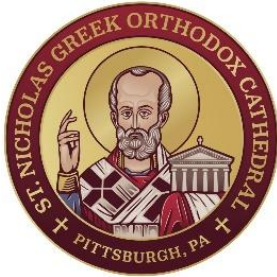


SUNDAY, March 15, 2026 - 3rd Sunday of Lent - Sunday of the Holy Cross

Saint of the day: the holy martyr Agapios and those with him

Grave Mode · Seventh Eothinon · Liturgy of St. Basil the Great



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:

- 2nd collection basket will be passed to benefit Hellenic College Holy Cross
- Tiropita Food Prep after church
- Coffee Hour hosted by GOYA in the Large Hall

THIS WEEK AT ST. NICHOLAS:

- **Monday, March 16:** Great Compline 6:00 p.m.
YAL Basketball 7:00 p.m.
- **Tuesday, March 17:** Adult Greek Classes 6:30 p.m.
- **Wednesday, March 18:** Presanctified Liturgy 6:00 pm; Lenten Lecture 7:30 pm
- **Thursday, March 19:** Catechism 6:00 pm; Pitt/CMU OCF 7:30 pm
- **Friday, March 20:** 4th Salutations to the Theotokos 6:00 p.m.
- **Saturday, March 21:** Greek School 10:00 a.m.; Central Region HOPE and JOY Lenten Retreat at Holy Dormition Church in Oakmont.
- **Sunday, March 22:** Greek School March 25th Program and Luncheon

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



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

The hymn of the day (for the Holy Cross) in 1st mode is chanted twice for the Small Entrance:

Σῶσον, Κύριε, τὸν λαόν σου καὶ εὐλόγησον τὴν κληρονομίαν σου, νίκας τοῖς βασιλεῦσι κατὰ βαρβάρων δωρούμενος, καὶ τὸ σὸν φυλάττων διὰ τοῦ Σταυροῦ σου πολίτευμα.

Save, O Lord, Your people and bless Your inheritance, granting victory to the faithful over the enemy, and by Your Cross protecting Your commonwealth.

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

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

Κατέλυσας τῷ Σταυρῷ σου τὸν θάνατον· ἠνέωξας τῷ ληστῇ τὸν Παράδεισον· τῶν Μυροφόρων τὸν θοῆνον μετέβαλες, καὶ τοῖς σοῖς Ἀποστόλοις κηρύττειν ἐπέταξας, ὅτι ἀνέστης Χριστὲ ὁ Θεός, παρέχων τῷ κόσμῳ τὸ μέγα ἔλεος.

You destroyed death by Your Cross, You opened Paradise to the Robber. You turned the Myrrh-bearing Women's lament into joy, and You commanded Your Apostles to preach that You rose, O Christ God, granting the world the great mercy.

After this, the hymn of the day (for the Holy Cross) in first 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 ἐκτίσω τῇ ταπεινώσει τὰ ὑψηλά, τῇ πτωχείᾳ τὰ πλούσια, Πάτερ ἱεράρχα Νικόλαε· πρόσβευε 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.

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Instead of the Trisagion Hymn (Holy God...), the following is chanted:

Τὸν Σταυρόν σου προσκυνοῦμεν, Δέσποτα, καὶ τὴν ἀγίαν σου ἀνάστασιν δοξάζομεν.

We venerate Your Cross, O Master, and we glorify Your Holy Resurrection.

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Today's Epistle Reading (3rd Sunday of Lent):

The reading is from St. Paul's Letter to the Hebrews (4:14-16; 5:1-6)

