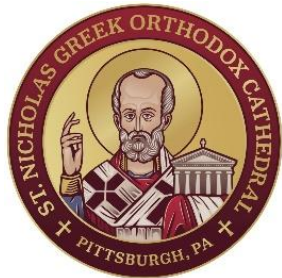


**SUNDAY, August 23, 2026 – 12<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Matthew**

***Saints of the Day: the Hieromartyr Irenaeus, Bishop of Lyons; the Martyr Loupos***

**Third Mode · First Eothinon**



## **WELCOME TO ST. NICHOLAS CATHEDRAL!**

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CLERGY: Rev. Fr. Eleftherios Constantine and Rev. Dn. Robert Lykos

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Questions about our Parish? E-mail [church@stnickspgh.org](mailto:church@stnickspgh.org) or call 412-682-3866

**Our weekly Sunday worship schedule: Orthros 8:15 a.m. & Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m.**

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### **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

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## **TODAY:**

### **• COLLEGE STUDENT WELCOME SUNDAY**

**Welcome Brunch for College and Graduate Students -**

**We invite all New and Returning College, Graduate and Professional Students, and the entire congregation to today's Welcome Brunch, hosted by the Moms and Dads of St. Nicholas Cathedral as we welcome our students to Pittsburgh!**

**Students, we hope that you will consider us your "spiritual home away from home" during your time here in Pittsburgh and look forward to seeing you throughout the year.**

**Thank you to everyone who has contributed to today's Welcome Brunch by donating their home baked pastries, salads, food items, monetary donations and time spent volunteering for this event. Today's brunch is underwritten by donations from parishioners of St. Nicholas.**

### **THIS WEEK AT ST. NICHOLAS:**

- Monday, August 24: YAL Basketball 7:00 pm**

***Father Eleftherios will be away from the office August 24 – September 5<sup>th</sup>.***

## TODAY'S HYMNS AND READINGS

*Hymn for the Dormition in first mode chanted twice for the Small Entrance:*

**Ε**ν τῇ Γεννήσει, τὴν παρθενίαν ἐφύλαξας. Ἐν τῇ Κοιμήσει, τὸν κόσμον οὐ κατέλιπες Θεοτόκε. Μετέστης πρὸς τὴν ζωὴν, Μήτηρ ὑπάρχουσα τῆς ζωῆς, καὶ ταῖς πρεσβείαις ταῖς σαῖς λυτρουμένη, ἐκ θανάτου τὰς ψυχὰς ἡμῶν.

**You** gave birth yet preserved your virginity. You fell asleep in death yet did not desert the world, O Theotokos. You were transported to life, as you are Mother of Life and, by virtue of your intercessions, deliver our souls from death



*Following the Small Entrance – the Resurrection Hymn of the week in third mode:*

**Ε**ὐφραινέσθω τὰ οὐράνια, ἀγαλλιάσθω τὰ ἐπίγεια, ὅτι ἐποίησε κράτος ἐν βραχίονι αὐτοῦ, ὁ Κύριος· ἐπάτησε τῷ θανάτῳ τὸν θάνατον· πρωτότοκος τῶν νεκρῶν ἐγένετο· ἐκ κοιλίας ἄδου ἐρρύσατο ἡμᾶς, καὶ παρέσχε τῷ κόσμῳ τὸ μέγα ἔλεος.

**Let** the heavens be glad. Let the earth rejoice exceedingly. For the Lord has shown strength with his arm. He trampled death by death. He became the first-born of the dead. Out of the belly of Hades, He has rescued us, and to the world He has granted the great mercy.

