

Father's Message

Beloved Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

When the great migration from southern and eastern Europe to the “land of opportunity” – the United States of America – took place in the late nineteenth and first quarter of the twentieth century, the vast majority of these new arrivals were fleeing poverty, hunger, oppression, and war. Most brought with them little more than the clothes on their backs and the hope in their hearts.

Among these new arrivals were over half a million Greeks. They soon discovered that their hope in the promise of America as the welcoming home of equality and opportunity was sadly misplaced. Sure, jobs were available – in the mills and mines, laboring for long hours for little pay, facing dangerous working conditions and harsh treatment from the bosses. But, even worse, they found that they were not regarded with equal dignity as so-called “white people” – that is, those with roots in northern Europe. They were called “dirty Greeks,” and suffered racial prejudice, maltreatment, and exclusionary laws. Their form of worship was condemned as “strange” and “dangerous.” They were even the victims of violence, as in the anti-Greek riot of 1909 in Omaha, Nebraska, which drove all the Greeks out of the city. Even the Ku Klux Klan targeted them for persecution and intimidation. In response, the Greek community formed fraternal organizations such as A.H.E.P.A. to provide mutual support, look after Greek interests, and foster education.

Over time, the Greek-American population progressed, taking advantage of every opportunity to assimilate through education, hard work, an entrepreneurial spirit, and “Americanization” of names, attitudes, and behaviors. Inter marriages with Americans of other ethnic backgrounds began among the largely male population of immigrants, and in subsequent generations, became the norm. The harsh treatment of the past was largely forgotten. Greeks had entered the mainstream, and were considered as “white” as anyone else. There was a dark side to this development, however: being “white” also meant, in many cases, that one had to adopt the prejudices and exclusionary practices characteristic of the dominant white population. A good example of this were the “protective covenants” that excluded certain groups (such as blacks and Jews) from a neighborhood, which one had to sign before purchasing a home in that area. Right or wrong, acquiescing to such a requirement seemed like a minor moral issue to many, if it permitted entrée into the “best” and most prestigious places to live.

That brings us to the present. Today, such practices are no longer legal, although segregation is still the norm in much of the country – as is racial prejudice. In our day, in fact, as we know from the daily news, we find a resurgence in movements based on belief in white supremacy. The violent events in Charlottesville, VA raised the veil from what up until then had been a movement that generally shunned publicity and kept its views out of the public eye. Torches, crude weapons, anti-Semitic slogans taken from the Nazis, and the celebration of the Confederacy and its heroes – these gestures may or may not be defended under the principle of freedom of speech, but make no mistake – they were calculated to terrorize and intimidate our nation’s minority populations.

It is ironic that there has been a resurgence of white racism at a time when our nation has never been more diverse, nor more intertwined. The color of one’s skin is meaningless; it is primarily dependent on how close one’s ancestors were to the equator. The closer they were, the darker the skin, so as to protect them from the harmful ultraviolet rays of the sun; the farther away, the lighter, so as to foster the manufacture of more Vitamin D in the diminished light of the northern sun. To concoct an entire belief system about white supremacy from such a flimsy basis defies all reason. Furthermore, we are all family – closely related to one another. There is more genetic diversity in a single troop of chimpanzees than in the entire human race!

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OCTOBER
2017
Newsletter

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Perhaps it is indeed the case that it is built into us to fear the “other” – those who look different from us, or who speak a foreign language. Perhaps it is also innate for us to consider our own kind – our tribe or nation – as superior to every other. These attitudes may once have helped our long-ago ancestors to survive in a dangerous and unforgiving world. But in our time, they are not just anachronistic – they are dangerous. It is such thinking that led to the Armenian and Greek genocides by the Turks in the early twentieth century, and later to the holocaust against the Jews and other minorities by the Nazis in World War II – and to every similar genocide ever since. It also helps to explain the persistence of racist attitudes in our country, which have done so much harm to people of color, whether they be of African, Latin American, Native American, or Asian ancestry. As Christians, however, we must recognize the demonic nature of such thinking, which divides us and makes us enemies for no good reason.

