

August 27th, 2017 – 12th Sunday of Matthew

Our Venerable Father Poimen and the newly-discovered Martyr-saints Phanourios and Anthousa.

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:** Ephesians 6:10-17 (p. 109)

**GOSPEL:** Matthew 19:16 - 26 (p.83)

**HYMNS:** See pg. 2

**NEXT WEEK:**

**Memorial Service** will be chanted for the repose of the soul of the servant of God: **Stamatios Smalis** (40 days)

**THIS WEEK AT ST. NICHOLAS:**

**Thursday, August 31:**

Living Orthodoxy, 11 a.m.;

VIGIL SERVICE (Vespers, Orthros & Divine Liturgy for the indiction and

protection of the Environment Day of Prayer, 6:30 p.m. *(Please note schedule change!)*

**Saturday, Sept. 2:**

GOYA Kickoff Party, Kefalos Residence, 4 p.m.

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**We Cordially Invite**

**ALL College and Graduate Students and the entire congregation to today's Welcome Brunch,**  
*hosted by St. Nicholas' Cathedral Moms & Dads.*

**Everyone present is invited to join us in for brunch as we welcome our students to Pittsburgh!**

**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).*

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**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](http://www.holytrinitypgh.org)

**Special Hymns of the Day (Small Entrance):**

*The first Hymn at the Small Entrance is the Resurrection Apolytikion of the week (Tone 3, p. 170).*

*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· 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.”

*As the Clergy enter back into the Sanctuary, we hear this week’s Resurrection hymn again.*

*Then, the hymn for St. Phanourios is chanted:*

Ιερεῖς διέσωσας, αιχμαλωσίας αθέου, καὶ δεσμὰ συνέθλασας, δυνάμει θείᾳ θεόφρον, ἡσχυνας,  
τυράννων θράση γενναιοφρόνως, ἡύφρανας, Ἀγγέλων τάξεις Μεγαλομάρτυς, διὰ τοῦτό σε τιμῶμεν,  
θεῖε οπλίτα, Φανούριε ἐνδοξε.

A heavenly song of praise is brightly sung on the earth; \* the hosts of the Angels keep an earthly festival now in splendor and radiant joy; \* from on high, they praise with hymns the sufferings and struggles; \* and below, the Church doth laud the heavenly glory \* thou foundest by thy contests and pains, O glorious Phanurius.

*. 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 ἐκτίσω 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, the Kontakion in Tone 4 for the Nativity of the Theotokos (September 8) is chanted:*

Ἰωακείμ καὶ Ἄννα ὀνειδισμοῦ ατεκνίας, καὶ Ἀδὰμ καὶ Εὐά, ἐκ τῆς φθοράς τοῦ θανάτου, ἠλευθερώθησαν, Ἀχραντε, ἐν τῇ αγία γεννήσει σου, αὐτὴν εορτάζει καὶ ὁ λαός σου, ενοχῆς τῶν πταισμάτων, λυτρωθεὶς ἐν τῷ κράζειν σοι, Ἡ στείρα τίκει τὴν Θεοτόκον, καὶ τροφὸν τῆς ζωῆς ἡμῶν.

In your holy birth, Immaculate One, Joachim and Anna were rid of the shame of childlessness; Adam and Eve of the corruption of death. And so your people, free of the guilt of their sins, celebrate crying: "The barren one gives birth to the Theotokos, who nourishes our life."

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

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	197 (GOAL 300)
Total Pledged	\$131,545 (GOAL \$175,000.00)
Avg. Pledge	\$667.74

*"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](mailto:ngni@andrew.cmu.edu) or at [ngianni@pitt.edu](mailto: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](mailto: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).

**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.family.goarch.org](http://www.family.goarch.org) or see Father Christopher.

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**SIXTY CLUB NEWS- October 1, Meet in the Crystal Room after Liturgy-WELCOME BACK MEETING & SLIDER LUNCH!** Let's get together and make plans for the 2017-1018 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.

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**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!**

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**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.



## **Holy Trinity's** **TASTE OF GREECE**

**August 30 - September 3, 2017**  
**Wednesday thru Sunday,**  
**11 a.m. – 9 p.m.**

Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church,  
985 Providence Blvd., Pittsburgh, PA 15237  
(Babcock & Cumberland, across from UPMC Passavant.)

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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](mailto:info@pahellenicfoundation.org).

