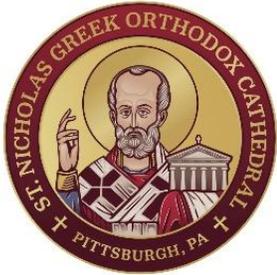


SUNDAY, March 1, 2026 — 1st Sunday of Lent — Sunday of Orthodoxy

Saint of the day: the Martyr Evdokia the Samaritan

Fifth Eothinon · Plagal First Mode



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:

- **Divine Liturgy of St. Basil**
- **Sunday of Orthodoxy ICON PROCESSION**
- **Coffee Hour hosted by GOYA in the Large Hall**
- **Parish Assembly in the Small Hall**
- ***Pan-Orthodox Vespers at All Saints in Canonsburg 4:00 p.m.***

THIS WEEK AT ST. NICHOLAS:

- **Monday, March 2:** **Great Compline 6:00 p.m.**
YAL Basketball 7:00 p.m.
- **Tue, Wed, Thu Mar 3-5:** *Fr. Eleftherios away for Metropolis of PGH Clergy Family Lenten Retreat*
- **Thursday, March 5:** **Pitt/CMU OCF Joint Session with OVC Reach 6:00 p.m.**
- **Friday, March 6:** **2nd Salutations to the Theotokos 6:00 p.m.**
- **Saturday, March 7:** **Greek School 10:00 a.m.; WEEKEND OF SERVICE**
- **Sunday, March 8:** **WEEKEND OF SERVICE; Church School OPEN HOUSE**

New Days for our Festival this Year

We're making a slight change in our usual festival days this year. Our festival will begin on a Tuesday and end on a Sunday.

64th Annual St. Nicholas Greek Food Festival
Tuesday, May 5 to Mother's Day, Sunday May 10

TODAY'S HYMNS AND READINGS



The Hymn for Sunday of Orthodoxy in 2nd mode is chanted twice for the Small Entrance:

Τὴν ἄχραντον Εἰκόνα σου, προσκυνοῦμεν ἀγαθέ, αἰτούμενοι συγχώρησιν τῶν πταισμάτων ἡμῶν, Χριστέ ὁ Θεός· βουλήσει γὰρ ἠυδόκησας σαρκί, ἀνελθεῖν ἐν τῷ Σταυρῷ, ἵνα ῥύσῃ οὓς ἐπλασας, ἐκ τῆς δουλείας τοῦ ἐχθροῦ· ὅθεν εὐχαρίστως βοῶμέν σοι· Χαρᾶς ἐπλήρωσας τὰ πάντα ὁ Σωτὴρ ἡμῶν, παραγενόμενος εἰς τὸ σῶσαι τὸν κόσμον.

We venerate Your immaculate icon, O good Lord, and entreat You to forgive our offenses, O Christ our God. By Your own choice you were pleased to ascend the Cross in the flesh, to deliver us, whom You created, from our slavery to the foe. Therefore, we cry to You with gratitude: You have filled all things with joy, O our Savior, by coming to save the world.

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

Following the Small Entrance, we chant the Resurrection Hymn of the week in pl. 1 mode:

Τὸν συνάναρχον Λόγον Πατρὶ καὶ Πνεύματι, τὸν ἐκ Παρθένου τεχθέντα εἰς σωτηρίαν ἡμῶν, ἀνυμνήσωμεν πιστοὶ καὶ προσκυνήσωμεν· ὅτι ἠυδόκησε σαρκί, ἀνελθεῖν ἐν τῷ Σταυρῷ, καὶ θάνατον ὑπομεῖναι, καὶ ἐγειῖραι τοὺς τεθνεῶτας, ἐν τῇ ἐνδόξῳ ἀναστάσει αὐτοῦ.

As the Father and Spirit are unoriginate, so the Word, who was born from the Virgin for us. Let us praise Him, O believers, and let us worship Him. For our salvation He was pleased to be crucified in the flesh, and to undergo death, and to resurrect the dead, by His glorious resurrection.

Following the Small Entrance, the Hymn for the Sunday of Orthodoxy in second mode is repeated (see above).

