

June 4, 2017 – HOLY PENTECOST

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and Sophia of Thrace, The Mother of Orphans.



WELCOME TO ST. NICHOLAS GREEK ORTHODOX CATHEDRAL

Cathedral Website: www.stnickspgh.org Email: church@stnickspgh.org

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

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CHANTER: Steve Andrews

CHOIR DIRECTOR: Steve Andrews

ORGANIST: Anna Kovalevska

ALTAR BOY CAPTAINS: Nicholas Hages & Andreas Paljug

Today's hymns: please see page 2

EPISTLE: Acts 2: 1-11 (p. 62)

GOSPEL: John 7: 37-52; 8: 12 (p. 63)

THIS WEEK AT ST. NICHOLAS:

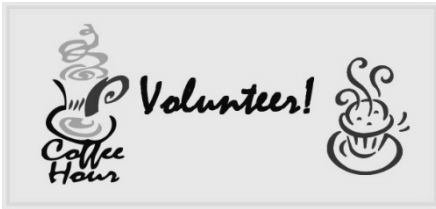
Sunday, June 4: GOYA Meeting after services, GOYA Room

Monday, June 5: Father Chris away at U. N. Conference, June 5-8

Tuesday, June 6: Byzantine Music Class, 7-9 p.m.

ALL SAINTS, Sunday, June 11: C.P.R. Class, small hall, 12:30 a.m.

Parish "Thank You" Luncheon, Big Hall, Noon



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 at the church office to volunteer, 412-682-3866. (The GOYA will resume serving coffee in September.)

FR. CHRISTOPHER has been asked to serve as a delegate from our Archdiocese to a United Nations Conference on the Protection of the Oceans at the United Nations in New York. As a consequence, he will be away from June 4 (evening) to June 8 (evening). In the event of a pastoral emergency, please contact Deacon Robert Lykos (412-736-2762). Fr. Polycarp Rameas will be available in the event that a priest is required.



Thank You!

A THANK YOU LUNCHEON, hosted by the Parish Council to thank all who volunteered their time during our 2017 Food Festival, will be held on Sunday, June 11, right after the Divine Liturgy in the Cathedral Room. Please see the flyer located in this bulletin for more information.

What a beautiful sunny day we had to commemorate those who have gone before us. We thank Fr. Bender, Deacon Robert and Lee Katsafanas for leading us in prayer and also to Theodora Copetas and Tula Velisaris who graciously prepared the Koliva.

The American Legion honored the former members of Saint Nicholas Post No. 595, who were former military members of the US services of the United States, at both Homewood and Saint Nicholas.

Thank you to all who attended the service.



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Orthros Gospel for the Feast: John 20: 19-23

SPECIAL HYMNS OF THE DAY (SMALL ENTRANCE):

The first hymn chanted at the Small Entrance is the troparion for Pentecost (Tone 8):

Εὐλογητὸς εἶ, Χριστὲ ὁ Θεὸς ἡμῶν, ὁ πανσόφους τοὺς ἀλιεῖς ἀναδείξας, καταπέμψας αὐτοῖς
τὸ Πνεῦμα τὸ ἅγιον, καὶ δι' αὐτῶν, τὴν οἰκουμένην σαγηνεύσας, φιλόανθρωπε, δόξα σοι.

Blessed are You, O Christ our God. You made the fishermen all-wise,
by sending down upon them the Holy Spirit, and through them,
You drew the world into Your net. O Lover of mankind, glory to You.

*After the procession with the Gospel the special **Eisodikon (Entrance Hymn)** in Tone 2 is chanted:*

Ὑψώθητι, Κύριε, ἐν τῇ δυνάμει σου, ἄσωμεν καὶ ψαλοῦμεν τὰς δυναστείας σου.
Σῶσον ἡμᾶς Υἱὲ Θεοῦ, Σῶσον ἡμᾶς, Παράκλητε ἀγαθέ, ψάλλοντάς σοι Ἀλληλούϊα.

Be exalted, O Lord, in your power; we will sing and praise your mighty deeds.
Save us, O Son of God, Save us, O good Comforter. We sing to You, Alleluia.

After the Entrance Hymn the Clergy reenter the Sanctuary, while we hear the hymn for Pentecost once again.

Then, we hear the Kontakion of Pentecost in the Eighth Tone:

Ὅτε καταβὰς τὰς γλώσσας συνέχεε, διεμέριζεν ἔθνη ὁ Ὑψιστος·
ὅτε τοῦ πυρὸς τὰς γλώσσας διένειμεν, εἰς ἐνότητα πάντας ἐκάλεσε,
καὶ συμφώνως δοξάζομεν τὸ πανάγιον Πνεῦμα.

When the Most High God came down and confused the tongues, * He divided the nations.
When He distributed the tongues of fire, * He called all to unity.
And with one voice we glorify the all-holy Spirit.

