SUNDAY, October 25, 2026 — 6th Sunday of Luke
Saints of the Day: the holy martyrs Marcian and Martyrius
Fourth Mode · Tenth Eothinon

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

- **Memorial Service commemorating the Arkadi Monastery Holocaust of 1866.**
- **Trisagion Service for Gerasimos Lykiardopoulos (34 yrs)**
- **GOYA CAR WASH**
- **Parish Assembly after Divine Liturgy**
- **Coffee Hour hosted by GOYA and sponsored by chapter Arkadi-Maleme in the Large hall and a lecture on the Arkadi Holocaust by Nikos Kastrinakis.**

THIS WEEK AT ST. NICHOLAS:

- **Monday, October 26:** **YAL Basketball 7:00 pm**
- **Tuesday, October 27:** **Adult Greek Classes 6:30 pm**
- **Wednesday, October 28:** **Paraklesis 6:00 pm**
  YAL Volleyball 7:00 pm
- **Thursday, October 29:** **Pitt/CMU OCF 7:00 pm**
- **Sunday, November 1:** **Memorial Services: Metropolitan Maximos (6 yrs), Russell Paras (5 yrs), & Michael Apostolopoulos (8 yrs).**
  GODPARENT SUNDAY

Food Festival 2027

It's that time of year! Food Festival cooking is starting up again this fall with Moussaka and Baklava.
Moussaka: Thursday, Friday, Saturday, November 12, 13 and 14
Baklava, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, December 7, 8 and 9.

TODAY'S HYMNS AND READINGS

Resurrection Hymn of the week— 4th mode (chanted twice for the Small Entrance):

Tὸ φαιδρὸν τῆς ἀναστάσεως κήρυγμα, ἐκ τοῦ Ἀγγέλου μαθοῦσαι αἱ τοῦ Κυρίου Μαθήτριαι, καὶ τὴν προγονικὴν ἀπόφασιν ἀποῤῥίψασαι, τοῖς Ἀποστόλοις καυχώμεναι ἔλεγον· Ἐσκύλευται ὁ θάνατος, ἠγέρθη Χριστὸς ὁ Θεός, δωρούμενος τῷ κόσμῳ τὸ μέγα ἔλεος.


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When the women disciples of the Lord heard the Angel joyously proclaim the resurrection, they cast aside the ancestral verdict, and boasting in glory they said to the Apostles, "Death has been despoiled! Christ God has risen, granting the great mercy to the world!"

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

Following the Small Entrance, the Resurrection Hymn of the week in 4th mode is repeated (see above).

Apolytikion for Ss. Marcian and Martyrius – 4th mode:

Oἱ Μάρτυρές σου Κύριε, ἐν τῇ ἀθλήσει αὐτῶν, στεφάνους ἐκομίσαντο τῆς ἀφθαρσίας, ἐκ σοῦ τοῦ Θεοῦ ἡμῶν· σχόντες γὰρ τὴν ἰσχύν σου, τοὺς τυράννους καθεῖλον, ἔθραυσαν καὶ δαιμόνων, τὰ ἀνίσχυρα θράση. Αὐτῶν ταῖς ἱκεσίαις, Χριστὲ ὁ Θεός, σῶσον τὰς ψυχὰς ἡμῶν.

Your Martyrs, O Lord, were worthily awarded by You the crowns of incorruption, in that they contested for You our immortal God. Since they possessed Your power, they defeated the tyrants, dashing the demons' powerless displays of defiance. O Christ God, at their fervent entreaties, save our souls.

Hymn for the memorial service (usually chanted by clergy) — pl. 4th mode:

Mνήσθητι Κύριε, ὡς ἀγαθὸς τῶν δούλων σου, καὶ ὅσα ἐν βίῳ ἥμαρτον συγχώρησον· οὐδεὶς γὰρ ἀναμάρτητος, εἰ μὴ Σὺ ὁ δυνάμενος, καὶ τοῖς μεταστᾶσι δοῦναι τήν 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 for our patron, St. Nicholas – 4th mode:

Kανόνα πίστεως καὶ εἰκόνα πραότητος, ἐγκρατείας διδάσκαλον, ἀνέδειξέ σε τῇ ποίμνῃ σου, ἡ τῶν πραγμάτων ἀλήθεια· διὰ τοῦτο ἐκτήσω τῇ ταπεινώσει τὰ ὑψηλά, τῇ πτωχείᾳ τὰ πλούσια, Πάτερ 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.

