SUNDAY, November 15, 2026 — 8th Sunday of Luke
Saints of the Day: the holy Martyrs Guria, Shamuna, and Habib the Confessors
Grave Mode · Second Eothinon

WELCOME TO ST. NICHOLAS CATHEDRAL!

VISIT *www.stnickspgh.org for news and updates about our parish!*
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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 Service for Yianni Bouzos**
- **Trisagion Service for Theodore Andrews (26 yrs)**
- **Coffee hour is hosted by GOYA and sponsored by Daniel Luchaup**
- **Nativity Fast Begins**

THIS WEEK AT ST. NICHOLAS:

- **Monday, November 16:** **Parish Council Meeting 7:00 pm / YAL Basketball 7:00 pm**
- **Tuesday, November 17:** **Adult Greek Classes 6:30 pm**
- **Wednesday, November 18:** **Paraklesis 6:00 p.m.**
  YAL Greek Dance 7:00 pm
- **Thursday, November 19:** **Pitt/CMU OCF 7:00 pm**
- **Friday, November 20:** **GOYA Fall Retreat at Camp Nazareth**
- **Saturday, November 21:** **GOYA Fall Retreat at Camp Nazareth**
  Greek School 10:00 am
- **Sunday, November 22:** **Memorial Service for Nick Pappas (5 yrs) and Evyenia Pappas (15 yrs)**

TODAY'S HYMNS AND READINGS

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

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

Κατέλυσας τῷ Σταυρῷ σου τὸν θάνατον· ἠνέῳξας τῷ λῃστῇ τὸν Παράδεισον· τῶν Μυροφόρων τὸν θρῆνον μετέβαλες, καὶ τοῖς σοῖς Ἀποστόλοις κηρύττειν ἐπέταξας, ὅτι ἀνέστης Χριστὲ ὁ Θεός, παρέχων τῷ κόσμῳ τὸ μέγα ἔλεος.

You destroyed death by Your Cross, You opened Paradise to the Robber. You turned the Myrrh-bearing Women's lament into joy, and You commanded Your Apostles to preach that You rose, O Christ God, granting the world the great mercy.

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

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

Apolytikion for the Saints of the day – pl. 1st mode:

Τὰ θαύματα τῶν ἁγίων σου Μαρτύρων, τεῖχος ἀκαταμάχητον, ἡμῖν δωρησάμενος Χριστὲ ὁ Θεός, ταῖς αὐτῶν ἱκεσίαις, βουλὰς ἐθνῶν διασκέδασον, τῆς βασιλείας τὰ σκῆπτρα κραταίωσον, ὡς μόνος ἀγαθὸς καὶ φιλάνθρωπος.

You have given us the miracles of Your holy Martyrs as an impregnable fortress, O Christ our God. At their entreaties, frustrate the plots of foreign enemies, and strengthen our nation, for You alone are good and benevolent.

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

Μνήσθητι Κύριε, ὡς ἀγαθὸς τοῦ δούλου σου, καὶ ὅσα ἐν βίῳ ἥμαρτεν συγχώρησον· οὐδεὶς γὰρ ἀναμάρτητος, εἰ μὴ Σὺ ὁ δυνάμενος, καὶ τῷ μεταστάντι δοῦναι τήν ἀνάπαυσιν.

Remember, O Lord, as You are good, Your servant, and forgive every sin she has 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:

Κανόνα 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 has 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.

Kontakion for the Presentation of the Theotokos — 4th mode:

Ὁ καθαρώτατος ναὸς τοῦ Σωτῆρος, ἡ πολυτίμητος παστὰς καὶ Παρθένος, τὸ ἱερὸν θησαύρισμα τῆς δόξης τοῦ Θεοῦ, σήμερον εἰσάγεται, ἐν τῷ οἴκῳ Κυρίου, τὴν χάριν συνεισάγουσα, τὴν ἐν Πνεύματι Θείῳ· ἣν ἀνυμνοῦσιν Ἄγγελοι Θεοῦ· Αὕτη ὑπάρχει σκηνὴ ἐπουράνιος.

The Savior's most pure and immaculate temple, the very precious bridal chamber and Virgin, who is the sacred treasure of the glory of God, on this day is introduced into the House of the Lord, and with herself she brings the grace in the divine Spirit. She is extolled by the Angels of God. A heavenly tabernacle is she.