*Repeat the Apolytikion for the Dormition in first mode (see above).*

*(The Apolytikion hymn for our patron, St. Nicholas, is omitted today.)*

*Festal Kontakion (for the Dormition) in plagal 2<sup>nd</sup> mode:*

**Τ**ὴν ἐν πρεσβείαις ἀκοίμητον Θεοτόκον, καὶ προστασίαις ἀμετάθετον ἐλπίδα, τάφος καὶ νέκρωσις οὐκ ἐκράτησεν· ὡς γὰρ ζωῆς Μητέρα, πρὸς τὴν ζωὴν μετέστησεν, ὁ μήτραν οἰκήσας ἀειπάρθενον.

**The** Theotokos is undying in intercession. Immovable is our hope in her for protection. Neither death nor burial prevailed over her. As she is Mother of Life, she was removed to life by Him, the Lord who lived in her ever-virgin womb.

**Today's Epistle Reading (Twelfth Sunday):**

The reading is from Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians (15:1 – 11)

**Α**δελφοί, γνωρίζω ὑμῖν τὸ εὐαγγέλιον ὃ εὐηγγελισάμην ὑμῖν, ὃ καὶ παρελάβετε, ἐν ᾧ καὶ ἐστήκατε, δι' οὗ καὶ σώζεσθε, τίνι λόγῳ εὐηγγελισάμην ὑμῖν εἰ κατέχετε, ἐκτὸς εἰ μὴ εἰκὴ ἐπιστεύσατε. παρέδωκα γὰρ ὑμῖν ἐν πρώτοις ὃ καὶ παρέλαβον, ὅτι Χριστὸς ἀπέθανεν ὑπὲρ τῶν ἁμαρτιῶν ἡμῶν κατὰ τὰς γραφάς, καὶ ὅτι ἐτάφη, καὶ ὅτι ἐγήγερται τῇ τρίτῃ ἡμέρᾳ κατὰ τὰς γραφάς, καὶ ὅτι ὤφθη Κηφᾶ, εἶτα τοῖς δώδεκα· ἔπειτα ὤφθη ἐπάνω πεντακοσίοις ἀδελφοῖς ἐφάπαξ, ἐξ ὧν οἱ πλείους μένουσιν ἕως ἄρτι, τινὲς δὲ καὶ ἐκοιμήθησαν· ἔπειτα ὤφθη Ἰακώβῳ, εἶτα τοῖς ἀποστόλοις πᾶσιν· ἔσχατον δὲ πάντων ὥσπερ εἰ τῷ ἐκτρώματι ὤφθη καὶ μοί. ἐγὼ γὰρ εἰμι ὁ ἐλάχιστος τῶν ἀποστόλων, ὃς οὐκ εἰμι ἱκανὸς καλεῖσθαι ἀπόστολος, διότι ἐδίωξα τὴν ἐκκλησίαν τοῦ Θεοῦ· χάριτι δὲ Θεοῦ εἰμι ὃ εἰμι· καὶ ἡ χάρις αὐτοῦ ἡ εἰς ἐμὲ οὐ κενὴ ἐγενήθη, ἀλλὰ περισσότερον αὐτῶν πάντων ἐκοπίασα, οὐκ ἐγὼ δέ, ἀλλ' ἡ χάρις τοῦ Θεοῦ ἡ σὺν ἐμοί. εἴτε οὖν ἐγὼ εἴτε ἐκεῖνοι, οὕτω κηρύσσομεν καὶ οὕτως ἐπιστεύσατε.

**B**rethren, I would remind you in what terms I preached to you the gospel, which you received, in which you stand, by which you are saved, if you hold it fast — unless you believed in vain. For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received, that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brethren at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me was not in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them, though it was not I, but the grace of God which is with me. Whether then it was I or they, so we preach and so you believed. [RSV]

**Today's Gospel Reading (12<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Matthew):**

The reading is from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew (19:16 – 26)

