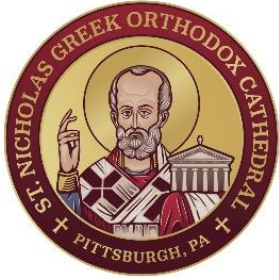


SUNDAY, May 24, 2026 – Seventh Sunday from Pascha

Saints of the Day: The 318 Fathers of the 1st Ecumenical Council in Nicaea

Plagal Second Mode · Tenth Eothinon



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TODAY:

- **Memorial Services for John Douras (50 yrs), Sam Douras (47 yrs), George Douros (23yrs), James Stamoolis (80 yrs), Orestus Stamoolis (47 yrs), Mary Stamoolis (29 yrs), Evangeline Stamoolis (21 yrs), Barbara Stamoolis (20 yrs), and Peter Stamoolis (19 yrs).**
- **Coffee Hour hosted and sponsored by the Stamoolis Family in the Small Hall**

THIS WEEK AT ST. NICHOLAS:

- **Monday, May 25:** Church Office Closed – Memorial Day
Divine Liturgy & Memorial Service at Wilkinsburg Cemetery at 9:30am
Memorial Service at Homewood Cemetery at 12:00pm
- **Saturday, May 30:** Saturday of the Souls Orthros 8:30am, Liturgy 9:30am
Last day of Greek School and Graduation Program

TODAY'S HYMNS AND READINGS

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

Σῶσον ἡμᾶς Υἱὲ Θεοῦ, ὁ ἐν δόξῃ ἀναληφθεὶς ἀφ' ἡμῶν εἰς τοὺς οὐρανοὺς, ψάλλοντάς σοι, Ἀλληλούϊα.

Save us, O Son of God, who were taken up in glory to heaven from us. We sing to You, Alleluia.



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

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*The festal hymn for the Ascension in fourth mode is chanted twice for the Small Entrance:*

**Α**νελήφθης ἐν δόξῃ, Χριστὲ ὁ Θεὸς ἡμῶν, χαροποιήσας τοὺς Μαθητάς, τῇ ἐπαγγελίᾳ τοῦ ἁγίου Πνεύματος, βεβαιωθέντων αὐτῶν διὰ τῆς εὐλογίας, ὅτι σὺ εἶ ὁ Υἱὸς τοῦ Θεοῦ, ὁ Λυτρωτὴς τοῦ κόσμου.

**You** ascended in glory, O Christ our God, after You filled the Disciples with joy, by promising to send them the Holy Spirit, and You blessed them and established their faith, that You are the Son of God, the Redeemer of 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 plagal second mode:*

**Α**γγελικαὶ δυνάμεις ἐπὶ τὸ μνήμα σου, καὶ οἱ φυλάσσοντες ἀπενεκρώθησαν· καὶ ἴστατο Μαρία ἐν τῷ τάφῳ, ζητοῦσα τὸ ἄχραντόν σου σῶμα. Ἐσκύλευσας τὸν ἄδην, μὴ πειρασθεὶς ὑπ' αὐτοῦ· ὑπήντησας τῇ Παρθένῳ, δωρούμενος τὴν ζωὴν. Ὁ ἀναστὰς ἐκ τῶν νεκρῶν, Κύριε δόξα σοι.

**When** the angelic powers appeared at Your tomb, the soldiers guarding it feared and became as dead. And standing by the sepulcher was Mary, who was seeking Your immaculate body. Unassailed by Hades, You divested it of spoils. Then You met the Virgin. You granted life. O Lord, risen from the dead, glory to You!

*Then we repeat the festal hymn for the Ascension in fourth mode (see above).*

*After this, the festal hymn for the Sunday of the Fathers in plagal fourth mode is chanted:*

**Υ**περδοξασμένος εἶ, Χριστὲ ὁ Θεὸς ἡμῶν, ὁ φωστῆρας ἐπὶ γῆς τοὺς Πατέρας ἡμῶν θεμελιώσας, καὶ δι' αὐτῶν πρὸς τὴν ἀληθινὴν πίστιν, πάντας ἡμᾶς ὀδηγήσας· πολυεύσπλαγχνε, δόξα σοι.

