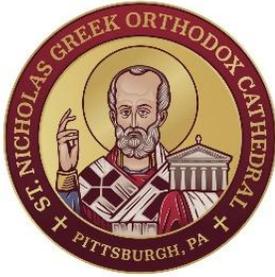


SUNDAY, February 8, 2026 – Sunday of the Prodigal Son

Saint of the day: the Great-martyr Theodore the General

Second Mode · Second Eothinon



WELCOME TO ST. NICHOLAS CATHEDRAL!

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

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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).

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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:

- Happy Birthday USA Celebration
- Oratorical Education Sunday
- GO RED SUNDAY Wear Red
- Philoptochos Membership Drive
- Food Drive

THIS WEEK AT ST. NICHOLAS:

- Monday, February 9: Bible Study 5:30 p.m.; YAL Basketball 7:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, February 10: Feast of St. Haralambos Orthros 8:30 am, Divine Liturgy 9:30 am
Food Festival Prep PASTA FLORA; Adult Greek Classes 6:30 p.m.
Catechism 6:00 pm; Pitt/CMU OCF 7:30 p.m.
- Thursday, February 12: GOYA BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT
- Fri, Sat, Sun, February 13-15: Saturday of the Souls Orthros 8:30 am, Divine Liturgy 9:30 am
Greek School 10:00 a.m.
- Saturday, February 14:

TODAY'S HYMNS AND READINGS



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

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

Σῶσον ἡμᾶς Υἱὲ Θεοῦ, ὁ ἐν ἀγκάλαις τοῦ δικαίου Συμεῶν βασταχθεῖς, ψάλλοντάς σοι, Ἀλληλούϊα.

Save us, O Son of God, who were held in the arms of righteous Symeon. We sing to You, Alleluia.

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The Festal Hymn for the Presentation of Our Lord in first mode is chanted twice for the Small Entrance:

Χαῖρε κεχαριτωμένη Θεοτόκε Παρθένε· ἐκ σοῦ γὰρ ἀνέτειλεν ὁ Ἥλιος τῆς δικαιοσύνης, Χριστὸς ὁ Θεὸς ἡμῶν, φωτίζων τοὺς ἐν σκότει. Εὐφραίνου καὶ σὺ Πρεσβύτα δίκαιε, δεξάμενος ἐν ἀγκάλαις τὸν ἐλευθερωτὴν τῶν ψυχῶν ἡμῶν, χαριζόμενον ἡμῖν καὶ τὴν Ἀνάστασιν.

Lady full of grace, rejoice, O Virgin Theotokos, for Christ our God, the Sun of righteousness has risen from you and He illumined those in darkness. And you, righteous Elder, be glad in heart, receiving in your embraces the One who liberates our souls and bestows on us the Resurrection.

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

Following the Small Entrance, the Resurrection Hymn of the week in second mode is chanted.

Ὅτε κατήλθες πρὸς τὸν θάνατον, ἡ ζωὴ ἢ ἀθάνατος, τότε τὸν ἄδην ἐνέκρωσας, τῇ ἀστραπῇ τῆς θεότητος· ὅτε δὲ καὶ τοὺς τεθνεῶτας, ἐκ τῶν καταχθονίων ἀνέστησας, πᾶσαι αἱ δυνάμεις τῶν ἐπουρανίων ἐκράυγαζον· 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!"

After this, we repeat Festal Hymn for the Presentation of Our Lord in first mode (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 ποιίμνῃ σου, ἡ τῶν πραγμάτων ἀλήθεια· διὰ τοῦτο ἐκτήσω τῇ ταπεινώσει τὰ ὑψηλά, τῇ πτωχείᾳ τὰ πλούσια, Πάτερ ἱεράρχα Νικόλαε· πρόσβενε 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 Feast of Υπαπαντι), in first mode:

Ὁ μήτραν παρθενικὴν ἀγιάσας τῷ τόκῳ σου, καὶ χειρὰς τοῦ Συμεῶν εὐλογήσας ὡς ἔπρεπε, προφθάσας καὶ νῦν ἔσωσας ἡμᾶς Χριστέ ὁ Θεός. Ἄλλ' εἰρήνευσον ἐν πολέμοις τὸ πολίτευμα, καὶ κραταίωσον Βασιλεῖς οὐς ἠγάπησας, ὁ μόνος φιλόανθρωπος.

You sanctified the womb of the Virgin by Your birth, and by Your presentation You blessed the hands of Symeon, when You came, and You saved us, O Christ our God. Now we pray You give peace to Your world at war, and let love for Your people prevail in all, O only benevolent Lord.