**Nativity of the Theotokos  
Greek Orthodox Monastery**

**ἸΣΤΑ 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](http://2017DinnerBanquet.eventbrite.com)**

**RSVP DEADLINE: September 1, 2017**

*Fish and Chicken entrees: \$100 per ticket*

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# The Orthodox Family in a Changing World

September 20–23, 2017  
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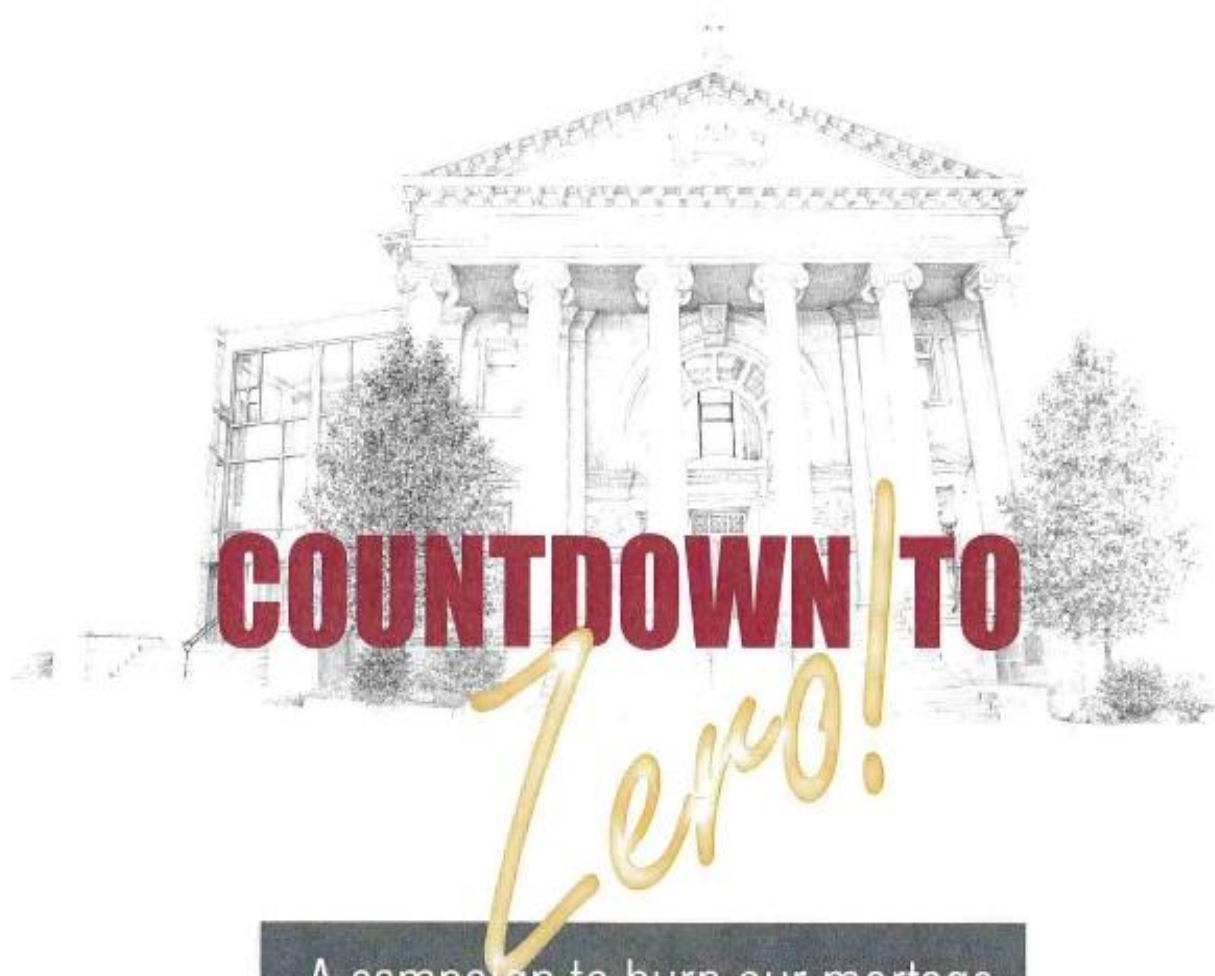


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*“As the Father  
has sent me,  
I also send you.”*

–John 20:21





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

*St. Nicholas Cathedral thanks you for your support.*

JOIN US FOR  
OUR 10<sup>TH</sup> 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.*



*Sponsored by the Parish of St. Nicholas Cathedral*

Lamb on the Souvla

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Games and  
Fun for the Kids

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Music

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Burgers and Dogs too!!

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Students and  
Visitors welcome!!

**SCHENLEY PARK**

*Veterans Pavilion*

(Same place as last year!)

After Church Services  
Until???