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

The reading is from Paul's Letter to the Ephesians (2:14 – 22)

Brethren, Brethren, Christ is our peace, who has made us both one, and has broken down the dividing wall of hostility, by abolishing in his flesh the law of commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new man in place of the two, so making peace, and might reconcile us both to God in one body through the cross, thereby bringing the hostility to an end. And he came and preached peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; for through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father. So then you are no longer strangers and sojourners, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, in whom the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; in whom you also are built into it for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit. [RSV]

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

The reading is from the Holy Gospel according to Luke (10:25 – 37)

Τῷ καιρῷ ἐκείνῳ, νομικός τις προσῆλθε τῷ Ἰησοῦ πειράζων αὐτὸν καὶ λέγων· διδάσκαλε, τί ποιήσας ζωὴν αἰώνιον κληρονομήσω; ὁ δὲ εἶπε πρὸς αὐτόν· ἐν τῷ νόμῳ τί γέγραπται; πῶς ἀναγινώσκεις; ὁ δὲ ἀποκριθεὶς εἶπεν· ἀγαπήσεις Κύριον τὸν Θεόν σου ἐξ ὅλης τῆς καρδίας σου καὶ ἐξ ὅλης τῆς ψυχῆς σου καὶ ἐξ ὅλης τῆς ἰσχύος σου καὶ ἐξ ὅλης τῆς διανοίας σου, καὶ τὸν πλησίον σου ὡς σεαυτόν· εἶπε δὲ αὐτῷ· ὀρθῶς ἀπεκρίθης· τοῦτο ποίει καὶ ζήσῃ. ὁ δὲ θέλων δικαιοῦν ἑαυτὸν εἶπε πρὸς τὸν Ἰησοῦν· καὶ τίς ἐστί μου πλησίον; ὑπολαβὼν δὲ ὁ Ἰησοῦς εἶπεν· ἄνθρωπός τις κατέβαινεν ἀπὸ Ἰερουσαλὴμ εἰς Ἰεριχώ, καὶ λῃσταῖς περιέπεσεν· οἳ καὶ ἐκδύσαντες αὐτὸν καὶ πληγὰς ἐπιθέντες ἀπῆλθον ἀφέντες ἡμιθανῆ τυγχάνοντα. κατὰ συγκυρίαν δὲ ἱερεύς τις κατέβαινεν ἐν τῇ ὁδῷ ἐκείνῃ, καὶ ἰδὼν αὐτὸν ἀντιπαρῆλθεν. ὁμοίως δὲ καὶ Λευΐτης γενόμενος κατὰ τὸν τόπον, ἐλθὼν καὶ ἰδὼν ἀντιπαρῆλθε. Σαμαρείτης δέ τις ὁδεύων ἦλθε κατ' αὐτόν, καὶ ἰδὼν αὐτὸν ἐσπλαγχνίσθη, καὶ προσελθὼν κατέδησε τὰ τραύματα αὐτοῦ ἐπιχέων ἔλαιον καὶ οἶνον, ἐπιβιβάσας δὲ αὐτὸν ἐπὶ τὸ ἴδιον κτῆνος ἤγαγεν αὐτὸν εἰς πανδοχεῖον καὶ ἐπεμελήθη αὐτοῦ· καὶ ἐπὶ τὴν αὔριον ἐξελθών, ἐκβαλὼν δύο δηνάρια ἔδωκε τῷ πανδοχεῖ καὶ εἶπεν αὐτῷ· ἐπιμελήθητι αὐτοῦ, καὶ ὅ τι ἂν προσδαπανήσῃς, ἐγὼ ἐν τῷ ἐπανέρχεσθαί με ἀποδώσω σοι. τίς οὖν τούτων τῶν τριῶν πλησίον δοκεῖ σοι γεγονέναι τοῦ ἐμπεσόντος εἰς τοὺς λῃστάς; ὁ δὲ εἶπεν· ὁ ποιήσας τὸ ἔλεος μετ' αὐτοῦ. εἶπεν οὖν αὐτῷ ὁ Ἰησοῦς· πορεύου καὶ σὺ ποίει ὁμοίως.

At that time, a lawyer stood up to put Jesus to the test, saying, "Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" He said to him, "What is written in the law? How do you read?" And he answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself." And he said to him, "You have answered right; do this, and you will live." But he, desiring to justify himself, said to Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and he fell among robbers, who stripped him and beat him, and departed, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan, as he journeyed, came to where he was; and when he saw him, he had compassion, and went to him and bound up his wounds, pouring on oil and wine; then he set him on his own beast and brought him to an inn, and took care of him. And the next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper, saying, 'Take care of him; and whatever more you spend, I will repay you when I come back.' Which of these three, do you think, proved neighbor to the man who fell among the robbers?" He said, "The one who showed mercy on him." And Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise." [RSV]

LOTS OF THANK YOU'S THIS WEEK!

