

June 18, 2017 – 2nd Sunday of Matthew

Today's Saints: Holy Martyrs Leontios, Hypatios and Theodoulos.
Synaxis of the righteous Fathers who have shone in holiness on the Holy Mountain Athos.



WELCOME TO ST. NICHOLAS GREEK ORTHODOX CATHEDRAL

Cathedral Website: www.stnickspgh.org CHECK OUT THE UPDATED WEBSITE TODAY!

Email: church@stnickspgh.org

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

Father's Cell - 724-630-3483; Father's E-mail - frchbender@verizon.net

PROTOPSALTIS: Dr. Nick Giannoukakis

CHANTER: Steve Andrews

CHOIR DIRECTOR: Steve Andrews

ORGANIST: Anna Kovalevskaya

ALTAR BOY CAPTAINS: Nicholas Hages & Andreas Paljug

Today's hymns: please see page 2

EPISTLE: Romans 2:10-16 (p. 66)

GOSPEL: Matthew 4:18-23 (p. 66)

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

Sotiris "Sam" Vlastos (6 years) & Sophia Vergis (2 years). May God grant them eternal rest & comfort their families.

THIS WEEK AT ST. NICHOLAS:

TODAY: Father's Day – COFFEE HOUR LOCATION TO BE ANNOUNCED...

-Philoptochos will take their Affirmation (Oath) of Office, followed by a brief meeting to elect officers.

-GOYA will hold a brief meeting after church to elect officers.

Tuesday, June 19: Parish Council Meeting, 7 p.m.

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

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. Please call Debbie to volunteer, 412-682-3866. (The GOYA will resume serving in September.)



SIXTY CLUB NEWS

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

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



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.



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

Please Notice This



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 who, in turn, confirms the work has been completed.

Any additional task that may be required of the maintenance staff must be scheduled through the Office Manager. 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.

All organizations are asked to adhere to this policy. We have established a proven labor pool that must be respected and used efficiently.

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Orthros Gospel 2

Tone 1

SPECIAL HYMNS OF THE DAY (SMALL ENTRANCE):

The first hymn chanted at the Small Entrance is the Resurrection Apolytikion in Tone 1 (p. 170 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 (ἡ ὁ ἐν Ἀγίοις
θαυμαστός), ψάλλοντάς σοι Ἀλληλούϊα.

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.

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, 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.

Finally, we hear the Kontakion in Tone 4 of the Theotokos:

Προστασία τῶν Χριστιανῶν ἀκαταίσχυντε, μεσιτεία πρὸς τὸν Ποιητὴν ἀμετάθετε. Μὴ παρίδης ἀμαρτωλῶν
δεήσεων φωνάς, ἀλλὰ πρόφθασον, ὡς ἀγαθὴ, εἰς τὴν βοήθειαν ἡμῶν, τῶν πιστῶς κραυγαζόντων σοι· Τάχυνον
εἰς πρεσβείαν, καὶ σπεῦσον εἰς ἱκεσίαν, ἡ προστατεύουσα ἀεὶ, Θεοτόκε, τῶν τιμώντων σε.

A protection of Christians unshamable, Intercessor to our Holy Maker, unwavering,

Please reject not The prayerful cries of those who are in sin. Instead, come to us, for you are good;

Your loving help bring unto us, Who are crying in faith to you: Hasten to intercede

And speed now to supplicate, As a protection for all time, Theotokos, for those who honor you.

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

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Keeping up with Philoptochos...

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

- **Happy Father's Day** to all the Dads, Papous, Theos and Nounos of St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Cathedral!
- **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 Kotsagrellos or any other Philoptochos Board member. *Hurry before they're all gone!*

YASOU!

Ypapanti Active Seniors Opportunities Unlimited

Join our Active Adults (50+)

**BUS TRIP TO ASSUMPTION GREEK
ORTHODOX CHURCH'S**

ANNUAL FESTIVAL IN ERIE, PA

Bus leaves on July 8 from the Presentation of Christ in East Pittsburgh
at 8 a.m. returns at 8 p.m. with a few stops along the way!