**Supremely** glorified are You, O Christ our God, who established the holy Fathers on earth as beacons, and through them guided us all to the true Faith. Most compassionate Lord, glory be to You!

*Then, the clergy chant the hymn for the memorial service in plagal fourth mode.*

**Μ**νήσθητι Κύριε, ὡς ἀγαθὸς τῶν δούλων σου, καὶ ὅσα ἐν βίῳ ἡμάρτον συγχώρησον· οὐδεὶς γὰρ ἀναμάρτητος, εἰ μὴ Σὺ ὁ δυνάμενος, καὶ τοῖς μεταστᾶσι δοῦναι τὴν ἀνάπαυσιν.

**Remember,** O Lord, as You are good, Your servants, and forgive every sin they have committed in this life. For no one is sinless except You, Who have power to grant rest to those who have fallen asleep.

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

**Κ**ανόνα πίστεως καὶ εἰκόνα πραότητος, ἐγκρατείας διδάσκαλον, ἀνέδειξέ σε τῇ ποίμνῃ σου, ἡ τῶν πραγμάτων ἀλήθεια· διὰ τοῦτο ἐκτήσω τῇ ταπεινώσει τὰ ὑψηλά, τῇ πτωχείᾳ τὰ πλούσια, Πάτερ ἐιράρχα Νικόλαε· πρόσβευε Χριστῶ τῷ Θεῷ, σωθῆναι τὰς ψυχὰς ἡμῶν.

The truth of things have revealed you to your flock as a rule of faith, an icon of meekness, and a teacher of temperance; for this cause you have achieved the heights by humility, riches by poverty. O Father and Hierarch Nicholas, intercede with Christ God that our souls be saved.

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

Τὴν ὑπὲρ ἡμῶν πληρώσας οικονομίαν, καὶ τὰ ἐπὶ γῆς ἐνώσας τοῖς οὐρανίοις, ἀνελήφθης ἐν δόξῃ, Χριστε ὁ Θεὸς ἡμῶν, οὐδαμόθεν χωριζόμενος, ἀλλὰ μένων ἀδιάστατος, καὶ βοῶν τοῖς ἀγαπῶσί σε· Ἐγὼ εἶμι μεθ' ὑμῶν, καὶ οὐδεὶς καθ' ὑμῶν.

When You had fulfilled the dispensation for our sake, and united things on earth with the things in heaven, You were taken up thither in glory, O Christ our God, going not away from any place, but continuing inseparable, and to them that love You crying out: "I am with you, and there is, therefore, none against you."

**Today's Epistle Reading** (*Seventh Sunday, of the Holy Fathers*):

The reading is from the Acts of the Apostles (20:16 – 18, 28 – 36)