Sunday, November 8, the 2nd Annual Pancakes for A Purpose was held helping our sister parish Ypapanti's Monthly Food Pantry. Marguerite Ellis, Ypapanti's Parish Council President joined Co-Chair, Chris Kouklis at our service. Chris spoke about the Pantry to the congregation. He and Marguerite were available for questions during Coffee Hour. Our parishioners were very generous. ***Donations can still be made online or by check. Please put Ypapanti Food Pantry in the memo.***

Pancakes was the first event, offered along with bacon and fruit and prepared by Tina Hammerling. I cannot thank Tina enough along with our servers (and bussers), Jamie Gori, Steve & Lydia Economou, Sophia Panagis, Stephanie Gaughan, Carol Tsudis, and Denise Daugherty, who answered the call.

Without skipping a beat, those Moms, and those Dads (and Company), Linda and Jim Hages, Dae & Jim Machin, Deb & Pete Leventopoulos, Maria Bardakos, Tina Hammerling, Carol Tsudis, Diane & Pat Strauch, began cooking and setting up for Friendsgiving right after PFAC. This is another outreach by the Moms and Dads for our college and graduate students. The small hall looked beautiful, the homemade food was delicious and the desserts, simply amazing. Many parishioners came later in the afternoon to assist.

My thanks to all for giving of their time, talent, and treasure for both events.

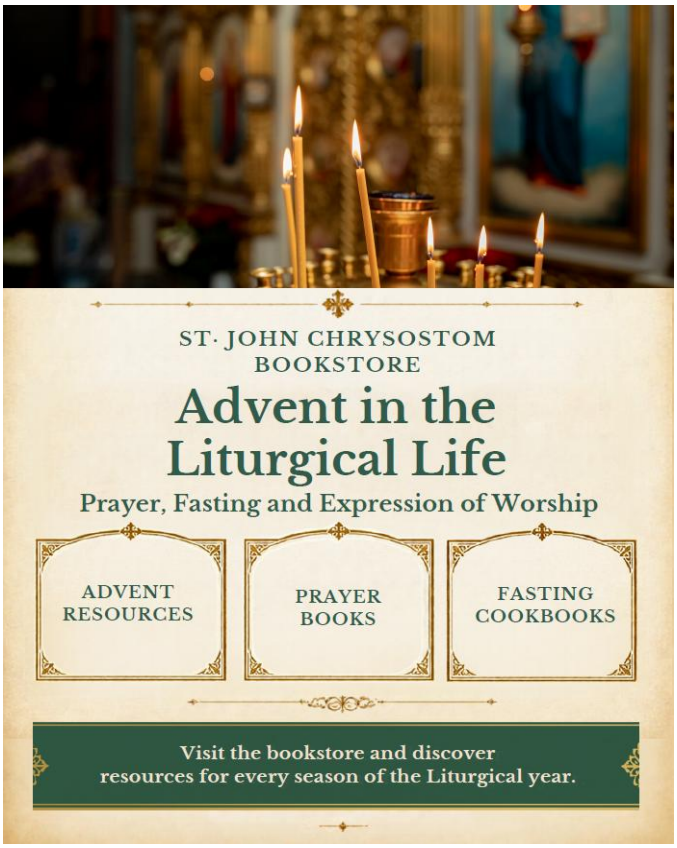
The students were all so appreciative and commented about the welcoming atmosphere of our church.

Lastly, a big thank you as well, to Maria Bardakos and her Philoptochos crew who made 300 spanakopita rolls and to our Food Festival Moussaka team, Vasili Copetas, John Frentzos who made the meat sauce and crema and Elaine Andrianos and her team for assembling many pans for our guests in May.

Alexandra Davides

GOYA News

CHRISTMAS ANGELS - Christmas Angels for the Neighborhood Resilience Project are available today. Please visit the GOYA table after church and help make a child's Christmas brighter. This is one of GOYA's annual outreach projects. Please plan on bringing your wrapped gift or gift card in the amount of $35 to church by Sunday, December 6.
Thank you for helping make a difference in a child's life.



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

Thank you for your support.

All Proceeds Benefit the Ongoing Charitable Activities of our Philoptochos.

Food Festival 2027

We started our festival preps this weekend with Moussaka. We had a wonderful turnout! Thank you to all who came!

Plans have changed for Baklava. Baklava has been moved from December to January. We will instead be making **Koulourakia, Saturday, December 12.**





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.

St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Cathedral's
Christmas Pageant Rehearsal Schedule

Sunday, December 6, 2026
During Church School for Nursery-6th Graders

Sunday, December 13, 2026
For 45 minutes immediately following the Divine Liturgy for all children

Saturday, December 19, 2026
12:45 P.M. – 2:00 P.M.
Final Rehearsal for all children

Sunday, December 20, 2026
Christmas Pageant in Church

QUESTIONS?
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PROJECT BUNDLE UP

WE ARE LOOKING FOR HATS, GLOVES/MITTENS, SCARVES & SOCKS FOR NEIGHBORHOOD RESILIENCE PROJECT'S PROJECT BUNDLE UP!