Cost is \$50 per rider, with a few extra perks!

Guests age 21+ are welcome.

SEATING IS LIMITED!

Contact Deborah Grysiak for info and reservations at 412-371-2465.

www.facebook.com/PresentationOfChrist/

www.ypapanti.net

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).

We are deeply saddened to inform you of the passing of a long-time member of our parish, **Mrs. Sophia Haretos**, mother of Dr. John Haretos, Theodore Haretos, and the late Ellen Haretos.

Visitation will take place Sunday, June 18, from 1 – 5 p.m. at Freyvogel Funeral Home, with a Trisagion service at 4:00 p.m. **The funeral will take place at St. Nicholas Cathedral on Monday, June 19 at 11:00 a.m.,** with interment to follow at Homewood Cemetery.

May God grant her eternal rest and comfort to her family in their time of loss.



A campaign to burn our mortgage
by December, 2018

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

St. Nicholas Cathedral thanks you for your support.

Philoptochos Father's Day 2017 Honorees

Mennel G. Anthon—George Anthon

Nicholas A. Beldecos—Vange Beldecos

George Bellios - Talia Cominos

Gust Bellios—George & Maive Bellios

Father Christopher Bender

Presbytera Filitsa Bender

Sophia & Maria Bender

St. Nicholas Cathedral Altar Boys

St. Nicholas Cathedral Church School

Archdeacon Euripides Christulides

Denise & Bridgette Daugherty

George Chronis - Elaine Vitsas

Spencer Cominos—Dina & Talia Cominos

Robert Diaconis - Virginia Fekaris

Demetri Ellis

Melissa Bennett

Patricia DiNatale

John Edgos

Dina & Talia Cominos

Houston & Evina Frentzos

Robert C. Falck—Penny Falck

Robert M. Falck—Penny Falck

John Frentzos

Houston & Evina Frentzos

Tommy, Kalliope & Antoni Kristian

Michael Gabriel—Patricia DiNatale

Christ Geanopoulos—Georgette Nelson

Chris Geronimos - Ted Hages

James Hages—Ted & Nicholas Hages

Nicholas Kleissas—Amy Kleissas

Anest (Tasso) Kotsagrellos

Estair Kotsagrellos

Michelle Kotsagrellos

Georgette Nelson

Aimee Walker

Brooke & Drew Walker

Stacey Whipple

Tasso & Faith Whipple

John Kristian

Tommy, Kalliope & Antoni Kristian

Nicholas Lamprinakos

Deborah & Louis Lamprinakos

Deacon Robert Lykos

Yoanna & Stamatia Lykos

James Machin—Nicholas Hages

Nicholas Mastros—Helen Mastros

Conrad Mitchell

Deborah & Louis Lamprinakos

Eric Mitchell—Leona & Sarah Mitchell

Brian Nelson - Brooke Walker

John Peterson

Jamie Contis

Jasmine Peterson

Toula Peterson

Mark Peterson - Patti McKee

Larry Reina - Penny Falck

Steven Roman

Michelle Kotsagrellos

H.R. Sheetz—Tara Pallas-Sheetz

Gus Stamoolis- Aimee Walker

Anastasios J. Tousimis

Popie Tousimis

Mel Trifanoff—John, Mary & Jasmine Peterson

Perry Velisaris

Yoanna & Stamatia Lykos

Bob Walker

Jason & Aimee Walker

Brooke & Drew Walker

Jason Walker

Brooke & Drew Walker

Tasso Whipple

Scott Whipple

Tasso & Faith Whipple

Leo Yannopoulos—Peter & Emily Yannopoulos

Peter Yannopoulos—Drew Walker

As of, 6/14/17 - We apologize for any misspellings or omissions.