**Τ**ῷ καιρῷ ἐκείνῳ, νεανίσκος τις προσῆλθε τῷ Ἰησοῦ γονυπετῶν αὐτῷ καὶ λέγων· Διδάσκαλε ἀγαθέ, τί ἀγαθὸν ποιήσω ἵνα ἔχω ζωὴν αἰώνιον; ὁ δὲ εἶπεν αὐτῷ· τί με λέγεις ἀγαθόν; οὐδεὶς ἀγαθὸς εἰ μὴ εἷς ὁ Θεός. εἰ δὲ θέλεις εἰσελθεῖν εἰς τὴν ζωὴν, τήρησον τὰς ἐντολάς. λέγει αὐτῷ· ποίας; ὁ δὲ Ἰησοῦς εἶπε· τὸ οὐ φονεύσεις, οὐ μοιχεύσεις, οὐ κλέψεις, οὐ ψευδομαρτυρήσεις, τίμα τὸν πατέρα καὶ τὴν μητέρα, καὶ ἀγαπήσεις τὸν πλησίον σου ὡς σεαυτόν. λέγει αὐτῷ ὁ νεανίσκος· πάντα ταῦτα ἐφυλαξάμην ἐκ νεότητός μου· τί ἔτι ὑστερῶ; ἔφη αὐτῷ ὁ Ἰησοῦς· εἰ θέλεις τέλειος εἶναι, ὑπάγε πώλησόν σου τὰ ὑπάρχοντα καὶ δὸς πτωχοῖς, καὶ ἔξεις θησαυρὸν ἐν οὐρανῷ, καὶ δεῦρο ἀκολουθεῖ μοι. ἀκούσας δὲ ὁ νεανίσκος τὸν λόγον ἀπῆλθε λυπούμενος· ἦν γὰρ ἔχων κτήματα πολλά. Ὁ δὲ Ἰησοῦς εἶπε τοῖς μαθηταῖς αὐτοῦ· ἀμὴν λέγω ὑμῖν ὅτι δυσκόλως πλούσιος εἰσελεύσεται εἰς τὴν βασιλείαν τῶν οὐρανῶν. πάλιν δὲ λέγω ὑμῖν, εὐκοπώτερόν ἐστι κάμηλον διὰ τρυπήματος ῥαφίδος διελθεῖν ἢ πλούσιον εἰς τὴν βασιλείαν τοῦ Θεοῦ εἰσελθεῖν. ἀκούσαντες δὲ οἱ μαθηταὶ αὐτοῦ ἐξεπλήσσοντο σφόδρα λέγοντες· τίς ἄρα δύναται σωθῆναι; ἐμβλέψας δὲ ὁ Ἰησοῦς εἶπεν αὐτοῖς· παρὰ ἀνθρώποις τοῦτο ἀδύνατόν ἐστι, παρὰ δὲ Θεῷ πάντα δυνατά ἐστι.

**A**t that time, a young man came up to Jesus, kneeling and saying, “Good Teacher, what good deed must I do, to have eternal life?” And he said to him, “Why do you call me good? One there is who is good. If you would enter life, keep the commandments.” He said to him, “Which?” And Jesus said, “You shall not kill, You shall not commit adultery, You shall not steal, You shall not bear false witness, Honor your father and mother, and You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” The young man said to him, “All these I have observed from my youth; what do I still lack?” Jesus said to him, “If you would be perfect, go, sell what you possess and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me.” When the young man heard this he went away sorrowful; for he had great possessions. And Jesus said to his disciples, “Truly, I say to you, it will be hard for a rich man to enter the kingdom of heaven. Again I tell you, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God.” When the disciples heard this they were greatly astonished, saying, “Who then can be saved?” But Jesus looked at them and said to them, “With men this is impossible, but with God all things are possible.” [RSV]

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

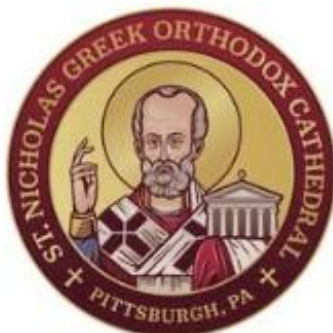
**Αἱ** γενεαὶ πᾶσαι, μακαρίζομέν σε, τὴν μόνην Θεοτόκον. Νενίκηνται τῆς φύσεως οἱ ὄροι, ἐν σοὶ Παρθένε ἄχραντε, παρθενεύει γὰρ τόκος, καὶ ζωὴν προμνηστεύεται θάνατος. Ἡ μετὰ τόκον Παρθένος, καὶ μετὰ θάνατον ζῶσα, σῶζοις ἀεὶ, Θεοτόκε, τὴν κληρονομίαν σου.

