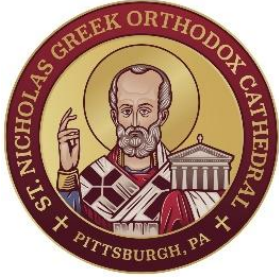


SUNDAY, March 29, 2026 – 5th Sunday of Lent

Saint of the day: Our Devout Mother Mary of Egypt

First Mode · Ninth 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:

- Coffee Hour hosted by GOYA in the Large Hall

THIS WEEK AT ST. NICHOLAS:

- Monday, March 30: YAL Basketball 7:00 pm
- Tuesday, March 31: Adult Greek Classes 6:30 pm
- Thursday, April 2: Catechism 6:00 pm; Pitt/CMU OCF 7:30 pm
- Saturday, April 4: Lazarus Saturday Orthros 8:30 am; Divine Liturgy 9:30 am
Followed by Youth Retreat and Palm Making
- Sunday, April 5: Palm Sunday; Palm Sunday Luncheon
Bridegroom Service 6:30 pm

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 Resurrection Hymn of the week in 1st mode is chanted twice for the Small Entrance:

Τοῦ λίθου σφραγισθέντος ὑπὸ τῶν Ἰουδαίων, καὶ στρατιωτῶν φυλασσόντων τὸ ἄχραντόν σου σῶμα, ἀνέστης τριήμερος Σωτήρ, δωρούμενος τῷ κόσμῳ τὴν ζωὴν. Διὰ τοῦτο αἱ Δυνάμεις τῶν οὐρανῶν ἐβόων σοι Ζωοδότα· Δόξα τῇ ἀναστάσει σου Χριστέ, δόξα τῇ βασιλείᾳ σου, δόξα τῇ οἰκονομίᾳ σου, μόνε Φιλάνθρωπε.

The stone having been sealed by the Pharisees and chief priests, and Your all-immaculate body being guarded by soldiers, You rose on the third day, O Lord and Savior, granting life unto the world. Then the powers of the heavens cried out to You, O Giver of Life, and shouted, "Glory to Your resurrection, O Christ! Glory to Your eternal rule! Glory to Your plan for saving us, only benevolent God!"

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

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



After this, the Hymn for the Saint of the day (St. Mary of Egypt) in plagal fourth mode is chanted:

Εν σοὶ Μήτηρ ἀκριβῶς διεσώθη τὸ κατ' εἰκόνα· λαβοῦσα γὰρ τὸν σταυρόν, ἠκολούθησας τῷ Χριστῷ, καὶ πράττουσα ἐδίδασκες ὑπερορᾶν μὲν σαρκὸς παρέρχεται γάρ, ἐπιμελεῖσθαι δὲ ψυχῆς, πράγματος ἀθανάτου· διὸ καὶ μετὰ Ἀγγέλων συναγάλλεται Ὁσία Μαρία τὸ πνεῦμά σου.

In you, O Mother, is preserved undistorted what was made in the image of God; for taking up the cross, you followed Christ and by example taught, that we should overlook the flesh, since it passes away, and instead look after the soul, since it is immortal. And therefore, O devout Mary, your spirit rejoices with the angels.

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

Κανόνα πίστεως καὶ εἰκόνα πραότητος, ἐγκρατείας διδάσκαλον, ἀνέδειξέ σε τῇ ποιμνῇ σου, ἢ 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 usual Kontakion, in second mode:

Προσασία τῶν Χριστιανῶν ἀκαταίσχυντε, μεσιτεία, πρὸς τὸν Ποιητὴν ἀμετάθετε, μὴ παρίδης, ἀμαρτωλῶν δεήσεων φωνάς, ἀλλὰ πρόφθασον, ὡς ἀγαθή, εἰς τὴν βοήθειαν ἡμῶν, τῶν πιστῶς

κραυγαζόντων σοι· Τάχυνον εἰς πρεσβείαν, καὶ σπεῦσον εἰς ἱκεσίαν, ἢ προστατεύουσα ἀεὶ, Θεοτόκε, τῶν τιμώντων σε.

O Protection of Christians that never fails, intercession with the Creator that never fails, we sinners beg you, do not ignore the voices of our prayers. O good Lady, we implore you, quickly come unto our aid, when we cry out to you with faith. Hurry to intercession, and hasten to supplication, O Theotokos who protect now and ever those who honor you.

