

June 25, 2017 – 3rd Sunday of Matthew

Today's Saints: Leave-taking of the Nativity of the Forerunner John the Baptist;
Righteous Fevronia; and Righteous Methodios of Nivritos



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 Kovalevskia

ALTAR BOY CAPTAINS: Nicholas Hages & Andreas Paljug

Today's hymns: please see page 2

EPISTLE: Romans 5: 1-11 (p. 67)

GOSPEL: Matthew 6:22-33 (p. 68)

A WARM WELCOME TO ALL! Please join us as well for coffee and fellowship in the Fellowship Room following services, hosted and sponsored today by the **60 CLUB**.

OUR DEEPEST CONDOLENCES to the family of **ANASTASIA VRETTACOS**, who fell asleep in the Lord on Sunday, June 8. Her funeral took place on Friday, June 23. May God grant her eternal rest, and comfort to her family in their time of loss.



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.)

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A SPECIAL TRAY WILL BE PASSED for the Sisters at Nativity of the Theotokos Monastery in Saxonburg. This will assist them in their recovery from a fire caused by lightning, which resulted in significant damage throughout their residence.

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FR. CHRISTOPHER will be away from Thursday, June 29 - Friday, July 21. Please welcome our guest celebrants for the Sunday services: Fr. Joseph Wargo on July 2nd and Fr. Sarantos Serviou on July 9th & 16th. In the event of a pastoral emergency, contact Dn. Robert Lykos, 412-736-2762.
Fr. Polycarp Rameas is available, in the event that a priest is required: 412-860-6739.



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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 3

Tone 2

SPECIAL HYMNS OF THE DAY (SMALL ENTRANCE):

The first hymn chanted at the Small Entrance is the Resurrection Apolytikion in Tone 2 (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 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 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 ἐκτίσω τῇ ταπεινώσει τὰ ὑψηλά, τῇ πτωχείᾳ τὰ πλούσια, Πάτερ
Τεράρχα 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.

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

Προστασία τῶν Χριστιανῶν ἀκατάσχυντε, μεσιτεία πρὸς τὸν Ποιητὴν ἀμετάθετε. Μὴ παρίδης αμαρτωλῶν
δεήσεων φωνάς, ἀλλὰ πρόφθασον, ὡς ἀγαθή, 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.

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS:

EPISTLE: Romans 5: 1-11 (p. 67)

GOSPEL: Matthew 6: 22-33 (p. 68)

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

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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 each week until AUGUST 11!!** Sign up at

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

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.

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

<u>2017</u>	<u>STEWARDSHIP</u>
Total Pledged Stewards	172 (GOAL 300)
Total Amount Pledged	\$118,215.00 (GOAL \$175,000.00)
Average Pledge	\$687.30

"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 Protosaltis 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).

Keeping up with Philoptochos...

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

- **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).
- **FUNDRAISERS** - To fulfill our mission of helping those in need, fundraisers continue to be the primary source of income for Philoptochos. If you have an idea, please contact any member of Philoptochos.
- **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!*
- **FATHER'S DAY HONOREES/MEMORIALS** - Philoptochos thanks all our parishioners who supported the Father's Day card fundraiser by honoring/memorializing the special men who had touched their lives.
- **PARISH DIRECTORY** - Philoptochos will be updating our Parish Directory this year as a Service Project. The last update was December of 2013. Please be on the lookout for the Directory Listing Form and Sponsorship Letter later this summer.

PHILOPTOCHOS ELECTS NEW OFFICERS

Last Sunday, June 18, 2017, the Oath of Office was administered to the Philoptochos Board by Father Christopher Bender and they elected their Officers for 2017-2019:

President: Nikki Lykos

Vice-President: Mary Peterson

Secretary: Catherine Pandeladis

Treasurer: Marcie McGuire

Assistant Treasurer: Denise Daugherty

Advisor: Michelle Marie Kotsagrellos

Board Members: Elaine Andrianos, Estair Kotsagrellos, Anna Kukunas, Alisa Mathews and Elaine Vitsas

CONGRATULATIONS!

Yours in Christ, Michelle Marie Kotsagrellos, President

GOYA NEWS

CONGRATULATIONS to our newly elected officers!!

Co-Presidents: Jacob Kefalos & Andreas Paljug

Vice President: (TBA)

Corresponding Secretary: Christos Mavrogeorgis

Recording Secretary: Christianna Paljug

Treasurer: Demetri Strauch

May our gracious Lord bless you in all your endeavors!

Thank you also to our outgoing officers and their parents for their hard work and leadership over the past year.



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

St. Nicholas Cathedral thanks you for your support.

SIXTY CLUB NEWS 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!**



June 1, 2017

Dear Friends,

Please join us to help the Nativity of the Theotokos Monastery fundraise to build new facilities. Each year, the monastery hosts a dinner to raise awareness and financial support for its building project. We are honored to serve on the committee to help plan this year's dinner, which will be held on Saturday, September 9th. We hope that you will consider attending this beautiful event. If you cannot attend, please show your love for the monastery by offering financial support to help defray the costs of the dinner. Every donation, large or small, brings spiritual benefit and honors our blessed Panagia, for whom the monastery was named. Together we can help to build a new monastery "brick by brick"!

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. Expansion of the facilities will allow the sisters to accommodate new novices and the many visitors who wish to attend services and/or stay overnight on the monastery grounds. Over the years, the monastery has quietly and humbly struggled with modest support from a handful of churches and individuals. Our hope is to continue to raise awareness and solicit the help of the many faithful in our Metropolis, so that we can all play a part in supporting our sisterhood and expanding this precious gem where they so generously welcome and minister to us all.

We hope that you will find it in your hearts to donate to this very worthy cause, attend the dinner, and help spread awareness within your parish. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact Ellen Kaffenes at 412-638-8296 or at ellenkaffenes@comcast.net. May our most blessed Panagia keep you in her care!

