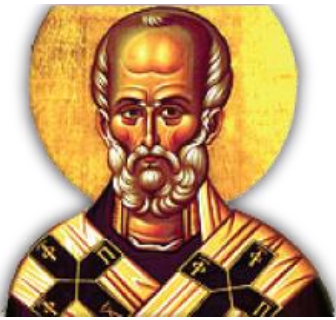


DECEMBER 10, 2017–Tenth Sunday of Luke

The Holy Martyrs Menas of Kallikelados, Hermogenes, Eugephos, and Thomas of Bithynia



WELCOME TO ST. NICHOLAS GREEK ORTHODOX CATHEDRAL

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

CLERGY: Rev. Fr. Christopher Bender and Rev. Dn. Robert Lykos

Father's Cell & Email: 724-630-3483; frchbender@verizon.net

PROTOPSALTIS: Dr. Nick Giannoukakis CHANTER & CHOIR DIRECTOR: Steve Andrews

ORGANIST: Igor Kraevsky ALTAR BOY CAPTAINS: Andreas Paljug & Jacob Kefalos

Questions about our Parish? Email Debbie Sandherr, Office Mgr. at church@stnickspgh.org

SERVICE SCHEDULE: Winter schedule (Current) Sept.-June, 8:30 a.m. Orthros & 10 a.m. Divine Liturgy;
summer schedule July & August 8 a.m. Orthros & 9:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy

TO OUR VISITORS & GUESTS: We welcome you to worship today, whether you are an Orthodox Christian or this is your first visit to an Orthodox Church, we are so pleased to have you with us! Although Holy Communion and other Sacraments are offered only to baptized and chrismated (confirmed) Orthodox Christians in good standing with the church, all are invited to receive the Antidoron (blessed bread) from the priest at the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy. The Antidoron is not sacramental, but is reminiscent of the agape feast that followed worship in the ancient Christian Church. After the Divine Liturgy this morning, please join us in the Church hall for fellowship and refreshments. **Please sign our visitor's book at the back of the church before you leave today, and leave an email address if you want to receive news & announcements from St. Nicholas.**

Epistle: Ephesians 6:10-17 (p. 109)

Gospel: Luke 13:10-17 (p. 109)

Hymns: See pg. 2

--**TODAY'S TRISAGION SERVICE** is being chanted for the repose of the souls of the servants of God, **ATHANASIOS MARKOPOULOS (4 years), ANGELIKI MARKOPOULOS (14 years) and KATINA (MARKOPOULOS) TZOURAS (14 years)**. May God grant them eternal rest and comfort to their families.

-- **PLEASE JOIN US** for coffee & fellowship after services, hosted by the GOYA.

--**CONGRATULATIONS** to Deacon Haralambos (Robert) Lykos, who celebrated the fourth anniversary of his ordination to the Holy Diaconate on December 6th! May God grant him Many Years!

THIS WEEK AT ST. NICHOLAS:

TODAY, December 10: St. Nicholas Annual Bazaar with Church School Bake Sale!
Parish Council Elections in the GOYA/Conference Room, 11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.
Pan-Orthodox Choir Concert, 5:30 p.m., Holy Cross Greek Orthodox Church, Mt. Lebanon. Free-will Offering benefits FOCUS-Pittsburgh.

Monday, December 11: GOYA Boys Basketball-**ALL Are Welcome**
Philoptochos Board Meeting 7 p.m. (Please note change of date!)

Tuesday, December 12: St. Spyridon Orthros 9 a.m., Divine Liturgy, 10 a.m.;

Wednesday, December 13: Adult Greek School: Beginners, 6:30 p.m., Advanced, 8 p.m.;
GOYA Girls Basketball-**ALL Are Welcome**, 7 p.m.

Thursday, December 14: Living Orthodoxy, 11 a.m.

Saturday, December 16: Greek School, 10 a.m.

Sunday, December 17: **CHRISTMAS PAGEANT FOLLOWING LITURGY**

St. Nicholas Annual Bazaar - TODAY!

We are excited once again for the
Annual St. Nicholas Day Bazaar.

Please join the fun following Divine Liturgy. There will be lots of food, drinks & games for the kids! We will also have items to be purchased which make great holiday gifts. **JOIN US!!**



DECEMBER 10, 2017–Tenth Sunday of Luke

The Holy Martyrs Menas of Kallikelados, Hermogenes, Eugephos, and Thomas of Bithynia

Tone 2

Orthros Gospel 5

Scripture Readings: Epistle- Ephesians 6: 10-17 (p. 109)

Gospel- Luke 13: 10-17 (p. 109)

SPECIAL HYMNS OF THE DAY (SMALL ENTRANCE):

First to be chanted as the priest exits the Altar at the Small Entrance is the Resurrection Apolytikion in Tone 2 (See p. 170 in the Divine Liturgy books.) Then, the usual Eisodikon (Entrance Hymn) in Tone 2 is chanted (see p. 8).