Αδελφοί, ἔχοντες ἀρχιερέα μέγαν διεληλυθότα τοὺς οὐρανοὺς, Ἰησοῦν τὸν υἱὸν τοῦ Θεοῦ, κρατῶμεν τῆς ὁμολογίας. οὐ γὰρ ἔχομεν ἀρχιερέα μὴ δυνάμενον συμπαθῆσαι ταῖς ἀσθενείαις ἡμῶν, πεπειραμένον δὲ κατὰ πάντα καθ' ὁμοιότητα χωρὶς ἁμαρτίας. προσερχώμεθα οὖν μετὰ παρρησίας τῷ θρόνῳ τῆς χάριτος, ἵνα λάβωμεν ἔλεον καὶ χάριν εὖρωμεν εἰς εὐκαιρον βοήθειαν. Πᾶς γὰρ ἀρχιερεὺς ἐξ ἀνθρώπων λαμβανόμενος ὑπὲρ ἀνθρώπων καθίσταται τὰ πρὸς τὸν Θεόν, ἵνα προσφέρῃ δῶρά τε καὶ θυσίας ὑπὲρ ἁμαρτιῶν, μετριοπαθεῖν δυνάμενος τοῖς ἀγνοοῦσι καὶ πλανωμένοις, ἐπεὶ καὶ αὐτὸς περὶκεῖται ἀσθένειαν· καὶ διὰ ταύτην ὀφείλει, καθὼς περὶ τοῦ λαοῦ, οὕτω καὶ περὶ ἑαυτοῦ προσφέρειν ὑπὲρ ἁμαρτιῶν. καὶ οὐχ ἑαυτῷ τις λαμβάνει τὴν τιμὴν, ἀλλὰ καλούμενος ὑπὸ τοῦ Θεοῦ, καθάπερ καὶ Ἀαρῶν. οὕτω καὶ ὁ Χριστὸς οὐχ ἑαυτὸν ἐδόξασε γεννηθῆναι ἀρχιερέα, ἀλλ' ὁ λαλήσας πρὸς αὐτόν· υἱός μου εἶ σύ, ἐγὼ σήμερον γεγέννηκά σε· καθὼς καὶ ἐν ἑτέρῳ λέγει· σὺ ἱερεὺς εἰς τὸν αἰῶνα κατὰ τὴν τάξιν Μελχισεδέκ.

Brethren, since we have a high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we have not a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. For every high priest chosen from among men is appointed to act on behalf of men in relation to God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. He can deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is beset with weakness. Because of this he is bound to offer sacrifice for his own sins as well as for those of the people. And one does not take the honor upon himself, but he is called by God, just as Aaron was. So also Christ did not exalt himself to be made a high priest, but was appointed by him who said to him, "You are my Son, today I have begotten you"; as he says also in another place, "You are a priest forever, after the order of Melchizedek." [RSV]

Today's Gospel Reading (3rd Sunday of Lent):

The reading is from the Holy Gospel according to Mark (8:34-38; 9:1)

Εἶπεν ὁ Κύριος· Ὅστις θέλει ὀπίσω μου ἀκολουθεῖν, ἀπαρνησάσθω ἑαυτὸν καὶ ἀράτω τὸν σταυρὸν αὐτοῦ, καὶ ἀκολουθεῖτω μοι. ὃς γὰρ ἂν θέλῃ τὴν ψυχὴν αὐτοῦ σῶσαι, ἀπολέσει αὐτήν· ὃς δ' ἂν ἀπολέσῃ τὴν ἑαυτοῦ ψυχὴν ἕνεκεν ἐμοῦ καὶ τοῦ εὐαγγελίου, οὗτος σώσει αὐτήν. τί γὰρ ὠφελήσει ἄνθρωπον ἐὰν κερδήσῃ τὸν κόσμον ὅλον, καὶ ζημιωθῇ τὴν ψυχὴν αὐτοῦ; ἢ τί δώσει ἄνθρωπος ἀντάλλαγμα τῆς ψυχῆς αὐτοῦ; ὃς γὰρ ἐὰν ἐπαισχυνθῇ με καὶ τοὺς ἐμούς λόγους ἐν τῇ γενεᾷ ταύτῃ τῇ μοιχαλίδι καὶ ἁμαρτωλῷ, καὶ ὁ υἱὸς τοῦ ἀνθρώπου ἐπαισχυνθήσεται αὐτόν ὅταν ἔλθῃ ἐν τῇ δόξῃ τοῦ πατρὸς αὐτοῦ μετὰ τῶν ἀγγέλων τῶν ἁγίων. Καὶ ἔλεγεν αὐτοῖς· ἀμὴν λέγω ὑμῖν ὅτι εἰσὶ τινες τῶν ὧδε ἐστηκότων, οἵτινες οὐ μὴ γεύσονται θανάτου ἕως ἂν ἴδωσι τὴν βασιλείαν τοῦ Θεοῦ ἐληλυθυῖαν ἐν δυνάμει.