COME AND JOIN US FOR

St Nicholas Day BAZAAR

Sunday | **6 DEC** | **Following Divine Liturgy**

Food-Games-Fun-Loukamades-Shopping

Special Guest Appearance From
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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

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FEATURING: CHOIRS FROM MULTIPLE ORTHODOX JURISDICTIONS

AND

THE PAN-ORTHODOX CHOIR OF GREATER PITTSBURGH

Sunday, December 13, 2026, 4:00 pm

St. Nicholas Serbian Orthodox Church
2110 Haymaker Road, Monroeville

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Fellowship following the concert • Freewill offering to benefit various Orthodox Charities

St. Nicholas Cathedral New Year's Eve 2026

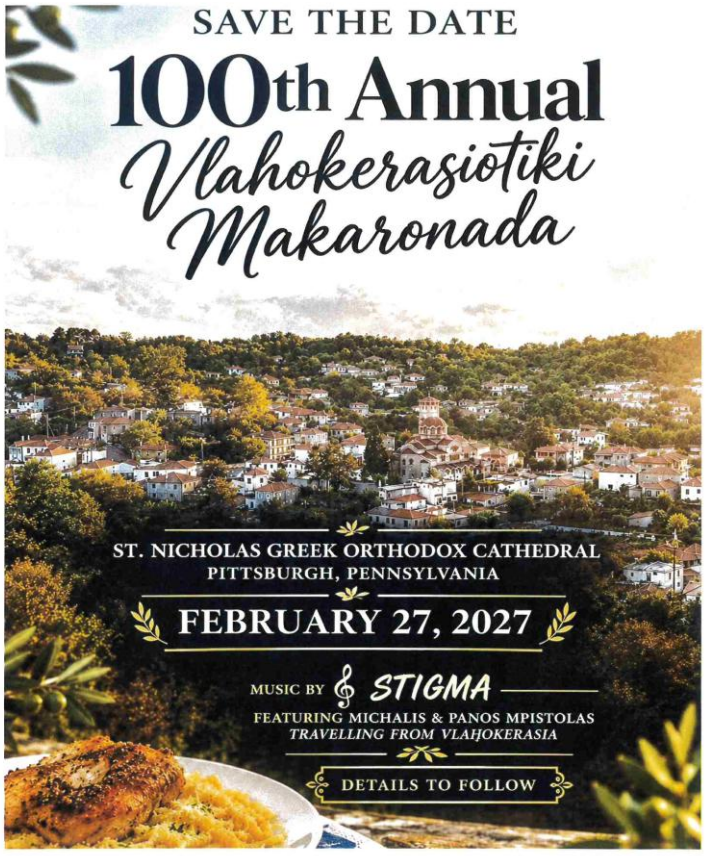
Join us as we celebrate the arrival of 2026 at St. Nicholas Cathedral. This New Year's Eve gathering will also serve as a fund-raising event to support "The Cathedral Roof Project". Your participation helps to preserve and strengthen our cathedral now and for the future.

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!





NOVEMBER 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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. **Parish Council Meeting** 7:00 pm	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 **Entrance of the Theotokos** Orthros 8:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m. **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 **St. Catherine the Great-Martyr** Orthros 8:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m.	26 **Thanksgiving** *Church Office Closed*	27 *Day after Thanksgiving: Church Office Closed*	28 **NO** Greek School
29 **13th Sunday of Luke** Orthros 8:15 a.m. Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m	30 **YAL Basketball** 7:00 p.m.	**DEC 1** **Adult Greek Classes** 6:30 p.m.	2 **Paraklesis** 6:00 p.m. **YAL Volleyball** 7:00 p.m.	3 **Pitt/CMU OCF** 7:00 p.m.	4 **Barbara the Great Martyr** Orthros 8:30 am Divine Liturgy 9:30 am	5 **Greek School** 10:00 a.m. **Vespers for the Feast of St. Nicholas** 6:30 pm
6 **FEAST OF ST. NICHOLAS OF MYRA IN LYCIA THE WONDERWORKER** Orthros 8:15 a.m. Divine Liturgy 9:30 am	7 **YAL Basketball** 7:00 p.m.	8 **Adult Greek Classes** 6:30 p.m.	9 **Paraklesis** 6:00 p.m.	10 **Pitt/CMU OCF** 7:00 p.m.	11	12 **GAPA** Christmas Dinner and Dance 6:00 pm *Crown Plaza Hotel & Suites* *Fort Couch Road* *In Mt. Lebanon*
13 **11th Sunday of Luke** Orthros 8:15 a.m. Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m	14 **YAL Basketball** 7:00 p.m.	15 **St. Eleftherios the Hieromartyr** Orthros 8:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m. **Adult Greek Classes** 6:30 p.m.	16 **Paraklesis** 6:00 p.m.	17 **Pitt/CMU OCF** 7:00 p.m.	18	19 Greek School 10:00 am