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

Κανόνα πίστεως καὶ εἰκόνα πραότητος, ἐγκρατείας διδάσκαλον, ἀνέδειξέ σε τῇ 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 Kontakion of the Feast, in plagal fourth mode:

Τῇ ὑπερμάχῳ * στρατηγῷ τὰ νικητήρια, * ὡς λυτρωθεῖσα * τῶν δεινῶν, εὐχαριστήρια * ἀναγράφω σοι ἡ Πόλις σου, Θεοτόκε· * ἀλλ' ὡς ἔχουσα τὸ κράτος ἀπροσμάχητον, * ἐκ παντοίων με κινδύνων ἐλευθέρωσον * ἵνα κράζω σοι· * Χαῖρε, Νύμφη ἀνύμφευτε.

My champion gen'ral, * I your city now devote to you * a feast of vic'try * and an offering of gratitude, *since from terrors, Theotokos, have I been ransomed, * but because you * have the might which is invincible, * from all kinds of dangers free me and deliver me, * that I may cry to you: * Rejoice, O unwedded Bride.

Today's Epistle Reading (First Sunday of Lent):

The reading is from St. Paul's Letter to the Hebrews (11:24 – 26, 32 – 40)

Αδελφοί, πίστει Μωϋσῆς μέγας γενόμενος ἠρνήσατο λέγεσθαι υἱὸς θυγατρὸς Φαραώ, μᾶλλον ἐλόμενος συγκακουχεῖσθαι τῷ λαῷ τοῦ Θεοῦ ἢ πρόσκαιρον ἔχειν ἁμαρτίας ἀπόλαυσιν, μείζονα πλοῦτον ἠγησάμενος τῶν Αἰγύπτου θησαυρῶν τὸν ὄνειδισμόν τοῦ Χριστοῦ· ἀπέβλεπε γὰρ εἰς τὴν μισθαποδοσίαν. Καὶ τί ἔτι λέγω; ἐπιλείπει γὰρ με διηγούμενον ὁ χρόνος περὶ Γεδεών, Βαράκ τε καὶ Σαμψῶν 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 ἔκλιναν 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 ὀπαῖς τῆς γῆς. Καὶ οὗτοι πάντες μαρτυρηθέντες διὰ τῆς πίστεως οὐκ ἐκομίσαντο τὴν ἐπαγγελίαν, τοῦ Θεοῦ περὶ ἡμῶν κρείττον τι προβλεψαμένου, ἵνα μὴ χωρὶς ἡμῶν τελειωθῶσι.

Brethren, by faith Moses, when he was grown up, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter, choosing rather to share ill-treatment with the people of God than to enjoy the fleeting pleasures of sin. He considered abuse suffered for the Christ greater wealth than the treasures of Egypt, for he looked to the reward. 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 enemies 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 of Orthodoxy):

The reading is from the Holy Gospel according to John (1:43–51)

Τῷ καιρῷ ἐκείνῳ, ἠθέλησεν ὁ Ἰησοῦς ἐξελθεῖν εἰς τὴν Γαλιλαίαν· καὶ εὕρισκει Φίλιππον καὶ λέγει αὐτῷ· ἀκολούθει μοι. ἦν δὲ ὁ Φίλιππος ἀπὸ Βηθσαϊδά, ἐκ τῆς πόλεως Ἀνδρέου καὶ Πέτρου. εὕρισκει Φίλιππος τὸν Ναθαναὴλ καὶ λέγει αὐτῷ· ὃν ἔγραψε Μωϋσῆς ἐν τῷ νόμῳ καὶ οἱ προφήται, εὐρήκαμεν, Ἰησοῦν τὸν υἱὸν τοῦ Ἰωσήφ τὸν ἀπὸ Ναζαρέτ. καὶ εἶπεν αὐτῷ Ναθαναὴλ· ἐκ Ναζαρέτ δύναται τι ἀγαθὸν εἶναι; λέγει αὐτῷ Φίλιππος· ἔρχου καὶ ἴδε. εἶδεν ὁ Ἰησοῦς τὸν Ναθαναὴλ ἐρχόμενον πρὸς αὐτὸν καὶ λέγει περὶ αὐτοῦ· ἴδε ἀληθῶς Ἰσραηλῆτης, ἐν ᾧ δόλος οὐκ ἔστι. λέγει αὐτῷ Ναθαναὴλ· πόθεν με γινώσκεις; ἀπεκρίθη Ἰησοῦς καὶ εἶπεν αὐτῷ· πρὸ τοῦ σε Φίλιππον φωνῆσαι, ὄντα ὑπὸ τὴν συκῆν εἶδόν σε. ἀπεκρίθη Ναθαναὴλ καὶ λέγει αὐτῷ· ῥαββί, σὺ εἶ ὁ υἱὸς τοῦ Θεοῦ, σὺ εἶ ὁ βασιλεὺς τοῦ Ἰσραήλ. ἀπεκρίθη Ἰησοῦς καὶ εἶπεν αὐτῷ· ὅτι εἶπόν σοι, εἶδόν σε ὑποκάτω τῆς συκῆς, πιστεύεις; μείζω