The Lord said: "If anyone wishes to come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it; and whoever loses his life for my sake and the gospel's will save it. For what does it profit a man, to gain the whole world and forfeit his life? For what can a man give in return for his life? For whoever is ashamed of me and my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him will the Son of man also be ashamed, when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels." And he said to them, "Truly, I say to you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the kingdom of God come with power." [RSV]

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The hymn of the Theotokos for the Liturgy of St. Basil is chanted (Instead of "It is truly right..."):

Ἐπί σοι χαίρει, Κεχαριτωμένη, πᾶσα ἡ κτίσις, Ἀγγέλων τὸ σύστημα, καὶ ἀνθρώπων τὸ γένος, ἡγιασμένε ναέ, καὶ Παράδεισε λογικέ, παρθενικὸν καύχημα· ἐξ ἧς Θεὸς ἐσαρκώθη, καὶ παιδίον γέγονεν, ὁ πρὸ αἰώνων ὑπάρχων Θεὸς ἡμῶν. Τὴν γὰρ σὴν μήτραν, θρόνον ἐποίησε, καὶ τὴν σὴν γαστέρα, πλατυτέραν οὐρανῶν ἀπειργάσατο. Ἐπί σοι χαίρει, Κεχαριτωμένη, πᾶσα ἡ κτίσις· δόξα σοι.

In you, O Lady full of grace, all creation rejoices, the hosts of Angels and the human race. O consecrated temple and allegorical Paradise, virgins boast of you. For God became incarnate from you, yes, our eternally existing God became a child from you. He made a throne of your womb, and He made your body wider than the heavens. In you, O Lady full of grace, all creation rejoices. Glory to you!

~ ~ ~

The Communion hymn of the day is chanted today, instead of the usual "Praise the Lord...":

Ἐσημειώθη ἐφ' ἡμᾶς τὸ φῶς τοῦ προσώπου σου, Κύριε. Ἀλληλούϊα.

O Lord, the light of Your face was stamped upon us. Alleluia.

After Communion, instead of "We have seen the true light..." the Hymn for the Holy Cross is chanted:

Σῶσον, Κύριε, τὸν λαόν σου...

Save, O Lord, Your people...



SAINTS ALIVE



March 15th

- Agapius the Martyr & His Companions
- Manuel the New Martyr of Crete

March 16th

- Sabine the Martyr of Egypt
- Christodulus the Wonderworker of Patmos

March 17th

- Alexios the Man of God
- **Patrick the Enlightener of Ireland**

March 18th

- Cyril, Patriarch of Jerusalem
- Trophimos & Eukarpion, Monk-martyrs of Nicomedeia

March 19th

- The Holy Martyrs Chrysanthus and Daria
- Demetrios the New Martyr

March 20th

- Righteous Fathers slain at the Monastery of St. Savas

March 21st

- James the Confessor
- Thomas I, Patriarch of Constantinople

Food Festival Prep

Food festival preparations are moving along. This weekend we are busy making our delicious pans of Tiropita.

Whatever is not completed Saturday, will be completed after church Sunday.

Please join us to be part of food festival preparations. As always, no experience needed.

Galatoboureko, Friday and Saturday, March 27 and 28, and possibly Sunday after church, March 29.

Kourambiethes, Saturday, April 18

Diples, Monday, April 27

Our 64th Annual St. Nicholas Greek Food Festival begins Tuesday, May 5 and runs daily through Sunday, May 10!



From the Church School Desk:

'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 **April 2026**. For more information, please contact Chairman Eve Elsen at 412-580-9415 or eve.m.elsen@gmail.com.