Philoptochos Father's Day 2017 Memorials

Emanuel Amurgis
Michelle Kotsagrellos

William Amurgis
Estair & Tasso Kotsagrellos

Theodore Andrews—Steve Andrews

Andrew Beldecos
Vange & Nicholas Beldecos

Harry Bender
Fr. Christopher & Presbyteria Filitsa
Sophia & Maria Bender

George Bertos—Pamela Bertos

Thomas Chester
Thomas J. Plakidas

George Christ—Martha Kartsotis

Paul Chronis- Elaine Vitsas

Constantine A. Contis
Kyriakos & Alexandra Davides

Deno G. Contis—Georgia Contis

George Contis—Jamie Contis

John G. Contis
Dn. Robert, Nikki, Yoanna & Stamatia
Lykos

Thomas Contis—Jamie Contis

Gus Dakis
Alexandra, Michael & Corey Gregory

Harry Darakos—
Taki & Argy Darakos

Ron (Richards) Daugherty
Denise & Bridgette Daugherty
Kay Thimoleas & Family

Andreas Delivorias
Petros & Marlene Delivorias

Constantin Davides
Kyriakos & Alexandra Davides

Sotirios Diacoyanis
Virginia Fekaris

James Dordas—Demetra Craig

Jules Falck—Penny Falck

Peter Flocos
Martha Kartsotis, Patti McKee

Tom Frentzos
Houston & Evina Frentzos
Tommy, Kalliope & Antoni Kristian

Charles Garbinski—Melissa Bennett

Michael Geanopulos
Estair & Tasso Kotsagrellos
Michelle Kotsagrellos
Georgette Nelson
Aimee Walker, Stacey Whipple

Thomas Geanopulos
Estair & Tasso Kotsagrellos

George Gregory
Alexandra, Michael & Corey Gregory

Edward Gust—Thomas J. Plakidas

Eleftherios Hages
Jim & Linda Hages
Nick Hages
Teddy & Nicholas Hages

John C. Hanna—Frances Hanna

Anastasios Hatzivasilou
Fr. Christopher & Presbyteria Filitsa
Sophia & Maria Bender

Pete Kappas—Frances Hanna

George Kotsagrellos
Estair & Tasso Kotsagrellos
Michelle Kotsagrellos
Georgette Nelson
Aimee Walker
Stacey Whipple

Denis Latos—Georgia Contis

Constantine J. Leoleos
Georgia Contis

James Leoleos—Georgia Contis

Sotirios Livanos
Leona & Sarah Mitchell

George Lykos
Yoanna & Stamatia Lykos

Michael Markas—Thomas J. Plakidas

Athanasios Markopoulos
Greg & Electra Markopoulos

John Mastros—Kostas J. Mastros

Anthony Morrison—Helen Mastros

Theodore Pallas, Sr.
Tara Pallas-Sheetz

Leonard Panos
Denise & Bridgette Daugherty
Caroline Panos

Sotirios N. Papandreas
Elaine Andrianos

Robert Peterson
John, Mary & Jasmine Peterson

Gust Petinos—Alice Lardas Gary

George Petritis
Eugenia & Emanuel Vergis

Vasilios Petritis
Eugenia & Emanuel Vergis

James Petrolas—John Petrolas

Alex Plakidas—Thomas J. Plakidas

George Plakidas
Thomas J. Plakidas

James Plakidas
Thomas J. Plakidas

John Plakidas
Thomas J. Plakidas

John Seitanakis
Vange & Nicholas Beldecos

Walter Stefanowicz
Petros & Marlene Delivorias

Paul Telakis—Elaine Vitsas

Dan Thimoleas
Denise & Bridgette Daugherty
Caroline Panos
Kay Thimoleas & Family

Louis Torlidas—Penny Falck

Angelo Tsudis
Peter & Carol Tsudis

Chrysostomos Tzamouzakis
Conrad Mitchell

George K. Vasilakis
Mary Vasilakis

Athanasios Vergis
Eugenia & Emanuel Vergis

Nicholas T. Vergis
Eugenia & Emanuel Vergis

Gust Vitsas
Martha Kartsotis, Patti McKee

Louis G. Vitsas
Martha Kartsotis, Patti McKee

Theodore Vlahoulis
Mary & George Kappakas

Joseph Wimmer
Demetri & Irene Ellis

John Xidis
Jamie Contis, Toula Peterson



Dear Friends,

I am honored to serve on a committee to help the Nativity of the Theotokos Monastery in Saxonburg, PA fundraise to build new facilities. I am writing to ask you to consider placing a business advertisement in a program book to benefit the monastery. Your advertisement will reach over four hundred guests from the surrounding area, many of whom are business and/or community leaders. Each guest will receive a copy of the program book at our annual Dinner Banquet and Silent Auction event to be held on Saturday September 9, 2017.

