



## Saint Nicholas Greek Orthodox Cathedral Pittsburgh, PA



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*MAY 2026 NEWSLETTER*

# 64th Annual Greek Food Festival

**TUESDAY, May 5 thru  
SUNDAY, May 10**

### **SERVING HOURS**

**Tuesday to Thursday: 11a to 9p  
Friday: 11a to 10p (music until 11p)  
Saturday: Noon to 10p (music until 11p)  
Sunday: Noon to 8p**

**See Flyers enclosed for all the details**

### **Our Mission & Vision Statements**

The **MISSION** of St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Cathedral is 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** is 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.

**ST. NICHOLAS GREEK ORTHODOX CATHEDRAL**  
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**Service Schedule**

**All Year Round**

Orthros 8:15 a.m.  
Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m.

**Hall Rentals**

If you are interested in renting either our small or large hall, please contact our Events Coordinator, Mary Olszewski, at 412-628-9466 or events@stnickspgh.org for more information and availability.

<b>Metropolis</b>	412-621-5529	www.pittsburgh.goarch.org
<b>Archdiocese</b>	212-570-3500	www.goarch.org

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[www.stnickspgh.org](http://www.stnickspgh.org)

[www.stnickscathedralroom.com](http://www.stnickscathedralroom.com)

**And look for us on our Facebook page:**

<https://www.facebook.com/Saint-Nicholas-Greek-Orthodox-Cathedral-Pittsburgh-PA>

Watch Sunday services streaming live from St Nicholas Cathedral at [www.stnickspgh.org/](http://www.stnickspgh.org/) and click on "Live Streaming Click Here".

On-Line Giving donations are up and running on our web page [www.stnickspgh.org](http://www.stnickspgh.org) by clicking please donate button - or you may access the donation page by using <https://abundant.co/stnickspgh/give>

**ORGANIZATIONS**

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	Jim Hages	412-523-7937
<b>Kolyva</b>	Tulla Velisaris	412-889-1648
<b>St Nicholas Dancers</b>		
<b>GOYA</b>	Kelly Gary	412-741-8567
<b>JOY</b>	Aimee Walker	412-398-6094
<b>Boys Basketball:</b>	Nicholas Hages	412-523-9885
	Alex Lountzis	610-743-0903
<b>Girls Basketball:</b>	Nikki Lykos	412-897-8208
	Lenna Cominos	412-370-8181

**PARISH COUNCIL COMMITTEE CHAIRS**

**Cemetery** - Constance Paras-Jennings  
**Community Center & Catering** - George Bellios  
**Facilities** – Victor Bertolina  
**Finance** - James Machin  
**Food Festival** - Vasili Copetas & John Frentzos  
**Operational & Administration** - John Frentzos  
**Parish Sustainability** - Vasili Copetas  
**Religious & Greek Education/Greek Affiliations** - Lee Katsafanas  
**Social** - William Gary  
**Stewardship, Outreach & Evangelism** - Robin Day  
**Technology & Communications** - Robin Day  
**Youth & Young Adult Ministries** - James Hages  
**AD HOC Committees**  
**Beautification** Deacon Robert Lykos  
**Bylaws/Legal** William Gary

## FATHER'S MESSAGE

*"It is the day of Resurrection! O peoples, let us brilliantly shine! Pascha, the Lord's Pascha!"*  
(Ode 1 of the *Katavasies of Pascha*)

My dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

We have once again been deemed worthy to journey through the sacredness of Holy Week: to stand before the Cross, to keep watch at the Tomb, and to hear, in the stillness of the midnight hour, the joyful proclamation: *Christ is Risen!*

And yet, if we are honest with ourselves, it does not take long for the usual rhythm of daily life to return. The brightness of that Paschal night soon begins to fade, and we can find ourselves slipping back into familiar routines, as though the celebration of our Lord's Resurrection were something we experienced in the past and have now left behind. But in the life of the Church, Pascha is never simply behind us.

The Resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ is not the conclusion of Holy Week, but is the beginning of everything. The Gospel does not end at the Cross, but is revealed in its fullness in the empty Tomb. From that moment forward, everything is changed: death no longer holds us captive, darkness is no longer absolute, and life is no longer lived in the same way. This is why the Church does not confine Pascha to a single night each year. Every Sunday is a celebration of the Resurrection, and every Divine Liturgy is an encounter with the Risen Christ. We do not simply remember what took place; rather, we are invited to enter into it again and again.

At the same time, it is possible to celebrate the feast outwardly while leaving our inner life untouched. We can proclaim "*Christ is Risen*" outwardly to others with joy, yet still carry within us the same fears, grudges, and habits that weigh us down. We can stand in the light, and yet live as though the stone of the Tomb had never been rolled away. Pascha calls us to something more: to a life that is truly transformed.

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It calls us to live as people of the Resurrection. What does that mean? To forgive when it is difficult, to show mercy when it is inconvenient, and to place our trust in God even when the path ahead is uncertain. These are not small things; they are the very signs that the new life of Christ is taking root within us. It is said that St. Seraphim of Sarov greeted everyone he encountered throughout the entire year with the words, *"Christ is Risen!"* For him, the Resurrection was not confined to a season, but was the very lens through which he saw the world and encountered others.

Pascha, then, is not behind us... it is constantly before us. It remains before us in the days and weeks ahead, in the choices we make, in the way we love one another with Christ-like love, and in the faith we carry into our daily lives. And this is precisely what the Church calls us to when we chant, *"It is the day of Resurrection! O peoples, let us brilliantly shine!"* —not only for a moment on Pascha night, but in the way we live each day thereafter.

And so, beloved brothers and sisters in Christ, let us not leave the light of the Resurrection within the walls of the Church, but let us carry it with us into our homes, our work, our struggles, and our relationships, so that the joy of Pascha may shape the way we live our lives, shining brightly each and every day.

Christ is risen!

Prayerfully yours in the risen Lord,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Fr. Eleftherios Constantine".