The usual Kontakion — 2nd mode:

Προστασία τῶν Χριστιανῶν ἀκαταίσχυντε, μεσιτεία, πρὸς τὸν Ποιητὴν ἀμετάθετε, μὴ παρίδῃς, ἁμαρτωλῶν δεήσεων φωνάς, ἀλλὰ πρόφθασον, ὡς ἀγαθή, εἰς τὴν βοήθειαν ἡμῶν, τῶν πιστῶς κραυγαζόντων σοι· Τάχυνον εἰς πρεσβείαν, καὶ σπεῦσον εἰς ἱκεσίαν, ἡ προστατεύουσα ἀεί, Θεοτόκε, τῶν τιμώντων σε.

O Protection of Christians that never falls, intercession with the Creator that never fails, we sinners beg you, do not ignore the voices of our prayers. O good Lady, we implore you, quickly come unto our aid, when we cry out to you with faith. Hurry to intercession, and hasten to supplication, O Theotokos who protect now and ever those who honor you.

Today's Epistle Reading (*Twenty-First Sunday*):

The reading is from Paul's Letter to the Galatians (2:16 – 20)

Ἀδελφοί, εἰδότες ὅτι οὐ δικαιοῦται ἄνθρωπος ἐξ ἔργων νόμου ἐὰν μὴ διὰ πίστεως Ἰησοῦ Χριστοῦ, καὶ ἡμεῖς εἰς Χριστὸν Ἰησοῦν ἐπιστεύσαμεν, ἵνα δικαιωθῶμεν ἐκ πίστεως Χριστοῦ καὶ οὐκ ἐξ ἔργων νόμου, διότι οὐ δικαιωθήσεται ἐξ ἔργων νόμου πᾶσα σάρξ. εἰ δὲ ζητοῦντες δικαιωθῆναι ἐν Χριστῷ εὑρέθημεν καὶ αὐτοὶ ἁμαρτωλοί, ἆρα Χριστὸς ἁμαρτίας διάκονος; μὴ γένοιτο. εἰ γὰρ ἃ κατέλυσα ταῦτα πάλιν οἰκοδομῶ, παραβάτην ἐμαυτὸν συνίστημι. ἐγὼ γὰρ διὰ νόμου νόμῳ ἀπέθανον, ἵνα Θεῷ ζήσω. Χριστῷ συνεσταύρωμαι· ζῶ δὲ οὐκέτι ἐγώ, ζῇ δὲ ἐν ἐμοὶ Χριστός· ὃ δὲ νῦν ζῶ ἐν σαρκί, ἐν πίστει ζῶ τῇ τοῦ υἱοῦ τοῦ Θεοῦ τοῦ ἀγαπήσαντός με καὶ παραδόντος ἑαυτὸν ὑπὲρ ἐμοῦ.

Brethren, you know that a man is not justified by works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Christ Jesus, in order to be justified by faith in Christ, and not by works of the law, because by works of the law shall no one be justified. But if, in our endeavor to be justified in Christ, we ourselves were found to be sinners, is Christ then an agent of sin? Certainly not! But if I build up again those things which I tore down, then I prove myself a transgressor. For I through the law died to the law, that I might live to God. I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me; and the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me. [RSV]

Today's Gospel Reading (*Sixth Sunday of Luke*):

The reading is from the Holy Gospel according to Luke (8:26 – 39)

