SUNDAY, November 1, 2026 — 5th Sunday of Luke
Saints of the Day: Cosmas and Damian, the Unmercenaries
Plagal First Mode · Eleventh 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
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CHOIR DIRECTOR: Steve Andrews | ORGANIST: Brett Wells

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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	OUR VISION
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 Services: Metropolitan Maximos (6 yrs), Russell Paras (5 yrs), & Michael Apostolopoulos (8 yrs).**
- **GODPARENT SUNDAY**
- **Philoptochos Food Drive**
- 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).
- **Coffee Hour hosted by GOYA and sponsored by the Hages and Paras families in the Large Hall**

THIS WEEK AT ST. NICHOLAS:

- **Monday, November 2:** **YAL Basketball 7:00 pm**
- **Wednesday, November 4:** **Paraklesis 6:00 pm**
  YAL Volleyball 7:00 pm
- **Thursday, November 5:** **Pitt/CMU OCF 7:00 pm**
- **Sunday, November 8:** **Pancakes for a Purpose after Divine Liturgy**
  Friendsgiving Dinner in the Small Hall 4:00 – 7:00 pm

TODAY'S HYMNS AND READINGS

https://dcs.goarch.org/parish/

Resurrection Hymn of the week— pl. 1st mode (chanted twice for the Small Entrance):

Tὸν συνάναρχον Λόγον Πατρὶ καὶ Πνεύματι, τὸν ἐκ Παρθένου τεχθέντα εἰς σωτηρίαν ἡμῶν, ἀνυμνήσωμεν πιστοὶ καὶ προσκυνήσωμεν· ὅτι ηὐδόκησε σαρκί, ἀνελθεῖν ἐν τῷ Σταυρῷ, καὶ θάνατον ὑπομεῖναι, καὶ ἐγεῖραι τοὺς τεθνεῶτας, ἐν τῇ ἐνδόξῳ ἀναστάσει αὐτοῦ.

As the Father and Spirit are unoriginate, so the Word, who was born from the Virgin for us. Let us praise Him, O believers, and let us worship Him. For our salvation He was pleased to be crucified in the flesh, and to undergo death, and to resurrect the dead, by His glorious resurrection.

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

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

Apolytikion for Ss. Cosmas and Damian – 4th mode:

Ἅγιοι Ἀνάργυροι καὶ θαυματουργοί, ἐπισκέψασθε τὰς ἀσθενείας ἡμῶν, δωρεὰν ἐλάβετε, δωρεὰν δότε ἡμῖν.

Holy Unmercenaries and Wonderworkers, visit our infirmities. Freely you received; freely give to us.

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 (*For the Saints*):

The reading is from Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians (12:27 – 31; 13:1 – 8)

Brethren, you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then workers of miracles, then healers, helpers, administrators, speakers in various kinds of tongues. Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak with tongues? Do all interpret? But earnestly desire the higher gifts. And I will show you a still more excellent way. If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. If I give away all I have, and if I deliver my body to be burned, but have not love, I gain nothing. Love is patient and kind; love is not jealous or boastful; it is not arrogant or rude. Love does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice at wrong but rejoices in the right. Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never fails. [RSV]

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

The reading is from the Holy Gospel according to Luke (16:19 – 31)