Today's Epistle Reading (*Thirty-Fourth Sunday, of the Prodigal*):

The reading is from Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians (6:12 – 20)

Αδελφοί, πάντα μοι ἔξεστιν, ἀλλ' οὐ πάντα συμφέρει· πάντα μοι ἔξεστιν, ἀλλ' οὐκ ἐγὼ ἐξουσιασθήσομαι ὑπό τινος. τὰ βρώματα τῆ κοιλία καὶ ἡ κοιλία τοῖς βρώμασιν· ὁ δὲ Θεὸς καὶ ταύτην καὶ ταῦτα καταργήσει. τὸ δὲ σῶμα οὐ τῆ πορνεία, ἀλλὰ τῷ Κυρίῳ, καὶ ὁ Κύριος τῷ σώματι· ὁ δὲ Θεὸς καὶ τὸν Κύριον ἤγειρε καὶ ἡμᾶς ἐξεγερεῖ διὰ τῆς δυνάμεως αὐτοῦ. οὐκ οἴδατε ὅτι τὰ σώματα ὑμῶν μέλη Χριστοῦ ἐστίν; ἄρας οὖν τὰ μέλη τοῦ Χριστοῦ ποιήσω πόρνῆς μέλη; μὴ γένοιτο. ἢ οὐκ οἴδατε ὅτι ὁ κολλώμενος τῆ πόρνῃ ἐν σῶμά ἐστιν; ἔσονται γάρ, φησὶν, οἱ δύο εἰς σάρκα μίαν· ὁ δὲ κολλώμενος τῷ Κυρίῳ ἐν πνευμᾷ ἐστι. φεύγετε τὴν πορνείαν. πᾶν ἁμάρτημα ὃ ἐὰν ποιήσῃ ἄνθρωπος ἐκτὸς τοῦ σώματός ἐστιν, ὁ δὲ πορνεύων εἰς τὸ ἴδιον σῶμα ἁμαρτάνει. ἢ οὐκ οἴδατε ὅτι τὸ σῶμα ὑμῶν ναὸς τοῦ ἐν ὑμῖν Ἁγίου Πνεύματος ἐστιν, οὗ ἔχετε ἀπὸ Θεοῦ, καὶ οὐκ ἐστὲ ἑαυτῶν; ἠγοράσθητε γὰρ τιμῆς· δοξάσατε δὴ τὸν Θεὸν ἐν τῷ σώματι ὑμῶν καὶ ἐν τῷ πνεύματι ὑμῶν, ἅτινά ἐστι τοῦ Θεοῦ.

Brethren, “all things are permitted for me,” but not all things are helpful. “All things are permitted for me,” but I will not be enslaved by anything. “Food is meant for the stomach and the stomach for food” — and God will destroy both one and the other. The body is not meant for immorality, but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. And God raised the Lord and will also raise us up by his power. Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Shall I therefore take the members of Christ and make them members of a prostitute? Never! Do you not know that he who joins himself to a prostitute becomes one body with her? For, as it is written, “The two shall become one flesh.” But he who is united to the Lord becomes one spirit with him. Shun immorality. Every other sin which a man commits is outside the body; but the immoral man sins against his own body. Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, which you have from God? You are not your own; you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body and in your spirit which belong to God. [RSV]

Today's Gospel Reading (*17th Sunday of Luke – of the Prodigal Son*):

The reading is from the Holy Gospel according to Luke (18:10 – 14)