† Fr. Eleftherios Constantine

### BAPTISM

With much joy, we welcome into our Family of faith **Richard Wagner**. He is the son of Luke & Tia Wager and was baptized on Saturday, April 14, 2026. His sponsor was George Copetas.

### CHRIMATIONS

- **Anna Machin** was Chrismated on Saturday, April 11 and her sponsor was Kelly Gary.
- **Madison Henry** was Chrismated on Saturday, April 11 and her sponsor was Catherine Kolias.

### FUNERALS

#### OUR CONDOLENCES to the families of :

- **Anthony G. Zaras** who fell asleep in the Lord on Monday, April 6, 2026. His funeral was on Monday, April 13, 2026, at St. Nicholas Cathedral. May his memory be eternal.
- **James R. Agras** who fell asleep in the Lord on Wednesday, April 8, 2026. His funeral was on Tuesday, April 14, 2026, at St. Nicholas Cathedral. May his memory be eternal.
- **Eleni Contis** who fell asleep in the Lord on Wednesday, April 8, 2026. Her funeral was on Wednesday, April 15, 2026, at St. Nicholas Cathedral. May her memory be eternal.

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## HAPPY BIRTHDAY VIRGINIA



Virginia Fekaris, a long time member of St. Nicholas Cathedral, God Willing, will be celebrating her **100<sup>th</sup>** Birthday this coming May 11.

The church has forever been a part of Virginia's heart. Virginia grew up right behind the church living in House No. 1, Utica Way, a strip of eight row homes where a total of 25 children lived with their families. Virginia sang 65 years in the choir, was a 60 Club adviser and a regular at food festival preparations.

May God continue to bless Virginia as He sees fit. Virginia's positive outlook on life is a virtue all who know her admire. Virginia is presently residing at Juniper Village of Forest Hills, 107 Fall Run Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15221.



(Name \_\_\_\_\_ )

**ST. NICHOLAS GREEK ORTHODOX CATHEDRAL  
NAMES FOR SATURDAYS OF THE SOULS 2026**

*"Again, we pray for the repose of the souls of the departed servants of God . . . and for the forgiveness of all their sins, both voluntary and involuntary."*

**(Please note:** First names only; use complete baptismal name, if known -Greek or English

Orthodox Christians  
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*GOOD FRIDAY (4.10.26)*



**Palm Sunday 4.5.26**



**Agape Vespers  
4.12.26**

**Gospel Read in  
Biblical Greek, English,  
Slovak, Latin, Chinese,  
Spanish, French, Attiki Greek, Italian, & Serbian**



## PARISH COUNCIL

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Saint Nicholas had wonderful turnouts for the services leading up to the Anastasi service. It was a time of prayer and reflection. We thank His Eminence, Metropolitan Savas for joining us on Holy Tuesday. The Agape Service, included the readings from the Gospel of John, [was read](#) in at least six languages. Thank you to those who did the readings and to Michelle Kotsagrellos who organized the Annual East Egg Hunt.

Our parish continues to work in getting ready for our Food Festival which begins Tuesday, May 5 through Mother's Day, May 10. An online sign up is available for volunteering. We need help in Take Out, Pastry, Food, Bar and our wonderful louks area. Please give as much time to our main fundraiser for our parish.

Thank you for your continued support of our wonderful parish through your time, talent and treasure. Stewardship is a vital part and without it, we could not do a great many things in our church.

Lastly, Parish Council is following up on bids for a new roof and other items that our church needs. Our church is aging and many problems have arisen. We need to safeguard our infrastructure not only for now, but for the future.

Alexandra Davides

### **Homewood Cemetery**

St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Cathedral Greek Section

There are currently 19 graves available for purchase.

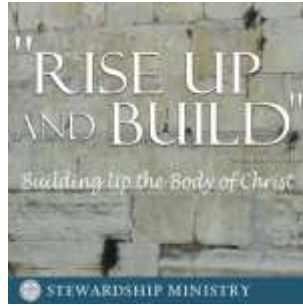
Cost per grave:  
\$2,800.00 per grave for a member of St. Nicholas.  
\$3,300.00 per grave for non-member.

