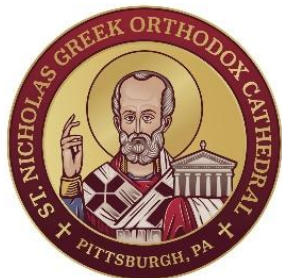


SUNDAY, September 13, 2026 – Sunday Before Holy Cross

Saint of the Day: Cornelius, the Centurion

Plagal Second Mode · Fourth Eothinon



WELCOME TO ST. NICHOLAS CATHEDRAL!

VISIT www.stnickspgh.org for news and updates about our parish!

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

Father's e-mail address: fr.ec@stnickspgh.org

PROTOPSALTRIA: Amy Hogg

CHOIR DIRECTOR: Steve Andrews | ORGANIST: Brett Wells

Questions about our Parish? E-mail church@stnickspgh.org or call 412-682-3866

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

WELCOME, VISITORS! You are honored guests here at St. Nicholas Cathedral and welcome at all our services. We invite you to receive the Holy Eucharist (Communion) if you are an Orthodox Christian who is prepared through fasting, prayer, and confession. If you are not Orthodox, or are Orthodox but have not prepared, we respectfully invite you instead to come forward at the end of the service for a blessing by the priest and a piece of blessed bread (*antidoron*).

If you cannot join us in person, you may participate in our services live at www.stnickspgh.org/ by selecting the link "Click Here for Live Streaming."

OUR MISSION

To proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ in a spirit of unity and love for all through worship, service, education, fellowship and outreach.

OUR VISION

To be a welcoming and growing parish, striving to live the new life in Christ according to the teachings and Traditions of the Greek Orthodox Faith

To make a donation, visit our website or scan the QR code



TODAY:

- We welcome back our choir after their summer break
- Memorial Service for Stephen Harris (5 years)
- Trisagion Services for Maritsa Dometakis (5 yrs) & Nico Dometakis (2 yrs)
- A second basket will be passed today to benefit Hellenic College Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology – our seminary in Boston
- Special Parish Assembly will be held at the conclusion of Divine Liturgy
- Coffee Hour is hosted by Parish Council and sponsored by the Harris family in the Large Hall

THIS WEEK AT ST. NICHOLAS:

- Monday, September 14: Exaltation of the Holy Cross, Orthros 8:30 am, Div. Lit. 9:30 am
YAL Basketball 7:00 pm
- Wednesday, September 16: Paraklesis 6:00 pm
- Thursday, September 17: Pitt/CMU OCF 7:00 pm
- Sunday, September 20: Church Picnic at Schenley Park Vietnam Veterans Pavilion

TODAY'S HYMNS AND READINGS

*The Resurrection Hymn of the week in pl. 2nd mode
is chanted twice for the Small Entrance:*

Αγγελικαὶ 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!



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

Following the Small Entrance, the Resurrection Hymn of the week in pl. 2nd mode is repeated (see above).

Apolytikion for the Forefeast of the Cross – 2nd Mode.

Τὸν ζωοποιὸν Σταυρὸν τῆς σῆς ἀγαθότητος, ὃν ἐδωρήσω ἡμῖν τοῖς ἀναξίοις Κύριε, σοὶ προσάγομεν εἰς πρεσβείαν. Σῶζε τοὺς βασιλεῖς καὶ τὴν πόλιν σου, εἰρηνεύοντας διὰ τῆς Θεοτόκου, μόνε φιλάνθρωπε.

O benevolent Lord, as an intercessor we present to You the life-giving Cross of Your goodness, which we the unworthy have as a gift from You. Save our leaders and our nation and keep them in peace, through the Theotokos.

Apolytikion for the Consecration – 4th Mode.

Ως τοῦ ἄνω στερεώματος τὴν εὐπρέπειαν καὶ τὴν κάτω συναπέδειξας ὡραιότητα, τοῦ ἁγίου σκηνώματος τῆς δόξης σου Κύριε. Κραταίωσον αὐτὸ εἰς αἰῶνα αἰῶνος, καὶ πρόσδεξαι ἡμῶν, τὰς ἐν αὐτῷ ἀπαύστως προσαγομένας σοι δεήσεις, πρεσβείαις τῆς Θεοτόκου, ἢ πάντων ζωὴ καὶ ἀνάστασις.

