

June 11, 2017 – 1st Sunday of Matthew (Feast of All Saints)

Also: the Holy Apostles Bartholomew and Barnabas

WELCOME TO ST. NICHOLAS GREEK ORTHODOX CATHEDRAL



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Today's hymns: please see page 2

EPISTLE: Hebrews 11:33-40; 12:1-2 (p. 64) GOSPEL: Matthew 10:32-33, 37-38; 19:27-30 (p. 65)

TODAY'S TRISAGION is being chanted for the repose of the souls of the servants of God:

Eugenia Dakis (3 years), Konstantinos "Gus" Mavroides (2 years) & Anastasios Hatzivasiliou (41 years).

May God grant them eternal rest and comfort to their families.

CONGRATULATIONS to all our graduates from high school, college, graduate, and all other schools, whom we honor today! Thank you to the Philoptochos for providing the gifts. May God grant all or you Many Years!

THIS WEEK AT ST. NICHOLAS:

TODAY: Parish "Thank You" Luncheon, following services

Thursday, June 15: Living Orthodoxy, 11 a.m.

Sunday, June 18: Father's Day

JOIN US TODAY



FOR A "THANK YOU" LUNCHEON, hosted by the Parish Council, to thank ALL who volunteered their time during our 2017 Food Festival (and throughout the year), after the Divine Liturgy in the Cathedral Room!

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PLEASE HELP WITH THE SUMMER COFFEE HOURS! Volunteers (organizations and/or individual families) are requested to come forward and take responsibility for one or more of the Coffee Hours this summer, beginning on June 18th. Please call Debbie to volunteer, 412-682-3866. (The GOYA will resume serving in September.)



SIXTY CLUB NEWS

Due to a conflict with the Thank You Luncheon, our First Aid/C.P.R. demonstration has been postponed.

Also, please pay your 2017 dues - \$10, to Virginia Fekaris.

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2017 dues for the **St. Nicholas Garden Club** can now be paid to Elaine Andrianos or Lillie Panagulias. Your \$10 dues help maintain the Forbes Avenue parklet, the trees, shrubs and annuals. **Thank you in advance!**



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Holy Week/Easter Flower Donations We are deeply grateful to all of those who so generously offered to sponsor flowers for the sacred season of Great Lent, Holy Week and Pascha, covering every item on our annual list. Thank you especially to those who have already fulfilled their pledge. The remaining donations can be dropped off at the Office or mailed in at any time.



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PRAY. VOLUNTEER. DONATE. FOCUS NORTH AMERICA-SUMMER FEEDING
Childhood hunger is a problem that affects over 13 million children in the United States, and too many of these children live right here in our community. For eleven weeks this summer, the Orthodox churches of Pittsburgh will serve over 1,000 meals to children who suffer from childhood hunger. We need volunteers to prepare and distribute meals!! **WE NEED YOU JUNE 13-AUGUST 11!!**



Sign up at www.focusnorthamerica.org/summer feeding. For questions, email apazzynski@focusna.org

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Orthros Gospel 1

Tone 8

SPECIAL HYMNS OF THE DAY (SMALL ENTRANCE):

*The first hymn chanted at the Small Entrance is the Resurrection Apolytikion in Tone 8 (p. 172 in the Divine Liturgy book). The usual **Eisodikon (Entrance Hymn)** chanted by the priest in Tone 2 follows:*

Δεῦτε προσκυνήσωμεν καὶ προσπέσωμεν Χριστῷ. Σῶσον ἡμᾶς Υἱὲ Θεοῦ, ὁ ἀναστὰς ἐκ νεκρῶν
(ἢ ὁ ἐν Ἀγίοις θανμαστός), ψάλλοντάς σοι Ἀλληλουῖα.

Come let us worship and fall down before Christ. Save us O Son of God, who arose from the dead.

We sing to you, Alleluia.

After the Entrance Hymn the Clergy reenter the Sanctuary, while the Resurrection Apolytikion is repeated.

Then, we hear the Hymn honoring all saints:

Τῶν ἐν ὅλῳ τῷ κόσμῳ Μαρτύρων σου, ὡς πορφύραν καὶ βύσσον τὰ αἵματα, ἡ Ἐκκλησία σου
στολισαμένη, δι' αὐτῶν βοᾷ σοι· Χριστέ ὁ Θεός, τῷ λαῷ σου τοὺς οἰκτιρομύς σου κατάπεμψον,
εἰρήνην τῇ πολιτεία σου δώρησαι, καὶ ταῖς ψυχαῖς ἡμῶν τὸ μέγα ἔλεος.

Your Church is arrayed in the holy blood of Your Martyrs who witnessed throughout the world,
as though in purple and fine linen. Through them she cries to You, Christ our God,

"Send down to Your people Your tender love, grant peace from above to Your commonwealth,
and to our souls Your great mercy."

After that, the Apolytikion for the patron saint of our church is chanted:

Κανόνα πίστεως καὶ εἰκόνα πραότητος, ἐγκρατείας Διδάσκαλον, ἀνέδειξέ σε τῇ ποιμνῇ σου,
ἢ τῶν πραγμάτων ἀλήθεια· διὰ τοῦτο ἐκτίσω τῇ ταπεινώσει τὰ ὑψηλά, τῇ πτωχείᾳ τὰ πλούσια,
Πάτερ Ἱεράρχα Νικόλαε· πρόσβευε 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.