Following that, the hymn for the martyrs is chanted: Δι' ἐγκρατείας τῶν παθῶν, τὰς πυριφλέκτους, ἀπονεκρῶσαντες ὁρμάς, καὶ τὰς κινήσεις, τοῦ Χριστοῦ οἱ Μάρτυρες, ἔλαβον τὴν χάριν, τὰς νόσους ἀποδιώκειν, τῶν ἀσθενῶν, καὶ ζῶντες καὶ μετὰ τέλος, θαυματουργεῖν, ὧντως θαῦμα παράδοξον! ὅτι ὁστέα γυμνά, ἐκβλύζουσιν ἰάματα. Δόξα τῷ μόνῳ Θεῷ ἡμῶν. When they had deadened burning impulses and movements of sinful passions by their self-control and virtue, then the Martyrs of Christ were given the divine grace of driving away the illnesses of the sick and working wonders, alive and after their death. Paradoxical miracle it is indeed, that naked bones should pour out cures abundantly.

Glory be to our only God.

Next, we hear the hymn for St. Nicholas: Κανόνα πίστεως καὶ εἰκόνα πραότητος, ἐγκρατείας Διδάσκαλον, ἀνέδειξέ σε τῇ ποίμνῃ 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.

Finally, the Kontakion in Tone 4 for the Nativity of Christ (Dec. 25) is chanted:

Ἡ Παρθένος σήμερον, τὸν Προαιώνιον Λόγον, ἐν Σπηλαίῳ ἔρχεται, ἀποτεκεῖν ἀπορρήτως. Χόρευε ἡ οἰκουμένη ἀκουτισθεῖσα, δόξασον μετὰ Ἀγγέλων καὶ τῶν Ποιμένων, βουληθέντα ἐποφθῆναι, παιδίον νέον, τὸν πρὸ αἰώνων Θεόν. Today the Virgin comes to the cave to give birth ineffably to the pre-eternal Word. Dance for joy upon hearing this, all the world, and with the angels and the shepherds glorify Him whose will it was to be made manifest as a young Child, the pre-eternal God.

After the Gospel reading, please return to page 12 of the Divine Liturgy Book for the remainder of the Service.

+++++



NOTICE FOR ALL ORGANIZATIONS OF ST. NICHOLAS:

To organize and prioritize the daily needs of St. Nicholas Cathedral, our maintenance staff has adopted a task-list system, prepared with their input, which allots time for routine, seasonal and unexpected needs of our facilities. Employees are required to submit a check list of tasks accomplished daily to the Office Manager (OM) who, in turn, confirms the work has been completed. **Any additional task requested of the maintenance staff must be scheduled through the OM. EXAMPLES INCLUDE:** running errands, emptying deliveries, setting up tables and chairs, taking something to storage, etc. The OM is responsible for all scheduling of help, including extra personnel needed for church functions. We have established a proven labor pool that must be respected & used efficiently. **All organizations are asked to adhere to this policy.**

*Glory to God in the Highest
and on earth peace,
goodwill toward men!*

HOSTS SING ALLELUIA
PAN-ORTHODOX CHOIRS IN PERFORMANCE
**10TH ANNUAL NATIVITY
CONCERT**

Come experience the Joy!
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2017 – 5:30 PM
Holy Cross Greek Orthodox Church
123 Gilkeson Road (Across from the Galleria)
Mt. Lebanon (Pittsburgh), Pennsylvania 15228
Audience Communal Singing during concert
Free-will offering to support the work of FOCUS Pittsburgh
An Urban Center of FOCUS NA

FOCUS
+
PITTSBURGH

2017 Stewardship Pledge Cards are in the Narthex

(Just ask a member of Parish Council)

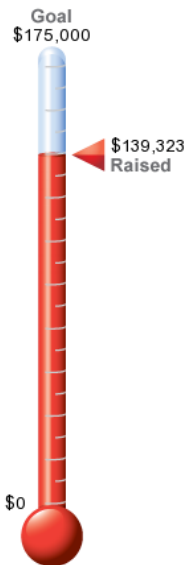
We recognize there were some errors with the statements that were sent out and we are trying to rectify these errors. Please contact the church office, with as much information as possible (check numbers, amounts, dates, etc.), to assist in verifying the problem has been corrected and updated statements can be reissued.