**Now** all generations call you blessed, O only Theotokos. In you the laws of nature are defeated, O undefiled Virgin pure. In virginity childbirth was accomplished, and death introduces life. You, after bearing, are virgin, and after dying are living. Mother of God, ever save your inheritance.

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

**Π**οτήριον σωτηρίου λήψομαι καὶ τὸ ὄνομα Κυρίου ἐπικαλέσομαι. Ἀλληλούϊα.

**I** will take up the cup of salvation, and call upon the name of the Lord. Alleluia.



**Saint Nicholas Cathedral**

in the heart of Oakland-Pittsburgh  
invites you to their annual

**Welcome Brunch  
for College & Grad Students**

**TODAY**

Be our guest immediately following Divine Liturgy  
(Orthros at 8:15 am, Liturgy at 9:30)

Hosted by the  
**Saint Nicholas Cathedral Moms & Dads**





**August 23, 2026**  
**College Student Sunday**

Beloved Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

God bless you in these summer days as we prepare for a new ecclesiastical year.

Each August, as students prepare to begin or return to college, our Church turns its attention to these young men and women entering one of life's most significant transitions. It is a season of new opportunities, growing independence, and personal formation, but also one marked by challenges to their faith and identity.

The Prophet Jeremiah reminds us of God's abiding love and purpose: "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you; before you were born I sanctified you" (Jeremiah 1:5).

This sacred truth remains with our students wherever they study. They are known by God, loved by Him, and called to remain steadfast in Christ, even in environments where living the Orthodox faith may require courage and perseverance.

As members of the Body of Christ, we share the responsibility of supporting them. Clergy, parents, godparents, mentors, and faithful parishioners are called to pray for our students, encourage them, and remind them that they always have a home in the Church. A welcoming parish and a faithful Orthodox community can make a lasting difference as young adults navigate these formative years.

We also give thanks for the ministry of Orthodox Christian Fellowship (OCF), the official campus ministry of the Assembly of Canonical Orthodox Bishops of the United States of America. Through campus chapters and other opportunities for fellowship, discipleship, and spiritual growth, OCF helps students build friendships rooted in Christ and remain connected to the life of His Church throughout their college years.

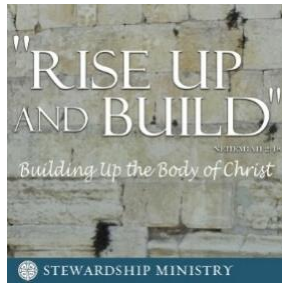
On this College Student Sunday, let us renew our commitment to walk alongside our students with prayer, encouragement, and Christian love. Let us bless those leaving home, warmly welcome those studying in our communities, and remind every Orthodox college student that they have a place to belong within the life of the Church.

May the Lord protect and guide all of our students, granting them wisdom, steadfast faith, and every good gift as they begin this new academic year.

With paternal love in Christ,

*+Metropolitan Gregory*  
**+Metropolitan Gregory**

Episcopal Liaison to Orthodox Christian Fellowship



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| <u>2026</u>    | <u>STEWARDSHIP</u>                  |
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| Total Pledged  | \$101,056.00<br>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>.

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There are currently 6 graves available for purchase.

