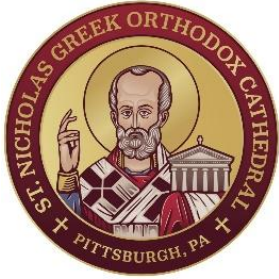


April 5, 2026 — PALM SUNDAY

The Glorious Entry of our Lord Jesus Christ into Jerusalem



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:

- Palm Sunday Luncheon
- Bridegroom Service 6:30 pm

THIS WEEK AT ST. NICHOLAS:

- Monday, April 6: HOLY MONDAY Bridegroom Service 6:30 pm
- Tuesday, April 7: HOLY TUESDAY Bridegroom Service 6:30 pm
- Wednesday, April 8: HOLY WEDNESDAY Holy Unction 3:00 pm
Bridegroom Service 6:30 pm *Holy Unction offered at end of service*
- Thursday, April 9: HOLY THURSDAY Vespers Liturgy 9:30 am; Service of the 12 Gospels 6:00 pm
- Friday, April 10: Royal Hours 9:30 am; Apokathelosis 3:00 pm; Lamentations 6:30 pm
- Saturday, April 11: Vespers Liturgy 9:30 am; Midnight Office of the Resurrection 11:00 pm
Service of the Resurrection 11:45 pm
- Sunday, April 12: GREAT AND HOLY PASCHA Agape Vespers 11:00 a.m.
Easter Egg Hunt

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 ἐπὶ πώλου ὄνου καθεσθείς, ψάλλοντάς σοι, Ἀλληλούϊα.

Save us, O Son of God, who sat on a donkey's colt. We sing to You, Alleluia.

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The festal hymn of the day in first mode is chanted twice at the Small Entrance:

Τὴν κοινήν Ἀνάστασιν πρὸ τοῦ σοῦ Πάθους πιστούμενος, ἐκ νεκρῶν ἠγειρας τὸν Λάζαρον, Χριστὲ ὁ Θεός· ὅθεν καὶ ἡμεῖς ὡς οἱ Παῖδες, τὰ τῆς νίκης σύμβολα φέροντες, σοὶ τῷ Νικητῇ τοῦ θανάτου βοῶμεν· Ὡσαννὰ ἐν τοῖς ὑψίστοις, εὐλογημένος ὁ ἐρχόμενος, ἐν ὀνόματι Κυρίου.

To confirm the general resurrection before Your Passion, You resurrected Lazarus from the dead, O Christ our God. Therefore imitating the children, carrying the symbols of victory, we cry out to You the Victor over death: "Hosanna in the highest! Blessed are You, the One, who comes in the name of the Lord."

At the Small Entrance, the Festal Entrance Hymn is chanted:

Εὐλογημένος ὁ ἐρχόμενος ἐν ὀνόματι Κυρίου. Θεὸς Κύριος καὶ ἐπέφανεν ἡμῖν. Σῶσον ἡμᾶς Υἱὲ Θεοῦ, ὁ ἐπὶ πώλου ὄνου καθεσθείς, ψάλλοντάς σοι, Ἀλληλούϊα.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. God is the Lord, and He revealed Himself to us. Save us, O Son of God, who sat on a donkey's colt. We sing to You, Alleluia.

Following the Small Entrance, the festal hymn of the day in first mode is repeated (see above).

After this, the alternate festal hymn of the day in fourth mode is chanted:

Συνταφέντες σοι διὰ τοῦ Βαπτίσματος, Χριστὲ ὁ Θεὸς ἡμῶν, τῆς ἀθανάτου ζωῆς ἠξιώθημεν τῇ Ἀναστάσει σου, καὶ ἀνυμνοῦντες κράζομεν· Ὡσαννὰ ἐν τοῖς ὑψίστοις, εὐλογημένος ὁ ἐρχόμενος, ἐν ὀνόματι Κυρίου.

We were buried with You through Baptism, O Christ our God, and thus by Your Resurrection we have been granted immortal life, and extolling You we cry aloud, "Hosanna in the highest! Blessed are You, the One who comes in the name of the Lord."

Finally, we chant the festal kontakion of the day in plagal second mode:

Τῷ θρόνῳ ἐν οὐρανῷ, τῷ πώλῳ ἐπὶ τῆς γῆς, ἐποχούμενος Χριστὲ ὁ Θεός, τῶν Ἀγγέλων τὴν αἴνεσιν, καὶ τῶν Παίδων ἀνύμνησιν προσεδέξω βοῶντων σοι· Εὐλογημένος εἶ ὁ ἐρχόμενος, τὸν Ἀδὰμ ἀνακαλέσασθαι.