τούτων ὄψει. καὶ λέγει αὐτῶ· ἀμήν ἀμήν λέγω ὑμῖν, ἀπ' ἄρτι ὄψεσθε τὸν οὐρανὸν ἀνεωγῶτα, καὶ τοὺς ἀγγέλους τοῦ Θεοῦ ἀναβαίνοντας καὶ καταβαίοντας ἐπὶ τὸν υἱὸν τοῦ ἀνθρώπου.

At that time, Jesus decided to go to Galilee. And he found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael, and he said to him, "We have found him of whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph." Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." Jesus saw Nathanael coming to him, and said of him, "Behold, an Israelite indeed, in whom is no guile!" Nathanael said to him, "How do you know me?" Jesus answered him, "Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you." Nathanael answered him, "Rabbi, you are the son of God! You are the King of Israel!" Jesus answered him, "Because I said to you, I saw you under the fig tree, do you believe? You shall see greater things than these." And he said to him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, you will see heaven opened, and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of man." [RSV]

SUNDAY OF ORTHODOXY



RESTORATION OF THE ICONS



ASSEMBLY OF CANONICAL
ORTHODOX BISHOPS
OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Sunday of Orthodoxy 2026

Encyclical

Dearly beloved faithful in Christ,

On the first Sunday of Great Lent—the **Sunday of Orthodoxy**—we joyfully commemorate the restoration of holy icons to the life of the Church. This feast celebrates the unity established by the Seventh Ecumenical Council (787) and the final restoration of icons in 843 under the leadership of Empress St. Theodora, together with her son, Emperor Michael III, and Patriarch St. Methodios. Today, the Assembly of Canonical Orthodox Bishops of the United States of America carries this legacy forward, manifesting that same spirit of unity. In this light, "Assembly of Bishops Sunday" is now observed nationwide in conjunction with this historic celebration.

In his first letter to the Corinthians, Saint Paul's ancient plea still resonates: he calls us to be "united in the same mind and the same judgment," leaving no room for division (1 Cor 1:10). This mandate, paired with the celebration of the Sunday of Orthodoxy, reminds us that the restoration of icons was more than a historical event—it was the restoration of Church unity itself. It was the victory of faith over fear and the reality of a God incarnate over a distant deity. Just as we honor holy icons, we are called to see the icon of Christ in one another. By standing firm like the Saints of the 8th and 9th Centuries, we move past our differences to embrace the grace that unites us in the Body of Christ.

As we celebrate Assembly of Bishops Sunday – along with the Sunday of Orthodoxy – we encourage you all to learn about the Ministries of the Assembly as well as to support our sincere efforts for Orthodox Christian Unity through the steadfast and generous gifts of your time, talent, and treasure.

With Paternal love in Christ and prayers for a blessed Lenten journey, on the 1st of March, 2026.

† **ELPIDOPHOROS**
Archbishop of America
Chair

and the members of the Executive Committee of the Assembly of Canonical Orthodox Bishops
of the United States of America

CELEBRATE ORTHODOXY!



THE ORTHODOX CLERGY BROTHERHOOD OF GREATER PITTSBURGH INVITES YOU TO THE PITTSBURGH AREA

SUNDAY OF ORTHODOXY PAN-ORTHODOX VESPERS

Sunday, March 1, 2026 at 4:00 PM
All Saints Greek Orthodox Church
601 West McMurray Road, Canonsburg, PA

Celebrant and Homilist: His Grace Bishop Thomas
Service featuring the Pan-Orthodox Choir of Pittsburgh

Vespers will be followed by fellowship and Lenten refreshments.