Τῷ καιρῷ ἐκείνῳ, ἐλθόντι τῷ Ἰησοῦ εἰς τὴν χώραν τῶν Γαδαρηνῶν ὑπήντησεν αὐτῷ ἀνήρ τις ἐκ τῆς πόλεως, ὃς εἶχε δαιμόνια ἐκ χρόνων ἱκανῶν, καὶ ἱμάτιον οὐκ ἐνεδιδύσκετο καὶ ἐν οἰκίᾳ οὐκ ἔμενεν, ἀλλ' ἐν τοῖς μνήμασιν. ἰδὼν δὲ τὸν Ἰησοῦν καὶ ἀνακράξας προσέπεσεν αὐτῷ καὶ φωνῇ μεγάλῃ εἶπε· τί ἐμοὶ καὶ σοί, Ἰησοῦ, υἱὲ τοῦ Θεοῦ τοῦ ὑψίστου; δέομαί σου, μή με βασανίσῃς. παρήγγειλε γὰρ τῷ πνεύματι τῷ ἀκαθάρτῳ ἐξελθεῖν ἀπὸ τοῦ ἀνθρώπου. πολλοῖς γὰρ χρόνοις συνηρπάκει αὐτόν, καὶ ἐδεσμεῖτο ἁλύσεσι καὶ πέδαις φυλασσόμενος, καὶ διαρρήσσων τὰ δεσμὰ ἠλαύνετο ὑπὸ τοῦ δαίμονος εἰς τὰς ἐρήμους. ἐπηρώτησε δὲ αὐτὸν ὁ Ἰησοῦς λέγων· τί σοί ἐστιν ὄνομα; ὁ δὲ εἶπε· λεγεών· ὅτι δαιμόνια πολλὰ εἰσῆλθεν εἰς αὐτόν· καὶ παρεκάλει αὐτὸν ἵνα μὴ ἐπιτάξῃ αὐτοῖς εἰς τὴν ἄβυσσον ἀπελθεῖν. ἦν δὲ ἐκεῖ ἀγέλη χοίρων ἱκανῶν βοσκομένων ἐν τῷ ὄρει· καὶ παρεκάλουν αὐτὸν ἵνα ἐπιτρέψῃ αὐτοῖς εἰς ἐκείνους εἰσελθεῖν· καὶ ἐπέτρεψεν αὐτοῖς. ἐξελθόντα δὲ τὰ δαιμόνια ἀπὸ τοῦ ἀνθρώπου εἰσῆλθον εἰς τοὺς χοίρους, καὶ ὥρμησεν ἡ ἀγέλη κατὰ τοῦ κρημνοῦ εἰς τὴν λίμνην καὶ ἀπεπνίγη. ἰδόντες δὲ οἱ βόσκοντες τὸ γεγενημένον ἔφυγον, καὶ ἀπήγγειλαν εἰς τὴν πόλιν καὶ εἰς τοὺς ἀγρούς. ἐξῆλθον δὲ ἰδεῖν τὸ γεγονός, καὶ ἦλθον πρὸς τὸν Ἰησοῦν καὶ εὗρον καθήμενον τὸν ἄνθρωπον, ἀφ' οὗ τὰ δαιμόνια ἐξεληλύθει, ἱματισμένον καὶ σωφρονοῦντα παρὰ τοὺς πόδας τοῦ Ἰησοῦ, καὶ ἐφοβήθησαν. ἀπήγγειλαν δὲ αὐτοῖς οἱ ἰδόντες πῶς ἐσώθη ὁ δαιμονισθείς. καὶ ἠρώτησαν αὐτὸν ἅπαν τὸ πλῆθος τῆς περιχώρου τῶν Γαδαρηνῶν ἀπελθεῖν ἀπ' αὐτῶν, ὅτι φόβῳ μεγάλῳ συνείχοντο. αὐτὸς δὲ ἐμβὰς εἰς τὸ πλοῖον ὑπέστρεψεν. ἐδέετο δὲ αὐτοῦ ὁ ἀνήρ, ἀφ' οὗ ἐξεληλύθει τὰ δαιμόνια, εἶναι σὺν αὐτῷ· ἀπέλυσε δὲ αὐτὸν ὁ Ἰησοῦς λέγων· ὑπόστρεφε εἰς τὸν οἶκόν σου καὶ διηγοῦ ὅσα ἐποίησέ σοι ὁ Θεός. καὶ ἀπῆλθε καθ' ὅλην τὴν πόλιν κηρύσσων ὅσα ἐποίησεν αὐτῷ ὁ Ἰησοῦς.