Ἐν ταῖς ἡμέραις ἐκείναις, ἔκρινεν ὁ Παῦλος παραπλεῦσαι τὴν Ἔφεσον, ὅπως μὴ γένηται αὐτῶ χρονοτριβῆσαι ἐν τῇ Ἀσίᾳ· ἔσπευδε γάρ, εἰ δυνατὸν ἦν αὐτῷ, τὴν ἡμέραν τῆς πεντηκοστῆς γενέσθαι εἰς Ἱεροσόλυμα. Ἀπὸ δὲ τῆς Μιλήτου πέμψας εἰς Ἔφεσον μετεκαλέσατο τοὺς πρεσβυτέρους τῆς ἐκκλησίας. ὡς δὲ παρεγένοντο πρὸς αὐτόν, εἶπεν αὐτοῖς· προσέχετε οὖν ἑαυτοῖς καὶ παντὶ τῷ ποιμνίῳ ἐν ᾧ ὑμᾶς τὸ Πνεῦμα τὸ Ἅγιον ἔθετο ἐπισκόπους, ποιμαίνειν τὴν ἐκκλησίαν τοῦ Κυρίου καὶ Θεοῦ, ἣν περιποιήσατο διὰ τοῦ ἰδίου αἵματος. ἐγὼ γὰρ οἶδα τοῦτο, ὅτι εἰσελεύσονται μετὰ τὴν ἀφίξίν μου λύκοι βαρεῖς εἰς ὑμᾶς μὴ φειδόμενοι τοῦ ποιμνίου· καὶ ἐξ ὑμῶν αὐτῶν ἀναστήσονται ἄνδρες λαλοῦντες διεστραμμένα τοῦ ἀποσπᾶν τοὺς μαθητὰς ὀπίσω αὐτῶν. διὸ γρηγορεῖτε, μνημονεύοντες ὅτι τριετίαν νύκτα καὶ ἡμέραν οὐκ ἐπαυσάμην μετὰ δακρύων νοουθετῶν ἕνα ἕκαστον. καὶ τὰ νῦν παρατίθεμαι ὑμᾶς, ἀδελφοί, τῷ Θεῷ καὶ τῷ λόγῳ τῆς χάριτος αὐτοῦ τῷ δυναμένῳ ἐποικοδομῆσαι καὶ δοῦναι ὑμῖν κληρονομίαν ἐν τοῖς ἡγιασμένοις πᾶσιν. ἀργυρίου ἢ χρυσοῦ ἢ ἱματισμοῦ οὐδενὸς ἐπεθύμησα· αὐτοὶ γινώσκετε ὅτι ταῖς χρείαις μου καὶ τοῖς οὖσι μετ' ἐμοῦ ὑπῆρέτησαν αἱ χεῖρες αὐταί. πάντα ὑπέδειξα ὑμῖν ὅτι οὕτω κοπιῶντας δεῖ ἀντιλαμβάνεσθαι τῶν ἀσθενούντων, μνημονεύειν τε τῶν λόγων τοῦ Κυρίου Ἰησοῦ, ὅτι αὐτὸς εἶπε· μακάριόν ἐστι μᾶλλον δίδοναι ἢ λαμβάνειν. καὶ ταῦτα εἰπὼν, θεὶς τὰ γόνατα αὐτοῦ σὺν πᾶσιν αὐτοῖς προσηύξατο.

In those days, Paul had decided to sail past Ephesus, so that he might not have to spend time in Asia; for he was hastening to be at Jerusalem, if possible, on the day of Pentecost. And from Miletus he sent to Ephesus and called to him the elders of the church. And when they came to him, he said to them: "Take heed to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to care for the church of the Lord and God, which he obtained with his own blood. I know that after my departure fierce wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock; and from among your own selves will arise men speaking perverse things, to draw away the disciples after them. Therefore be alert, remembering that for three years I did not cease night or day to admonish every one with tears. And now I commend you to God and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all those who are sanctified. I coveted no one's silver or gold or apparel. You yourselves know that these hands ministered to my necessities, and to those who were with me. In all things I have shown you that by so toiling one must help the weak, remembering the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said, 'it is more blessed to give than to receive.'" And when he had spoken thus, he knelt down and prayed with them all. [RSV]

**Today's Gospel Reading** (*Seventh Sunday, of the Holy Fathers*):

The reading is from the Holy Gospel according to John (17:1 – 13)