With Love in Christ, the 2017 Nativity of the Theotokos Adelfotita Committee:

Olympia Arthur, Dormition of the Theotokos, Oakmont, PA
Elaine Bellios, St. Nicholas Cathedral, Pittsburgh, PA
Athena Bober, Holy Trinity, Pittsburgh, PA
Penny Bouris, Dormition of the Theotokos, Oakmont, PA
Cathy Champagne, Dormition of the Theotokos, Oakmont, PA
Argiri Christou, St. George, New Castle, PA
Denise Panos-Daugherty, St. Nicholas Cathedral, Pittsburgh, PA
Diane Davliakos, Ypapanti, East Pittsburgh, PA
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Ellen Kaffenes, Kimisis Tis Theotokou, Aliquippa, PA
Zelfa Kahlil, St. George Antiochian Cathedral, Pittsburgh, PA

Elesa Kantzos, St. Anthony's Monastery, Arizona
Kelli Katsadas, Archangel Michael, Campbell, OH
Catherine Koliass, St. Nicholas Cathedral, Pittsburgh, PA
Michelle Kotsagrellos, St. Nicholas Cathedral, Pittsburgh, PA
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Kiki Lazaridis, Ypapanti, East Pittsburgh, PA
Nick Ligerakis, St. George, New Castle, PA
Georgene Snyder-Petrovich, Holy Trinity, Pittsburgh, PA
Elaine Spiridonakos, Dormition of the Theotokos, Oakmont, PA
Elaine Vitsas, St. Nicholas Cathedral, Pittsburgh, PA
Jean Walter, Dormition of the Theotokos, Oakmont, PA

**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 Sat, Sept. 9th.

The program book will be 8 1/2" 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 at ATTN: Dinner Banquet Ads, 1468 West Gore Road, Erie PA 16509; **MEMO LINE: 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: _____

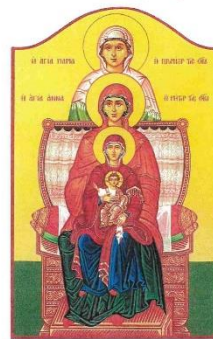
Zip Code: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____

Please make your tax deductible check payable to: **Nativity of the Theotokos Greek Orthodox Monastery**

Thank you for your support! **(Donation form on the next page.)**

**Nativity of the Theotokos
Greek Orthodox Monastery**
Ἡ ΠΑΝΑΓΙΑ ΜΟΝΗ ΓΕΝΝΗΣΕΩΣ ΤΗΣ ΘΕΟΤΟΚΟΥ



With the Blessings of His Eminence Metropolitan Savas, Gerontissa Theophano & her Sisterhood warmly welcome you to:

ALL GENERATIONS WILL CALL ME BLESSED!

**The 4th Annual Dinner Banquet in
Memory of Gerontissa Taxiarchia**

New Caterer! This year's event catered by George Loutsion
September 9th at St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Cathedral
3:00 p.m. Vesper Service - 4:00 p.m. Dinner Banquet
RSVP Online Now: 2017DinnerBanquet.eventbrite.com
RSVP DEADLINE: September 1, 2017
Fish and Chicken entrees: \$100 per ticket
121 St. Elias Lane, Saxonburg, PA 16056 724-352-3999

SEPTEMBER 9, 2017

"All Generations Will Call Me Blessed"

4th Annual Dinner Banquet in Memory of Gerontissa Taxiarchia
An evening of fundraising to help build a new monastery

Please help the Nativity of the Theotokos Monastery build new facilities with a donation to help with this year's fundraising dinner. Donations of any size will be humbly and gratefully accepted and will be recognized on an insert in the program book at the dinner. Your financial support will honor the Panagia and bring spiritual benefit. Together we can help to build a new monastery "brick by brick"! The following sponsorship levels will be specially recognized:

Level 1 - \$500 - \$1499 Level 2 - \$1,500 - \$2,999 Level 3 - \$3,000 and higher.

Thank you for your generous donation!

Name & Address _____

Donation amount \$ _____

Name to appear in the Dinner Banquet Program Book on September 9th. _____

Monetary donations can be made payable to:

Nativity of the Theotokos Monastery, 121 St. Elias Ln., Saxonburg, PA 16056 Attn: Dinner Banquet Sponsorship

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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

Dear Friends and
Parishioners of St. Nicholas,

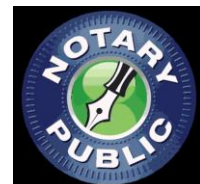
With permission from Father
Chris, I am able to offer
NOTARY PUBLIC services to
you and your families!
All you have to do is call
the office and let me
know when you
can come by!

Fees are very nominal,
and I am pleased to
offer this service to you.

At my last Parish, many of the
members, friends and family
of theirs as well, enjoyed this
very convenient addition!

I look forward to hearing
from you!

Yours in Christ,
Debbie Sandherr





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

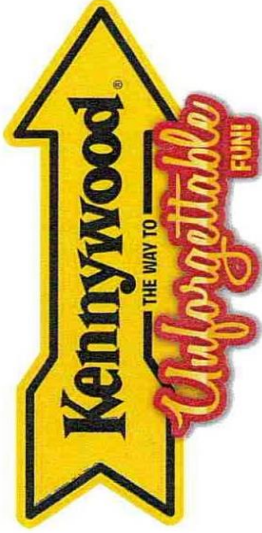
The format of play will be a scramble. Each player hits a ball and the group will play from the best lying ball.

Registration form is on reverse.

Payment must accompany registration.

Only the first 36 paid foursomes can be taken!

Don't miss out!!



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JULY 25, 2017

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GREEK DANCING

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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