Εἶπεν ὁ Κύριος τὴν παραβολὴν ταύτην· ἄνθρωπός τις εἶχε δύο υἱούς. καὶ εἶπεν ὁ νεώτερος αὐτῶν τῷ πατρί· πάτερ, δός μοι τὸ ἐπιβάλλον μέρος τῆς οὐσίας. καὶ διεῖλεν αὐτοῖς τὸν βίον. καὶ μετ' οὐ πολλὰς ἡμέρας συναγαγὼν ἅπαντα ὁ νεώτερος υἱὸς ἀπεδήμησεν εἰς χώραν μακρὰν, καὶ ἐκεῖ διεσκόρπισε τὴν οὐσίαν αὐτοῦ ζῶν ἀσώτως. δαπανήσαντος δὲ αὐτοῦ πάντα ἐγένετο λιμὸς ἰσχυρὸς κατὰ τὴν χώραν ἐκείνην, καὶ αὐτὸς ἤρξατο ὑστερεῖσθαι. καὶ πορευθεὶς ἐκολλήθη ἐνὶ τῶν πολιτῶν τῆς χώρας ἐκείνης, καὶ ἔπεμψεν αὐτὸν εἰς τοὺς ἀγρούς αὐτοῦ βόσκειν χοίρους. καὶ ἐπεθύμει γεμίσει τὴν κοιλίαν αὐτοῦ ἀπὸ τῶν κερατίων ὧν ἤσθιον οἱ χοῖροι, καὶ οὐδεὶς ἐδίδου αὐτῷ. εἰς ἑαυτὸν δὲ ἐλθὼν εἶπε· πόσοι μισθιοὶ τοῦ πατρός μου περισσεύουσιν ἄρτων, ἐγὼ δὲ λιμῷ ἀπόλλυμαι! ἀναστὰς πορεύσομαι πρὸς τὸν πατέρα μου καὶ ἐρῶ αὐτῷ· πάτερ, ἤμαρτον εἰς τὸν οὐρανὸν καὶ ἐνώπιόν σου. οὐκέτι εἰμὶ ἄξιος κληθῆναι υἱὸς σου· ποίησόν με ὡς ἓνα τῶν μισθίων σου. καὶ ἀναστὰς ἦλθε πρὸς τὸν πατέρα αὐτοῦ. ἔτι δὲ αὐτοῦ μακρὰν ἀπέχοντος εἶδεν αὐτὸν ὁ πατὴρ αὐτοῦ καὶ ἐσπλαγχνίσθη, καὶ δραμῶν ἐπέπεσεν ἐπὶ τὸν τράχηλον αὐτοῦ καὶ κατεφίλησεν αὐτόν. εἶπε δὲ αὐτῷ ὁ υἱός· πάτερ, ἤμαρτον εἰς τὸν οὐρανὸν καὶ ἐνώπιόν σου, καὶ οὐκέτι εἰμὶ ἄξιος κληθῆναι υἱός σου. εἶπε δὲ ὁ πατὴρ πρὸς τοὺς δούλους αὐτοῦ· ἐξενέγκατε τὴν στολὴν τὴν πρώτην καὶ ἐνδύσατε αὐτόν, καὶ δότε δακτύλιον εἰς τὴν χεῖρα αὐτοῦ καὶ ὑποδήματα εἰς τοὺς πόδας, καὶ ἐνέγκαντες τὸν μόσχον τὸν σιτευτὸν θύσατε, καὶ φαγόντες εὐφρανθῶμεν, ὅτι οὗτος ὁ υἱός μου νεκρὸς ἦν καὶ ἀνέζησε, καὶ ἀπολωλὼς ἦν καὶ εὐρέθη. καὶ ἤρξαντο

εὐφραίνεσθαι. Ἦν δὲ ὁ υἱὸς αὐτοῦ ὁ πρεσβύτερος ἐν ἀγρῶ· καὶ ὡς ἐρχόμενος ἤγγισε τῇ οἰκίᾳ, ἤκουσε συμφωνίας καὶ χορῶν, καὶ προσκαλεσάμενος ἓνα τῶν παίδων ἐπυνθάνετο τί εἶη ταῦτα. ὁ δὲ εἶπεν αὐτῷ ὅτι ὁ ἀδελφός σου ἤκει καὶ ἔθυσεν ὁ πατήρ σου τὸν μόσχον τὸν σιτευτόν, ὅτι ὑγιαίνοντα αὐτὸν ἀπέλαβεν. ὠργίσθη δὲ καὶ οὐκ ἤθελεν εἰσελθεῖν. ὁ οὖν πατήρ αὐτοῦ ἐξελθὼν παρεκάλει αὐτόν. ὁ δὲ ἀποκριθεὶς εἶπε τῷ πατρί· ἰδὸν τοσαῦτα ἔτη δουλεύω σοι καὶ οὐδέποτε ἐντολήν σου παρῆλθον, καὶ ἐμοὶ οὐδέποτε ἔδωκας ἔριφον ἵνα μετὰ τῶν φίλων μου εὐφρανθῶ· ὅτε δὲ ὁ υἱός σου οὗτος, ὁ καταφαγὼν σου τὸν βίον μετὰ πορνῶν, ἦλθεν, ἔθυσας αὐτῷ τὸν μόσχον τὸν σιτευτόν. ὁ δὲ εἶπεν αὐτῷ· τέκνον, σὺ πάντοτε μετ' ἐμοῦ εἶ, καὶ πάντα τὰ ἐμὰ σὰ ἐστίν· εὐφρανθῆναι δὲ καὶ χαρῆναι ἔδει, ὅτι ὁ ἀδελφός σου οὗτος νεκρὸς ἦν καὶ ἀνέζησε, καὶ ἀπολωλὼς ἦν καὶ εὐρέθη.