Εἶπεν ὁ Κύριος· Ἄνθρωπος δέ τις ἦν πλούσιος, καὶ ἐνεδιδύσκετο πορφύραν καὶ βύσσον εὐφραινόμενος καθ' ἡμέραν λαμπρῶς. πτωχὸς δέ τις ἦν ὀνόματι Λάζαρος, ὃς ἐβέβλητο πρὸς τὸν πυλῶνα αὐτοῦ ἡλκωμένος καὶ ἐπιθυμῶν χορτασθῆναι ἀπὸ τῶν ψιχίων τῶν πιπτόντων ἀπὸ τῆς τραπέζης τοῦ πλουσίου· ἀλλὰ καὶ οἱ κύνες ἐρχόμενοι ἀπέλειχον τὰ ἕλκη αὐτοῦ. ἐγένετο δὲ ἀποθανεῖν τὸν πτωχὸν καὶ ἀπενεχθῆναι αὐτὸν ὑπὸ τῶν ἀγγέλων εἰς τὸν κόλπον Ἀβραάμ· ἀπέθανε δὲ καὶ ὁ πλούσιος καὶ ἐτάφη. καὶ ἐν τῷ ᾅδῃ ἐπάρας τοὺς ὀφθαλμοὺς αὐτοῦ, ὑπάρχων ἐν βασάνοις, ὁρᾷ τὸν Ἀβραὰμ ἀπὸ μακρόθεν καὶ Λάζαρον ἐν τοῖς κόλποις αὐτοῦ. καὶ αὐτὸς φωνήσας εἶπε· πάτερ Ἀβραάμ, ἐλέησόν με καὶ πέμψον Λάζαρον ἵνα βάψῃ τὸ ἄκρον τοῦ δακτύλου αὐτοῦ ὕδατος καὶ καταψύξῃ τὴν γλῶσσάν μου, ὅτι ὀδυνῶμαι ἐν τῇ φλογὶ ταύτῃ. εἶπε δὲ Ἀβραάμ· τέκνον, μνήσθητι ὅτι ἀπέλαβες σὺ τὰ ἀγαθά σου ἐν τῇ ζωῇ σου, καὶ Λάζαρος ὁμοίως τὰ κακά· νῦν δὲ ὧδε παρακαλεῖται, σὺ δὲ ὀδυνᾶσαι· καὶ ἐπὶ πᾶσι τούτοις μεταξὺ ἡμῶν καὶ ὑμῶν χάσμα μέγα ἐστήρικται, ὅπως οἱ θέλοντες διαβῆναι ἔνθεν πρὸς ὑμᾶς μὴ δύνωνται, μηδὲ οἱ ἐκεῖθεν πρὸς ἡμᾶς διαπερῶσιν. εἶπε δέ· ἐρωτῶ οὖν σε, πάτερ, ἵνα πέμψῃς αὐτὸν εἰς τὸν οἶκον τοῦ πατρός μου· ἔχω γὰρ πέντε ἀδελφούς· ὅπως διαμαρτύρηται αὐτοῖς, ἵνα μὴ καὶ αὐτοὶ ἔλθωσιν εἰς τὸν τόπον τοῦτον τῆς βασάνου. λέγει αὐτῷ Ἀβραάμ· ἔχουσι Μωϋσέα καὶ τοὺς προφήτας· ἀκουσάτωσαν αὐτῶν. ὁ δὲ εἶπεν· οὐχί, πάτερ Ἀβραάμ, ἀλλ' ἐάν τις ἀπὸ νεκρῶν πορευθῇ πρὸς αὐτούς, μετανοήσουσιν. εἶπε δὲ αὐτῷ· εἰ Μωϋσέως καὶ τῶν προφητῶν οὐκ ἀκούουσιν, οὐδὲ ἐάν τις ἐκ νεκρῶν ἀναστῇ πεισθήσονται.

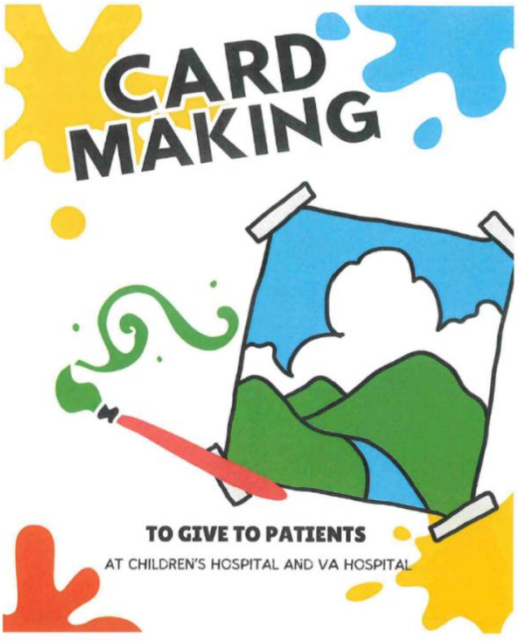
The Lord said, "There was a rich man, who was clothed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, full of sores, who desired to be fed with what fell from the rich man's table; moreover the dogs came and licked his sores. The poor man died and was carried by the angels to Abraham's bosom. The rich man also died and was buried; and in Hades, being in torment, he lifted up his eyes, and saw Abraham far off and Lazarus in his bosom. And he called out, 'Father Abraham, have mercy upon me, and send Lazarus to dip the end of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in anguish in this flame.' But Abraham said, 'Son, remember that you in your lifetime received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in anguish. And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been fixed, in order that those who would pass from here to you may not be able, and none may cross from there to us.' And he said, 'Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father's house, for I have five brothers, so that he may warn them, lest they also come into this place of torment.' But Abraham said, 'They have Moses, and the prophets; let them hear them.' And he said, 'No, father Abraham; but if some one goes to them from the dead, they will repent.' He said to them, 'If they do not hear Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced if some one should rise from the dead.'" [RSV]