SUNDAY, MARCH 1, 2026

SAINTS ALIVE



March 1st

- The Holy Righteous Martyr Eudocia the Samaritan
- Andonina the New Martyr

March 2nd

- Hesychius the Martyr
- Our Holy Father Nicholas Planas

March 3rd

- The Holy Martyrs Eutropios, Kleonikos, and Vasiliscos
- Theodoretos the Holy Martyr of Antioch

March 4th

- Gerasimus the Righteous of Jordan

March 5th

- Conon the Gardener
- Mark the Ascetic

March 6th

- 42 Martyrs of Amorion in Phrygia
- Finding the Precious Cross by St. Helen

March 7th

- The Holy Martyred Bishops of Cherson: Basileus, Ephraim, Eugene, Capito, Aetherius, Agathodorus, and Elpidius
- Lavrentios of Megara, the Righteous



From the Church School Desk:

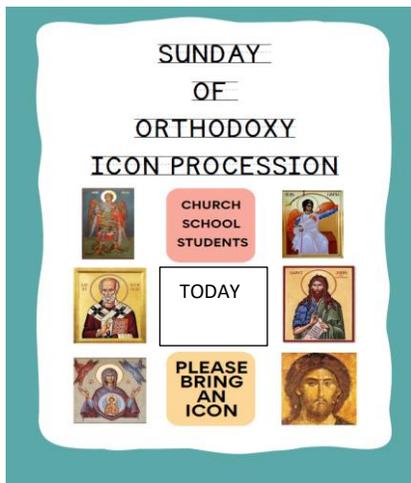
TODAY, the Church School students will participate in the **Sunday of Orthodoxy Icon Procession** with their favorite icon!

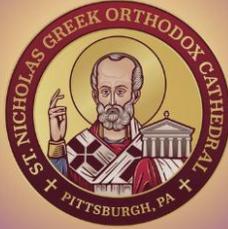
St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Cathedral's Church School Open House will be next week, **Sunday, March 8, 2026**, where parents and grandparents attend Church School to see firsthand what their children are learning.

'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





2026 LENTEN LECTURE SERIES

**"CREATING SPACE
FOR GOD:
SILENCE, REPENTANCE,
AND WATCHFULNESS"**

WEDNESDAYS
FOLLOWING
PRESANCTIFIED LITURGY

COME AND BRING A
LENTEN POTLUCK MEAL
TO ENJOY

PRESANCTIFIED LITURGY

🕒 6:00 P.M.

**POTLUCK MEAL AND
LENTEN LECTURE**

🕒 7:30 P.M.

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SPEAKERS

FEBRUARY 25



**"IF I'D-A LISTENED WHAT
MOMMA SAID:"
ON PARENTS, PROVERBS,
AND THE PRODIGAL**

JOEL BRADY

*PH.D.,
PROFESSOR OF ORTHODOX
CHRISTIANITY AT THE
UNIVERSITY OF PITTSBURGH*

MARCH 4

NO PRESANCTIFIED LITURGY

*METROPOLIS CLERGY
LENTEN RETREAT*

MARCH 11



**CAN SILENCE BE
ACHIEVED IN TODAY'S
NOISY WORLD?**

FR. TOM CONSTANTINE

*M.DIV.,
INTERIM PROISTAMENOS AT
ST. GEORGE CHURCH IN NEW CASTLE, PA*

MARCH 18



**THE COURAGE TO
SLOW DOWN**

ALYSSA KYRITSIS

*M.DIV.,
DIRECTOR OF Y2AM FOR THE
METROPOLIS OF PITTSBURGH*

MARCH 25

NO PRESANCTIFIED LITURGY

*FEAST OF THE ANNUNCIATION
(AND GREEK INDEPENDENCE DAY)*

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!



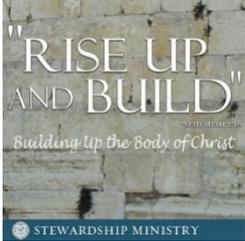
BRIGHT WEEK
HOLY PASCHA! (CHRIST IS RISEN!)