Your advertisement will benefit a very worthy cause. The Nativity of the Theotokos Monastery was the first female Greek Orthodox Monastery established in the U.S. in 1989. It is the only Greek Orthodox Monastery in southwestern PA. Over the years, the monastery has quietly and humbly struggled, with modest support from a handful of churches and individuals.

The monastery desperately needs to expand its facilities, so that it can accommodate a growing number of visitors. We hope that you will play a part in supporting and expanding this precious gem within our local community, where they so generously welcome and minister to others.

Please see the attached form, outlining details of the ad options. The deadline for all ads is July 10, 2017. I hope to follow up with you within the next few weeks. In the meantime, should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Thank you for your consideration and your generosity! May God bless you!

With Love in Christ,

Program Book Advertisement Chair for Nativity of the Theotokos Fundraising Committee

Irene Lampros, (440) 813-3462, irenelampros@verizon.net

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Contract for the Nativity of the Theotokos Greek Orthodox Monastery 2017 Dinner Banquet Program Ads

Dear Friends,

The 2017 Dinner Banquet Committee (Adelfotita) for the Nativity of the Theotokos Greek Orthodox Monastery is soliciting ads for the 2017 Dinner Banquet Program Souvenir Book.

The Dinner Banquet is scheduled for Saturday, September 9th.

The program book will be 8 ½" X 11" in glossy, vibrant, high resolution, full color, with the prices as follows:

Full Page Ad: \$500.00

Half Page Ad: \$300.00

Quarter Page Ad: \$200.00

Please indicate the wording of your advertisement in the space provided below, attach a business card or printed advertisement to this form, or email a digital copy of your advertisement to irenelampros@verizon.net (preferred for ads that include pictures or images).

All hardcopy advertisements and payments should be sent to Irene Lampros, 1468 West Gore Road, Erie PA 16509, Attn: Dinner Banquet Ads. If you have any questions, please call Irene Lampros at 440-813-3462 or by email at

irenelampros@verizon.net.

Deadline for Ads and Payment is July 10, 2017

Name: _____ Address: _____
Phone: _____ Zip Code: _____
Email: _____

Please make your tax deductible check payable to:
Nativity of the Theotokos Greek Orthodox Monastery
Thank you for your support!



Presentation of Christ "Ypapanti" Greek
Orthodox Church

Annual Golf Outing!



Sunday July 30th, 2017
4 Man Scramble at Grandview Golf Club
1:30 Shotgun Start
12:00pm Registration

Price per Player \$100

Includes: Golf, Refreshments, Dinner, Prizes, and Various Skill Competitions

Prizes include:

Golf Clubs, Bags, Golf Accessories, Clothing and Much, Much More!

You may sign up as a foursome or we can pair you with someone. Field is limited. Make your reservations today!
E-mail questions to Dean Leventopoulos at Greek2001@aol.com Subject: Ypapanti Golf Outing

The format of play will be a scramble. Each player hits a ball and the group will play from the best lying ball.

Registration form is on reverse.

Payment must accompany registration.

Only the first 36 paid foursomes can be taken!

Don't miss out!!



Come and join us for

GREEK DAY AT KENNYWOOD PARK!!!

JULY 25, 2017

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GREEK DANCING

FUN AND FELLOWSHIP!!!

For tickets contact Presentation of Christ Church at 412-824-9188, email at lkoutsavlis@ypapant.net Credit Cards now accepted for phone orders.

Ticket Prices: Regular Day Pass - \$27.00

Seniors 55+ - \$16.00

Seniors 70+ - \$11.00

JUNE 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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	30	

Fr. Christopher away until July 21