In heaven upon the throne, on earth upon the colt, You were carried, O Christ our God; and the praise of the Angels, and the hymns of the children, You received as they cried to You, "Blessed are You, the One, who is coming to call Adam back again."

Today's Epistle Reading (Palm Sunday):

The reading is from St. Paul's Letter to the Philippians (4:4-9)

Αδελφοί, χαίρετε ἐν Κυρίῳ πάντοτε· πάλιν ἐρῶ, χαίρετε. τὸ ἐπιεικὲς ὑμῶν γνωσθήτω πᾶσιν ἀνθρώποις. ὁ Κύριος ἐγγύς. μηδὲν μεριμνᾶτε, ἀλλ' ἐν παντὶ τῇ προσευχῇ καὶ τῇ δεήσει μετὰ εὐχαριστίας τὰ αἰτήματα ὑμῶν γνωρίζεσθω πρὸς τὸν Θεόν. καὶ ἡ εἰρήνη τοῦ Θεοῦ ἡ ὑπερέχουσα πάντα νοῦν φρουρήσει τὰς καρδίας ὑμῶν καὶ τὰ νοήματα ὑμῶν ἐν Χριστῷ Ἰησοῦ. Τὸ λοιπόν, ἀδελφοί, ὅσα ἐστὶν ἀληθῆ, ὅσα σεμνά, ὅσα δίκαια, ὅσα ἀγνά, ὅσα προσφιλή, ὅσα εὐφημα, εἴ τις ἀρετὴ καὶ εἴ τις ἔπαινος, ταῦτα λογίζεσθε· ἃ καὶ ἐμάθετε καὶ παρελάβετε καὶ ἠκούσατε καὶ εἶδετε ἐν ἐμοί, ταῦτα πράσσετε· καὶ ὁ Θεὸς τῆς εἰρήνης ἔσται μεθ' ὑμῶν.

Brethren, rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let all men know your forbearance. The Lord is at hand. Have no anxiety about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which passes all understanding, will keep your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, brethren, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is gracious, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, do; and the God of peace will be with you. [RSV]

Today's Gospel Reading (Palm Sunday):

The reading is from the Holy Gospel according to John (12:1-18)