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

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 build up the Body of Christ by offering
our time, talents, and treasures with love and joy.

Visit our website to fill out a Stewardship Card or to donate at www.stnickspgh.org.

<u>2026</u>	<u>STEWARDSHIP</u>
Total Stewards	82 (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>.

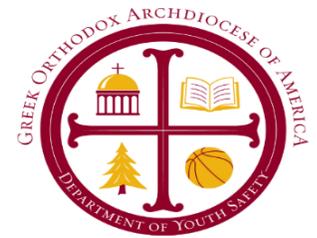
SIXTY CLUB NEWS

Come one come all for this end of the summer special fun trip to New York City, August 18th, 19th, & 20th. The price for double occupancy is \$989 per person; single occupancy is \$1289 and triple occupancy is \$959 per person. This includes all taxes and gratuities, a Broadway show, a visit to the St. Nicholas Shrine and much more.

For more information, please contact
Alice Lardas Gary
412-249-8612

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.

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 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:

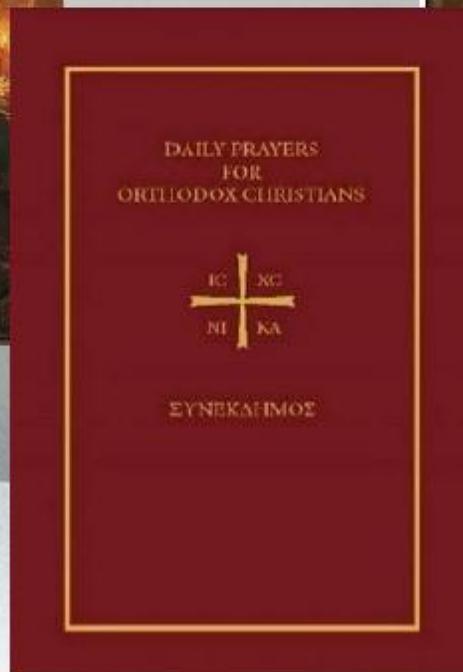
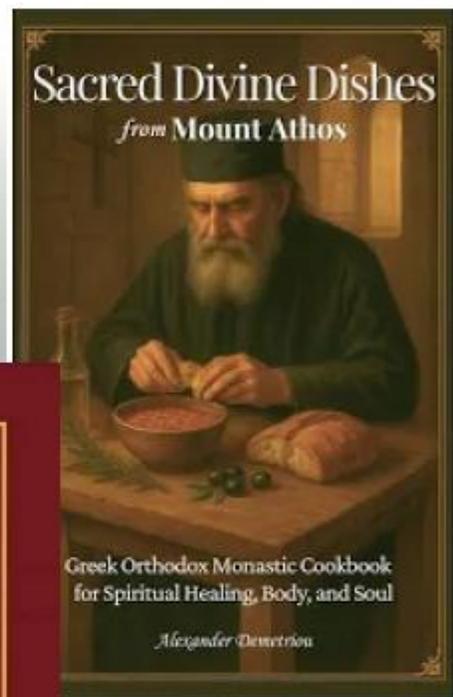
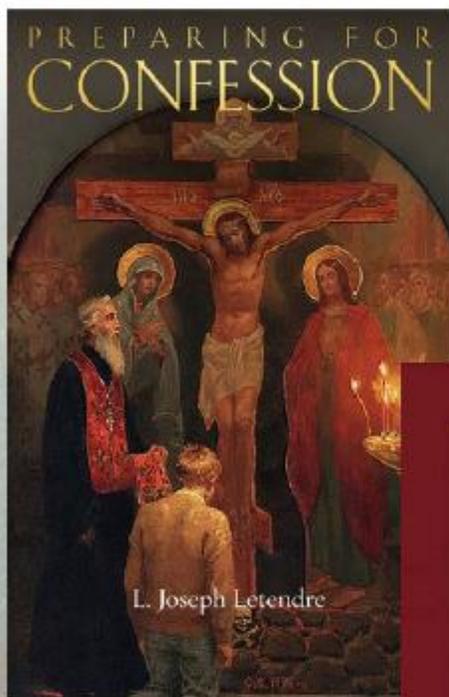
\$2,800.00 per grave for a member of St. Nicholas.