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All Clergy, Altar Helpers, Sunday School or Greek School  
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[youthsafetyplatform.goarch.org](http://youthsafetyplatform.goarch.org)

Questions? Email Saint Nicholas Cathedral's  
Parish Youth Safety Administrator (PVSA),  
Carol Tsudis, [ctsudis@gmail.com](mailto:ctsudis@gmail.com)  
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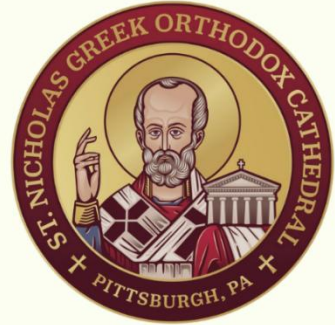


## SAINT NICHOLAS CATHEDRAL - PITTSBURGH



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Interested? Need more information?  
Contact Steve Andrews,  
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Or just head up to the Choir Loft  
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# Do you like to sing? Join Our Choir



Huge upcoming event!

**The Assembly of Canonical Orthodox Bishops of America** (All Hierarchs of the Orthodox Churches) will be at Saint Nicholas Cathedral for Divine Liturgy on Sunday, October 4<sup>th</sup>. The Pittsburgh Pan-Orthodox Choir will be singing. We are invited to join them.

### **Summer Coffee Hour Sponsorship Fees**

Parish Council is hosting Coffee Hour during the summer following the Divine Liturgy. If you wish to sponsor coffee in memory of a loved one, the fee is \$220, which covers the cost in providing coffee, juice, cookies and donuts. The check is to be made out to St. Nicholas Cathedral.

Anything extra, such as salad and sandwiches, is a cost incurred by the family. The family is responsible for bringing in any extra food Parish Council follows the model as set by GOYA. If you wish to sponsor coffee, please contact the church office

## A MESSAGE FROM THE CHURCH BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE

Many thanks to the donors who helped us purchase new curtains in the altar, plexiglass for the altar table, icons in the narthex (which are in the process of being created) and a blessing cross.

We are seeking donations for the following additional items:

1. Two candlesticks: \$835 each



4. A vigil light: \$715



2. A few pairs of glass saucers: \$25 per pair



- Or a vigil light with alternate glass: \$715



3. A reliquary, including a miniature icon of St. Nicholas inside the lid: \$1,650



5. Two Communion spoons: \$275 each



6. Artophorion: \$2,800



7. Chalice cover (kalymata) set, with an icon of St. Nicholas in place of the pictured St. Barbara: \$1,250



8. Complete chalice set: \$4,650



9. New altar cloths  
10. Liturgical chairs. The cost of one Archbishop's chair is \$3,100 and the cost of each bishop's chair is \$2,500



We plan to continue consulting with artisans who specialize in marble work, woodwork, lighting and iconography to update both the nave and altar. Ideas currently under consideration include new iconography in the nave, a marble throne to replace the existing bishop's chair, a marble synthronon behind the altar, wood paneling, cabinets, a larger prothesis in the altar, and updating the iconostasis. If you wish to donate or have questions about this project, please see any member of the committee: Alexandra Davides, Rob Day, Amy Hogg, Peter Krelis, Tulla Velisaris, Fr. Eleftherios or Deacon Robert.

Ιερὰ Μονή Γεννήσεως Τῆς Θεοτόκου  
**Nativity of the Theotokos Greek Orthodox Monastery**

Gerontissa Theophano & the Sisters invite you to:  
The Feast Day of the Nativity of the Theotokos &  
Ουρανοίξια (Thyranixia) - Opening of the Doors  
of the newly completed Church

**September 5, 2026 (Saturday)**

**September 4th (Friday)**

5:00 pm Great Vespers & Orthros

**September 5th (Saturday)**

9:00 am: Ουρανοίξια followed by  
Hierarchical Divine Liturgy

Lunch Follows

As the presiding Heirarch knocks on the main doors of a newly completed Church,  
Psalm 24:7 is chanted:

“ἄρατε πύλας, οἱ ἄρχοντες ὑμῶν, καὶ ἐπάρθητε, πύλαι αἰώνιοι,  
καὶ εἰσελεύσεται ὁ βασιλεὺς τῆς δόξης.”