## 2026 STEWARDSHIP



Fr. Eleftherios & Presvytera Elizabeth Constantine	Mr. & Mrs. Steve Economou	Mrs. Eugenia Manganas
Dn. & Mrs. Robert Lykos	Mr. John H. Edgos	Ms. Barbara R. Manners
Dr. & Mrs. Konstantinos Alfaras-Melainis	Mrs. Sophia Edgos	Ms. Electra Markopoulos
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Jim+ & Electra Agras	Dr. & Mrs. Demetrius Ellis	Mrs. Helen Mastros
Mr. Emanuel Amorgianos	Dr. & Mrs. Demetrius Ellis	Mr. & Mrs. Nicholas Mastros
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Mr. Steven Andrews	Mr. & Mrs. George P. Faines	Ms. Patricia McKee
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Ms. Jeanne Antonuccio	Mrs. Alice Gary	Mr. & Mrs. Peter Menniti
Mr. George Anthon	Mr. & Mrs. William Gary	Mr. & Mrs. Eric Mitchell
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Mrs. Alexandra Bergstrom	Mrs. Frances Hanna+	Mr. John C. Paras
Mr. & Mrs. Victor Bertolina	Ms. Aphrodite Halleran Haritos	Mr. Van Paras
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Mrs. Elena G. Cerri	Mr. & Mrs. Nick Kakavis	Mr. & Mrs. John Petrolias
Mrs. Dee Chronis	Ms. Christine Kanakis	Mrs. Constance Petros
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Marion Constatinides	Mr. & Mrs. Foster Kartsotis	Mr. Robert M. Reitz
Mr. Phillip Contacos	Dr. & Mrs. John Karvounides	Mrs. Kristina Rigopoulos & Mr. William Guttman
Ms. Jamie Contis	Mr. Andron Kavouras	Ms. Maria-Emilia Sawaya
Mrs. Sandra Contis	Mr. Lee Katsafanas	Mr. William Sfamenos
Mr. Charles G. Copetas	Mr. & Mrs. Christopher Kefalos	Mr. A. Robert Shott
Mr. & Mrs. Dino G. Copetas	Mr. & Mrs. Steven Kefalos	Mrs. Stella Stratigos
Mrs. Helen G. Copetas	Mrs. Sandra Kemrer	Mr. & Mrs. Gus Stamoolis
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Mr. & Mrs. William Copetas	Mrs. Demetra Kontoulis	Mrs. Stella Stratigos
Mrs. Vasso Copetas	Michelle Marie Kotsagrelis	Mr. & Mrs. Samuel Stepanow
Mr. & Mrs. Yianni Coutris	Mr. Chris T. Kouklis	Mr. & Mrs. Robert Swisher
Mr. & Mrs. Nevin Craig	Mr. Peter Krellis	Mrs. Evangeline Theodoridis
Mr. & Mrs. George Darakos	Mr. & Mrs. Georgios Krinis	Mr. & Mrs. Stephen Thomas
Mr. & Mrs. Taki Darakos	Mr. & Mrs. Nicholas D. Lardas	Mrs. Dena Haritos Tsamitis
Denise Daugherty	Ms. Shqipe Latifi	Mr. Peter Tsoukalas
Bridgette Daugherty	Mr. & Mrs. Michael Leombruno	Mr. & Mrs. Andreas Tsourekis
Mrs. Alexandra Davides	Mr. & Mrs. John C. Leventis	Mr. Sotirios Tsourekis
Mr. & Mrs. Petros Delivorias	Mr. & Mrs. Peter Leventopoulos	Mr. & Mrs. Peter Tsudis
Mr. Anthony Dematteo	Mr. & Mrs. David Levine	Mrs. Joanna Tzortzis
Mrs. Christine Dematteo	Mrs. Janet Lykos	Ms. Panagiota Vasilakis
Arthur J. Dordas	Mr. & Mrs. James D. Machin	
Mr. & Mrs. Sotirios Doris	Ms. Karen Malobicky	
Mr. & Mrs. Randy Eberhardt	Mr. Christopher Mandros	

## 2026 STEWARDSHIP



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Mr. & Mrs. Perry Velisaris  
Mrs. Angela Vergos  
Mr. & Mrs. Chris Vergos  
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Mr. John Vitsas  
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Mr. Brett D. Wells  
Mrs. Debra Wiesen  
Mr. & Mrs. David Williard  
Mr. & Mrs. Peter Yannopoulos  
Mr. & Mrs. Anthony Zaras  
Dr. Katerina Zavaras  
Mr. & Mrs. Demetri Zervoudis



*2026 STEWARDSHIP*



Saint Nicholas Greek Orthodox Cathedral  
Pittsburgh, PA

**2026 ST. NICHOLAS GREEK ORTHODOX CATHEDRAL  
CONFIDENTIAL FAMILY STEWARDSHIP CARD**

Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ First Name \_\_\_\_\_

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***PLEASE provide pertinent information on reverse side about your family members-THANK YOU!***

**TREASURE-** Total Gift for 2026 \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Contribution Frequency:  Weekly  Monthly  Quarterly  Annually

Please send Stewardship Envelopes  I don't use envelopes Statement delivery:  US Mail  Email



Saint Nicholas Greek Orthodox Cathedral  
Pittsburgh, PA

**TALENT-** Please check the items below that you or a family member has some expertise or interest. Place initials of the specific family member after each item checked.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Visitation of Elderly _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Outreach Ministry _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Website Mgmt. _____              | <input type="checkbox"/> Cooking/Festival _____ |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Philoptochos _____          | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____             |   |   |

***TIME-*** St. Nicholas Cathedral is grateful for our many volunteers. *Thank you!*

Name & relationship i.e., self, spouse, child, etc.    Date of birth    Marital Status    Occupation OR school/grade

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## *St. Nicholas Church School*

### **From the Church School Desk!**

#### **Christ is Risen! Truly He is Risen!**

Thank you to the Hages and Kotsagrellos Families for organizing a delicious **Youth Retreat Breakfast** after the Divine Liturgy Saturday, April 4, 2026, (St. Lazarus Day) and the Kotsagrellos Family for the **Agape Service Coffee Hour & Easter Egg Hunt** on Easter Sunday, April 12, 2026!

A special thank you to our **Myrophores (Myrrh Bearing Women) Eirini Bouzos, Anastasia Constantine, Marina Constantine, Roma Day, Evina Frentzos, Augusta Hejmowski, and Sophia Koromvokis**, who participated in the Good Friday evening service, our **GOYA young women (Rosie Andriotis, Elina Antoniadis, Marialena Bouzos, Christina Coutris, Dimitra Coutris, Zoe Darakos, Polina Kulidi, Stamatia Lykos, Yoanna Lykos, Sophia (Savannah) Stamoolis, and Nina Velisar)** who **received and distributed the light** at the Anastasi Service, and to the **Altar Boys**.

Congratulations to **Marialena Bouzos** (Junior Division) and **Sophia Hogg** (Senior Division) our St. Nicholas Oratorical Festival participants, who took the time out of their busy schedules to research and write about their faith. **Marialena** will represent our parish Saturday, May 2, 2026, at the Greek Orthodox Metropolis of Pittsburgh's **St. John Chrysostom Oratorical Festival** at Presentation of Christ (Ypapanti) Greek Orthodox Church (East Pittsburgh, PA), as a Junior Division finalist in speech. **Eli Elsen, Augusta Hejmowski, Anastasia Constantine** and **Thomas Constantine** also participated in the Elementary Division. In the weeks to come, the participants will be presenting their speeches to the congregation during the sermon. Congratulations Marialena, Sophia, Eli, Augusta, Anastasia and Thomas, we are proud of you!