Upcoming dates to remember:

Youth Retreat, Breakfast & Palm Cross Making

Saturday, April 4, 2026, (St. Lazarus Day)

Following the Divine Liturgy

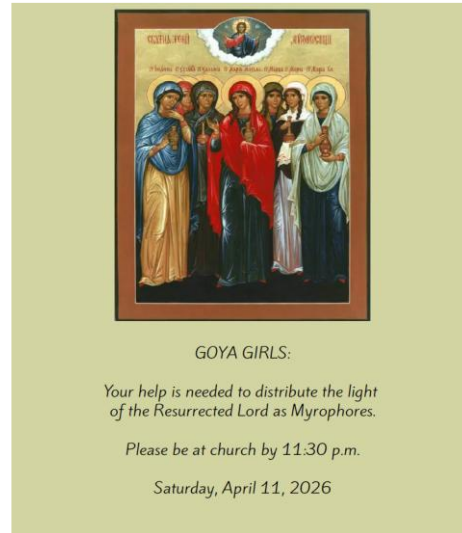
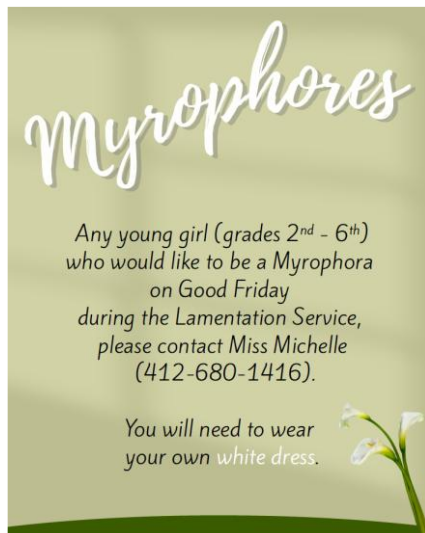
Easter Egg Hunt

Easter Sunday, April 12, 2026

Following the Agape Service

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

Yours in Christ,
Miss Michelle



We made 100



Hygiene Kits



**ST. NICHOLAS PHILOPTOCHOS
WEEKEND OF SERVICE**



**We helped people in need!
Our parish assembled 100 hygiene kits
that were delivered to local shelters.**

**Each kit cost \$10. Monetary donations can be made by cash
or check payable to St. Nicholas Philoptochos with
"Weekend of Service" in the memo.**

Thank you to all who helped assemble the hygiene kits!



Please Join Philoptochos
for our Annual
**Palm Sunday
Family Luncheon**

Sunday, April 5th 2026

Following Church Services

\$20 for Adults ~ \$10 for Kids (12 and under)

***Reservations are Required*
by Monday, March 30th**

Call or Text Michelle Kotsagrelas (412) 680-1416 or fill out the reservation form below & mail it along with check to St. Nicholas Philoptochos

Name _____

Phone # _____

Reservations:

_____ Adults x \$20 = _____ Kids x \$10 = _____

Total Amount Enclosed _____



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

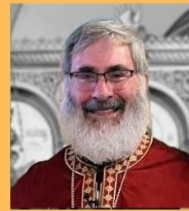
*PH.D.,
PROFESSOR OF ORTHODOX
CHRISTIANITY AT THE
UNIVERSITY OF PITTSBURGH*

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	 <i>TRIODION WEEKS</i> 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! <i>FORGIVENESS SUNDAY</i> 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	 <i>GREAT LENT BEGINS WITH FORGIVENESS VESPERS</i> 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 <i>HALF WAY TO PASCHA!</i> 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	 <i>GREAT AND HOLY WEEK</i> 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 <i>JESUS DIES ON THE CROSS</i> 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!	 <i>BRIGHT WEEK</i> 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

Celebrate the Evangelismos and
Greek Independence Day

with

St. Nicholas Cathedral Greek School

Sunday, March 22, 2026

Luncheon-immediately after Doxology in church



για Πίστη και Πατριδα - for Faith and Country

luncheon reservations, by Mar. 15
Call/Text Maria Stamooolis at 412-874-4422 or E-mail
mstamooolis@verizon.net

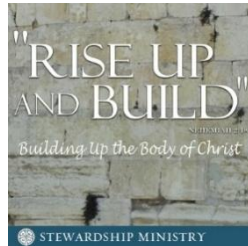
Shrimp Luncheon – adults \$15 / children 13 and under \$10

Then stay and celebrate with the children-- POEMS! SONGS!
PLAY! Dancing!