The Lord said this parable, “There was a man who had two sons; and the younger of them said to his father, ‘Father, give me the share of the property that falls to me.’ And he divided his living between them. Not many days later, the younger son gathered all he had and took his journey into a far country, and there he squandered his property in loose living. And when he had spent everything, a great famine arose in that country, and he began to be in want. So he went and joined himself to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into his fields to feed swine. And he would gladly have filled his belly with the pods that the swine ate; and no one gave him anything. But when he came to himself he said, ‘How many of my father’s hired servants have bread enough and to spare, but I perish here with hunger! I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me as one of your hired servants.’ And he arose and came to his father. But while he was yet at a distance, his father saw him and had compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him. And the son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.’ But the father said to his servants, ‘Bring quickly the best robe, and put it on him; and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet; and bring the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and make merry; for this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.’ And they began to make merry. Now his elder son was in the field; and as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing. And he called one of the servants and asked what this meant. And he said to him, ‘Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has received him safe and sound.’ But he was angry and refused to go in. His father came out and entreated him, but he answered his father, ‘Lo, these many years I have served you, and I never disobeyed your command; yet you never gave me a kid, that I might make merry with my friends. But when this son of yours came, who has devoured your living with harlots, you killed for him the fatted calf!’ And he said to him, ‘Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. It was fitting to make merry and be glad, for this your brother was dead, and is alive; he was lost, and is found.’” [RSV]



**GREEK ORTHODOX ARCHDIOCESE OF AMERICA
ARCHEPISCOPAL ENCYCLICAL**

Prot. No. 38/2026

Archepiscopal Encyclical on the Feast of Saint Photios, Patriarch of Constantinople

February 6, 2026

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

*For his memory is immortal, known both by God and mortals.
(Wisdom of Solomon 14:1, from the Vespers of the Saint)*

Beloved sisters and brothers in Christ,

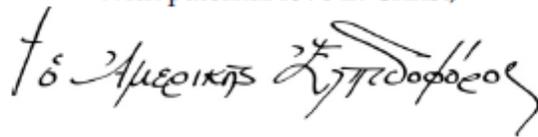
Saint Photios the Great, Patriarch of Constantinople, is a Hierarch of the Church whose fame is truly immortal. The commitment and energy that he devoted to spreading the Good News of our Lord Jesus Christ throughout the Slavic Lands — while defending the good order of the Church against encroachments — are indeed praiseworthy and merit our gratitude. It should be clear, then, why our Saint Photios National Shrine glorifies his name. For the Shrine, in St. Augustine, Florida, commemorates the first Greek Immigrants to the shores of America, and through them, all those who came to this Continent seeking a better life and carrying the Orthodox Christian Faith in their hearts.

The word, “apostle,” comes from the Greek that means “one who is sent.” Our Immigrant Forebears came to these shores, often sent by their families, either from Greece or from Asia Minor. They may not have been sent here for the express purpose of evangelizing the New World, but by their very piety and practice, they proved to be messengers and defenders of the Orthodox Faith. They founded parishes and built churches as soon as they could. These “first-comers” set foundation stones upon which

we continue to build right up to this day, "Jesus Christ being the Chief Cornerstone" (Ephesians 2:20).

Therefore, just as we keep the memory of Saint Photios the Great immortal, so also, we are impelled to keep these heroic dreamers in memory, which is precisely what we do through the Saint Photios National Shrine. Let us all make a commitment to support the work of the Shrine, and thereby inspire the many "newcomers" to our Faith by the example of these "first-comers." May the Lord, through the intercessions of Saint Photios, always grant that we commit to being sent on the mission of our Church, which is One, Holy, Catholic and indeed Apostolic!

