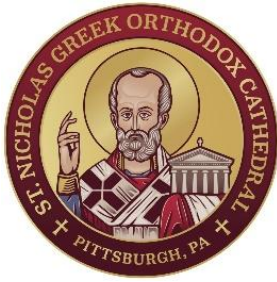


SUNDAY, October 4, 2026 – 2nd Sunday of Luke

Saint of the Day: our father among the saints Hierotheos, Bishop of Athens

First Mode · Seventh Eothinon



WELCOME TO ST. NICHOLAS CATHEDRAL!

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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

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TODAY:

We warmly welcome the Hierarchs of the Assembly of Bishops, and all our guests who are worshipping with us today.

- Fellowship Luncheon following the Divine Liturgy. All are invited. Please join us!
- Assembly of Bishops – Cultural Event (Holy Cross in Mt. Lebanon) 4:30pm

THIS WEEK AT ST. NICHOLAS:

- Monday, October 5: YAL Basketball 7:00pm
- Wednesday, October 7: Paraklesis 6:00 pm
YAL Volleyball 7:00pm
- Thursday, October 8: Pitt/CMU OCF 7:00pm
- Friday, October 9: JOY HOPE Little Angels FALL FESTIVAL 6:00 pm
- Saturday, October 10: Greek School 10:00am
- Sunday, October 11: GOYA Misson Walk

TODAY'S HYMNS AND READINGS

*The Resurrection Hymn of the week in first mode
is chanted for the Small Entrance:*

Τοῦ λίθου σφραγισθέντος ὑπὸ τῶν Ἰουδαίων, καὶ στρατιωτῶν φυλασσόντων τὸ ἄχραντόν σου σῶμα, ἀνέστης τριήμερος Σωτήρ, δωρούμενος τῷ κόσμῳ τὴν ζωὴν. Διὰ τοῦτο αἱ Δυνάμεις τῶν οὐρανῶν ἐβόων σοι Ζωοδότα· Δόξα τῇ ἀναστάσει σου Χριστέ, δόξα τῇ βασιλείᾳ σου, δόξα τῇ οἰκονομίᾳ σου, μόνε Φιλάνθρωπε.



The stone having been sealed by the Pharisees and chief priests, and Your all-immaculate body being guarded by soldiers, You rose on the third day, O Lord and Savior, granting life unto the world. Then the powers of the heavens cried out to You, O Giver of Life, and shouted, “Glory to Your resurrection, O Christ! Glory to Your eternal rule! Glory to Your plan for saving us, only benevolent God!”

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

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

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

Κανόνα πίστεως καὶ εἰκόνα πραότητος, ἐγκρατείας διδάσκαλον, ἀνέδειξέ σε τῇ ποιίμνῃ 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 παρίδης, ἁμαρτωλῶν δεήσεων φωνάς, ἀλλὰ πρόφθασον, ὡς ἀγαθή, εἰς τὴν βοήθειαν ἡμῶν, τῶν πιστῶς κραυγαζόντων σοι· Τάχυνον εἰς πρεσβείαν, καὶ σπεῦσον εἰς ἱκεσίαν, ἡ προστατεύουσα ἀεὶ, 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.

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*As today is a hierarchical concelebration, the Trisagion Hymn is chanted five times instead of the usual three times,
and the usual series of hierarchical acclamations are also chanted.*

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Today's Epistle Reading (Eighteenth Sunday):

The reading is from Paul's Second Letter to the Corinthians (2 Cor. 9:6 – 11)