As with all "school" years, Church School must end. **Church School Graduation** will be **Sunday, May 17, 2026**. All students present will receive their graduation certificate and an icon. The teachers and staff will receive a gift, too. Special books will be given to the Kindergarten class (The Bible for Young People) and the High School Graduates (Orthodox Study Bible).

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

Yours in Christ,  
*Miss Michelle*

*St. John Chrysostom Oratorical Festival (4.16.26)*



**ST. NICHOLAS WOULD LIKE TO ACKNOWLEDGE ALL OF  
OUR GRADUATES MAY 17<sup>th</sup>!**

Please fill out this short questionnaire and submit to church office via email ([church@stnickspgh.org](mailto:church@stnickspgh.org)), fax (412-683-4960) or mail (419 S. Dithridge Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15213). Thank you!

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Month of Graduation \_\_\_\_\_  
High School: \_\_\_\_\_

Or  
University/ Graduate School: \_\_\_\_\_

Degree Earned: \_\_\_\_\_

\*\*\*Please email a recent photo to [church@stnickspgh.org](mailto:church@stnickspgh.org) so that we can include in the next issue of the Newsletter.

**Awards and Honors:**

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**Activities:**

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**Future Plans:**

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*Keeping up with Philoptochos...*

**Christ is Risen! Truly He is Risen!**

Philoptochos is continuously preparing for fundraisers and our on-going outreach programs, which is the very essence of Philoptochos. You are cordially invited to participate in our efforts. **Please take a minute to see what Philoptochos all is about!**

**OUTREACH:**

**FOOD BANK:**

The Food Bank supports several of our parishioners and continues to need your support. You can donate by making a check payable to the "St. Nicholas Philoptochos Food Bank" or through United Way by designating the St. Nicholas Food Bank through your employers United Way contribution. Just designate #3288. Any questions, please contact Elaine Andrianos (412-726-4334).

**HOMEBOUND VISITATIONS:**

The St. Nicholas parishioners who are homebound were visited during Holy Week. We gave each person an Easter Tsoureki and potted plant. If you are interested in visiting one of our homebound, please contact Mary Peterson (412-337-6759).

**FUNDRAISERS:**  
(See enclosed Flyers)

**EASTER BREAD:**

Thank you, Nikki Lykos, and Alisa Mathews, for chairing the Easter Bread baking! Thank you to ALL the women (and men) who helped prepare the dough, assemble, bake, wrap and sell the bread. Over 300 breads were made and sold.

**MOTHER'S DAY & FATHER'S DAY CARDS:**

This popular fundraiser honors Mothers/Fathers, Aunts/Uncles, Nounas/Nounos, Yiayias/Papous and "special" women/men, both living and those who have passed. A card is sent to the honoree, and their name is also listed in the bulletin on Mother's/Father's Day (and the Newsletter). It is a wonderful way to honor and remember those who are thought of in a loving way.

**PALM SUNDAY LUNCHEON, EASTER EGG DYING AND ANASTASI MEAL**

Sunday, April 5, 2026, Philoptochos sponsored the Palm Sunday Luncheon (which has become a tradition). A special thank you goes to Maria Bardakos & Justin (who made the fresh homemade bread). The delicious fish plaki lunch with all the fixings (rice, green beans, salad, and peach crisp) was enjoyed by all. Thank you to all the Philoptochos women for helping set-up, cook, serve and clean-up.

Thank you to Nikki Lykos who helped me dye, polish and wrap 15 dozen eggs for the Anastasi and Agape Services.

Again, the Anastasi Meal was sponsored by Philoptochos. Lamb (prepared by Yianni Athans), rice, Avgolemono soup (compliments of Ritter's Diner), cheese (compliments of Stamoolis Brothers), Tsourekis and dessert were shared by the St. Nicholas Family.

**Membership Drive:**

Last call for the **Philoptochos Membership Drive!** The Greek Orthodox Ladies Philoptochos Society has held fast to the tradition of philanthropy and we have strengthened the sense of love and compassion for all individuals that are in need. Philoptochos is a connection with other women who share the same feeling and who desire to share their thoughts and talents.

**PLEASE JOIN or RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP TODAY!** It's easy. Just complete the membership form and send it in or visit us at our table. **Men are welcomed to join, too!**

Your time, talent, and treasure are needed so we can continue to help those individuals in need  
– PHILOPTOCHOS' MISSION.

Yours in Christ,  
Maria Bardakos, President

*Celebrating*  
**MOTHER'S DAY**

St. Nicholas Philoptochos believes in honoring the women in our lives. Honor your wife, mother, grandmother, godmother, sister, aunt or special friend with a gift to Philoptochos. Your donation will enable us to continue our work of charitable giving to individuals and families in need, area food banks, shelters for the homeless, social service agencies and countless research efforts in the battle against cancer and other catastrophic diseases.

Join us this Mother's Day by honoring someone you love with a gift to Philoptochos.

*Make checks payable and send to: St. Nicholas Philoptochos, 419 S. Dithridge St. Pittsburgh, PA 15213, Memo: Mother's Day  
DEADLINE TO SUBMIT NAMES FOR INCLUSION IN BULLETIN – SUNDAY, MAY 3, 2026*

Enclosed is my gift of \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
(minimum gift of \$5.00 per name please — all donations are tax deductible)

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Honorees will receive a special Mother's Day acknowledgement card.  
The amount of your gift will not be disclosed.

Please accept this gift in **honor** of:

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Please accept this gift in **memory** of:

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*List any additional names and addresses on the back of this flyer and indicate whether donation is in Honor or in Memory.  
Please print clearly.*



NEIGHBORHOOD  
RESILIENCE  
PROJECT

# Food Drive

SUNDAY  
MAY 17, 2026

Supporting  
NRP's Emergency Food Pantry

## MOST NEEDED ITEMS:

- Ramen noodles
- Canned tuna & chicken
- Canned pudding
- Protein bars
- Cereal
- Shelf-stable milk
- Oatmeal
- Trail mix/ nuts/ cookies
- Peanut butter & jam/jelly
- Pasta and sauce
- Canned pasta
- Rice
- Dried or canned beans
- Juice or juice boxes
- Canned veggies/fruit
- Canned soup



WE NEED

your

SUPPORT!