Then, we hear the Kontakion for the Feastday in the Eighth Tone:

Ὡς ἀπαρχὰς τῆς φύσεως, τῷ φυτουργῷ τῆς κτίσεως, ἡ οἰκουμένη προσφέρει σοι Κύριε, τοὺς
θεοφόρους Μάρτυρας· ταῖς αὐτῶν ἰκεσίαις, ἐν εἰρήνῃ βαθείᾳ, τὴν Ἐκκλησίαν σου,
διὰ τῆς Θεοτόκου συντήρησον, πολυέλεε.

O Planter of creation, Lord, to You does the entire world bring as an offering the God-bearing martyr
Saints, as being nature's first fruits. At their earnest entreaties, keep Your Church in a state of
profoundest peace, through the Theotokos, O Lord abundantly merciful.

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

PLEASE NOTE: the Apostles Fast begins tomorrow, and continues until June 29.

Keeping up with Philoptochos...

Celebrating 85 years of Philanthropy, Fellowship & Faith in Action!

- **Father's Day Cards** - Honor your Fathers, Uncles, Nouns, Papous and "special" men, both living and those who have passed. A card is sent to the honoree and their name is also listed in the bulletin on Father's Day (and the Ecclesia). It is a wonderful way to honor and remember those who are thought of in a loving way.
- **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 through your employers United Way contribution. Just designate #3288. Questions: contact Elaine Andrianos (412-731-4334) or Denise Daugherty (412-508-1326).
- **ONLY \$9.00 PER LOG; GET YOURS TODAY!** A LIMITED NUMBER OF DELICIOUS SPINACH (SPANAKOPITA) LOGS are still available (about 100) from the Philoptochos. They make an excellent addition to your Memorial Day picnic or graduation party! Please speak to Michelle Kotsagrelis or any other Philoptochos Board member. *Hurry before they're all gone!*

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2017 Stewardship Pledge Cards are in the Narthex *(Just ask a member of Parish Council)*

Christian Stewardship is about becoming good caretakers of all that God has given us. It is by offering our gifts back of TIME, Talent and treasure to God that we will be able to continue to enjoy Church life and be happy in Church ministries.

If you have already submitted your 2017 Stewardship Commitment, **THANK YOU!** If not, please take the time to make your financial Stewardship Commitment today and complete the talent portion of the card to enable **OUR** Community to grow and carry on the mission of our faith. **HELP US REACH/EXCEED OUR GOAL**



<u>2017</u>	<u>STEWARDSHIP</u>
Total Pledged Stewards	162 (GOAL 300)
Total Amount Pledged	\$114,010.00 (GOAL \$175,000.00)
Average Pledge	\$703.77

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

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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 ngni@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).

JUNE 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
11 ALL SAINTS Orthros, 8:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy, 10 a.m. "Thank You" Luncheon, 12 Noon in Big Hall	12 <u><i>Apostles Fast Begins</i></u>	13	14	15 Living Orthodoxy 11 a.m.	16	17
18 2nd SUNDAY OF MATTHEW HAPPY FATHER'S DAY! Orthros, 8:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy, 10 a.m.	19 Parish Council Meeting 7 p.m.	20	21	22 Living Orthodoxy 11 a.m.	23	24
25 Orthros, 8:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy, 10 a.m.	26	27	28 <u><i>Last day of Apostles Fast</i></u>	29 Greek School Open Gym- All Day	30	

Fr. Christopher away until July 21

Celebrating

FATHER'S DAY

ST. NICHOLAS PHILOPTOCHOS BELIEVES IN HONORING THE MEN IN OUR LIVES.

HONOR YOUR HUSBAND, FATHER, GRANDFATHER, GODFATHER, BROTHER, UNCLE OR A SPECIAL FRIEND WITH A GIFT TO PHILOPTOCHOS.

YOUR DONATION WILL ENABLE US TO CONTINUE OUR WORK OF CHARITABLE GIVING TO INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES IN NEED, AREA FOOD BANKS, SHELTERS FOR THE HOMELESS, SOCIAL-SERVICE AGENCIES, AND COUNTLESS RESEARCH EFFORTS IN THE BATTLE AGAINST CANCER AND OTHER CATASTROPHIC DISEASES.

SO JOIN US THIS FATHER'S DAY BY HONORING SOMEONE YOU LOVE WITH A GIFT TO PHILOPTOCHOS.

Please make check payable and send to: Father's Day, St. Nicholas Philoptochos, 419 S. Dithridge St. Pittsburgh, PA 15213

Yes, I would like to celebrate Father's Day by honoring someone special to me. (Minimum gift of \$5.00 per name please.) Enclosed is my gift of \$_____ (all donations are tax-deductible)

Your Name _____
 Your Address _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip _____

HONOREE'S WILL RECEIVE A SPECIAL FATHER'S DAY ACKNOWLEDGEMENT CARD.
 (THE AMOUNT OF YOUR GIFT WILL NOT BE DISCLOSED)

Please accept this gift in honor of my father. Please accept this gift in memory of my father.

Name _____
 Address _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Please accept this gift in honor of: Please accept this gift in memory of:

Name _____
 Address _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip _____

List additional names and addresses on the back of this flyer and indicate In Honor or In Memory