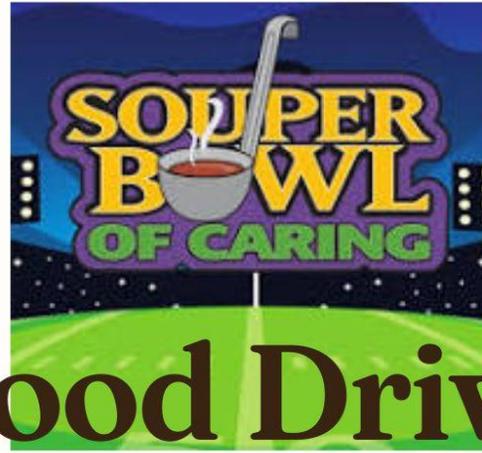
With paternal love in Christ,



† ELPIDOPHOROS
Archbishop of America



NEIGHBORHOOD
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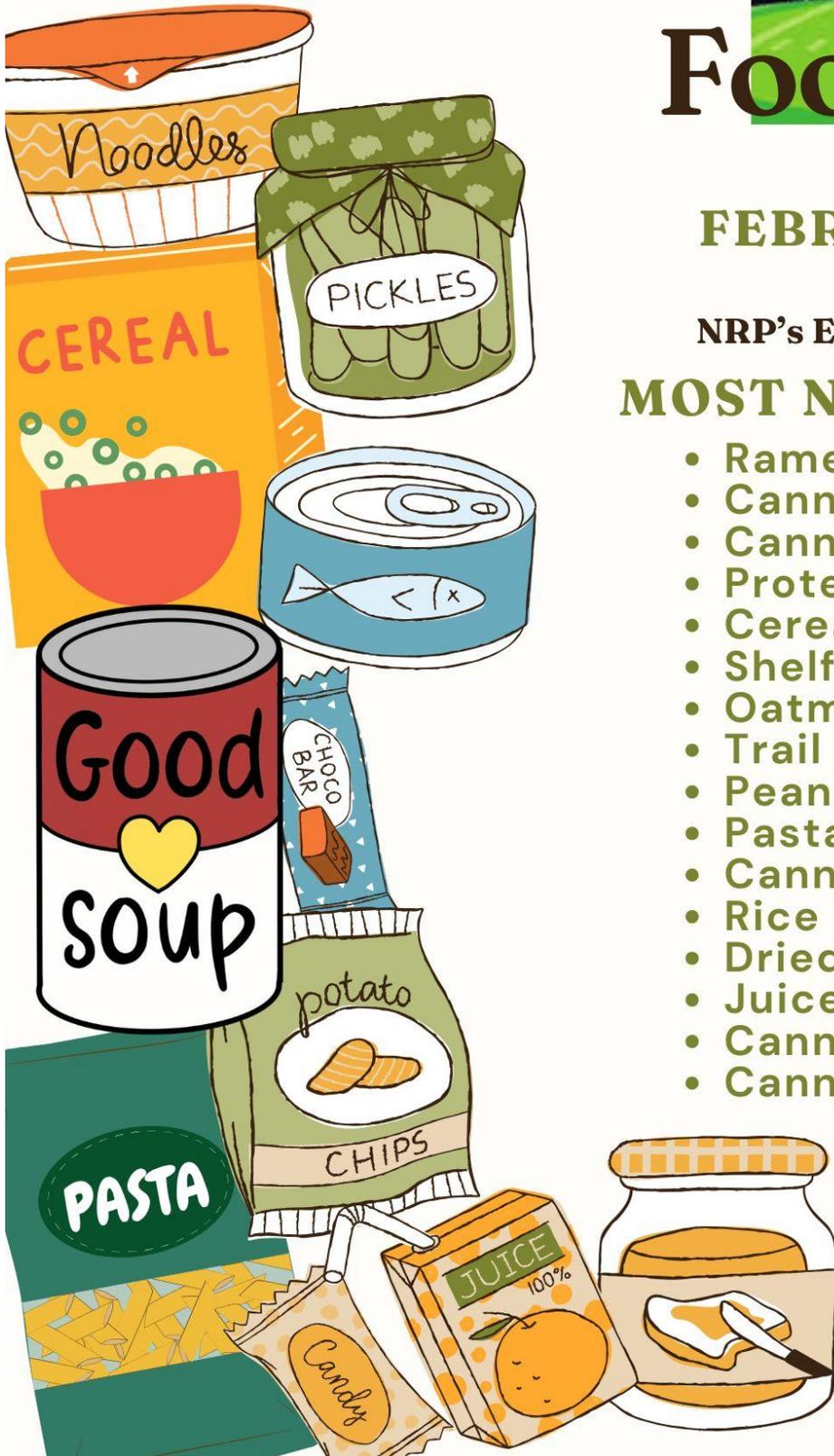
Food Drive

**SUNDAY
FEBRUARY 8, 2026**

**Supporting
NRP's Emergency Food Pantry**

MOST NEEDED ITEMS:

- Ramen noodles
- Canned tuna & chicken
- Canned pudding
- Protein bars
- Cereal
- Shelf-stable milk
- Oatmeal
- Trail mix/ nuts/ cookies
- Peanut butter & jam/jelly
- Pasta and sauce
- Canned pasta
- Rice
- Dried or canned beans
- Juice or juice boxes
- Canned veggies/fruit
- Canned soup



**WE NEED
your
SUPPORT!**

ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM ORATORICAL FESTIVAL EDUCATION SUNDAY

TODAY



From the Church School Desk:

The Metropolis of Pittsburgh's Oratorical Education Sunday is **TODAY!** Previous St. Nicholas Cathedral Oratorical Festival participants will pass a special tray to benefit the Metropolis of Pittsburgh's Peter Clyde Papadakos Memorial Oratorical Scholarship Fund. Proceeds from the tray will be used to award cash scholarships to the top two (2) finalists in each Division (Junior and Senior) at the Metropolis Festival Saturday, May 2, 2026, at the New Metropolis Center (Washington, PA).