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**FATHER'S DAY**

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Join us this Father's Day by honoring someone you love with a gift to Philoptochos.

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DEADLINE TO SUBMIT NAMES FOR INCLUSION IN BULLETIN – SUNDAY, JUNE 14, 2026*

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Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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Please accept this gift in **honor** of:

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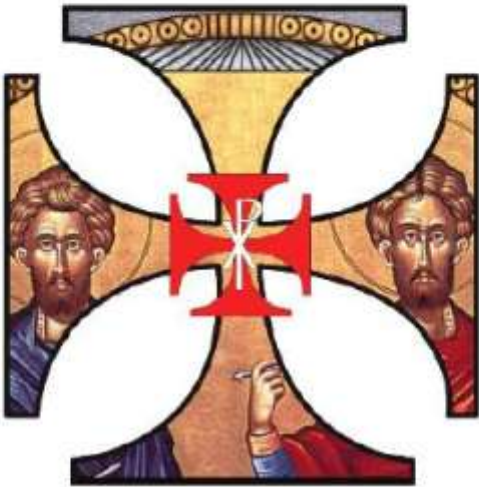
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**JOIN US**



**Saint Nicholas Cathedral  
Ladies Philoptochos Society**

**2026  
MEMBERSHIP  
CAMPAIGN**

*"You are an 'army of agape'  
that conquers pain and anguish  
through generosity and  
kindness."*

*— Archbishop Elpidophoros of America*



**2026 Membership**

You define what kind of member you will be. We are always looking for new skills, experiences and personalities, and we welcome you with open arms to join us in making a difference.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Enclosed is my 2026 membership donation in the amount of:

( ) \$50      ( ) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

*Make checks payable to St. Nicholas Philoptochos*

**RETURN FORM AND PAYMENT TO:**  
St. Nicholas Philoptochos  
419 S. Dithridge Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15213

# THE 2026 PITTSBURGH SUMMER GREEK FESTIVALS GUIDE

*It's a great tradition, and it's here again: 39 days of Greek Festivals in the greater Pittsburgh region, so plan well and you can eat Greek all summer! Post this schedule on your refrigerator and share copies with others. Bring your family and friends! We look forward to serving you!*

LOCATION	DATES
<input type="checkbox"/> St. Nicholas (Pittsburgh/Oakland) .....	May 5-10
<input type="checkbox"/> All Saints (Canonsburg) .....	June 8-12
<input type="checkbox"/> Holy Trinity (Steubenville) .....	June 10-12
<input type="checkbox"/> Holy Cross (Pittsburgh/Mt. Lebanon) .....	June 15-19
<input type="checkbox"/> Kimisis Tis Theotokou (Aliquippa).....	June 11-13
<input type="checkbox"/> Holy Dormition (Oakmont).....	June 26-28
<input type="checkbox"/> All Saints (Weirton) .....	July 10
<input type="checkbox"/> St. Spyridon (Monessen) .....	July 10
<input type="checkbox"/> Holy Trinity (Ambridge).....	July 14-18
<input type="checkbox"/> Presentation of Christ/Ypapanti (East Pgh.) .....	July 23-25
<input type="checkbox"/> Holy Trinity (Pittsburgh/North Hills) .....	September 3-6

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

## THE 2026 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 (Pittsburgh/Oakland)	May 5-10	419 S. Dithridge St., Pittsburgh	412-682-3866	<a href="http://www.StNicksPgh.org">www.StNicksPgh.org</a>	Tue-Thu: 11a-9p; Fri: 11a-10p; Sat 12-10p; Sun 12-8p
All Saints (Canonsburg)	June 8-12	601 West McMurray Rd., Cburg	724-745-5205	<a href="http://www.AllSaintsCbg.org">www.AllSaintsCbg.org</a>	Mon-Fri: 11a-9p
Holy Trinity (Steubenville)	June 10-12	300 S. 4th St., Steubenville	740-262-9835	<a href="http://www.holytrinitystb.org">www.holytrinitystb.org</a>	Wed-Fri: 11:00a-9:00p
Holy Cross (Pittsburgh/Mt. Lebanon)	June 15-19	123 Gilkeson Rd., Pittsburgh	412-833-3355	<a href="http://www.HolyCrossPgh.org">www.HolyCrossPgh.org</a>	Mon-Thu: 11a-9p, Dinner til 8p; Fri: 11a-10p, Dinner til 9p
Kimisis Tis Theotokou	June 11-13	2111 Davidson St., Aliquippa	724-375-5341	<a href="http://www.Theotokou.org">www.Theotokou.org</a>	Thu-Sat: 11a-8p
Holy Dormition (Oakmont)	June 26-28	12 Washington Ave., Oakmont	412-828-4144	<a href="http://www.DormitionPgh.org">www.DormitionPgh.org</a>	Fri-Sun: 12p-11p Dinner until 9p
All Saints (Weirton)	July 10	3528 West St., Weirton	304-797-9884	<a href="http://allstwww.org/greek-festival">allstwww.org/greek-festival</a>	Fri: 11a-9p
Saint Spyridon (Monessen)	July 10	1207 Grand Blvd., Monessen	724-684-5411	<a href="http://stspyridon.pa.goarch.org">stspyridon.pa.goarch.org</a>	Fri: 11a-9p
Holy Trinity (Ambridge)	July 14-18	2930 Beaver Rd., Ambridge	724-266-5336	<a href="http://www.htgoc.org">www.htgoc.org</a>	Tue-Sat: 11:30a-8:30p
Ypapanti/Presentation of Christ	July 23-25	1672 Electric Ave., E Pittsburgh	412-824-9188	<a href="http://www.ypapanti.net">www.ypapanti.net</a>	Thu-Sat: 11a-9p
Holy Trinity (Pittsburgh/North Hills)	Sep. 3-6	985 Providence Blvd., Pittsburgh	412-366-8700	<a href="http://HolyTrinityPgh.org/festival">HolyTrinityPgh.org/festival</a>	Thu-Sun: 11a-9p

Thank you for enjoying our great Greek food, music and culture. Take a church tour and ask about the timeless Orthodox Christian faith while you're there, too! Also, want to help us feed, minister to and provide health care for the hungry and needy of the Pittsburgh area? Support the Neighborhood Resilience Project, an Orthodox Christian 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 region. Find out more or donate at [neighborhoodresilience.org](http://neighborhoodresilience.org).