Re-dedicate yourself to God by participating in the Divine Liturgy each Sunday and offer your TIME, Talent and treasure.

HELP US REACH/ EXCEED OUR GOAL!!

*"As the Father Has Sent Me,
So I Send You"* John 20:21

<u>2017</u>	<u>STEWARDSHIP</u>
Total Stewards	216 (GOAL 300)
Total Pledged	\$139,323.63 (GOAL \$175,000.00)
Avg. Pledge	\$645.02



+++++

From the Church School Desk:

"You Are the Voice of Christ in a Changing World."

St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Cathedral Church School is preparing for their Holiday Outreach Project. We are looking for hats, mittens, scarves, gloves, etc. for **FOCUS' Project Bundle-up** to decorate the Christmas tree in the Fellowship Room. Thanks in advance for your warm winter accessories and teaching the children the gift of giving.



The Church School children will present "The ABC's of Christmas" Christmas Pageant under the direction of Jenny DeMatteo, Kelly Gary and Aimee Walker on Sunday, December 17, 2017. Please refer to the practice schedule in this bulletin for further details.

Please volunteer **your** time, talent and treasure to help **our** children.

Yours in Christ, *Miss Michelle*

+++++

PHILOPTOCHOS UPDATES

- ❖ **Vasilopita** – A big **THANK YOU** to all of the volunteers who helped to mix, roll, bake and wrap Vasilopita!!! Orders are available for pick up today. We also have limited quantities available for those who did not pre-order—\$9 each!
- ❖ **Spanakopita Rolls** – Pick some up today after church! They are \$9 each and make wonderful appetizers for your holiday parties! They also make great holiday gifts for teachers and co-workers!!!
- ❖ **Food Bank** – The Food Bank supports several of our parishioners and continues to need your support! You can donate by making a check payable to the "St. Nicholas Philoptochos Food Bank" or through United Way by designating the St. Nicholas Food Bank (#3288) through your employers United Way contribution. Questions: contact Elaine Andrianos (412-731-4334) or Denise Daugherty (412-508-1326).



Philoptochos is collecting placement bags for children going to a foster care home. Bags can be dropped off in the plastic bin near the church office by **Sunday, December 10th** and will be donated to the Foster Love Project, which supports local kids in foster care. Please donate only complete bags!

Infant/Toddler Bags (ages 0-2)	Kids Bags	Teen Bags
Required items: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Diaper bag or large tote bag (must zipper) - Footed PJs - Pack of onesies - Small blanket - Small stuffed animal - Baby board book - Baby soap (in Ziploc)/washcloth - Socks Optional items: pacifier, lotion, teether, wipes, diapers, bottle	Required items: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Large backpack or duffel bag - 2 pairs of PJs (1 winter, 1 summer) - Pack of socks - Blanket - Small pillow - Book - Toothbrush/Toothpaste (fluoride free for under 5) - Bath pouf and body wash (in Ziploc) Optional items: lotion, wide-toothed comb, pack of underwear, night light, coloring book, hat/mittens	Required items: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Duffel bag or large zippered tote - PJs (shorts/t-shirts/sweatpants) - Pack of socks - Blanket - Small pillow - Book - Toothbrush/Toothpaste - Bath pouf and body wash (in Ziploc) - Deodorant Optional items: wide-toothed comb, journal, feminine products (no razors please), lotion, hat/gloves

For information about the Foster Love Project, visit www.fosterloveproject.org

Any questions? Contact Nikki Lykos (412-897-8208 or nvlykos@gmail.com)

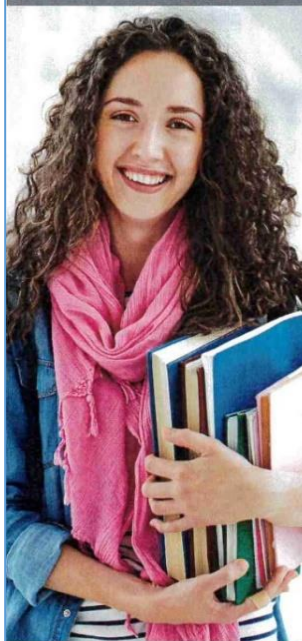
\$250,000 IN SCHOLARSHIPS

20 Awards of \$10,000 each

based on academic merit and financial need—two of which are allocated to **Music and Arts Majors**

20 Awards of \$2,500 each

based solely on academic achievement



The 2017/2018 scholarship application is available and can be completed online!