You have made the earthly beauty of the holy tabernacle of Your glory to be like the majesty of the firmament on high, O Lord. Make it strong forever and ever and accept our supplications that we unceasingly bring to You there, at the intercession of the Theotokos. For You are the life and resurrection of all.

The clergy chant the hymn for the memorial service in plagal fourth mode.

Μνήσθητι Κύριε, ὡς ἀγαθὸς τῶν δούλων σου, καὶ ὅσα ἐν βίῳ ἡμαρτον 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.

Apolytikion hymn for our patron, St. Nicholas – 4th mode:

Κανόνα πίστεως καὶ εἰκόνα πραότητος, ἐγκρατείας διδάσκαλον, ἀνέδειξέ σε τῇ ποιμνῇ σου, ἢ τῶν πραγμάτων ἀλήθεια· διὰ τοῦτο ἐκτήσω τῇ ταπεινώσει τὰ ὑψηλά, τῇ πτωχείᾳ τὰ πλούσια, Πάτερ ἱεράρχα Νικόλαε· πρέσβευε Χριστῷ τῷ Θεῷ, σωθῆναι τὰς ψυχὰς ἡμῶν.

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

Festal Kontakion for Forefeast of the Cross – 4th mode:

Οὐρανὸς πολύφωτος ἡ Ἐκκλησία, ἀνεδείχθη ἅπαντας, φωταγωγοῦσα τοὺς πιστοὺς· ἐν ᾧ ἐστῶτες κραυγάζομεν· Τοῦτον τὸν οἶκον στερέωσον Κύριε.

Lord, Your Church appears to us * to be like heaven * full of light, and guides with light * all who believe in You, O Christ. * And we who stand in it cry to You: * Savior, establish forever this holy house.

Today's Epistle Reading (*Sunday Before the Elevation of the Cross*):

The reading is from Paul's Letter to the Galatians (6:11 – 18)

Ἀδελφοί, ἴδετε πηλίκους ὑμῖν γράμμασιν ἔγραψα τῇ ἐμῇ χειρὶ. ὅσοι θέλουσιν εὐπροσωπῆσαι ἐν σαρκί, οὗτοι ἀναγκάζουσιν ὑμᾶς περιτέμνεσθαι, μόνον ἵνα μὴ τῷ σταυρῷ τοῦ Χριστοῦ διώκωνται. οὐδὲ γὰρ οἱ περιτετμημένοι αὐτοὶ νόμον φυλάσσουσιν, ἀλλὰ θέλουσιν ὑμᾶς περιτέμνεσθαι, ἵνα ἐν τῇ ὑμετέρᾳ σαρκὶ καυχῶνται. ἐμοὶ δὲ μὴ γένοιτο καυχᾶσθαι εἰ μὴ ἐν τῷ σταυρῷ τοῦ Κυρίου ἡμῶν Ἰησοῦ Χριστοῦ, δι' οὗ ἐμοὶ κόσμος ἐσταύρωται καὶ ἐγὼ τῷ κόσμῳ. ἐν γὰρ Χριστῷ Ἰησοῦ οὔτε περιτομὴ τι ἰσχύει οὔτε ἀκροβυστία, ἀλλὰ καινὴ κτίσις. καὶ ὅσοι τῷ κανόνι τούτῳ στοιχήσουσιν, εἰρήνη ἐπ' αὐτοὺς καὶ ἔλεος, καὶ ἐπὶ τὸν Ἰσραὴλ τοῦ Θεοῦ. Τοῦ λοιποῦ κόπους μοι μηδεὶς παρεχέτω· ἐγὼ γὰρ τὰ στίγματα τοῦ Κυρίου Ἰησοῦ ἐν τῷ σώματί μου βαστάζω. Ἡ χάρις τοῦ Κυρίου ἡμῶν Ἰησοῦ Χριστοῦ μετὰ τοῦ πνεύματος ὑμῶν, ἀδελφοί· ἀμήν.