**Τ**ῷ καιρῷ ἐκείνῳ ἐπάρας ὁ Ἰησοῦς τοὺς ὀφθαλμοὺς αὐτοῦ εἰς τὸν οὐρανὸν καὶ εἶπε· πάτερ, ἐλήλυθεν ἡ ὥρα· δόξασόν σου τὸν υἱόν, ἵνα καὶ ὁ υἱὸς σου δοξάσῃ σε, καθὼς ἔδωκας αὐτῷ ἐξουσίαν πάσης σαρκός, ἵνα πᾶν ὃ δέδωκας αὐτῷ δώσῃ αὐτοῖς ζωὴν αἰώνιον. αὕτη δέ ἐστιν ἡ αἰώνιος ζωὴ, ἵνα γινώσκωσί σε τὸν μόνον ἀληθινὸν Θεὸν καὶ ὃν ἀπέστειλας Ἰησοῦν Χριστόν. ἐγὼ σε ἐδόξασα ἐπὶ τῆς γῆς, τὸ ἔργον ἐτελείωσα ὃ δέδωκάς μοι ἵνα ποιήσω· καὶ νῦν δόξασόν με σύ, πάτερ, παρὰ σεαυτῷ τῆ δόξῃ ἣ εἶχον πρὸ τοῦ τὸν κόσμον εἶναι παρὰ σοί. Ἐφανερώσά σου τὸ ὄνομα τοῖς ἀνθρώποις οὓς δέδωκάς μοι ἐκ τοῦ κόσμου. σοὶ ἦσαν καὶ ἐμοὶ αὐτοὺς δέδωκας, καὶ τὸν λόγον σου τετηρήκασι. νῦν ἔγνωκαν ὅτι πάντα ὅσα δέδωκάς μοι παρὰ σοῦ ἐστίν· ὅτι τὰ ῥήματα ἃ δέδωκάς μοι δέδωκα αὐτοῖς, καὶ αὐτοὶ ἔλαβον, καὶ ἔγνωσαν ἀληθῶς ὅτι παρὰ σοῦ ἐξῆλθον, καὶ ἐπίστευσαν ὅτι σύ με ἀπέστειλας. Ἐγὼ περὶ αὐτῶν ἐρωτῶ· οὐ περὶ τοῦ κόσμου ἐρωτῶ, ἀλλὰ περὶ ὧν δέδωκάς μοι, ὅτι σοὶ εἰσι, καὶ τὰ ἐμὰ πάντα σὰ ἐστὶ καὶ τὰ ἐμὰ, καὶ δεδόξασμαι ἐν αὐτοῖς. καὶ οὐκέτι εἰμὶ ἐν τῷ κόσμῳ, καὶ οὗτοι ἐν τῷ κόσμῳ εἰσὶ, καὶ ἐγὼ πρὸς σὲ ἔρχομαι. πάτερ ἅγιε, τήρησον αὐτοὺς ἐν τῷ ὀνόματί σου ᾧ δέδωκάς μοι, ἵνα ὧσιν ἐν καθὼς ἡμεῖς. ὅτε ἤμην μετ' αὐτῶν ἐν τῷ κόσμῳ, ἐγὼ ἐτήρουν αὐτοὺς ἐν τῷ ὀνόματί σου οὓς δέδωκάς μοι ἐφύλαξα, καὶ οὐδεὶς ἐξ αὐτῶν ἀπώλετο εἰ μὴ ὁ υἱὸς τῆς ἀπωλείας, ἵνα ἡ γραφὴ πληρωθῇ. νῦν δὲ πρὸς σὲ ἔρχομαι, καὶ ταῦτα λαλῶ ἐν τῷ κόσμῳ ἵνα ἔχωσιν τὴν χαρὰν τὴν ἐμὴν πεπληρωμένην ἐν αὐτοῖς.

**A**t that time, Jesus lifted up his eyes to heaven and said, “Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him power over all flesh, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they know you the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth, having accomplished the work which you gave me to do; and now, Father, you glorify me in your own presence with the glory which I had with you before the world was made. I have manifested your name to the men whom you gave me out of the world; yours they were, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything that you have given me is from you; for I have given them the words which you gave me, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you did send me. I am praying for them; I am not praying for the world but for those whom you have given me, for they are mine; all mine are yours, and yours are mine, and I am glorified in them. And now I am no more in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, keep them in your name, which you have given me, that they may be one, even as we are one. While I was with them, I kept them in your name, which you have given me; I have guarded them, and none of them is lost but the son of perdition, that the scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to you; and these things I speak in the world, that they may have my joy fulfilled in themselves.” [RSV]

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Instead of “We have seen the true light...” the festal hymn of the Ascension is chanted.