Today's Epistle Reading (*5th Sunday of Lent*):

The reading is from St. Paul's Letter to the Hebrews (9:11-14)

Αδελφοί, Χριστὸς παραγενόμενος ἀρχιερεὺς τῶν μελλόντων ἀγαθῶν διὰ τῆς μείζονος καὶ τελειότερας σκηνῆς, οὐ χειροποιήτου, τοῦτ' ἔστιν οὐ ταύτης τῆς κτίσεως, οὐδὲ δι' αἵματος τράγων καὶ μόσχων, διὰ δὲ τοῦ ἰδίου αἵματος εἰσηλθεν ἐφάπαξ εἰς τὰ Ἅγια, αἰωνίαν λύτρωσιν εὐράμενος. εἰ γὰρ τὸ αἷμα ταύρων καὶ τράγων καὶ σποδὸς δαμάλεως ῥαντίζουσα τοὺς κεκοινωμένους ἀγιάζει πρὸς τὴν τῆς σαρκὸς καθαρότητα, πόσω μᾶλλον τὸ αἷμα τοῦ Χριστοῦ, ὃς διὰ Πνεύματος αἰωνίου ἑαυτὸν προσήνεγκεν ἄμωμον τῷ Θεῷ, καθαριεὶ τὴν συνείδησιν ὑμῶν ἀπὸ νεκρῶν ἔργων εἰς τὸ λατρεύειν Θεῷ ζῶντι;

Brethren, when Christ appeared as a high priest of the good things to come, then through the greater and more perfect tent (not made with hands, that is, not of this creation) he entered once for all into the Holy Place, not with the blood of goats and calves but with his own blood, thus securing an eternal redemption. For if the sprinkling of defiled persons with the blood of goats and bulls and with the ashes of a heifer sanctifies for the purification of the flesh, how much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, purify your conscience from dead works to serve the living God? [RSV]

Today's Gospel Reading (*5th Sunday of Lent*):

The reading is from the Holy Gospel according to Mark (10:32-45)

Τῷ καιρῷ ἐκείνῳ, παραλαβὼν ὁ Ἰησοῦς τοὺς δώδεκα μαθητὰς αὐτοῦ ἤρξατο αὐτοῖς λέγειν τὰ μέλλοντα αὐτῷ συμβαίνειν, ὅτι ἰδοὺ ἀναβαίνομεν εἰς Ἱεροσόλυμα καὶ ὁ υἱὸς τοῦ ἀνθρώπου παραδοθήσεται τοῖς ἀρχιερεῦσι καὶ γραμματεῦσι, καὶ κατακρινούσιν αὐτὸν θανάτῳ καὶ παραδώσουσιν αὐτὸν τοῖς ἔθνεσι, καὶ ἐμπαίξουσιν αὐτῷ καὶ μαστιγώσουσιν αὐτὸν καὶ ἐμπτύσουσιν αὐτῷ καὶ ἀποκτενοῦσιν αὐτόν, καὶ τῇ τρίτῃ ἡμέρᾳ ἀναστήσεται. Καὶ προσπορεύονται αὐτῷ Ἰάκωβος καὶ Ἰωάννης υἱοὶ Ζεβεδαίου λέγοντες· διδάσκαλε, θέλομεν ἵνα ὁ ἐὰν αἰτήσωμεν ποιήσης ἡμῖν. ὁ δὲ εἶπεν αὐτοῖς· τί θέλετε ποιῆσαι με ὑμῖν; οἱ δὲ εἶπον αὐτῷ· δὸς ἡμῖν ἵνα εἷς ἐκ δεξιῶν σου καὶ εἷς ἐξ ἐωνύμων σου καθίσωμεν ἐν τῇ δόξῃ σου. ὁ δὲ Ἰησοῦς εἶπεν αὐτοῖς· οὐκ οἴδατε τί αἰτεῖσθε. δύνασθε πιεῖν τὸ ποτήριον ὃ ἐγὼ πίνω, καὶ τὸ βάπτισμα ὃ ἐγὼ βαπτίζομαι βαπτισθῆναι; οἱ δὲ εἶπον αὐτῷ· δυνάμεθα. ὁ δὲ Ἰησοῦς εἶπεν αὐτοῖς· τὸ μὲν ποτήριον ὃ ἐγὼ πίνω πίεσθε, καὶ τὸ βάπτισμα ὃ ἐγὼ βαπτίζομαι βαπτισθήσεσθε· τὸ δὲ καθίσαί ἐκ δεξιῶν μου καὶ ἐξ ἐωνύμων οὐκ ἔστιν ἐμὸν δοῦναι, ἀλλ' οἷς ἠτοίμασται. Καὶ ἀκούσαντες οἱ δέκα ἤρξαντο ἀγανακτεῖν περὶ Ἰακώβου καὶ Ἰωάννου. ὁ δὲ Ἰησοῦς προσκαλεσάμενος αὐτοὺς λέγει αὐτοῖς· οἴδατε ὅτι οἱ δοκοῦντες ἀρχεῖν τῶν ἐθνῶν κατακυριεύουσιν αὐτῶν καὶ οἱ μεγάλοι αὐτῶν κατεξουσιάζουσιν αὐτῶν· οὐχ οὕτω δὲ ἔσται ἐν ὑμῖν, ἀλλ' ὃς ἐὰν θέλη γενέσθαι μέγας ἐν ὑμῖν, ἔσται ὑμῶν διάκονος, καὶ ὃς ἐὰν θέλη ὑμῶν γενέσθαι πρῶτος, ἔσται πάντων δοῦλος· καὶ γὰρ ὁ υἱὸς τοῦ ἀνθρώπου οὐκ ἦλθε διακονηθῆναι, ἀλλὰ διακονῆσαι, καὶ δοῦναι τὴν ψυχὴν αὐτοῦ λύτρον ἀντὶ πολλῶν.