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



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.

2026	STEWARDSHIP
Total Stewards	114 (GOAL 300)
Total Pledged	\$101,056.00 GOAL (\$255,000.00)
Avg. Pledge	\$1033.91

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.

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 19 graves available for purchase.

Cost per grave:

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

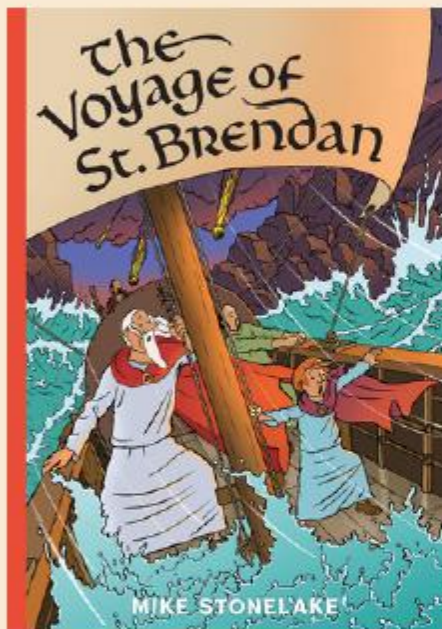
\$3,300.00 per grave for non-member.

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

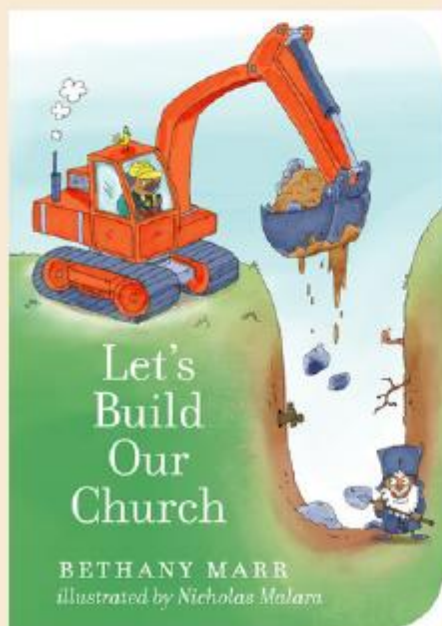
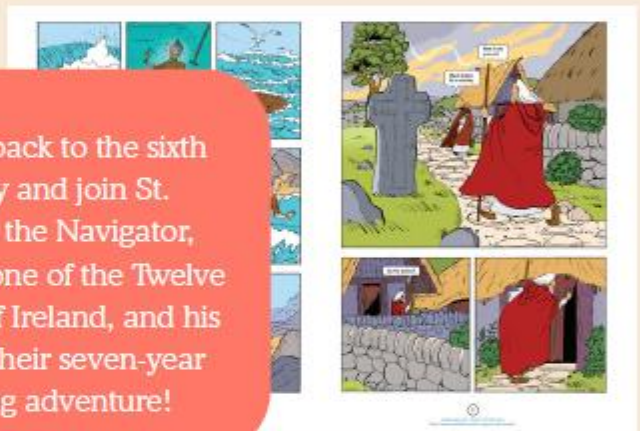
NEW

ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM BOOKSTORE

CHILDREN'S BOOKS



Journey back to the sixth century and join St. Brendan the Navigator, known as one of the Twelve Apostles of Ireland, and his crew on their seven-year seafaring adventure!



Join a group of trucks and their team as they construct an Orthodox church from start to finish, ending as the community celebrates their first Liturgy in the new building!