Brethren, see with what large letters I am writing to you with my own hand. It is those who want to make a good showing in the flesh that would compel you to be circumcised, and only in order that they may not be persecuted for the cross of Christ. For even those who receive circumcision do not themselves keep the law, but they desire to have you circumcised that they may glory in your flesh. But far be it from me to glory except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision counts for anything, nor uncircumcision, but a new creation. Peace and mercy be upon all who walk by this rule, upon the Israel of God. Henceforth let no man trouble me; for I bear on my body the marks of Jesus. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brethren. Amen. [RSV]

Today's Gospel Reading (*Sunday Before the Elevation of the Cross*):

The reading is from the Holy Gospel according to John (3:13 – 17)

Εἶπεν ὁ Κύριος· οὐδεὶς ἀναβέβηκεν εἰς τὸν οὐρανὸν εἰ μὴ ὁ ἐκ τοῦ οὐρανοῦ καταβάς, ὁ υἱὸς τοῦ ἀνθρώπου ὁ ὢν ἐν τῷ οὐρανῷ. καὶ καθὼς Μωϋσῆς ὕψωσε τὸν ὄφιν ἐν τῇ ἐρήμῳ, οὕτως ὑψωθῆναι δεῖ τὸν υἱὸν τοῦ ἀνθρώπου, ἵνα πᾶς ὁ πιστεύων εἰς αὐτὸν μὴ ἀπόληται, ἀλλ' ἔχῃ ζωὴν αἰώνιον. οὕτω γὰρ ἠγάπησεν ὁ Θεὸς τὸν κόσμον, ὥστε τὸν υἱὸν αὐτοῦ τὸν μονογενῆ ἔδωκεν, ἵνα πᾶς ὁ πιστεύων εἰς αὐτὸν μὴ ἀπόληται, ἀλλ' ἔχῃ ζωὴν αἰώνιον. οὐ γὰρ ἀπέστειλεν ὁ Θεὸς τὸν υἱὸν αὐτοῦ εἰς τὸν κόσμον ἵνα κρίνῃ τὸν κόσμον, ἀλλ' ἵνα σωθῇ ὁ κόσμος δι' αὐτοῦ.

The Lord said, "No one has ascended into heaven but he who descended from heaven, the Son of man who is in heaven. And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God so loved the world that he gave his only-begotten Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God sent the Son into the world, not to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him." [RSV]



**GREEK ORTHODOX ARCHDIOCESE OF AMERICA
ARCHEPISCOPAL ENCYCLICAL**

Prot. No. 416/2026

**Archiepiscopal Encyclical for the Exaltation of the Holy Cross
The Feast of the Universal Exaltation of the Precious and Life-giving Cross**

September 14, 2026

Unto the Most Reverend and Right Reverend Hierarchs, Pious Priests and Deacons, the Presvyteres and Diakonisses, the Monks and Nuns, Presidents and Members of Parish Councils, Honorable Archons of the Ecumenical Patriarchate, Members of Leadership 100, the Day and Afternoon Schools, Philoptochos Societies, the Youth, Greek Orthodox Organizations, and the entirety of the Christ-named Plenitude of the Holy Archdiocese of America.

*While you have the light, trust in the light, that you may become children of light.
(John 12:36)*

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

On this present feast, we behold the Precious and Life-giving Cross of our Lord, the lampstand upon which He was exalted to be the *Light of the world*. The radiance of the Cross is the illuminating divine energy of God's love, God's mercy, and God's forgiveness for every sin and shortcoming of the human race. On the Cross—an instrument of unspeakable cruelty and hatred—our Lord Jesus Christ transformed all human suffering into a path toward happiness and eternal blissfulness.

While we yet await the General Resurrection, receiving the Lord's Arising and the Dormition of His Holy Mother as promissory notes for our everlasting salvation, we traverse the course of our lifetimes illuminated by the light rays of the Precious Cross. Each of us follows a path, the "*Way*," as our Faith was called in the days of the Apostles

(e.g., Acts 9:2). And just as every day is composed of both *“evening and morning”* (as the Book of Genesis says), so the Cross brings light to our journey, even through the darkest of times.