Aνελήφθης ἐν δόξῃ, Χριστὲ ὁ Θεὸς ἡμῶν ...

You ascended in glory, O Christ our God ...

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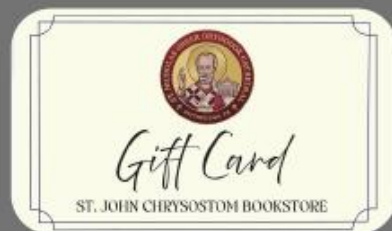


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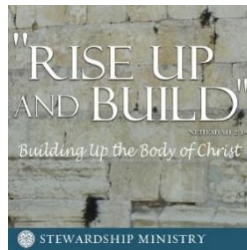


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Please contact Alice 412-249-8612,



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Avg. Pledge	\$1033.91

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St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Cathedral Greek Section

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

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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The Department of Greek Education
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The Annual Greek Language Story Contest



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

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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.
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3 Provide samples of

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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.**

A Message from the Church Beautification Committee

The Beautification Committee is happy to announce some new projects that we have been working on over the last months. We have consulted with artisans who specialize in marble work, woodwork, lighting, and iconography and have obtained both ideas and quotes from them for updates to the nave and altar. Ideas include a marble throne for the bishop to replace the existing bishop's chair, a marble synthronon behind the altar, wood paneling, cabinets and a larger prothesis in the altar, and a preliminary design to update the iconostasis. To ensure that these ideas suitably complement each other and harmoniously uplift the church's appearance, the committee desires to consult a designer named Andrew Gould, who specializes in designing Byzantine churches and liturgical art. Examples of his work can be found on his website, www.newworldbyzantine.com Bringing Mr. Gould to Pittsburgh to spend a full day at St. Nicholas Cathedral, take photographs and measurements, consult with the committee and to present a report detailing his recommendations will cost \$5,400. The committee is seeking donations from anyone interested in contributing to this project.

The committee is also working on the following projects:

- Purchasing two curtains to replace the doors leading into the altar from the rear left and right. The approximate cost for both curtains is \$1,573.
- Ordering wooden chairs for visiting hierarchs. The cost of one Archbishop's chair is \$3,100 and the cost of each bishop's chair is \$2,500.
- Obtaining a new glass or plexiglass cover for the altar table.
- Buying new altar cloths.
- Ordering new icons for the narthex to replace the icons of Christ and St. Nicholas on the right and of the Theotokos and St. Markella on the left, which have all become damaged over time.

Should anyone wish to donate towards any of these items, please see any member of the committee: Alexandra Davides, Rob Day, Amy Hogg, Peter Krelis, Carol Tsudis, Tulla Velisaris, Fr. Eleftherios, or Deacon Robert.

THE 2025 PITTSBURGH SUMMER GREEK FESTIVALS GUIDE

It's a great tradition, and it's here again: 36 days of Greek Festivals in the Pittsburgh region, so plan well and you can eat Greek all summer! Post this schedule on your refrigerator and share copies with others. We look forward to seeing you!

LOCATION

DATES

- St. Nicholas (Pittsburgh/Oakland)May 4-10
- All Saints (Canonsburg) June 2-6
- Holy Cross (Pittsburgh/Mt. Lebanon) June 9-13
- Kimisis Tis Theotokou (Aliquippa) June 12-14
- Holy Dormition (Oakmont) June 27-29
- St. Spyridon (Monessen)July 11
- Holy Trinity (Ambridge)July 15-19
- Presentation of Christ/Ypapanti (East Pgh.)July 24-26
- Holy Trinity (Pittsburgh/North Hills)August 28-31

SEE BELOW FOR FESTIVAL HOURS & HOST PARISH WEB SITES. CHECK FOR UPDATES.

THE 2025 PITTSBURGH SUMMER GREEK FESTIVALS: ALL THE DETAILS

Don't cook tonight...go Greek! Please pass copies on to your friends! Greek food is always enjoyed best with good company!