Αδελφοί, ὁ σπείρων φειδομένως φειδομένως καὶ θερίσει, καὶ ὁ σπείρων ἐπ' εὐλογίαις ἐπ' εὐλογίαις καὶ θερίσει. ἕκαστος καθὼς προαιρεῖται τῇ καρδίᾳ, μὴ ἐκ λύπης ἢ ἐξ ἀνάγκης· ἰλαρὸν γὰρ δότην ἀγαπᾷ ὁ Θεός. δυνατὸς δὲ ὁ Θεὸς πᾶσαν χάριν περισσεῦσαι εἰς ὑμᾶς, ἵνα ἐν παντὶ πάντοτε πᾶσαν αὐτάρκειαν ἔχοντες περισσεύητε εἰς πᾶν ἔργον ἀγαθόν, καθὼς γέγραπται· ἔσκόρπισεν, ἔδωκε τοῖς πένησιν· ἡ δικαιοσύνη αὐτοῦ μένει εἰς τὸν αἰῶνα. ὁ δὲ ἐπιχορηγῶν σπέρμα τῷ σπείροντι καὶ ἄρτον εἰς βρῶσιν χορηγήσαι καὶ πληθύναι τὸν σπόρον ὑμῶν καὶ αὐξήσαι τὰ γενήματα τῆς δικαιοσύνης ὑμῶν· ἐν παντὶ πλουτιζόμενοι εἰς πᾶσαν ἀπλότητα, ἥτις κατεργάζεται δι' ἡμῶν εὐχαριστίαν τῷ Θεῷ.

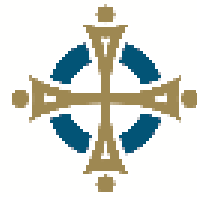
Brethren, he who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each one must do as he has made up his mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that you may always have enough of everything and may provide in abundance for every good work. As it is written, "He scatters abroad, he gives to the poor; his righteousness endures forever." He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your resources and increase the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way for great generosity, which through us will produce thanksgiving to God. [RSV]

Today's Gospel Reading (Second Sunday of Luke):

The reading is from the Holy Gospel according to Luke (6:31 – 36)

Εἶπεν ὁ Κύριος· Καθὼς θέλετε ἵνα ποιῶσιν ὑμῖν οἱ ἄνθρωποι, καὶ ὑμεῖς ποιεῖτε αὐτοῖς ὁμοίως. καὶ εἰ ἀγαπᾶτε τοὺς ἀγαπῶντας ὑμᾶς, ποία ὑμῖν χάρις ἐστὶ; καὶ γὰρ οἱ ἁμαρτωλοὶ τοὺς ἀγαπῶντας αὐτοὺς ἀγαπῶσι. καὶ ἐὰν ἀγαθοποιῇτε τοὺς ἀγαθοποιοῦντας ὑμᾶς, ποία ὑμῖν χάρις ἐστὶ; καὶ γὰρ οἱ ἁμαρτωλοὶ τὸ αὐτὸ ποιοῦσι. καὶ ἐὰν δανείζητε παρ' ὧν ἐλπίζετε ἀπολαβεῖν, ποία ὑμῖν χάρις ἐστὶ; καὶ γὰρ ἁμαρτωλοὶ ἁμαρτωλοῖς δανείζουσιν ἵνα ἀπολάβωσι τὰ ἴσα. πλὴν ἀγαπᾶτε τοὺς ἐχθροὺς ὑμῶν καὶ ἀγαθοποιεῖτε καὶ δανεῖζετε μηδὲν ἀπελπίζοντες, καὶ ἔσται ὁ μισθὸς ὑμῶν πολὺς, καὶ ἔσεσθε υἱοὶ ὑψίστου, ὅτι αὐτὸς χρηστός ἐστιν ἐπὶ τοὺς ἀχαρίστους καὶ πονηροὺς. Γίνεσθε οὖν οἰκτίρμονες, καθὼς καὶ ὁ πατὴρ ὑμῶν οἰκτίρμων ἐστὶ.

The Lord said, "And as you wish that men would do to you, do so to them. If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. And if you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. But love your enemies, and do good, and lend, despairing of no man; and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the selfish. Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful." [RSV]



Nicene- Constantinopolitan Creed

I believe in one God, Father Almighty, Maker of Heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible;

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, the Only begotten, begotten of the Father before all ages; Light of Light, true God of true God, begotten, not made, of one essence with the Father through Whom all things were made.

