

August 20th, 2017 – 11th Sunday of Matthew

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WELCOME TO ST. NICHOLAS GREEK ORTHODOX CATHEDRAL

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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: I Corinthians 9: 2-12 (p. 80)

GOSPEL: Matthew 17: 23-35 (p. 81)

HYMNS: See pg. 2

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

Despina Smalis (1 year); **James Lardas** (3 years) and **TODAY'S TRISAGION** is being chanted for the repose of the soul of the servant of God: **Bessie Andrews** (10 years). May God grant them eternal rest and comfort to their families.

PLEASE JOIN US for coffee & fellowship following services, hosted & sponsored by the Little Angels.

THIS WEEK AT ST. NICHOLAS:

Monday, August 21: Parish Council Meeting, 7 p.m.
Tuesday, August 22: Philoptochos General Meeting, 7 p.m.
Thursday, August 24: Living Orthodoxy, 11 a.m.

LOOKING AHEAD:

GREAT VESPERS for the indiction and protection of the Environment Day, Aug. 31
Sept. 1, Orthros 9 a.m., Divine Liturgy 10 a.m.

GOYA MEETING TODAY! There will be a GOYA meeting after church today, **August 20th**, in the GOYA room. Please attend and help us plan a great year! We will be electing some of the open officer positions and putting events on the calendar - and eating Pizza! Hope to see you there!

PLEASE HELP WITH THE UPCOMING COLLEGE WELCOME BRUNCH Volunteer bakers, cooks & decorators are needed for the upcoming **Welcome College Students Brunch on Sunday, August 27 at St. Nicholas**, following services. Monetary donations are also welcome which will be used for decorations, food & welcome bags. Last year's event was successful and we look forward to welcoming new & returning students to the St. Nicholas Family. For more info. on how to be a part of this event, contact Diane Strauch-412.726.0685; Linda Hages-412.523.7938; Alex Davides-412.956.6325 or Dae Machin-724.413.1497.

HOLY TRINITY'S TASTE OF GREECE August 30 – Sept. 3, 2017 11 a.m. – 9 p.m. 985 Providence Blvd., Pgh, PA 15237 (Corner of Babcock & Cumberland, across from UPMC Passavant). **FREE Parking & Shuttle Service** Available from the GREEN LOT at UPMC Passavant. **Shuttle hours:** Wed.-Fri. 5-11 p.m. AND Sat.-Sun. 10 a.m.-11 p.m. 412-366-8700 or www.holytrinitypgh.org

FAMILY MINISTRY CONFERENCE The Metropolis of Pittsburgh will host the second family ministry conference, *The Orthodox Family in a Changing World*, at the Hilton Garden Inn in Southpointe (Canonsburg, PA) from September 20-23, 2017. **EVERYONE** is welcome to attend. For more information, please see www.familygoarch.org or see Father Christopher.

SIXTY CLUB NEWS- October 8, Meet in the Crystal Room after Liturgy-WELCOME BACK MEETING & SLIDER LUNCH! Let's get together and make plans for the 2017-2018 year. We'll have reports from the Lenzner Travel Show and theater plans. Please let Virginia or Fran know if you will be there. Have you paid your 2017 dues? Not sure...? Ask Virginia Fekaris.

ST. NICHOLAS GARDEN CLUB 2017 dues 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!**

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

PLEASE!
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Tone 2

Orthros Gospel 11

SPECIAL HYMNS OF THE DAY (SMALL ENTRANCE):

First to be chanted at the Small Entrance is the Festal hymn for the Dormition of the Theotokos (Tone 1): Ἐν τῇ Γεννήσει τὴν παρθενίαν ἐφύλαξας, ἐν τῇ Κοιμήσει τὸν κόσμον οὐ κατέλιπες Θεοτόκε, Μετέστης πρὸς τὴν ζωὴν, μήτηρ υπάρχουσα τῆς ζωῆς, καὶ ταῖς πρεσβείαις ταῖς σαῖς λυτρουμένη, ἐκ θανάτου τὰς ψυχὰς ἡμῶν.
In birth, you preserved your virginity; in death, you did not abandon the world, O Theotokos. As mother of life, you departed to the source of life, delivering our souls from death by your intercessions.

At the procession with the Gospel the usual Eisodikon (Entrance Hymn) in Tone 2 is chanted:

Δεῦτε προσκυνήσωμεν καὶ προσπέσωμεν Χριστῷ. Σῶσον ἡμᾶς Υἱὲ Θεοῦ, ὁ ἀναστὰς ἐκ νεκρῶν, 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.”

As the Clergy return inside the Sanctuary, we hear the Resurrection hymn for the Tone of the week (Tone 2), found on p. 170 in the Divine Liturgy books. Then, the Dormition hymn is repeated.