The St. Nicholas Church School teachers and students want to wish our GOYANs (and Church School students) Good Luck at the GOYA Basketball Tournament we are hosting next weekend!

'Our' children are very busy with school and extracurricular activities and could easily find reasonable excuses not to spend any time researching, writing and speaking about their faith, but please save the date (Church School students in grades 7th–12th) for the **St. Nicholas Oratorical Festival** to be held **March/April 2026**. For more information, please contact Chairman Eve Elsen at 412-580-9415 or eve.m.elsen@gmail.com.

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

Yours in Christ,
Miss Michelle

St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Cathedral

ORATORICAL FESTIVAL

 MARCH/APRIL 2026

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Risk Factors That Can Be Managed

You can control or treat these risk factors with lifestyle changes and your healthcare provider's help:

High blood pressure
Smoking
High blood cholesterol
Lack of regular activity
Obesity or overweight
Diabetes



American Heart Association®



GO RED FOR WOMEN®

American Heart Association
www.goredforwomen.org

Go Red for Women is the American Heart Association's national call to increase awareness and help prevent heart disease, the number one killer of American women. This is a call for women, by women, to take charge of their well-being and live stronger, healthier lives.

In support of this program, we are designating **Sunday, February 8th** as **Go Red Sunday** and are asking our Philoptochos sisters (and supporters) across the country to join the movement and wear **red**, the color of our hearts, when attending Church services. Everyone should know why **Women Go Red**.



Go Red for Women February 8th

**A Moment for Heart Disease Education
and Prevention and wear red on
Sunday!**

OUR JOURNEY TO PASCHA! 2026

Created by Fr. Jonathan Bannon (ACROD)

SUNDAYS

THEMES / GOSPEL READING

HOW TO PARTICIPATE:

Fast - Free Week
FEBRUARY 1st



TRIODION WEEKS
Publican and the Pharisee

Epistle: 2 Timothy 3:10-15
Gospel: Luke 18:10-14

Show compassion on the poor and distressed. Trust in God, not yourself and ask for His help before every task this week.

Normal Fast Week
FEBRUARY 8th



The Prodigal Son Returns!

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 6:12-20
Gospel: Luke 15:11-32

Schedule a Confession. Every morning say, "Today I will be humble." Use up/freeze meats this week.

Meatfare
FEBRUARY 15th
FAREWELL TO MEAT TODAY



The Last Judgement

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 8:8-9:2
Gospel: Matthew 25:31-46

Pray facing East this week. Christ is returning from the East and we wait for Him! Use up/freeze dairy this week.

Cheesefare
FEBRUARY 22nd
FAREWELL TO CHEESE TODAY



Adam and Eve are cast from Paradise!
FORGIVENESS SUNDAY

Epistle: Romans 13:11-14:4
Gospel: Matthew 6:14-21

Ask each other for forgiveness each evening this week before bed.

1st Sunday of Lent
MARCH 1st



GREAT LENT BEGINS WITH FORGIVENESS VESPERS
SUNDAY of ORTHODOXY

Epistle: Hebrews 11:24-26, 32-12:2
Gospel: John 1:43-51

Bring an icon to church for a procession.

2nd Sunday of Lent
MARCH 8th



ST GREGORY PALAMAS

Epistle: Hebrews 1:10-2:3
Gospel: Mark 2:1-12

Bring a prayer rope to be blessed today! Use it and pray the Jesus Prayer each day this week.

3rd Sunday of Lent
MARCH 15th



VENERATION OF THE HOLY CROSS
HALF WAY TO PASCHA!

Epistle: Hebrews 4:14-5:6
Gospel: Mark 8:34-9:1

Wear your cross to church and kiss the cross each morning with a bow!

4th Sunday of Lent
MARCH 22nd



ST JOHN of the LADDER

Epistle: Hebrews 6:13-20
Gospel: Mark 9:17-31

Every time you climb stairs this week ask St. John to help you reach Paradise with the sign of the cross!

5th Sunday of Lent
MARCH 29th



ST MARY of EGYPT

Epistle: Hebrews 9:11-14
Gospel: Mark 10:32-45

Ask the Theotokos to offer you and the world pure thoughts and ideas this week.

FLOWERY (PALM) SUNDAY!
APRIL 5th
GREAT WEEK BEGINS



GREAT AND HOLY WEEK
ENTRY OF OUR LORD INTO JERUSALEM

Epistle: Philippians 4:4-9
Gospel: John 12:1-18

Place your palm branches and pussywillows behind an icon at home and in your car!

GREAT AND HOLY FRIDAY
APRIL 10th



GREAT AND HOLY FRIDAY

JESUS DIES ON THE CROSS
CHECK WITH YOUR PARISH FOR ROYAL HOURS AND VESPERS SCHEDULE

Refrain from TV, Internet & Phones to honor Christ's Death.