Πρὸ ἐξ ἡμερῶν τοῦ πάσχα ἦλθεν ὁ Ἰησοῦς εἰς Βηθανίαν, ὅπου ἦν Λάζαρος ὁ τεθνηκώς, ὃν ἤγειρεν ἐκ νεκρῶν. ἐποίησαν οὖν αὐτῷ δεῖπνον ἐκεῖ, καὶ ἡ Μάρθα διηκόνει· ὁ δὲ Λάζαρος εἰς ἦν τῶν ἀνακειμένων σὺν αὐτῷ. ἡ οὖν Μαρία, λαβοῦσα λίτραν μύρου νάρδου πιστικῆς πολυτίμου, ἤλειψε τοὺς πόδας τοῦ Ἰησοῦ καὶ ἐξέμαξε ταῖς θριξίν αὐτῆς τοὺς πόδας αὐτοῦ· ἡ δὲ οἰκία ἐπληρώθη ἐκ τῆς ὀσμῆς τοῦ μύρου. λέγει οὖν εἰς ἐκ τῶν μαθητῶν αὐτοῦ, Ἰούδας Σίμωνος Ἰσκαριώτης, ὁ μέλλων αὐτὸν παραδιδόναι· διατί τοῦτο τὸ μύρον οὐκ ἐπράθη τριακοσίων δηναρίων καὶ ἐδόθη πτωχοῖς; εἶπε δὲ τοῦτο οὐχ ὅτι περὶ τῶν πτωχῶν ἔμελεν αὐτῷ, ἀλλ' ὅτι κλέπτῃς ἦν, καὶ τὸ γλωσσόκομον εἶχε καὶ τὰ βαλλόμενα ἐβάσταζεν. εἶπεν οὖν ὁ Ἰησοῦς· ἄφες αὐτήν, εἰς τὴν ἡμέραν τοῦ ἐνταφιασμοῦ μου τετήρηκεν αὐτό. τοὺς πτωχοὺς γὰρ πάντοτε ἔχετε μεθ' ἑαυτῶν, ἐμὲ δὲ οὐ πάντοτε ἔχετε. Ἔγνω οὖν ὄχλος πολὺς ἐκ τῶν Ἰουδαίων ὅτι ἐκεῖ ἐστι, καὶ ἦλθον οὐ διὰ τὸν Ἰησοῦν μόνον, ἀλλ' ἵνα καὶ τὸν Λάζαρον ἴδωσιν ὃν ἤγειρεν ἐκ νεκρῶν. ἐβουλεύσαντο δὲ οἱ ἀρχιερεῖς ἵνα καὶ τὸν Λάζαρον ἀποκτείνωσιν, ὅτι πολλοὶ δι' αὐτὸν ὑπήγγον τῶν Ἰουδαίων καὶ ἐπίστευον εἰς τὸν Ἰησοῦν. Τῇ ἐπαύριον ὄχλος πολὺς ὁ ἐλθὼν εἰς τὴν ἑορτήν, ἀκούσαντες ὅτι ἔρχεται Ἰησοῦς εἰς Ἱεροσόλυμα, ἔλαβον τὰ βαῖα τῶν φοινίκων καὶ ἐξῆλθον εἰς ὑπάντησιν αὐτῷ, καὶ ἔκραζον· ὡσαννά, εὐλογημένος ὁ ἐρχόμενος ἐν ὀνόματι Κυρίου, ὁ βασιλεὺς τοῦ Ἰσραήλ. εὐρῶν δὲ ὁ Ἰησοῦς ὀνάριον ἐκάθισεν ἐπ' αὐτό, καθὼς ἐστι γεγραμμένον· μὴ φοβοῦ, θύγατερ Σιών· ἰδοὺ ὁ βασιλεὺς σου ἔρχεται καθήμενος ἐπὶ πῶλον ὄνου. Ταῦτα δὲ οὐκ ἔγνωσαν οἱ μαθηταὶ αὐτοῦ τὸ πρῶτον, ἀλλ' ὅτε ἐδοξάσθη ὁ Ἰησοῦς, τότε ἐμνήσθησαν ὅτι ταῦτα ἦν ἐπ' αὐτῷ γεγραμμένα, καὶ ταῦτα ἐποίησαν αὐτῷ. Ἐμαρτύρει οὖν ὁ ὄχλος ὁ ὢν μετ' αὐτοῦ ὅτε τὸν Λάζαρον ἐφώνησεν ἐκ τοῦ μνημείου καὶ ἤγειρεν αὐτὸν ἐκ νεκρῶν. διὰ τοῦτο καὶ ὑπήντησεν αὐτῷ ὁ ὄχλος, ὅτι ἠκούσαν τοῦτο αὐτὸν πεποιηκέναι τὸ σημεῖον.

Six days before the Passover, Jesus came to Bethany, where Lazarus was, whom Jesus had raised from the dead. There they made him a supper; Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at table with him. Mary took a pound of costly ointment of pure nard and anointed the feet of Jesus and wiped his feet with her hair; and the house was filled with the fragrance of the ointment. But Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, one of his disciples (he who was to betray him), said, "Why was this ointment not sold for three hundred denarii and given to the poor?" This he said, not that he cared for the poor but because he was a thief, and as he had the money box he used to take what was put into it. Jesus said, "Let her alone, let her keep it for the day of my burial. The poor you always have with you, but you do not always have me." When the great crowd of the Jews learned that he was there, they came, not only on account of Jesus but also to see Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. So the chief priests planned to put Lazarus also to death, because on account of him many of the Jews were going away and believing in Jesus. The next day a great crowd who had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, crying, "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel!" And Jesus found a young donkey and sat upon it; as it is written, "Fear not, daughter of Zion; behold, your king is coming, sitting on a donkey's colt!" His disciples did not understand this at first; but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that this had been written of him and had been done to him. The crowd that had been with him when he called Lazarus out of the tomb and raised him from the dead bore witness. The reason why the crowd went to meet him was that they heard he had done this sign. [RSV]

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Instead of "It is truly right..." the Ninth Ode of the feast is chanted:

Θεὸς Κύριος, καὶ ἐπέφανεν ἡμῖν· συστήσασθε ἑορτήν, καὶ ἀγαλλόμενοι, δεῦτε μεγαλύνωμεν Χριστόν, μετὰ βαΐων καὶ κλάδων, ὕμνοις κραυγάζοντες· Εὐλογημένος ὁ ἐρχόμενος, ἐν ὀνόματι Κυρίου, Σωτῆρος ἡμῶν.