At that time, Jesus took his twelve disciples, and he began to tell them what was to happen to him, saying, "Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem; and the Son of man will be delivered to the chief priests and the scribes, and they will condemn him to death, and deliver him to the Gentiles; and they will mock him, and spit upon him, and scourge him, and kill him; and after three days he will rise." And James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to him, and said to him, "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you." And he said to them, "What do you want me to do for you?" And they said to him, "Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory." But Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or to be baptized with the baptism with which I am baptized?" And they said to him, "We are able." And Jesus said to them, "The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared." And when the ten heard it, they began to be indignant of James and John. And Jesus called them to him and said to them, "You know that those who are supposed to rule over the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great men exercise authority over them. But it shall not be so among you; but whoever would be great among you must be your servant, and whoever would be first among you must be slave of all. For the Son of man also came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many." [RSV]

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

Ἐπὶ σοὶ 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. Ἐπὶ σοὶ 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!

SAINTS ALIVE



March 29th

- Mark, Bishop of Arethusa
- Martyr Cyril the Deacon and Those with him

March 30th

- John Climacus, author of The Divine Ladder of Ascent

March 31st

- The Holy Hieromartyr Hypatius, Bishop of Gangra
- Innocent, Enlightener of Alaska

April 1st

- **Mary of Egypt**
- Gerontios & Vasilides the Martyrs

April 2nd

- Titus the Wonderworker
- Theodora the Virgin-martyr of Palestine

April 3rd

- Nicetas, Abbot of the Monastery of Medicium
- Joseph the Hymnographer

April 4th

- George the Righteous of Maleon
- Righteous Plato the Studite



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

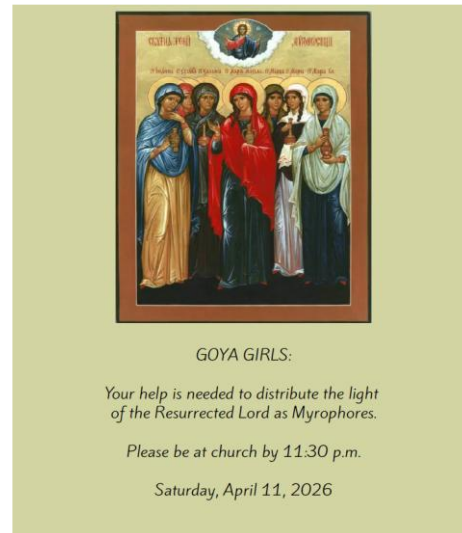
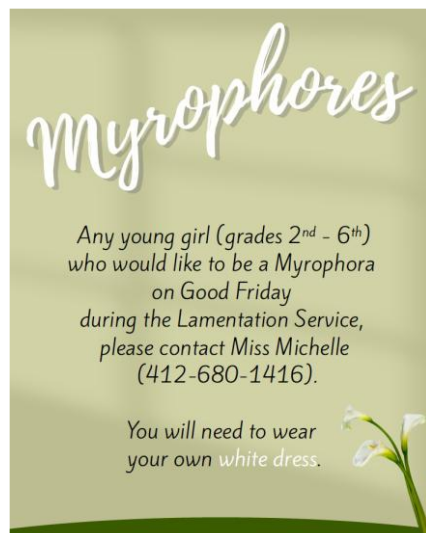
Saturday, April 4, 2026
Following the Divine Liturgy

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





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 Kotsagrelou (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 _____

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

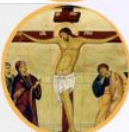


GREAT AND HOLY WEEK
ENTRY OF OUR LORD INTO JERUSALEM

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!