“lift up your heads, O gates! And be lifted up, O ancient doors,  
that the King of glory may come in.”



This signifies Christ The King entering His Church in triumph,  
and opening the gates to  
Paradise previously closed to humanity because of sin.  
The physical Church represents the  
Kingdom of God, and Christ the Door:  
“I am the door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved.” (John 10:9)

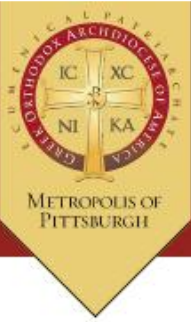
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by calling us at 724-352-3999  
121 St. Elias Lane; Saxonburg, PA 16056

**All visitors must be modestly dressed:**

Men must wear long sleeves and long pants. Women must wear long sleeves  
and a long dress or skirt. Socks must be worn with sandals or shoes.

A memorable time was had by the 28 who made the trip to New York City this past week sponsored by the Saint Nicholas 60 Club, otherwise known as the progressive new name SNAP, St Nicholas Active Parishioners. The activities included an evening dinner cruise around Manhattan highlighting the illuminated Statue of Liberty; the beautiful iconography of the St Nicholas Shrine, the spectacular Broadway production of The Great Gatsby, and a delicious Greek luncheon at the Ambrosia Gardens in Astoria. Thank you, Alice!



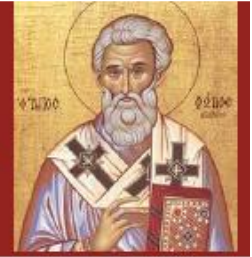


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# A Good Word - Λόγον Αγαθόν

## NEWSLETTER OF THE GREEK ORTHODOX METROPOLIS OF PITTSBURGH



### SUMMER CAMP

"What a beautiful season of our Metropolis of Pittsburgh Summer Camp at Camp Nazareth! Glory to God!!! We welcomed 409 campers and over 100 staff members, including cabin, support, arts & crafts, activities, media, administrative, medical, and Clergy. We are truly grateful for their time, dedication, and love for our program! We are appreciative of all of the support and prayers that we received from our families, parishes, and donors.

This year's theme was about the Apostolic Succession and the foundation of Orthodoxy from Christ, through the Apostles, Martyrs, Bishops, Elders, Saints, and everyone who continued to pass on the Word, eventually reaching us to where we are today. Through the curriculum and the many spiritual leaders who joined us this summer, the campers and staff were taught about Pentecost, Sts Peter & Paul, many Martyrs and Sts. Equal to the Apostles, and what our call to action is as Orthodox Christians. We learned about the importance of being strong in our faith and having the courage to spread the Love and Light of Christ to the next generation. We grew as a camp community closer to God and built many awesome relationships along the way. We are Christ's army and left camp excited to continue to be a part of that Apostolic movement. We pray that God continues to give us all of the support and strength that is needed in today's society, which can be difficult to navigate, but through Him all things are possible.



Our days at camp, which many feel is the only place that they have experienced Heaven on earth, were full of excitement and activities. While at camp, we are able to live the way that God intended. We put away the electronics and all cares of this world and focus on Him! We eat together, pray together, play together, we learn the music of the church and sing ALL DAY LONG, we work with our hands in arts & crafts, we have pool days, quiet time, campfires, Olympic games, we completed a service project, and the list goes on. We try to provide a moment of peace for our youth to step away from the heaviness that this world creates. We try to show them that what God has in store for us is beautiful, just keep your head in the game and focus on the Light, He will always provide.

Camp is an incredible opportunity to watch God's miracles unfold right in front of your face. He is the reason for it all and when we remember that, things all work out. Thank God for God!"