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

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

Fasting, Prayer and Repentance

Titles for Lent and Everyday



Available at the St. John Chrysostom Bookstore

bookstore@stnickspgh.org

GOYA

THANK YOU - THANK YOU - THANK YOU

A big THANK YOU to everyone for helping
make our St. Nicholas GOYA

Metropolis Basketball Tournament this
past weekend a huge success. It was a great
weekend for all the GOYAnS, chaperones,
advisors, coaches, families and parishioners.

There were thirteen parishes from our
Metropolis participating from as far away as

Bethlehem, Pa. with over 475
participants. We could not have done this
without the help of the entire parish.

Pictures and more information will be in the
upcoming Newsletter.

Food Festival Prep

**Please join us Monday and Tuesday, March 9 and 10 to prepare our delicious Galatoboureko for this year's
food festival!**

**We will begin both days after 9am and but continue Monday into the evening. Please be on the look out for
Maria Bardakos's email for further details. We will hopefully be finished Tuesday.**

If you have any questions, please contact Elaine (412-726-4334).

Galatoboureko, Monday, Tuesday, and possibly Wednesday, March 9, 10 and 11

Tiropita, Friday and Saturday, March 27 and 28

Kourambiethes, Saturday, April 18

Diples, Monday, April 27

Karidopita, TBD

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:

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MARCH 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 1st Sunday of Lent SUNDAY OF ORTHODOXY Orthros 8:15 a.m. Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m. <i>Pan-Orthodox Vespers at All Saints in Canonsburg 4:00 p.m.</i>	2 Great Compline 6:00 p.m. YAL Basketball 7:00 p.m.	3 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> Metropolis of Pittsburgh Clergy Family Lenten Retreat March 3-5 (at Antiochian Village) </div>	4	5 Pitt/CMU OCF 7:30 p.m.	6 2nd Salutations to the Theotokos 6:00 p.m.	7 Greek School 10:00 a.m. WEEKEND OF SERVICE
8 2nd Sunday of Lent Sunday of St. Gregory Palamas Orthros 8:15 a.m. Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m. WEEKEND OF SERVICE	9 Great Compline 6:00 p.m. YAL Basketball 7:00 p.m.	10 Adult Greek Classes 6:30 p.m.	11 Presanctified Liturgy 6:00 p.m. Potluck Dinner and Lenten Lecture 7:30 p.m.	12 Catechism Class 6:00 p.m. Pitt/CMU OCF 7:30 p.m.	13 3rd Salutations to the Theotokos 6:00 p.m. <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> Metropolis Young Adult Spring Retreat March 13-15 (at Camp Nazareth) </div>	14 Greek School 10:00 a.m. <i>Sacrament: Baptism</i>
15 3rd Sunday of Lent Sunday of the Holy Cross Orthros 8:15 a.m. Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m.	16 Great Compline 6:00 p.m. YAL Basketball 7:00 p.m.	17 Adult Greek Classes 6:30 p.m.	18 Presanctified Liturgy 6:00 p.m. Potluck Dinner and Lenten Lecture 7:30 p.m.	19 Catechism Class 6:00 p.m. Pitt/CMU OCF 7:30 p.m.	20 4th Salutations to the Theotokos 6:00 p.m.	21 Greek School 10:00 a.m. Central Region HOPE and JOY Lenten Mini Retreat at Dormition Church in Oakmont
22 4th Sunday of Lent Sunday of St. John Climacus Orthros 8:15 a.m. Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m.	23 Great Compline 6:00 p.m. YAL Basketball 7:00 p.m.	24 Adult Greek Classes 6:30 p.m. <i>Vespers for Annunciation at Annunciation Church in White Oak, PA</i>	25 Annunciation of the Theotokos and Greek Independence Day Orthros 8:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m. <i>Followed by Doxology</i>	26 Catechism Class 6:00 p.m. Pitt/CMU OCF 7:30 p.m.	27 Akathiet Hymn 6:00 pm <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> Festival Prep and Cooking – Tiropita </div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> Metropolis GOYA Spring Retreat March 27-29 (at Camp Nazareth) </div>	28 Greek School 10:00 a.m.