This is one reason why our Seminary in Brookline, Massachusetts, is named for the Holy Cross: it is there that our clergy are trained to help bring the Light of Christ into the lives of their parishioners, particularly when and where the shadows fall. The theological education of our clergy encompasses much more than historical facts and rubrics for worship. It is an education in how to live by the very virtues which our Lord manifested on the Cross and how to bring those virtues and qualities to those unto whom we minister. Let us commit to ensuring that our Seminary and Hellenic College are supplied with all they need to keep that light shining. Your prayers and support offer a way to give back to this vital Institution and to provide fuel for the fire.

Therefore, beloved Brethren, on this feast of the Exaltation of the Precious and Life-giving Cross, the Holy Lampstand which never fails, let us trust in the Light while we yet have the Light. Thereby, we become the daughters and sons of Light, and our Way to a purposeful life, here and in the world to come, will be filled with the brightness of the First Day of Creation, when the Lord spoke, *“Let there be light!”*

With paternal blessings in the Radiance of our Lord Jesus Christ,



+ELPIDOPHOROS
Archbishop of America



11th Annual Day of Giving

The Exaltation of the Holy Cross is the first major feast of the Ecclesiastical New Year, celebrated Sept. 14. It is the feast day of Hellenic College Holy Cross, the only undergraduate, graduate school and seminary in the U.S. It is also HCHC's annual Day of Giving and on this day we ask you to look to cross, think of Christ's sacrifice for humankind and give sacrificially of yourself.

Our goal is to welcome as many new monthly donors to the Advocate Program as possible. Will you join the HCHC community in this worthwhile effort?

By giving monthly, you provide the school consistent income that helps it educate and spiritually form the clergy needed for the 70 parishes currently without an assigned priest – and to all parishes in need.

HCHC's sacred mission impacts every parish, every family, and every generation of Orthodox Christians in America and beyond. **When HCHC thrives, parishes prosper.** For nearly 90 years, this has been the relationship between the school and parishes.

Please give prayerfully and generously in remembrance of Christ's sacrifice on the cross. May the cross be our guide and a source of strength to us all.



RESCHEDULED PICNIC

in the
Park

SUNDAY
20
SEPTEMBER



FOOD - FELLOWSHIP - FUN

JOIN US FOR OUR ANNUAL PICNIC
FOLLOWING DIVINE LITURGY



SCHENLEY PARK
AT THE VIETNAM
VETERANS PAVILION



Sunday, September 20, 2026, the bells will start to ring again for the beginning of Church School with an Agiasmo (Blessings of the Water)!

As the Church School Director I am looking forward to working with the teachers and **YOU** (the St. Nicholas parishioners) to enrich the lives of our children. St. Nicholas is our spiritual family and we all should take part in educating our **youth** (the **you** of tomorrow). As a community, we need to show our children our love and devotion to our Orthodox faith.

This year's Church School theme is "***Living the Liturgical Life.***" Each week in the bulletin & sermonette, there will be information about different Feast Days that we, as Orthodox Christians, commemorate, as well as proper Church etiquette.

Every week your child is encouraged to bring "a donation" to Church School (this will help them learn the lesson of "stewardship"), plus, be assigned homework: Do something nice for someone!

Continuing this year, a Church School Choir! Psalteria Amy Hogg will continue to have special lessons with Church School students to teach them to chant the Divine Liturgy.

Please take the time to look over the attached 2026-2027 Church School Calendar, fill out the registration form (and bring it on or before the 20th) and volunteer **your** time, talent, and treasure to help **our** children.

I would like to thank the parents in advance for sharing your children with us every Sunday! But what can you do to help? You can help our Church School program, in the final analysis, your child, by bringing him/her every Sunday. Encourage your child to tell you about the lesson taught for the day, as well as the craft brought home. Pray with your child. (Each lesson should begin and end with Prayer.)

Attend worship services together as a family; Divine Liturgy starts at 9:30 a.m.