*Join us!*

## 2026 CLERGY-LAITY, PHILOTOCHOS, YOUTH WORKER & RELIGIOUS EDUCATOR ASSEMBLY

**Sat September 26**  
**7:30 am - 5:00 pm**  
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# AUGUST 2026

| Sunday                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Monday                                                                                                                                      | Tuesday       | Wednesday                                | Thursday                                   | Friday   | Saturday                                                                                     |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|----------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 23<br><br><b>COLLEGE STUDENT WELCOME SUNDAY</b><br><br><b>12th Sunday of Matthew</b><br>8:15 a.m.<br>Divine Liturgy<br>9:30 a.m.                                                                           | 24<br><br><b>YAL Basketball</b><br>7:00 p.m.                                                                                                | 25            | 26                                       | 27<br><br><b>Pitt/CMU OCF</b><br>7:00 p.m. | 28       | 29                                                                                           |
| Fr. Eleftherios will be away from the office Aug. 24 – Sept. 4                                                                                                                                             |                                                                                                                                             |               |                                          |                                            |          |                                                                                              |
| 30<br><br><b>13th Sunday of Matthew</b><br>Orthros<br>8:15 a.m.<br>Divine Liturgy<br>9:30 a.m.                                                                                                             | 31<br><br><b>YAL Basketball</b><br>7:00 p.m.                                                                                                | <b>SEPT 1</b> | <b>2</b>                                 | 3<br><br><b>Pitt/CMU OCF</b><br>7:00 p.m.  | <b>4</b> | 5<br><br><i>Feastday Celebration at Nativity of the Theotokos Monastery in Saxonburg 9am</i> |
| 6<br><br><b>14th Sunday of Matthew</b><br>Orthros<br>8:15 a.m.<br>Divine Liturgy<br>9:30 a.m.                                                                                                              | 7<br><br><b>LABOR DAY CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED</b><br><br><b>YAL Basketball</b><br>7:00 p.m.                                                    | 8             | 9<br><br><b>Paraklesis</b><br>6:00 p.m.  | 10<br><br><b>Pitt/CMU OCF</b><br>7:00 p.m. | 11       | 12                                                                                           |
| 13<br><br><b>Sunday before Holy Cross</b><br>Orthros<br>8:15 a.m.<br>Divine Liturgy<br>9:30 a.m.<br><br><b>Church Picnic in Schenley Park</b><br><br><i>Great Vespers at Holy Cross in Mt. Lebanon, PA</i> | 14<br><br><b>Exaltation of the Holy Cross</b><br>Orthros 8:30 a.m.<br>Divine Liturgy<br>9:30 a.m.<br><br><b>YAL Basketball</b><br>7:00 p.m. | 15            | 16<br><br><b>Paraklesis</b><br>6:00 p.m. | 17<br><br><b>Pitt/CMU OCF</b><br>7:00 p.m. | 18       | 19<br><br><i>Sacrament: Wedding</i>                                                          |
| 20<br><br><b>Sunday after Holy Cross</b><br>Orthros<br>8:15 a.m.<br>Divine Liturgy<br>9:30 a.m.<br><br><b>Ministries Sunday</b>                                                                            | 21<br><br><b>Parish Council Meeting</b><br>7:00 p.m.<br><br><b>YAL Basketball</b><br>7:00 p.m.                                              | 22            | 23<br><br><b>Paraklesis</b><br>6:00 p.m. | 24<br><br><b>Pitt/CMU OCF</b><br>7:00 p.m. | 25       | 26<br><br><b>Metropolis of Pittsburgh Clergy Laity Assembly</b>                              |
| 27<br><br><b>1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Luke</b><br>Orthros<br>8:15 a.m.<br>Divine Liturgy<br>9:30 a.m.<br><br><i>PGH Great Race</i>                                                                         | 28<br><br><b>YAL Basketball</b><br>7:00 p.m.                                                                                                | 29            | 30<br><br><b>Paraklesis</b><br>6:00 p.m. |                                            |          |                                                                                              |