Church School:

TODAY, 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!

Yours in Christ,
Miss Michelle





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 pre
pared 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

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:

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: **TODAY**, 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.

A Friendly Reminder to Our Parishioners

Our parish staff works hard to serve our Saint Nicholas community. We are grateful for everyone's cooperation and support. We kindly ask that parishioners treat all staff members with courtesy and respect and ***refrain from giving directives and tasks.***

If you have a request or concern, please seek out a Parish Council member, so that the matter can be addressed through the proper channels. Our staff have assigned responsibilities and priorities, and sometimes not everything can be done in a timely manner, due to staffing shortages etc. We do ask that their work and time be respected.

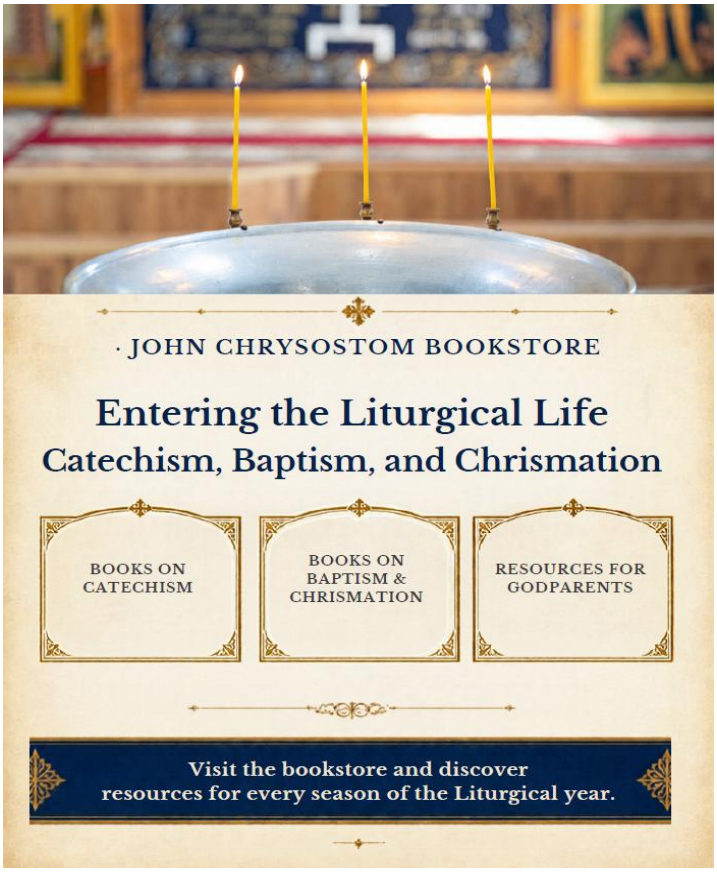
Thank you for your cooperation and for helping us foster a parish environment built on respect, understanding, and Christian love.





Homewood Cemetery

St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Cathedral Greek Section
$4,000.00 per grave for a member of St. Nicholas.
$5,000.00 per grave for non-member.
For more information, please contact Constance Paras-Jennings at 412.302.8960.



Food Festival 2027

Food Festival cooking is starting up again this fall with **Moussaka** and **Baklava**.