This free guide is provided as a public service of Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church (Pittsburgh/North Hills). Please share it with your friends! Find it online at [HolyTrinityPgh.org/pittsburgh-greek-festivals-guide](http://HolyTrinityPgh.org/pittsburgh-greek-festivals-guide).

*FOOD FESTIVAL*

**Our festival this year starts  
Tuesday, May 5 and runs through Sunday, May 10.**

**Festival Hours**

Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, 11:00 to 9:00

Friday, 11:00 to 10:00

Saturday, 12:00 to 10:00

Sunday, 12:00 to 8:00

**Greek Dance Performances**

Our little ones, Joy, Hope and Little Angels

Tuesday and Saturday, 6pm;

Sunday, 5:15

**Our teenage GOYAns**

Tuesday, 7:30

Wednesday & Thursday, 6:30 and 7:45

Friday, 6:45 & 7:45

Saturday, 7:30

Sunday, 6:45

**Our Alumni**

Friday, 7:45

Saturday, 8:30

**Church Tours**

Tuesday and Saturday, 2:30 and 7:00

Wednesday, Thursday and Sunday, 2:30 and 6:00

**Church Services**

Open to All

Tuesday - Saturday: Vespers, 5:00

Sunday, Divine Liturgy, 9:30

St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Cathedral

COME  
CELEBRATE  
WITH US!

# 64th Annual Greek Food Festival

TUESDAY, May 5 thru  
SUNDAY, May 10

## SERVING HOURS

Tuesday to Thursday: 11a to 9p  
Friday: 11a to 10p (music until 11p)  
Saturday: Noon to 10p (music until 11p)  
Sunday: Noon to 8p

Live Bouzouki Music &  
Greek Dancing every Evening

Outdoor Patio Grill

Food Certificates Available

Daily Cathedral Tours

**Credit Cards Accepted**

ATM on Premises

Online ordering available all week\* (*starts Tuesday at 11a*)

*\* Online ordering closes ONE HOUR before food line.*

Order by visiting the **FOOD FESTIVAL** section of our website

[www.stnickspgh.org](http://www.stnickspgh.org)



St. Nicholas Cathedral Community Center • 419 S. Dithridge St., Oakland  
412.682.3866 • Across from the Carnegie Museum



# Food Festival, Con't

## Dinners

\* All dinners include Rice Pilaf

Days featured:

- BEEF STEFATHO** Tues/Wed/Thurs/Sat/Sun  
Tender cubes of beef and onions braised in an aromatic sauce.
- CHICKEN OREGANO** Daily  
Half a chicken marinated in lemon, olive oil & oregano; roasted.
- LAMB SOUVLAKIA** Tues/Thurs/Sat  
Lean, tender marinated cubes of lamb; skewered and grilled.
- SOUZOUKAIA** Daily  
Meatballs slowly simmered in a rich tomato sauce.
- FISH PLAKI** Fri  
Filet of haddock delicately seasoned; baked with tomatoes and onions.
- LAMB SHANKS** Wed/Fri/Sun  
Tender bone-in shank braised in a tomato wine sauce with vegetables and Greek seasoning.

## a la Carte

- PASTITSIO** • Alternate layers of macaroni, grated cheese and sauteed ground beef topped with a rich cream sauce; baked until golden.
- MOUSSAKA** • Layers of eggplant and sauteed ground beef topped with a rich cream sauce; baked until golden.
- SPANAKOPITA** • Layers of fillo pastry filled with a feta cheese and spinach mixture; baked until crisp and golden.
- TIROPITA** • Layers of fillo pastry filled with a feta cheese mixture; baked until golden and crisp.
- GYROS** • Outside under the tent. Traditional Gyro, vegetarian or chicken.
- DOLMATHES** • A special blend of herbs and rice wrapped in marinated grape leaves; simmered in a flavorful broth.
- RICE PILAF** • Steamed rice laced with butter.
- GREEN BEANS & ZUCCHINI YIAHNI** • Simmered in tomato sauce.
- GREEK SALAD** • Lettuce, tomato, Greek olives and feta cheese; served with a special Greek dressing.
- RICE PUDDING**

## Pastries

- Baklava • Karithopeta • Galatoboureko • Kataife • Diples  
Kourambiethes • Finikia • Loukoumades • Pasta Flora • Koulourakia

**It's Food Festival Time!  
Same Great Food...**

**Different Days:  
Tuesday, May 5 thru  
Sunday, May 10  
2026**

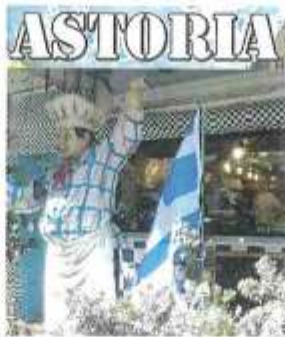




\$ 989 per person double occupancy  
\$ 1,288 per person single occupancy  
\$ 959 per person triple occupancy

PACKAGE INCLUDES:

- \* 2 Nights lodging
- \* 2 Breakfasts
- \* Luncheon Cruise around Manhattan
- \* Lunch at Greek Restaurant in Astoria
- \* 1 Dinner in Manhattan
- \* St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Shrine
- \* Tour of Upper Manhattan
- \* Tour of Lower Manhattan
- \* Broadway Show (*The Great Gatsby*)
- \* Souvenir gift
- \* Luggage handling
- \* Taxes and meal gratuities
- \* Motorcoach transportation



Cancellation insurance is available & highly recommended; see reverse side for details.