Yours in Christ,

Miss Michelle



**Registration Form
St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Cathedral
Church School**

Parent's Names

Address

Phone Numbers

Cell _____

E-mail _____

Children	Grade	Birthday	Nameday	Allergies
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May we call you to volunteer for one of our projects?

Substitute Teacher _____	Oratorical Festival _____
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St. Nicholas Bazaar _____	Youth Retreat _____
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Christmas Pageant _____	Easter Egg Hunt _____
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Snacks _____	Outreach Projects _____
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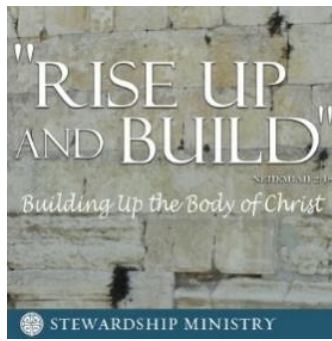
Thanks for sharing your children with us every Sunday!



Church School Schedule

2026~2027

Sunday, September 20, 2026		Church School Begins with Agiasmo
Sunday, September 27, 2026	No Classroom Attendance	Great Race
Sunday, November 1, 2026		Godparent Sunday
Sunday, November 29, 2026	No Classroom Attendance	Thanksgiving Break
Sunday, December 6, 2026		St. Nicholas Bazaar
Sunday, December 20, 2026		Christmas Pageant
Sunday, December 27, 2026	No Classroom Attendance	Christmas Break
Sunday, January 3, 2027		Church School Resumes & Vasilopita Cutting
Sunday, February 28, 2027		Church School Open House
Sunday, March 21, 2027	Participation in Procession	Sunday of Orthodoxy
Saturday, April 24, 2027	Saturday of Lazarus	Breakfast/Retreat/Palm Making
Sunday, April 25, 2027	Classroom Attendance	Palm Sunday
Sunday, May 2, 2027	No Classroom Attendance	Easter Sunday
Sunday, May 16, 2027	No Classroom Attendance	Food Festival
Sunday, May 23, 2027		Commencement/Graduate Sunday



We build up the Body of Christ by offering
our time, talents, and treasures with love and joy.

Visit our website to fill out a Stewardship Card or to donate at www.stnickspgh.org.

<u>2026</u>	<u>STEWARDSHIP</u>
Total Stewards	198 (GOAL 300)
Total Pledged	\$101,056.00 GOAL (\$255,000.00)
Avg. Pledge	\$1033.91

Stewardship 2026: Thank you to our new and returning Saint Nicholas Stewards!
For those who have not filled out a card, please do so as our church depends on
stewardship for ongoing ministries as well as maintaining our beautiful Cathedral.

Cards are available in the Narthex and online at <http://www.stnickspgh.org>.

Homewood Cemetery

St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Cathedral Greek Section
There are currently 5 graves available for purchase.

Cost per grave:

\$2,800.00 per grave for a member of St. Nicholas.

\$3,300.00 per grave for non-member.

Contact the Church Office at 412-682-3866 for further information.

PREPARE FOR THE NEW SCHOOL YEAR KEEP KIDS SAFE

Are You a Youth Worker or on Parish Council?



All Clergy, Altar Helpers, Sunday School or Greek School Teachers, Folk Dance Instructors, Oratorical Festival Chairs, GOYA Advisors, Basketball Coaches, Chaperones, JOY Advisors, etc! Parish Council Members too.

If so, you must register or log-in to your account each year.

youthsafetyplatform.goarch.org

Questions? Email Saint Nicholas Cathedral's Parish Youth Safety Administrator (PVSA), Carol Tsudis, ctsudis@gmail.com or youthsafety@goarch.org

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



St. John Chrysostom Bookstore

Begin the new ecclesiastical year
with a visit to our bookstore.

New products from Greece

Stop in and explore books, gifts,
and devotional items.