Following this, we chant the Hymn for our Church’s Patron Saint, St. Nicholas (Tone 4):

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 for the Dormition (Tone 2):

Τὴν ἐν πρεσβείαις ἀκοίμητον Θεοτόκον, καὶ προστασίαις ἀμετάθετον ἐλπίδα, τάφος καὶ νέκρωσις οὐκ ἐκράτησεν, ὡς γὰρ ζωῆς Μητέρα, πρὸς τὴν ζωὴν μετέστησεν, ὁ μήτραν οικήσας αἰπάρθενον.

Neither the grave nor death could contain the Theotokos, the unshakable hope, ever vigilant in intercession and protection. As Mother of life, He who dwelt in the ever-virginal womb transposed her to life.

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

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 Stewards	194 (GOAL 300)
Total Pledged	\$129,645.00 (GOAL \$175,000.00)
Avg. Pledge	\$668.28

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



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 Agraphtotis 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. Agraphtotis. 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).

*Saint Nicholas Greek Orthodox Cathedral
Cordially invites*

**All College and Graduate Students
As well as the entire congregation!**

**To A Welcome Brunch on Sunday, August 27, 2017
(Following the Divine Liturgy)**

**419 S. Dithridge Street
Corner of Forbes & Dithridge Streets**

Hosted by St. Nicholas Cathedral Moms & Dads

**We look forward to welcoming
all new & returning students and their families to
Pittsburgh and the Saint Nicholas Family!**

GARAGE SALE

John the Baptist's annual garage sale has hundreds of items under a buck! This year, we have A LOT of Crafting Supplies along with Baby Items, Home Accessories, Kitchenware, Books, CD's, DVD's, Clothing, and much, much more! Our Ethnic Food Kitchen will also be open with Eat-In or Take-Out available. **August 25th & 26th, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. Cash Only–Rain or Shine–No Early Birds.** 2688 California Avenue, Pittsburgh, Pa 15212
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Book Presentation & Signing for "A Hidden Child in Greece" by Dr. Yolanda Avram-Willis

Even though most of Greece's Jews were murdered in the Nazi "Final Solution", Hitler's savagery was dealt a humiliation as Greek Christians hid, transferred, and otherwise protected as many Greek Jews as possible. From the National Resistance to Archbishop Damaskinos, regional bishops, clergy, civic leaders and simple families, nowhere else in Nazi-occupied Southern Europe was there so much effort in protecting and saving Jews from the inhumanity of the Nazi regime and its philosophy. Dr. Avram-Willis is a survivor of the Holocaust in Greece. Her book recounts her life, her family, and her family's dramatic passage from a certain death to rescue and liberation. This book is not just about the story of the Avram family. Rather, it tells of the gentle Greek citizens who helped them as well as the Greek Christian and Greek Jewish partisans who resisted the Nazi occupiers. The book, through the living testimony of Dr. Avram-Willis is an additional, modern contribution to the as-yet-incomplete canvas of a humanitarian symphony of Greeks who sided with humanity and morality, and ultimately triumphed. **Sunday, September 17, 2017 at 4 p.m. Crystal Room, St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Cathedral, 419 South Dithridge, Pittsburgh, PA.** Light refreshments and mini-exhibit will precede and follow the book presentation. The event is open to the public. Books will be available for purchase, on site. Please have the exact amount of \$23 in check/cash. After defrayment of publisher's charge and Pennsylvania taxes, remaining proceeds will be donated to the sponsors and St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church. For more information, or to RSVP a book copy: info@pahellenicfoundation.org.

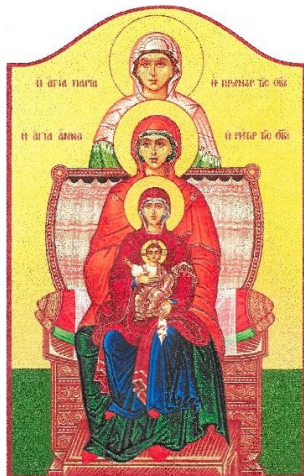


THE FOOD BANK SUPPORTS several of our parishioners and continues to need your support. You can donate to the "St. Nicholas Philoptochos Food Bank" or through United Way by designating the St. Nicholas Food Bank (#3288) through your employers United Way contribution. *Questions? Call Elaine (412-731-4334) or Denise (412-508-1326).*

**Nativity of the Theotokos
Greek Orthodox Monastery**

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



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**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

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Fish and Chicken entrees: \$100 per ticket

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OUR 10TH ANNUAL



**ST. NICHOLAS PICNIC
SEPTEMBER 10, 2017**

Our Picnic will be held after church at the
Veterans Pavilion of Schenley Park.

Come celebrate the end of the Summer with Great
Food, Drinks, Games and Fellowship!!

Bring the whole family and bring some friends too!!!!

Lamb served at 1:30 p.m.



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Lamb on the Souvla

Games and
Fun for the Kids

Music

Burgers and Dogs too!!

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Visitors welcome!!

SCHENLEY PARK
Veterans Pavilion

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After Church Services
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