FOR INFORMATION AND RESERVATIONS CONTACT:

ST. NICHOLAS GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH  
Alice Gary  
2120 Greentree Rd., #406E  
Pittsburgh, PA 15220  
(412) 249-8612



## NEW YORK CITY, NEW YORK 3 Days - 2 Nights

*The sample itinerary described below is approximately like the one your group will be following during your stay with WHITE STAR TOURS. However, the exact times, days, and destinations may vary for your group.*

- Day 1** A morning departure from Pittsburgh has you traveling to New York City where you will meet your local guide for a **tour of Lower Manhattan**. The tour includes the famous buildings and colorful districts such as Soho, Little Italy, Chinatown, the Garment District, the Financial District, and Ground Zero. End your tour at Rockefeller Center where you can grab lunch on your own. If time permits, you can do some sightseeing or shopping on your own in the area. This evening you will enjoy a delicious **dinner** at a popular restaurant in Manhattan. Afterwards, travel to New Jersey to check into your hotel for a two-night stay and relaxing evening.
- Day 2** Enjoy breakfast, then board your motor coach and head for Lower Manhattan to visit the **St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox National Shrine** which has been rebuilt after the September 11 attacks destroyed the original church. After your visit, you will depart for the docks to board a scenic **luncheon cruise around Manhattan** with spectacular views of New York's skyline. This afternoon you will enjoy some free time in the city. After dinner on your own, take in a **Broadway show, The Great Gatsby**.
- Day 3** After breakfast, check out and meet your guide for a **tour of Upper Manhattan** which will include the Lincoln Center, United Nations, Fifth Avenue, Harlem, St. John Divine Cathedral, St. Patrick's Cathedral, Central Park, and Rockefeller Center. After the tour, travel to Astoria, Queens where a delicious **lunch** awaits your arrival at a Greek restaurant. In the afternoon you will depart for home with lasting memories of your trip to the "Big Apple".

**THANK YOU FOR ALLOWING WHITE STAR TOURS TO BE A PART OF YOUR TRAVELS!**

#### TRIP CANCELLATION PROTECTION

*Cancellation protection is encouraged for medical emergencies that may occur. The **Enhanced option must be paid within 14 days** from the day the first deposit for the trip is paid to the organization and/or group leader. There is an additional Enhanced upgrade - **Cancel for Any Reason**. Cancellation must be made no later than 48 hours prior to your scheduled departure, conditions, limitations, and exclusions do apply. These plans are only valid for trips booked through White Star Tours. To purchase the protection, please contact NTA/AON Insurance via their website at <https://nta.aontravelprotect.com> and provide the **Tour Operator Location #386097**.*

GOYA NEWS



Junior Volleyball  
CHAMPS



Seniors Volleyball  
CHAMPS



## GREEK SCHOOL

### **Χριστός Ανέστη!**

The end of May will be the ending of the 2025-2026 St. Nicholas Cathedral Greek School Year. This year there will be four (4) graduates from our Greek School. We Congratulate Magdalini and Nicoletta Kazas and Constantine and Christos Halvas for completing the Greek School Program. The Graduation Program and Party will be held on Saturday, May 30, 2026. A light-hearted presentation by all the classes of the school will be held as well as the distribution of the Promotional Certificates and Diplomas. Graduates will receive a number of gifts with a special one being a copy of the miraculous myrrh-streaming Iveron Icon made by the Sisters of the Nativity of the Theotokos Monastery in Saxonburg. That will be followed by the Annual Party. Classes will reopen in September for Pk-7<sup>th</sup>.

Classes for Adults will also end the last Tuesday in May. We have three teachers teaching three levels of Modern Greek. The classes will reopen the first Tuesday of October.

May is also the month where the Ellinomatheas Exams are administered at St. Nicholas. St. Nicholas Cathedral is the testing center for the Greek Orthodox Metropolis of Pittsburgh.

We want to especially thank Mrs. Sophia Alfaras-Melainis and Faith Williard for making Name Days very special for our children. They gave the children a glass church candle with their Saint on it when it was the Feast Day or near the Feast Day of their Saint, as well as, telling them about their Saint. This was presented to the children in front of their class. Celebrations of Name Days are celebrated more than birthdays in Greece. Next year we plan to add more celebrations as done in Greece.

We hope that many alumni and students from 4<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> participate in the Metropolis Annual Greek Language Story Contest. They are to write the life story of an elderly immigrant with Greek or Cypriot roots.

The children, their families, and our teachers: Theano Kiafa, Sophie Vroulos, Christina Retsou, Dimitra Agapitou, Aikaterini Mavriki, Anna Papazoglou, M.D., with Maria Stamoolis wish to everyone

**“Καλές Διακοπές.”**

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.

**1<sup>ST</sup> PLACE - \$500**

**2<sup>ND</sup> PLACE - \$300**

**3<sup>RD</sup> 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](mailto: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](mailto: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 compliment 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](http://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.