Who for us and for our salvation came down from Heaven and was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became man.

He was crucified for us under Pontius Pilate and suffered and was buried; And He rose on the third day, according to the Scriptures, and ascended into Heaven, and sits at the right hand of the Father, and He shall come again with glory to judge the living and the dead, Whose kingdom shall have no end.

And in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the Giver of Life, Who proceeds from the Father, Who together with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, Who spoke through the prophets.

In One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church: I confess one baptism for the remission of sins, I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the age to come. Amen.

This translation of the Nicene-Constantinopolitan Creed was approved by the Assembly of Canonical Orthodox Bishops of the United States of America in the year 2025, which marks the 1,700th anniversary of the Council of Nicaea. This translation should be used during all Pan-Orthodox services as well as in any jurisdiction that adopts its use.



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WHO WE ARE

The Assembly of Bishops brings Orthodox jurisdictions together to equip clergy and faithful with the resources, ministries, and support needed to respond to today's challenges.

WHAT WE ADDRESS TOGETHER

- **Canonical Order:** Faithfulness to tradition
- **Governance:** Coordination across jurisdictions
- **Liturgical Practice:** Consistency and care in the life of worship
- **Pastoral Policy:** Shared guidance for shepherding the faithful
- **Social Challenges:** A unified voice on facing today's issues
- **Theological Education:** Forming clergy and laity in the faith

INITIATIVES & MINISTRIES



Inter-Parish Associations

Break down barriers across Orthodox Christian jurisdictions and, as a unified Orthodox Christian community, witness Christ's love in local society.



Mental Health Ministries

An initiative to identify and respond to the mental health needs of Orthodox Christian faithful.



Agencies

- International Orthodox Christian Charities (IOCC)
- Orthodox Christian Fellowship (OCF)
- Orthodox Christian Mission Center (OCMC)
- Orthodox Christian Prison Ministry (OCPM)
- Orthodox Volunteer Corps (OVC)
- Orthodox Youth Ministries (OYM)

Affiliated Ministries

- FOCUS North America
- Project Mexico & St. Innocent Orphanage
- Orthodox Christian Association of Medicine, Psychology, and Religion (OCAMPR)
- The Orthodox Theological Society in America (OTSA)

OUR MISSION

To preserve and contribute to the unity of the Orthodox Church by helping to further her spiritual, theological, ecclesiological, canonical, educational, missionary and philanthropic aims.



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Save Saturday October 17th!!!!

St. Nicks will be running another delicious **Greek2Go** on Saturday, October 17, and the church needs your help! We are offering delicious takeout Greek food for pickup between noon and 6:00 PM.

Your help is needed at any point in the day and yes, it is OK to come for an hour or two. It takes a lot of manpower to fill the hundreds of food orders in a short period of time. Want to help at the busiest time? Then please volunteer between 10:30 AM and 1:00 PM and/or between 3:30 PM and 6:00 PM.

Need more information?

Please contact Jim Machin 724-413-3607

or

Michelle Kostagrellos 412 680-1416

Save The Date:

Sunday, November 8, 2026

PANCAKES FOR A PURPOSE

Benefiting Ypapanti's Monthly Food Pantry Ministry



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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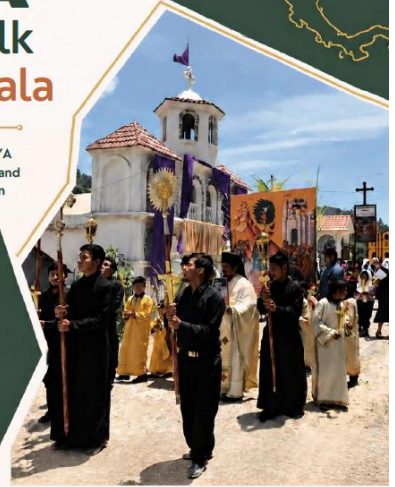


Support the GOYA Mission Walk for Guatemala

On October 11, 2026, St. Nicholas GOYA will participate in a walk through Oakland supporting the vital work of the mission trips in Guatemala.