Help will be appreciated but also needed. We will be working into the early evening Thursday, November 12. See what fits your schedule.
Let's get the ball rolling!

Moussaka

Thursday, November 12	9:00 am - 7:00pm
Friday, November 13	9:00 am - 3:00pm
Saturday, November 14	9:00am - 4:00pm

A look ahead for **Baklava**

Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, December 7, 8 and 9
Monday, with early evening cooking, 9;00am to 7pm.
Tuesday and Wednesday, 9:00am to 4:00pm



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Join the G.A.P.A. Supreme Lodge

for their annual

Christmas Dinner & Dance

Saturday, December 12, 2026

Cocktails & Hors D'oeuvres: 6:00 PM | Dinner: 7:00 PM

Crowne Plaza Hotel & Suites Pittsburgh South

164 Fort Couch Road | Pittsburgh, PA 15241

Live music by the fabulous Stigma Band of Cleveland, OH

Dinner & Dance - $75 (Adults) / $30 (Kids) | Dance Only - $30 (9:00 PM or later)

For reservations, please contact Aliki Andrews at (412) 833-4596 -or-

Becky Bertos at (412) 421-9427 by Saturday, 12/5/2026

ST. NICHOLAS

SPIRIT WEAR SALE

Sponsored by GOYA

Represent our community wherever you go!

ITEMS PRICED $15-$30

T-Shirts • Hoodies • Crewnecks • Sweatpants

Youth and adult sizes available. Choose from two designs.

ORDER BY NOVEMBER 4TH

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Orders will be distributed on Sunday, December 6th during the St. Nicholas bazaar.



Vasilopita

ST. NICHOLAS CATHEDRAL PHILOPTOCHOS IS TAKING ORDERS FOR OUR DELICIOUS NEW YEAR'S BREAD.

$12 per loaf

ORDERS MUST BE PLACED BY DECEMBER 1

BREAD WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR PICK-UP AFTER CHURCH ON SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6

ORDER FORM

Complete the order form below and mail along WITH A CHECK made payable to:
St. Nicholas Philoptochos/Easter Bread, St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Cathedral, 419 S. Dithridge St., Pittsburgh, PA 15213

Name_____

Telephone_____ Number of Loaves_____

☐ with Sesame Seeds ☐ without Sesame Seeds

ORDERS CAN BE PLACED BY CALLING (412) 682-3866

Thank you for your support.

All Proceeds Benefit the Ongoing Charitable Activities of our Philoptochos.

Philoptochos Spanakopita Rolls



$15 per roll

Cash, Venmo (@Maria-Bardakos) or
Check Payable to "St. Nicholas Philoptochos"

Questions? Contact Maria Bardakos at 412.519-8684

CHURCH SCHOOL Bake Sale





SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6TH



ST. NICHOLAS BAZAAR

PLEASE BRING 2 DOZEN BAKED GOODS



QUESTIONS:
CONTACT
SOPHIA BENDER
412-999-1391

St. Nicholas Cathedral New Year's Eve 2026

Join us as we celebrate the arrival of 2026 at St. Nicholas Cathedral. This New Year's Eve gathering will also serve as a fund-raising event to support "The Cathedral Roof Project". Your participation helps to preserve and strengthen our cathedral now and for the future.

Help us plan the night! We are currently looking for individuals to be part of the NYE event planning committee. If you have enthusiasm, ideas, and would like to volunteer, we would love to hear from you!

Please reach out to Bill Gary: Email: williamgary@comcast.net
Call or Text: 412-889-4795

With your help and support, let's work together to make this event memorable and successful for our community!



Pancakes for a Purpose

Sunday, November 8

St. Nicholas Cathedral Hall
following Divine Liturgy

Our **purpose** is to give back to our local community.
This year's breakfast will benefit
Ypapanti's Monthly Food Pantry Ministry

Give from your heart, to this free-will event



ST. NICHOLAS GREEK ORTHODOX CATHEDRAL
PITTSBURGH, PA

Gluten free options will be available

For more information, please contact: Alexandra Davides

NOVEMBER 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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.	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 **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 GOYA Fall Retreat @ Camp Naz	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