At that time, as Jesus arrived at the country of the Gadarenes, there met him a man from the city who had demons; for a long time he had worn no clothes and he lived not in a house but among the tombs. When he saw Jesus, he cried out and fell down before him, and said with a loud voice, "What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beseech you, do not torment me." For he had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many a time it had seized him; he was kept under guard, and bound with chains and fetters, but he broke the bonds and was driven by the demon into the desert.) Jesus then asked him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Legion"; for many demons had entered him. And they begged him not to command them to depart into the abyss. Now a large herd of swine was feeding there on the hillside; and they begged him to let them enter these. So he gave them leave. Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and were drowned. When the herdsmen saw what happened, they fled, and told it in the city and in the country. Then people went out to see what had happened, and they came to Jesus, and found the man from whom the demons had gone, sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind; and they were afraid. And those who had seen it told them how he who had been possessed with demons was healed. Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gadarenes asked him to depart from them; for they were seized with great fear; so he got into the boat and returned. The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him; but Jesus sent him away, saying, "Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you." And he went away, proclaiming throughout the whole city how much Jesus had done for him. [RSV]

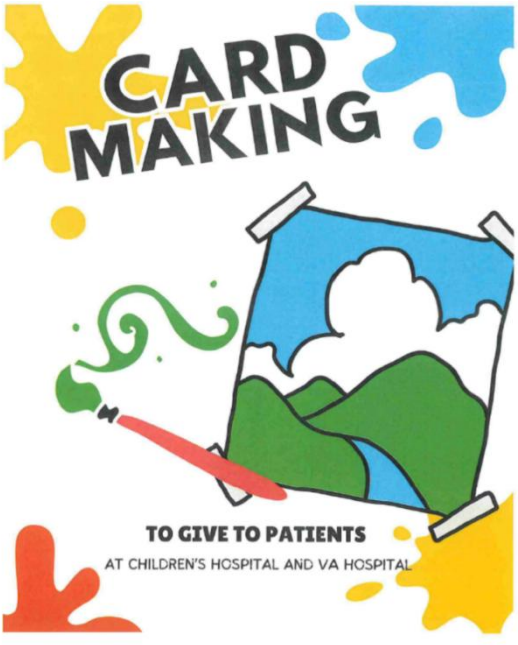


Church School:

Next Sunday, November 1, 2026, will be Godparent Sunday. Godparents will join their godchild in worship during the Divine Liturgy, receive Holy Communion together, then attend Church School to see what their godchild learns there (and make cards to send to children at Children's Hospital and veterans at the VA Hospital for Make a Difference Day). Afterwards many will attend Coffee Hour. It will be the start of a wonderful day together!

Michelle





TODAY

GOYA Car Wash Fundraiser



Free Will Donation
Sunday, October 25th
Back Parking Lot

Support our youth and get your car washed! GOYAns will be selling car wash tickets during coffee hour!

Attention all college and grad students.

The Moms and Dads of St. Nicholas invite you to a "Friendsgiving" dinner on Sunday, November 8. Come to the Cathedral any time between 4:00 pm and 7:00 pm for a traditional Thanksgiving dinner with all the trimmings. Looking forward to seeing you.



Dinner for the College Students - Volunteers Needed

The Moms and Dads of St. Nicholas will be hosting a "Friendsgiving" Dinner for the area College students on Sunday, November 8. A traditional Thanksgiving dinner will be prepared with all the trimmings.
If you would like to volunteer at this event or bake a dessert or side dish please contact Linda Hages at 412-523-7938 or
Dae Machin at 724-413-1497.

GOYA News

Sunday, October 25 - GOYA Car Wash. Please support our annual fundraiser by purchasing a ticket today from our GOYAns. All funds help support our GOYA ministry.

Mission Walk - Thank you to all our GOYAns who participated in our annual Mission Walk for Guatemala in collaboration with our sister parish of Holy Cross, Mt. Lebanon. Thank you to all who contributed to this worthy mission. Money raised helps build hospitals, support a seminary, provide liturgical items and assists less fortunate members of the church.

Please note we will be collecting donations through Sunday, November 1. If interested in supporting this great program, checks may be given to a GOYA member or mailed to St. Nicholas GOYA, 419 S. Dithridge Street, Pittsburgh, Pa. 15213, payable to Holy Cross Mission Fund.