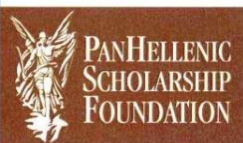
Applications from eligible college students accepted through **January 31, 2018**.

The application and qualification criteria, requirements, and guidelines are available at www.panhellenicsf.org.

If you are an undergraduate of Hellenic descent, we encourage you to apply for the scholarship awards!

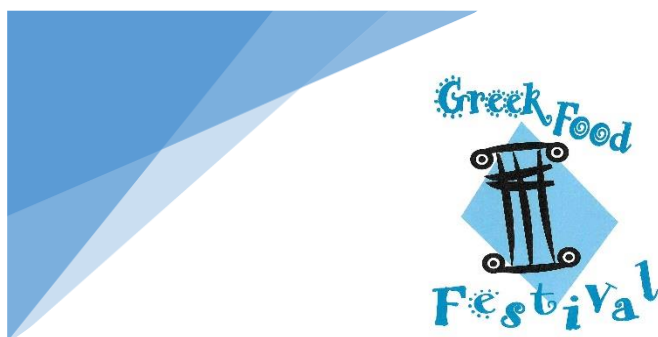
For any questions or inquiries:
Please email

pkorbakes@panhellenicsf.org
or call our office at (312) 357-6432



PanHellenic Scholarship Foundation
17 North Wabash Avenue • Suite 600
Chicago • Illinois 60602 USA

312.357.6432
312.357.0527
panhellenicsf.org
info@panhellenicsf.org



Mark your Calendars!

Our **Food Festival Cooking Schedule** is out!

A couple hours of your time, anytime, especially on the weekend, is a **HUGE** help! It takes a large quantity of our food to satisfy the appetite of over 28,000 people during a 7-day period. After 57 years, our reputation is out!



SIXTY CLUB **NEWS**

Thanks to all who supported the very joyous Holiday Pops! Remember to mark your calendars for the “Slider” Meeting on January 14th after Liturgy in the small hall.

Reservations for “A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum” on Saturday, February 22nd at 2 p.m. should be directed to Virginia at 412-687-4804 or Alice Flocos at 412-731-4282. The cost is \$33.

ECCLESIASTICAL MUSIC MINISTRY AT THE CATHEDRAL

You are cordially invited!

Come and learn Byzantine chant from a world-class instructor, or join our choir and learn to sing the unique and beautiful arrangements composed by our founding choir director!



Our Cathedral is graced by two music ministries grounded in tradition that we hope you will consider participating in:

The first is rooted at the Analogion (the Chanter Bookstand). Our Analogion Ministry, blessed by the volunteer service of Dr. Nick Giannoukakis, invites and welcomes anyone with some musical ability, especially the younger generation, to join and learn the beautiful and 1200 year-old tradition of Byzantine hymnology and chant. Those who faithfully adhere to the ministry will not only have an opportunity to grow musically, but more importantly, will solidify their understanding of Greek, gain an appreciation for the structure of the services, and a better insight into our Orthodox faith and its theology through a comprehension of the hymns. With the exception of the summer months (June-August), the Ministry will focus on the Sunday Orthros and the occasional Vespers, in addition to the evening services of Lent and Holy Week. Between June and early September, the Ministry will also focus on the Holy and Divine Liturgy.

Dr. Giannoukakis, who was distinguished and tonsured as Protopsaltis by Metropolitan Maximos in 1998, and noted to be among the "who is who" of Byzantine Chanters in a historical compendium published in Greece in 1994, is also the only chanter in our Metropolis to hold a certificate and diploma in Byzantine Music from a Greek Music Conservatory. Dr. Giannoukakis, personally-trained by renowned and respected Greek chanters (Constantin Lagouros, Georgios Syrkas, Emmanuel Hatzimarkos), offers music to the highest possible standards of the Great Church of Christ (the Ecumenical Patriarchate) and has successfully trained young and old individuals for more than 25 years. To learn more, and to consider participating, contact Dr. Giannoukakis at ngn1@andrew.cmu.edu or at ngianni@pitt.edu. All educational materials are complimentary.

The second is rooted in the rich polyphonic innovations of the late Rudolph Agraphiotis who in the early 1900s, first composed the lyrical Liturgy conducted in our church to this day. Some of the choir members are among those who came together to constitute the first choir directed by Mr. Agraphiotis. Today, the choir is in the very capable hands of Mr. Steve Andrews who directs it as another of our Cathedral's volunteers. The choir can be heard during the Divine Liturgy for most of the year's Sunday services as well as at the services for Holy Thursday, Friday, and Saturday.