Parish	Dates	Address	Phone	Website	Hours
Saint Nicholas	May 4-10	419 S. Dithridge Street Pittsburgh (Oakland)	412-682-3866	www.StNicksPgh.org	Sun: 12p-8p; Mon-Fri: 11a-9p; Sat: 1p-9p
All Saints	June 2-6	601 West McMurray Road Canonsburg	724-745-5205	www.AllSaintsCbg.org	Mon-Fri: 11a-9p
Holy Cross	June 9-13	123 Gilkeson Road Pittsburgh (Mt. Lebanon)	412-833-3355	www.HolyCrossPgh.org	Mon-Thu: 11a-9p, Dinner until 8p; Fri: 11a-10p, Dinner until 9p
Kimisis Tis Theotokou	June 12-14	2111 Davidson Street Aliquippa	724-375-5341	www.Theotokou.org	Thu-Sat: 11a-8p
Holy Dormition	June 27-29	12 Washington Avenue Oakmont	412-828-4144	www.DormitionPgh.org	Fri-Sun: 12p-11p Dinner until 9pm
Saint Spyridon	July 11	1207 Grand Boulevard Monessen	724-684-5411	stspyridon.pa.goarch.org	Fri: 11a-9p
Holy Trinity (Ambridge)	July 15-19	2930 Beaver Road Ambridge	724-266-5336	www.htgoc.org	Tue-Sat: 11:30a-8:30p
Ypapanti (Presentation of Christ)	July 24-26	1672 Electric Avenue East Pittsburgh	412-824-9188	www.ypapanti.net	Thu-Sat: 11a-9p
Holy Trinity (Pittsburgh)	August 28-31	985 Providence Boulevard Pittsburgh (across from Passavant Hospital)	412-366-8700	www.HolyTrinityPgh.org	Thu-Sun: 11a-9p

Thank you for enjoying our great Greek food and visiting our churches. Want to also help these communities feed, minister to and provide health care for the hungry and needy of the Hill District and the Pittsburgh area? Support the Neighbor Resilience Project by visiting neighborhoodresilience.org, a philanthropic ministry united in faith and joined by a desire to provide action-oriented and sustainable solutions for poverty-and-trauma-affected communities in the Pittsburgh area.

This free guide is provided as a public service of Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church (Pittsburgh). Online at HolyTrinityPgh.org/pittsburgh-greek-festivals-guide.

MAY 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
24 Fathers of the 1st Ecumenical Council Orthros 8:15 a.m. Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m.	25 Memorial Day Church Office Closed Divine Liturgy & Trisagion at Wilkinsburg Cemetery 9:30 a.m. Memorial Service at Homewood Cemetery 12:00 p.m.	26	27	28	29	30 Saturday of Souls Orthros 8:30 a.m. Liturgy 9:30 a.m. <i>Last day of Greek School and Graduation Program</i>
31 PENTECOST Orthros 8:15 a.m. Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m. <i>Followed by Vespers of Kneeling</i>	JUNE 1 Monday of the Holy Spirit <i>Orthros and Liturgy at Holy Trinity in the North Hills or Holy Trinity in Ambridge</i>	2	3	4	5	6 <i>Sacrament: Wedding</i>
7 Sunday of All Saints Orthros 8:15 a.m. Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m.	8 YAL Basketball 7:00 pm Parish Council Meeting 6:30 pm	9	10	11	12	13
14 2nd Sunday of Matthew Orthros 8:15 a.m. Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m.	15 YAL Basketball 7:00 pm Parish Council Meeting 6:30 pm	16	17	18	19	20 <i>Sacrament: Wedding</i>
21 3rd Sunday of Matthew Orthros 8:15 a.m. Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m. Father's Day	22 Peter & Paul, the Holy Apostles Orthros 8:30 am Divine Liturgy 9:30 am YAL Basketball 7:00 pm	23	25	25	26	27
Fr. Eleftherios at Camp Nazareth – Week One						