FEAST OF FEASTS!
APRIL 12th
NO FASTING!



BRIGHT WEEK
HOLY PASCHA! (CHRIST IS RISEN!)

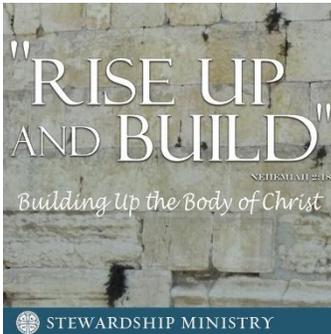
Epistle: Acts 1:1-8 Gospel: John 1:1-17

Greet everyone with "CHRIST IS RISEN!" & say it before good morning and goodnight!

GREEK SCHOOL

February 9 is International Greek Language Day. This is celebrated worldwide. **SPEAK GREEK!!**

Keep open March 22, 2026, to join us in the celebration of the Feast Day of Evangelismos and Greek Independence. On that day a Doxology, a luncheon, followed with an annual program presented by the Greek School.



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>.

<u>2026</u>	<u>STEWARDSHIP</u>
Total Stewards	76 (GOAL 300)
Total Pledged	\$ GOAL (\$255,000.00)
Avg. Pledge	\$

Stewardship 2026: 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>.

KEEP KIDS SAFE

ARCHDIOCESE POLICIES



Are You a Youth Worker?

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

Questions? Email: youthsafety@goarch.org



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

PHILOTOCHOS 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 Kotsagrelas at 412-680-1416.

Homewood Cemetery

St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Cathedral Greek Section

There are currently 21 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.



Food Festival Prep

Thank you to those of you who helped with Koulourakia last week. It was a good turn out!

We're satisfying our "sweet tooth" again this coming week with Pasta Flora. Join us this coming Tuesday, February 10, 9 am to 4 pm, Saint Nick's kitchen. As always, all help is welcome. No experience needed! St. Nicholas thanks you!

Pasta Flora, Tuesday, February 10

Finikia, Saturday, February 28

Galatouboureko, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, March 9, 10 and 11

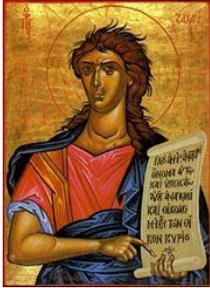
Tiropita, Friday and Saturday, March 27 and 28

Kourambiethes, Saturday, April 18

Diples, Monday, April 27

Karidopita, TBD

SAINTS ALIVE



February 8th

- Theodore the Commander & Great Martyr
- **The Holy Prophet Zacharias (Zachariah)**

February 9th

- Nicephoros the Martyr of Antioch

February 10th

- Hieromartyr Haralambos
- Anastasios, Patriarch of Jerusalem

February 11th

- Vlassios the Hieromartyr of Sebastia
- Theodora the Empress

February 12th

- Meletios, Archbishop of Antioch
- Antonius, Archbishop of Constantinople

February 13th

- Martinianos the Righteous
- Apostles Aquila and Priscilla

February 14th

- Holy Father Auxentius of the Mountain
- Cyril, Equal-to-the-Apostles & Teacher of the Slavs

60 CLUB NEWS

TODAY

The flags are up, the hot dogs and hamburgers are on the grill, along with special picnic goodies, to enhance the St. Nicholas 250th USA birthday celebration. Please gather in the lower lobby, where we will salute our flag before entering for lunch.

See you all with the red white and blue.

St. Nicholas Cathedral 60 club

Volunteers Needed

Metropolis GOYA Basketball Tournament Hosted by St. Nicholas Cathedral, February 13-15, 2026

Our St. Nicholas GOYA is looking forward to hosting the upcoming Metropolis Basketball Tournament the weekend of February 13-15, 2026. This is the last basketball tournament of the season and all the graduating seniors from all the participating parishes will be recognized on Sunday after Liturgy. We have planned a social for Friday evening after registration, a Dinner/Dance on Saturday evening and Sunday Brunch along with all the basketball games played all day Saturday. The championship games will be played Sunday after Liturgy. The Sunday Brunch is for everyone attending Liturgy.

We provide a Hospitality Room with baked good and pastries for the parents, chaperones, coaches, and advisors. Many volunteers are needed over the weekend including score keepers, clock keepers, medical support at the courts, decorators, servers, set up and clean up for all the meals.

Please consider volunteering some of your time during the weekend or baking an item for our hospitality room.

Bakers, Servers, Decorators, General Help - Contact Linda Hages at 412-523-7938 or Maria Coutris at 412-915-7838 to Volunteer.