The Choir invites and welcomes anyone with some musical ability, especially the younger generation, to join. To learn more, and to consider participating, contact Mr. Steve Andrews at beyondfromwithin@comcast.net. Why not join both ministries? As it is written: "He who delights in the Lord, and walks in the Light will not stumble" (From the Doxastikon of the Orthros of the 5th Sunday of Lent).

+++++

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

Saturday, December 16, 2017

12:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Final Rehearsal for all children

Sunday, December 17, 2017

Christmas Pageant in Church

Questions? Contact Directors

Kelly Gary at 412-741-8567

Or Aimee Walker at 412-398-6094



PROJECT BUNDLE UP



WE ARE LOOKING FOR HATS,
MITTENS, SCARVES & GLOVES
FOR FOCUS'
PROJECT BUNDLE UP!



COUNTDOWN TO *Zero!*

A campaign to burn our mortgage
by April 15, 2019

**Show your support by donating
and *TOGETHER*
we can reach our goal!**

St. Nicholas Cathedral thanks you for your support.

COUNTDOWN to ZERO!

*A campaign to retire the mortgage
Spread the word!*



Thanks to our parishioners, **The Countdown to Zero Capital Campaign** is well on its way to reducing the mortgage to zero!

Pledges of \$140,900 have been received as of December 3, 2017. Payments and donations in the amount of \$48,200 have been made.

***All pledge payments and donations received will
immediately be applied towards the reduction
of the principal.***

A **Countdown to Zero** table has been set up in the outer lobby, outside The Cathedral Room today. If you have not received your campaign packet in the mail, have any questions or simply wish to pledge/donate, please stop by the table.

***Come and take a look at how the pavers are being
filled in to reflect the pledges received.***

**Saint Nicholas wishes to thank all who have pledged to date
and for the wonderful support given by our parishioners
towards this, our Cathedral's most important campaign!**

GOYA NEWS

Christmas Chocolate Sale

Delivery will be on Sunday, December 17.

Please contact a GOYA representative to pick up your order.

**Thank you for your support of GOYA and helping to make a FOCUS child's
Christmas brighter!!**

Thank you for supporting our fundraising efforts!!

PASTITSIO SALE

GOYA has made and are selling Pastitsio pans
frozen and ready to cook,
9 X12 pans of Greek deliciousness!

To place an order, contact Alea Melacrinou either after
church or email at goya.pastichiosale@gmail.com

Thank you for supporting our fundraiser!



SEND YOUR CHRISTMAS GREETINGS
WITH THE 2017 ST. NICHOLAS CHRISTMAS CARD

*You can save money on your Christmas cards
AND help our beloved Cathedral at the same time!*

Name & Address: _____

Your list of names to read (*please print*): _____

Suggested donation: \$20 OR MORE, payable to S.N.G.O.C. (memo: Christmas card) and include form.
Place in the Sunday offering tray or mail to: St. Nicholas Cathedral, 419 S. Dithridge St., Pittsburgh, PA 15213

-All names need to be submitted A.S.A.P.-

Christ is born! Glorify Him!

PLEASE HELP US decorate OUR BELOVED CATHEDRAL
with beautiful poinsettias for the Nativity Season.

If you wish, please list the names of your loved ones to be remembered in
the Proskomidi (*Preparation of the Gifts*) at every Divine Liturgy through Christmas.



For the Health of: _____

In Memory Of: _____

Name & Address: _____

Suggested donation: \$20 OR MORE, payable to S.N.G.O.C. (memo: Poinsettias) and include form.

-All names need to be submitted NO LATER than December 15, 2017-

Place in the Sunday offering tray or mail to: 419 S. Dithridge St., Pittsburgh, PA 15213

***NEW YEARS EVE
CELEBRATION***

DECEMBER 31, 2017

*Join us to celebrate
the New Year!*

\$45 per person

\$15 for children (under 12)

\$25 Dance only

INCLUDES:

- ♦ *Buffet Dinner*
- ♦ *Champagne Toast at Midnight*
- ♦ *Full, cash bar*
- ♦ *Continental Breakfast*
- ♦ *Entertainment by PANIGIRI*

Cocktails at 8 p.m.

Buffet dinner at 9 p.m.

Dance only at 10:30 p.m.

R.S.V.P. to Joanne Melacrinis at
412-563-4609 or 412-400-4607

NO LATER THAN DECEMBER 22

*ST. NICHOLAS
GREEK
ORTHODOX
CATHEDRAL*

419 S. Dithridge St.

Pittsburgh, PA 15213



**Happy
New
Year!**