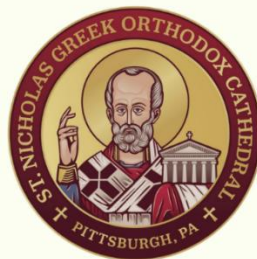


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SAINT NICHOLAS CATHEDRAL - PITTSBURGH



Do you like to sing? Join Our Choir



No need to sing every Sunday!
Interested? Need more information?
Contact Steve Andrews,
Cathedral Choir Director
412-561-9102
Or just head up to the Choir Loft
on Sunday!

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 4th. The Pittsburgh Pan-Orthodox Choir will be singing. We are invited to join them.



JOY HOPE LITTLE ANGELS FALL FESTIVAL



Friday, October 9th | 6:00pm



Craft - Pizza - Trunk Decorating
Candy Passing - Costumes

ST. NICHOLAS PARKING LOT & FELLOWSHIP ROOM

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ASSEMBLY OF CANONICAL ORTHODOX BISHOPS

OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

The Assembly of Bishops is meeting in Pittsburgh and invites you to join hierarchs from across Orthodox jurisdictions for weekend events, including a historic Divine Liturgy on Sunday at St. Nicholas Cathedral in Oakland.

ASL Interpretation services provided for all public events.

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3 -
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4**



Vespers & Reception

October 3, 2026 | 6:00 p.m.

St. George Antiochian
Orthodox Church
329 Washington Pike,
Bridgeville, PA 15017

Join us for an evening of prayer and
fellowship at St. George Antiochian
Orthodox Church.



Liturgy & Reception

October 4, 2026
Orthros: 8:00 a.m., Liturgy: 9:30 a.m.

St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox
Cathedral
419 S. Dithridge St.
Pittsburgh, PA 15213

Join the Assembly of Bishops for
Liturgy and fellowship at St. Nicholas
Greek Orthodox Cathedral.

RSVPs are optional, but appreciated
to help host parishes prepare.



Cultural Performances

October 4, 2026 | 4:30 p.m.

Holy Cross Greek Orthodox
Church
123 Gilkeson Rd
Pittsburgh, PA 15228

Join the Assembly of Bishops for an
evening of dance and choral
performances from local Orthodox
Christian parishes featuring their
distinct cultural traditions.

Scan QR code
or visit
bit.ly/aob2026
to register



Sign up using the
QR Code or by going to
tinyurl.com/AoB-Pittsburgh

Parish Luncheon Sunday, October 4, 2026

Along with the Assembly of Bishops, we are honored to once again welcome His Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros of America, His Eminence Metropolitan Savas of Pittsburgh and many more hierarchs from across the USA to Saint Nicholas.

Please join us for a community parish luncheon immediately following the Hierarchal Divine Liturgy.

To make reservations, please contact Michelle Kotsagrellos
at 412.680.1412.

Sponsorships Welcome for Parish Luncheon

If you would like to help underwrite the Parish Luncheon, please make out a check to Saint Nicholas Cathedral, marking the memo "Parish Luncheon" and send it to the church office.

Saint Nicholas thanks you!

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.

September 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
13 Sunday before Holy Cross Orthros 8:15 a.m. Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m. <i>Great Vespers at Holy Cross in Mt. Lebanon, PA</i>	14 Exaltation of the Holy Cross Orthros 8:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m. YAL Basketball 7:00 p.m.	15	16 Paraklesis 6:00 p.m.	17 Pitt/CMU OCF 7:00 p.m.	18	19 <i>Sacrament: Wedding</i>
20 Sunday after Holy Cross Orthros 8:15 a.m. Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m. Church Picnic Vietnam Veterans Pavilion in Schenley Park	21 Parish Council Meeting 7:00 p.m. YAL Basketball 7:00 p.m.	22	23 Paraklesis 6:00 p.m.	24 Pitt/CMU OCF 7:00 p.m.	25	26 Metropolis of Pittsburgh Clergy Laity Assembly
27 1st Sunday of Luke Orthros 8:15 a.m. Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m. <i>PGH Great Race</i>	28 YAL Basketball 7:00 p.m.	29	30 Paraklesis 6:00 p.m.	OCT 1 Pitt/CMU OCF 7:00 p.m.	2	3
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