God is the Lord, and He appeared to us. O Christians, appoint a feast, and with exultant joy come and let us magnify the Christ, waving our palm-leaves and branches, crying aloud in hymns: "Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord our Savior."

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

Εὐλογημένος ὁ ἐρχόμενος ἐν ὀνόματι Κυρίου. Ἀλληλούϊα.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Alleluia.

Instead of "We have seen the true light..."

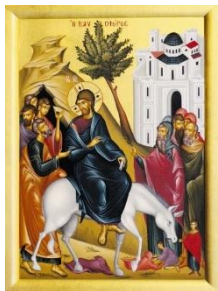
the festal hymn of the day is chanted.

Τὴν κοινὴν Ἀνάστασιν ...

To confirm the general resurrection ...



SAINTS ALIVE



April 5th

- **Palm Sunday**
- Monk-Martyrs Claudius, Diodore, Victor, Victorinus, Pappias, Nicephorus, and Serapion
- Theodora of Thessaloniki

April 6th

- Eutychius, Patriarch of Constantinople
- 120 Martyrs of Persia

April 7th

- Calliopos and Akylina the Martyrs
- George, Bishop of Mytilene

April 8th

- The Holy Apostles of the Seventy Herodion, Agavols, Rufus, Asyncritus, Phlegon, and Hermes

April 9th

- The Holy Martyr Euppsychius of Caesarea
- Raphael, Nicholas, Irene, & Olympias of Mytilene

April 10th

- Terence and his Companions beheaded at Carthage
- Miltiades, Pope of Rome

April 11th

- Hieromartyr Antipas, Bishop of Pergamum



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 16, 2026**. For more information, please contact Chairman Eve Elsen at 412-580-9415 or eve.m.elsen@gmail.com.

Upcoming dates to remember:

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!

HAPPY EASTER!

Yours in Christ,
Miss Michelle

St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Cathedral

ORATORICAL FESTIVAL

 APRIL 2026

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SUNDAY, APRIL 12, 2026

Easter
EGG HUNT

If you wish to help, please bring one dozen pre-filled plastic eggs on Sunday and drop them off in the Narthex before Church.

ALL PARISHIONERS are welcome to join the fun for coffee, juice, and donuts!

Following the Agape Service

Questions: Call Michelle Kotsagrelis (412) 680-1416



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!



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!

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.

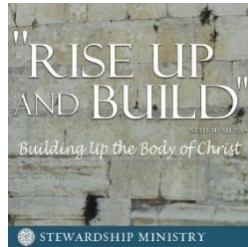
Come one come all for this end of the summer special fun trip to New York City, August 18th, 19th, & 20th. The price for double occupancy is \$989 per person; single occupancy is \$1289 and triple occupancy is \$959 per person. This includes all taxes and gratuities, a Broadway show, a visit to the St.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

St. John Chrysostom Bookstore

PASCHA SUPPLIES

Special gifts for the Paschal Season

Now through April 11

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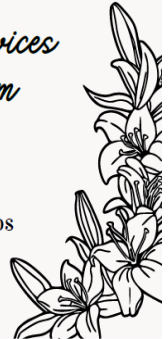
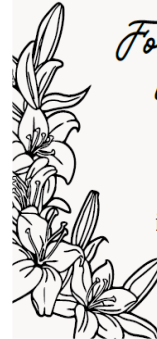
Anastasi

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



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:
Y24M.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 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



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 Marla 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



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/APRIL 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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.
19 Thomas Sunday Orthros 8:15 a.m. Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m.	20 YAL Basketball 7:00 p.m.	21 Adult Greek Classes 6:30 p.m.	22	23 Feast of St. George the Trophy-bearer <i>Liturgy at either St. George Antiochian Cathedral in Oakland or St. George Chapel in the North Hills</i> Pitt/CMU OCF 7:30 p.m.	24	25 Greek School 10:00 a.m.
26 Sunday of the Myrrh-Bearing Women Orthros 8:15 a.m. Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m.	27 YAL Basketball 7:00 p.m.	28 Adult Greek Classes 6:30 p.m.	29	30 Pitt/CMU OCF 7:30 p.m.	MAY 1	2
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