ST NICHOLAS GREEK ORTHODOX CATHEDRAL

Invites you to our

GOLF OUTING FUNDRAISER

MONDAY, JUNE 22, 2026

Shannopin Country Club

1 Windmere Road

Pittsburgh, PA 15202



PRICING

\$225/golfer or \$900/foursome: includes greens fees, cart, range, locker services, lunch and dinner, skill prizes and golfer gift

Dinner only, \$50/person

SCRAMBLE FORMAT

Skill prizes:

Mens/Seniors/Women

First place team prizes:

Men/Seniors/Women

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

11 AM: Registration

11-12: Sit-down lunch

12:30: Shotgun start

5-6: Cocktail reception (cash bar)

6:00: Dinner/silent auction/skill prizes

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Golfer Gift Sponsorship \$2500: name on golfer gift, one foursome, recognition

Gold \$1500: one foursome, tee sign, recognition

Beverage Cart \$1500: one foursome, logo on bev cart

Putting Contest Sponsor \$500

Hole in One Sponsor \$500

Tee Sponsorship \$200

Program Sponsor \$100: includes dinner

For more information, please contact: George Bellios, 412 897-5354 or St Nicholas, 412-682-3866

PAYMENT & REGISTRATION

To pay & register by mail, mail this form with payment to:

St. Nicholas Cathedral  
Attn. Golf Outing  
419 South Dithridge  
Pittsburgh, PA 15213

Make checks payable to:  
St. Nicholas Cathedral  
Please mark "Golf Outing"  
in the memo line

Golfer name/s:

Your Cell:

Your Email:

To register and pay online, please visit:

<http://ourtease.com/SaintNicholasGolfOuting>



CHAPTER ICAROS PRESENTS THE 49<sup>th</sup> MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND  
**MINI CONVENTION DANCE**

**SUNDAY, MAY 24, 2026**  
**9:00PM – 2:00AM**

**LIVE MUSIC WITH KONSTANTINO REVELAS & THEODORE PAPAZEKOS  
WITH VICTORIA MAVROGEORGIS ON VIOLI!**



**Cash Bar**

**Mezethes**

Adult \$35, 12 & Under \$10

Adult Presale Through May 10<sup>th</sup> \$30.00

Venmo: @AnnaConsortia-Spanos

Checks Payable to: Chapter Icaros 7. Mail to: 1500 Wareman Ave., Pittsburgh, PA 15226.

Contact: [icarosminiconvention@gmail.com](mailto:icarosminiconvention@gmail.com)

**JOIN CHAPTER ICAROS FOR THE 24<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL  
STEVE MANNERS ICARIAN OPEN**

**Saturday, May 23, 2026**



**Meadowink Golf Course**

4076 Bulltown Road, Murrysville, PA 15668

*Don't be left out! Get a foursome together, and we will  
make foursomes as best we can for the rest.*

**PRICE:** \$120 includes green fees, cart, snack at turn, beer, & dinner

**AGENDA:** Noon registration; 1:00pm shotgun start; 6:00pm dinner

**CONTACT:** Anna Aivaliotis at 412-310-7290 or [annaca@pitt.edu](mailto:annaca@pitt.edu)

*Reminder: PA LCB do not allow you to bring your own alcohol.*



**REMEMBERING**

*Steve Mannerz & Mike Aivaliotis*  
5/25/1951-9/15/2060    3/12/1951-3/12/2025



**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](https://youthsafetyplatform.goarch.org)**

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

Questions? Email: [youthsafety@goarch.org](mailto:youthsafety@goarch.org)





# **St. John Chrysostom BOOKSTORE**

*A Ministry of  
St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Cathedral*

**We invite you to visit us  
during the food festival!**

**Tuesday, May 5 - Sunday, May 10  
Bookstore Hours: 2-8 p.m.**

**Books, icons, prayer supplies,  
gifts and more!**

**Located on the first floor past the atrium entrance.**



*Metropolis Newsletter, Con't*

**New Metropolis Center | April 2026**

Did you receive our March mailing? Please consider a pledge or donation towards this worthy campaign that will benefit all. We are so close to our goal! To donate please scan the QR code or visit [pittsburgh.goarch.org/pledge](http://pittsburgh.goarch.org/pledge)



Images: Metropolis Center, Chapel Dome, Sanctuary, Social Hall



Images: Prayer Garden Walkway, Office, Kitchen

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.

- 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.
- 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.
- Provide samples of**
  - their favorite Greek songs, hymns, poems, etc.

**1<sup>ST</sup> PLACE - \$500  
2<sup>ND</sup> PLACE - \$300  
3<sup>RD</sup> 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 [mtamoo@aol.com](mailto:mtamoo@aol.com). 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 Stamoilis, [mtamoo@aol.com](mailto:mtamoo@aol.com).



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# MAY 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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<p>3</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Sunday of the Paralytic</b> Orthros 8:15 a.m. Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m.</p> <p><b>PGH Marathon</b></p>	<p>4</p>	<p>64<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL GREEK FOOD FESTIVAL MAY 4 - 10</p>				<p>9</p>
<p>10</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Sunday of the Samaritan Woman</b> Orthros 8:15 a.m. Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m.</p> <p><b>HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY</b></p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12</p> <p><b>Adult Greek Classes</b> 6:30 p.m.</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15</p>	<p>16</p> <p><b>Greek School</b> 10:00 a.m.</p>
<p>17</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Sunday of the Blind Man</b> Orthros 8:15 a.m. Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m.</p> <p><b>Church School Graduation</b></p> <p><b>Graduate Sunday</b></p>	<p>18</p> <p><b>YAL Basketball</b> 7:00 p.m.</p>	<p>19</p> <p><b>Adult Greek Classes</b> 6:30 p.m.</p>	<p>20</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Leavetaking of Pascha</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Pan-Orthodox Orthros and Liturgy at Holy Cross in Mt. Lebanon</i></p>	<p>21</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>The Ascension of our Lord &amp; the Feast of Ss. Constantine and Helen, Equal-to-the Apostles</b> Orthros 8:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m.</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>No Greek School</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Sacrament: Wedding</i></p>
<p>24</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Fathers of the 1<sup>st</sup> Ecumenical Council</b> Orthros 8:15 a.m. Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m.</p>	<p>25</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Memorial Day</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Church Office Closed</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Divine Liturgy &amp; Trisagion at Wilkinsburg Cemetery 9:30 am</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Trisagion service at Homewood Cemetery 12:00 pm</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Saturday of Souls</b> Orthros 8:30 a.m. Liturgy 9:30 a.m.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Last day of Greek School and Graduation Program</i></p>
<p>31</p> <p><b>PENTECOST</b> Orthros 8:15 a.m. Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Followed by Vespers of Kneeling</i></p>			<p>39</p>			

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