Gym Score Keepers and Clock Keepers - Contact John Frentzos by call/text 412-287-0275 to Volunteer.

Ad Book - In order to help with the expenses of the tournament, there will be a Tournament Program Book. Please consider supporting our tournament by placing an advertisement or line sponsor. Please look for more information and the submission form in this Bulletin.

Thank you to all of our parishioners for your continued support of our youth programs.



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:

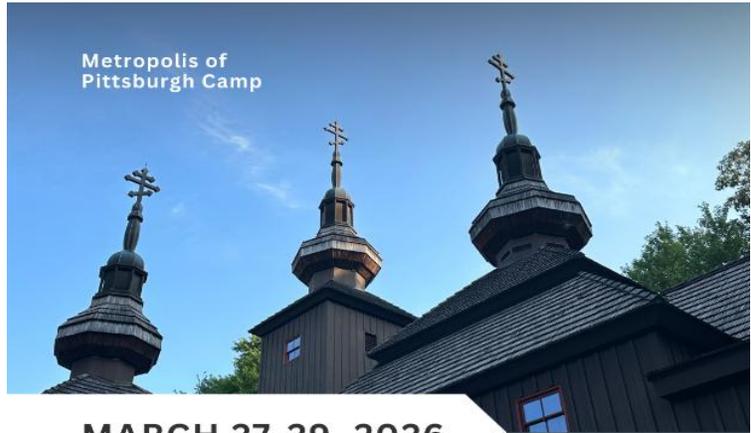
Maria Coutris
mvcoutris@gmail.com

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!

Metropolis of
Pittsburgh Camp



MARCH 27-29, 2026

GOYA SPRING RETREAT



Camper Registration opens on Monday,
February 16th at 7 PM EST!

QUESTIONS?

camp@pittsburgh.goarch.org

For questions, contact our Camping Ministries Coordinator, Sophia Milinkovic.

2026 Summer Camp Dates

WEEK 1 (2ND-4TH GRADE): JUNE 21ST-27TH

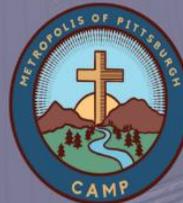
WEEK 2 (5TH-7TH GRADE): JUNE 28TH-JULY 4TH

WEEK 3 (7TH-9TH GRADE): JULY 5TH-JULY 11TH

WEEK 4 (10TH-12TH GRADE): JULY 12TH-JULY 18TH

CAMPERS WILL ATTEND THE WEEK OF THE GRADE
LEVEL THEY ARE COMPLETING IN THE 2025-2026
SCHOOL YEAR. REGISTRATION WILL OPEN SPRING
2026. FOR MORE INFORMATION:

Y2AM.PITTSBURGH.GOARCH.ORG/SUMMERCAMP



FEBRUARY 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
8 Sunday of the Prodigal Son Orthros 8:15 a.m. Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m.	9 Bible Study 6:00 p.m. YAL Basketball 7:00 p.m.	10 Feast of St. Haralambos Orthros 8:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m. Adult Greek Classes 6:30 p.m.	11	12 Catechism Class 6:00 p.m. Pitt/CMU OCF 7:30 p.m.	13 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> GOYA BBall Tournament at St. Nicks </div>	14 Saturday of Souls Orthros 8:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m. Greek School 10:00 a.m.
15 Judgment Sunday (Meatfare Sunday) Orthros 8:15 a.m. Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m. GOYA Basketball Tournament	16 Bible Study 6:00 p.m. YAL Basketball 7:00 p.m.	17 Adult Greek Classes 6:30 p.m.	18 YAL Volleyball 7:00 p.m.	19 Catechism Class 6:00 p.m. Pitt/CMU OCF 7:30 p.m.	20	21 Commemoration of the Holy Men and Women Who Excelled in Asceticism 2nd Saturday of Souls Orthros 8:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m. Greek School 10:00 a.m.
22 Forgiveness Sunday (Cheesefare Sunday) Orthros 8:15 a.m. Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m. Forgiveness Vespers 5:00 p.m.	23 CLEAN MONDAY First Day of LENT Great Compline 6:00 p.m. YAL Basketball 7:00 p.m.	24 Adult Greek Classes 6:30 p.m.	25 Presanctified Liturgy 6:00 p.m. Potluck Dinner and Lenten Lecture 7:30 p.m.	26 Catechism Class 6:00 p.m. Pitt/CMU OCF 7:30 p.m.	27 1st Salutations to the Theotokos 6:00 p.m. <i>Reception Hosted by Philoptochos</i>	28 Commemoration of the Miracle of Kollyva wrought by Saint Theodore (3rd Saturday of Souls) Orthros 8:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m. Greek School 10:00 a.m.