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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CENTRAL REGION

HOPE & JOY LENTEN MINI RETREAT



Saturday, March 21, 2026
10:00 AM - 2:00 PM



DORMITION OF THE THEOTOKOS
GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

12 WASHINGTON AVE,
OAKMONT, PA 15139

Participants will enjoy learning about Holy Week
through iconography. Lessons include crafts,
service projects, and more! Lunch will be provided.

\$10 per participant

REGISTER TODAY!

tinyurl.com/MiniLentCentral26

Questions? Contact Fr. Michael Gavrilos fmg@dormitionpgh.org



Metropolis of Pittsburgh
Ladies Philoptochos Society

Virtual Daffodil Fundraiser
March 15, 2026 ~ April 18, 2026


Proceeds to benefit:
**Metropolis Social Service Fund
&
Our Seminarians Our Future Fund**

Join us in almsgiving this Lenten Season and help make this year's
Virtual Daffodil Fundraiser a true blessing to others!

Donations can be made
by scanning this QR code:



Or by check payable to:
The Metropolis of Pittsburgh Philoptochos
c/o Paula Yakoumas
220 Littell Road
Aliquippa, PA 15001



Anastasi

CELEBRATION

Please join Philoptochos for a Paschal meal
as we celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord

*Following Anastasi Services
in the Cathedral Room*

Free Will Offering
is being accepted by Philoptochos
to offset expenses

Let's play Golf !

Save the Date

St. Nicholas Golf Outing
Monday, June 22, 2026
Shannopin Country Club
1 Windmere Road
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15202





2026 Holy Week Service Schedule

SATURDAY, APRIL 4 — SUNDAY, APRIL 12

LAZARUS SATURDAY (4/4)	Orthros and Liturgy <i>Followed by Youth Retreat and Palm Folding</i>	8:30 a.m./9:30 a.m.
PALM SUNDAY (4/5)	Orthros and Liturgy Bridegroom Service	8:15 a.m./9:30 a.m. 6:30 p.m.
HOLY MONDAY (4/6)	Bridegroom Service	6:30 p.m.
HOLY TUESDAY (4/7)	Bridegroom Service	6:30 p.m.
HOLY WEDNESDAY (4/8)	Holy Unction Bridegroom Service <i>with Holy Unction</i>	3:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m.
HOLY THURSDAY (4/9)	Vesperal Liturgy Service of the 12 Gospels	9:30 a.m. 6:00 p.m.
HOLY FRIDAY (4/10)	Royal Hours Apokathelosis Service of Lamentations	9:30 a.m. 3:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m.
HOLY SATURDAY (4/11)	Proti-Anastasi Vesperal Liturgy Midnight Office (Pannychis) Service of the Resurrection	9:30 a.m. 11:00 p.m. 11:45 p.m.
PASCHA SUNDAY (4/12)	Agape Vespers	11:00 a.m.

MARCH 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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 Akathist Hymn 6:00 p.m. <i>Reception hosted by Parish Council</i>	28 Greek School 10:00 a.m.
Festival Prep and Cooking – Tiropita						Metropolis GOYA Spring Retreat March 27-29 (at Camp Nazareth)
29 5th Sunday of Lent Sunday of St. Mary of Egypt Orthros 8:15 a.m. Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m.	30 YAL Basketball 7:00 p.m.	31 Adult Greek Classes 6:30 p.m.	APRIL 1	2 Catechism Class 6:00 p.m. Pitt/CMU OCF 7:30 p.m.	3	
5 PALM SUNDAY Orthros 8:15 a.m. Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m. Palm Sunday Luncheon Bridegroom Service 6:30 pm	6 HOLY MONDAY Bridegroom Service 6:30 pm	7 HOLY TUESDAY Bridegroom Service 6:30 pm	8 HOLY WEDNESDAY Holy Unction 3:00 pm Bridegroom Service 6:30 pm <i>Holy Unction offered At end of service</i>	9 HOLY THURSDAY Vespertal Liturgy 9:30 am Service of the 12 Gospels 6:00 pm	10 HOLY FRIDAY Royal Hours 9:30 am Apokathelosis 3:00 pm Lamentations 6:30 pm	11 HOLY SATURDAY