THE SAINT CONSTANTINE
SCHOOL

A LIGHT ON THE HILL SPRING GALA

Join us for an evening celebrating the **light at work** in the hearts of our students at The Saint Constantine School of Pittsburgh.

This benefit event ensures that our mission of **Education in Pursuit of Virtue, Wisdom, and Joy** remains accessible to all families who desire it.

Magical entertainment, beautiful music, a moving program, buffet dinner, cash bar, and childcare are all provided at this formal gala for adults ages 18 and older at the **Holy Trinity Center**.

Thank you for helping us to form young minds and souls.



April 30, 2026



6:00 – 9:00PM



**985 Providence Blvd
Pittsburgh, PA 15237**



Join us!



Give a little--Help a lot!



Spaghetti Luncheon

Sunday, April 26, 2026

Adults \$20 Children under 10 \$15

Keli 412-337-1297

Lisa 412-600-1240

Carrie 412-680-0210

Consider making a donation if you cannot attend

**All proceeds go to offset costs for
St Nicholas' children to attend CAMP NAZARETH!**

SIXTY CLUB TRIP

REMINDER

\$200.00 deposit due April 15, 2026, payable to St. Nicholas Cathedral.

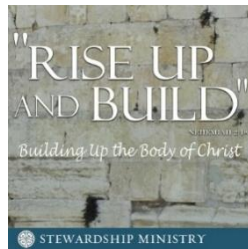
Come one come all for this end of the summer special fun trip to New York City, August 18th, 19th, & 20th. The price for double occupancy is \$989 per person; single occupancy is \$1289 and triple occupancy is \$959 per person. This includes all taxes and gratuities, a Broadway show, a visit to the St. Nicholas Shrine and much more. For more information, please contact
Alice Lardas Gary
412-249-8612

FOOD FESTIVAL NEWS

We are happy to report we've completed almost all of our food festival cooking. See you after Easter.

- Kourambiethes, Saturday, April 18
- Diples, Monday, April 27

We have new days this year for our food festival. Our festival begins Tuesday, May 5, and runs through Sunday, May 10. Spread the word!



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	117 (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>.

FOOD FESTIVAL AD BOOK

The 64th edition of our St. Nicholas Greek Food Festival ad book will be hitting the press soon. Please consider supporting it with either a personal ad or one from your business. All proceeds benefit the Saint Nicholas Building Fund. Contract forms are located in the Narthex.

St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Cathedral

2026 GREEK FOOD FESTIVAL ADVERTISING CONTRACT



Name _____

Business _____

Address _____

Phone/ Cell _____

Email _____

AD DEADLINE APRIL 14, 2026

Ad Size	Color
Center Fold – (2 full page premium ads) /9w x 7.5h	\$2,000
Full Page Premium* / 4.5w x 7.5h – (4- inside cover flaps and adjacent pages)	\$900
Full Page/ 4.5w x 7.5h	\$800
Half Page/ 4.5w x 3.75h	\$450
Quarter Page/ 4.5w x 1.875h	\$250
Patron (for St. Nicholas Parishioners only)	\$50

For repeat customers, please indicate below if you would like to use the same ad as last year.

Use same ad as previous year

Please make check payable and mail to St. Nicholas Cathedral. Check enclosed Bill me

Authorized Signature _____ Date _____

Please print or attach ad copy, or email ad file in a high-resolution JPEG format to: foodfestadbook@stnickspgh.org

Date Received:

Check Number:

Receipt Number:

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.

MOMS & DADS of ST NICKS

College and Graduate Students - The Moms and Dads of St. Nicholas would like you to be our guest at the **Palm Sunday Luncheon on April 5** following Liturgy. Please make your reservation and inform them you are a college student. Looking forward to seeing everyone.

For more information and reservations contact: Michelle Kotsagrelas 412-680-1416.

If anyone is interested in sponsoring a student for the luncheon, please contact Dae Machin 724-413-1497 or Linda Hages 412-523-7938.