Philoptochos:

Next Sunday, November 1, 2026, Philoptochos will be passing a second basket to benefit the philanthropic programs and charities of the Ecumenical Patriarchate. They will also have an Artoclasia, in honor of the Feast Day of Saints Cosmas and Damianos (the patron Saints of Philoptochos celebrated on November 1st).

Philoptochos will be making Spanakopita Rolls in November:

Philoptochos will make their delicious spanakopita rolls **Wednesday, November 11, 2026**, beginning at 9:00 a.m. and into the evening. Everyone's help is needed, so please set some time aside to come and help, even if it is only for a couple of hours. There is a job for everyone from squeezing the spinach, preparing the mix, making the spinach balls, assembling and wrapping the spanakopita logs. **Thank You!**

Attention College Students:

Attention College Students: Godparent Sunday is Sunday, November 1, 2026. Adopt a Church School child whose Godparents were unable to attend or be adopted by a Philoptochos member (sitting in the back pews) to be your Godparent for the day.





Homewood Cemetery

St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Cathedral Greek Section
New graves were recently bought as approved by the Special General Assembly on September 13, 2026.

New Cost per grave:

$4,000.00 per grave for a member of St. Nicholas.

$5,000.00 per grave for non-member.

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THURSDAY
DECEMBER 31ST

2026
New Year's Eve Celebration

Music by
Stigma



DOORS OPEN	HEAVY HOR D'OEUVRES SERVED AT	DANCING STARTS AT	CHAMPAGNE TOAST AT
AT 8:00 PM	9:00 PM	9:00 PM	MIDNIGHT

For Reservations
SCAN BAR CODE

ADULTS	HIGH SCHOOL (GOYA) AND YOUNGER	TABLES OF 8	TABLES OF 10
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OCTOBER 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
25 **6th Sunday of Luke** Orthros 8:15 a.m. Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m. **Fall Parish Assembly** **GOYA CAR WASH** **YOUTH CHOIR**	26 **YAL Basketball** 7:00 p.m.	27 **Adult Greek Classes** 6:30 p.m.	28 **Paraklesis** 6:00 p.m. **YAL Greek Dance** 7:00 p.m.	29 **Pitt/CMU OCF** 7:00 p.m.	30	31 **Greek School** 10:00 a.m.
NOV 1 **GODPARENT SUNDAY** **5th Sunday of Luke** Orthros 8:15 a.m. Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m. **YOUTH CHOIR**	2 **YAL Basketball** 7:00 p.m.	3	4 **Paraklesis** 6:00 p.m. **YAL Volleyball** 7:00 p.m.	5 **Pitt/CMU OCF** 7:00 p.m. **St. Constantine High School OPEN HOUSE** 6:30 -8:00 pm	6	7 **Greek School** 10:00 a.m.
8 **7th Sunday of Luke** Orthros 8:15 a.m. Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m. **Pancakes for a Purpose** After Divine Liturgy **Friendsgiving Dinner** 4:00 – 7:00pm Small Hall	9 **St. Nektarios the Wonderworker** Orthros 8:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m. **YAL Basketball** 7:00 p.m.	10 **Adult Greek Classes** 6:30 p.m. Clergy Retreat at Hagia Skepi Monastery	11 **Paraklesis** 6:00 p.m. **YAL Greek Dance** 7:00 p.m.	12 **Pitt/CMU OCF** 7:00 p.m.	13	14 **Greek School** 10:00 a.m.
15 **8th Sunday of Luke** Orthros 8:15 a.m. Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m. *Nativity Fast Begins*	16 **YAL Basketball** 7:00 p.m.	17 **Adult Greek Classes** 6:30 p.m.	18 **Paraklesis** 6:00 p.m. **YAL Volleyball** 7:00 p.m.	19 **Pitt/CMU OCF** 7:00 p.m.	20	21 **Greek School** 10:00 a.m.
22 **9th Sunday of Luke** Orthros 8:15 a.m. Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m.	23 **YAL Basketball** 7:00 p.m	24 **Adult Greek Classes** 6:30 p.m.	25	26 **Thanksgiving** *Church Office Closed*	27 *Day after Thanksgiving: Church Office Closed*	28