hours of Theophany 10:00 a.m. Vesperal Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great (followed by the Great Agiasmos) 6:30 p.m. | 6 THEOPHANY Festal Orthros 8:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m. (followed by the Great Agiasmos) Adult Greek Classes 6:30 p.m. | 7 Synaxis of John the Holy Glorious Prophet, Baptist, & Forerunner Orthros 8:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m. | 8 | 9 GOYA Holiday Party at Boyce Park | 10 Greek School 10:00 a.m |
| 11 Sunday after Theophany Orthros 8:15 a.m. Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m. | 12 Bible Study 5:30 p.m. YAL Basketball 7:00 p.m. | 13 Adult Greek Classes 6:30 p.m. | 14 | 15 Pitt/CMU OCF 7:30 p.m. | 16 <div>GOYA BBall Tourney in Columbus, OH</div> | 17 Greek School 10:00 a.m. |