St. John Chrysostom Bookstore

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Special gifts for the Paschal Season

Now through April 11

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Easter Bread

**ST. NICHOLAS CATHEDRAL PHILOPTOCHOS IS TAKING ORDERS
FOR OUR DELICIOUS GREEK EASTER BREAD.**

\$12 per loaf

ORDERS MUST BE PLACED BY MARCH 29

BREAD WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR PICK-UP AFTER CHURCH ON SUNDAY, APRIL 5

----- **ORDER FORM** -----

Complete the order form below and mail along WITH A CHECK made payable to:

St. Nicholas Philoptochos/Easter Bread, St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Cathedral, 419 S. Dithridge St., Pittsburgh, PA 15213

Name _____

Telephone _____ Number of Loaves _____

with Sesame Seeds

without Sesame Seeds

ORDERS CAN BE PLACED BY CALLING (412) 682-3866

Thank you for your support.

All Proceeds Benefit the Ongoing Charitable Activities of our Philoptochos.

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:
YZAM.PITTSBURGH.GOARCH.ORG/SUMMERCAMP






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 absolving 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 Yakoumias
 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

The Department of Greek Education
for the Metropolis of Pittsburgh presents

The Annual Greek Language Story Contest



Do you know of someone in your family or community
with a fascinating story to tell?

Interview and write the life story of an elderly immigrant with Greek or Cypriot roots living (either) independently or dependently, such as in a nursing home, assisted living, etc.; or interview the child or spouse of an elderly or deceased immigrant and tell their life story.

1 Tell of their life before and after coming to the U.S.

- where they traveled from and why they left
- who they traveled with and how they traveled
- who they prayed to for strength and any miracles
- how old they were when they arrived to the U.S.
- what challenges they faced
- what did they do here in the U.S.

2 Provide pictures

- of them, their family
- of places where they lived abroad, and in the U.S.
- of their favorite places and pastimes, both abroad and in the U.S.

3 Provide samples of

- their favorite Greek songs, hymns, poems, etc.

1ST PLACE - \$500

2ND PLACE - \$300

3RD PLACE - \$100

**You are not limited to only the above questions, nor are all of the above
Imperative**

Type this in Greek and in English in a Word document. Provide a copy for the person you interviewed and send a copy to:

The Greek Orthodox Metropolis of Pittsburgh Department of Greek Education,
5201 Ellsworth Ave, Pittsburgh, PA 15232, also email a copy with the pictures
separately not in the word document to mstamoolis@verizon.net

Student interviewers are from 4th - 12th grade. Awards given to students who
display thoroughness and hard work.

**Deadline to register is June 4, 2026. Deadline for submission is June 11, 2026.
For information e-mail Maria Stamoolis, mstamoolis@verizon.net.**

The Saint Nicholas Golf Outing Fundraiser is on
Monday, June 22, 2026.


The committee would love your help to
make this event a great success.

Please contact the church office at 412-682-3866 if interested.

Let's play Golf !

Save the Date

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



Tee off at
12:00 pm

CALL FOR READERS!

Readers are needed for Services as we celebrate Holy Week and Pascha. There are services each night and the opportunity to read at the Services is open to all. Our parish needs special commitments from readers to participate in the services below.



Holy Wednesday

Service of Holy Unction

Wednesday, April 8, 2026

at 3:00 p.m.

The seven (7) Epistle Readings at the Holy Unction Service are read in English. If you or someone you know is interested in offering one of these readings, please contact Michelle Kotsagrellos.



Great & Holy Pascha

Agape Vespers

Sunday, April 12, 2026

at 11:00 a.m.

During this brief service, the Gospel is proclaimed in as many languages as possible. If you or someone you know can read in any foreign language, please contact Michelle Kotsagrellos or Fr. Eleftherios.



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
22 4th Sunday of Lent 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 – Galatouboureko	
					Metropolis GOYA Spring Retreat March 27-29 (at Camp Nazareth)	
29 5th Sunday of Lent 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.	1 APRIL	2 Catechism Class 6:00 p.m. Pitt/CMU OCF 7:30 p.m.	3	4 Lazarus Saturday Orthros 8:30 am Divine Liturgy 9:30 am <i>Followed by Youth Retreat and Palm Making</i>
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 Vesperal 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 Vesperal Liturgy 9:30 a.m. Midnight Office of the Resurrection 11:00 p.m. Service of the Resurrection 11:45 p.m.
12 GREAT AND HOLY PASCHA Agape Vespers 11:00 a.m.	13	14 Feasts of Sts. Raphael, Nicholas, Irene, the Newly-revealed Martyrs of Mytilene <i>Liturgy at their Chapel at Dormition Church in Oakmont</i> Adult Greek Classes 6:30 p.m.	15	16 Pitt/CMU OCF 7:30 p.m.	17	18 Greek School 10:00 a.m. <i>Sacrament: Baptism</i> 11:00 a.m.