Money raised from this event will be used for:

- ✝ Catechizing the faithful
- 🏠 Recruiting and training candidates for the Holy Priesthood
- 📖 Translating liturgical and theological books into Spanish
- 🔧 Equipping the parishes with icons and other liturgical utensils
- 🌱 Providing care and hope to families in need



How Can You Help?

You can support our youth by sponsoring a walker with a donation. Please make checks payable to: Holy Cross Mission Fund. Mail your donation to:



St. Nicholas GOYA
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Pittsburgh, PA 15213

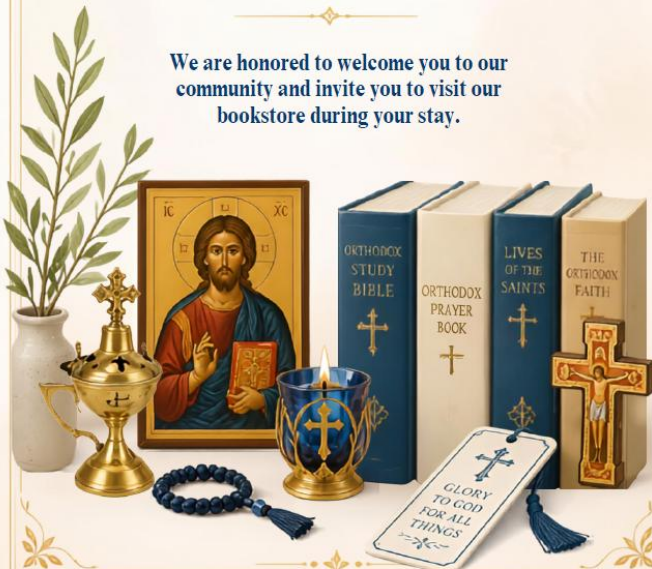


If you have any questions or would like more information, please contact Demetri Darakos at demetri.darakos@gmail.com or Harry Darakos at harrydarakos@gmail.com.

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

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!

PREPARE FOR THE NEW SCHOOL YEAR KEEP KIDS SAFE

Are You a Youth Worker
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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.



OCTOBER 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
4 2nd Sunday of Luke Orthros 8:15 a.m. Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m. Visit of the Assembly of Canonical Orthodox Bishops in the USA	5 YAL Basketball 7:00 p.m.	6	7 Paraklesis 6:00 p.m. YAL Basketball 7:00 p.m.	8 Pitt/CMU OCF 7:00 p.m.	9	10 Greek School 10:00 a.m.
11 Sunday of the 7th Ecumenical Council Orthros 8:15 a.m. Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m. Walk for Missions 12 noon	12 YAL Basketball 7:00 p.m.	13 Adult Greek Classes 6:30 p.m.	14 Paraklesis 6:00 p.m.	15 Pitt/CMU OCF 7:00 p.m.	16	17 <i>GREEK to GO</i>
18 Feast of St. Luke the Evangelist Orthros 8:15 a.m. Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m. Pancakes for a Purpose	19 YAL Basketball 7:00 p.m.	20 Adult Greek Classes 6:30 p.m.	21 Paraklesis 6:00 p.m.	22 Pitt/CMU OCF 7:00 p.m.	23	24 Greek School 10:00 a.m.
25 6th Sunday of Luke Orthros 8:15 a.m. Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m. Fall Parish Assembly	26 YAL Basketball 7:00 p.m.	27 Adult Greek Classes 6:30 p.m.	28 Paraklesis 6:00 p.m.	29 Pitt/CMU OCF 7:00 p.m.	30	31 Greek School 10:00 a.m.