Instead of the usual Trisagion hymn ("Holy is God"), we hear the baptismal one:

Ὅσοι εἰς Χριστὸν ἐβαπτίσθητε, Χριστὸν ἐνεδύσασθε. Ἀλληλούϊα. (ἐκ γ')

As many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. Alleluia. (3)

This tells us that Pentecost was one of the appointed days for mass baptisms in the ancient Church.

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

PLEASE NOTE: There is no fasting all this week.

SIXTY CLUB NEWS



SIXTY CLUB INVITATION TO ALL AGES: There will be a demonstration on First Aid & C.P.R. on June 11 in the Crystal Room one-half hour after the Liturgy. Since this will be a hands-on demonstration, there will be a **limit of 20** participants. The hour-and-a half program is not for certification. We encourage all ages, **including teenagers** to give serious thought to learning what to do in case of an emergency. The cost is \$5 per person payable to the St.

Nicholas Sixty Club. To reserve a place contact Alice Flocos at 412-731-4282 or Virginia Fekaris at 412-687-4804. **Also, please pay your 2017 dues - \$10, to Virginia Fekaris.**

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Keeping up with Philoptochos...

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

- **Father's Day Cards** - Honor your Fathers, Uncles, Nounos, 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 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!*

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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.



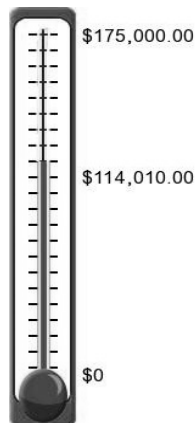
2017 Stewardship Pledge Cards are in the Narthex (Just ask a member of Parish Council)

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).

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!



Young Professionals

We are new to the parish and excited to make new friends through the Young Professionals group, so we are inviting you to join us at our house for drinks and appetizers! We are looking forward to seeing you there!

**JUNE 10TH AT 7PM
520 CROCUS AVE
PITTSBURGH, PA, 15235**

Hosted by Chris and Steve Burns.
Please feel free to call Chris with any questions. 330-603-6692

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The Archdiocese of Pgh and W PA (OCA) is sponsoring a **SPRING RETREAT** on Saturday, June 10, 2017 (10:30 AM to 2:30 PM). Speaking on the topic *"Humility and Obedience,"* Dr. Christopher Veniamin from St. Tikhon's Orthodox Seminary will lead us at this event taking place at the St. John the Divine Orthodox Church in Monessen, PA. His Eminence, Archbishop MELCHISEDEK encourages participation by all Orthodox clergy and laity in the greater Pittsburgh. All are welcome to attend...Thank you!

In Christ, *Fr. Bill*

Archpriest William J. Evansky, Chancellor
Archdiocese of Pgh and W PA (OCA)

Chancery Office: 724-776-5555 Ambridge Parish Office: 724-266-5009



The Food Festival is over and it was a fantastic success, so Parish Council would like to invite you to a

THANK YOU LUNCHEON **on Sunday, June 11**

**Right after the Divine Liturgy is over
(12:15 p.m.) in the Cathedral Room.**



**Food Festival
Financials will be
presented.**

**For more
information contact:
Michelle Kotsagelos
412-680-1416**

What is the Meaning of LIFE?

For many seniors in our community, life has become a struggle. They are often isolated and lack the basic preventative and primary care they need to live with dignity and independence they deserve. At LIFE Pittsburgh, the mean of LIFE is – Living Independence For the Elderly. LIFE is a Medicare and Medicaid funded program for people 55 and older who want to remain their home, but need supportive services to do so.

That's why LIFE Pittsburgh provides our participants with a customized care plan to meet their individual needs. A team of healthcare professionals including doctors, nurses, therapists, social workers, home health aides, dietary specialist and more provide care. All participants receive transportation to and from the LIFE Pittsburgh Center and to all medical appointments. LIFE Pittsburgh resolves complicated and stressful healthcare management by providing integrated, personal solutions for each senior. So, if you know a senior who could benefit from:

- ~ Better preventative primary and long term-care
- ~ Improved socialization and recreation
- ~ More effective restorative services such as physical, occupational or speech therapy

Call today for a one-on-one conversation with our outreach team!

412-388-8050 www.life pittsburgh.org

Ypapanti Vacation Church School 2017: Saints Alive!

All children ages 5 – 12 are welcome to
join us for lessons, crafts, music, games,
and more!

When: June 12th – 16th

From 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

(Drop off starting at 8:30 AM)

Where: Olympia Community Center

Cost: \$5.00 per child



Registration:

Please Register by June 5th, 2017

Forms may be emailed to LKoutsavlis@ypapanti.net or mailed to the Church Office:

1672 Electric Ave., PO BOX J, Pittsburgh, PA 15112

Parents Name(s): _____

Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell: _____

Child's Name: _____ Age: _____

Child's Name: _____ Age: _____

Child's Name: _____ Age: _____

Food Allergies: _____

Emergency Contact Name: _____

Phone Number: _____



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