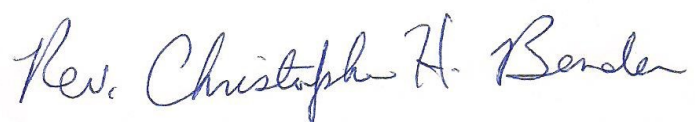
How are we to respond to this challenge? We can begin by reminding ourselves that, as indicated in the message from the American Assembly of Orthodox Bishops regarding the events in Charlottesville that was included in last month’s Newsletter, our Church already condemned racism as a heresy back in 1872. We can affirm that our congregations have become increasingly diverse all over the country, as our children intermarry and bring their spouses and children to Church, and newcomers join our parishes who come from every corner of the globe. We can also recall that every human being is equally loved by God (infinitely), and is created in His “image and likeness.” With this knowledge as our inspiration, and recalling the unjust and vicious way our forebears were treated when they first came to this country a century ago, let us dedicate ourselves to the God who “desires *all people* to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth” (1 Timothy 2:4), and make His desire our own.

There is much work to be done in witnessing to the Gospel within our society, my brothers and sisters, because racial hatred and prejudice are so deeply ingrained. While Jesus began His ministry with a focus on healing and saving the “lost sheep of the house of Israel,” soon enough He was healing the Roman centurion’s servant, and talking to the Samaritan woman at the well, and casting the demon from the Canaanite woman’s daughter, and feeding the four thousand in the area of “Tyre and Sidon” – that is, outside the territory of Israel, in a place where only pagans lived. Before He ascended to heaven, He gave His disciples the command to “go and make disciples of all nations” (Matthew 28:19). The message is clear: *all* human beings are equal – of infinite value, that is, in God’s eyes, and deserving of salvation. Life is too short, to be consumed by the fire of fear, prejudice, and pride. We are capable of so much more, if we only let God’s Holy Spirit ignite within us instead, inspiring us to follow the example of our Savior.

Let God’s will be done, then, “*on earth as it is in heaven.*” What does that require of us? Not everyone is called to man picket lines or become an online advocate for social justice. However, all of us can resolve to treat everyone we meet with the same dignity and respect, avoid offensive racist epithets to refer to minorities (such as the “N” word), and speak out when we hear racist remarks from others. What we *must not* do is to allow ourselves to become intimidated, and then to do or say nothing. At the same time, it would be so easy to counter fire with fire. But, I am firmly convinced that we must never answer violence with violence; instead, we must remain ambassadors of peace and mutual understanding in the name of Jesus Christ, whom we serve. And, above all, let us pray for reconciliation and peace.

With love in Christ, who makes us one,

Father Christopher Bender, Dean



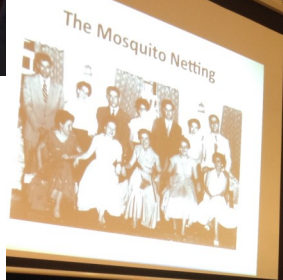
Pictures from last month's book signing event!



MAP OF MAJOR GREEK JEWISH COMMUNITIES ca. 1940



YOLANDA AVRAM WILLIS



Keeping up with Philoptochos OUR MISSION: Your time, talent and treasure, is needed so we can continue to help those individuals in need.

Philoptochos is continuously working to help those in need and to promote the charitable, benevolent and philanthropic purposes of the Greek Orthodox Church. Your time and talent are needed to support our programs. If you are interested in becoming more involved with Philoptochos, please contact Nikki Lykos or any board member.

Breast Cancer Awareness Month – In honor of Breast Cancer Awareness Month, Philoptochos and the Daughters of Penelope are hosting a lecture by Dr. Gordon Abrams of UPMC-Magee on **Tuesday, October 17, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.** at St. Nicholas. Light refreshments will be served and all are welcome to attend!

Spanakopita Prep – Spanakopita logs are Philoptochos' biggest fundraiser and many hands are needed over the course of several days to get the job done!!! We will be working from **October 19th – 25th** to complete this large task. Volunteers are needed both during the day and in the evening. Please mark your calendars and keep an eye out for more detailed information on the cooking schedule in the weekly bulletins. Contact Marcie McGuire (412-719-0346) or Elaine Andrianos (412-731-4334) with any questions.

Update to Parish Directory – Philoptochos will be updating our Parish Directory this year so please return the forms with your updated information as soon as possible to ensure your information is accurately updated in the new directory!

Sponsors Needed for Parish Directory – In order to offset the cost of printing the new directory, Philoptochos is offering parishioners the opportunity to sponsor, purchase or renew an ad in the directory. If you are interested in sponsoring an ad in the directory, please contact Nikki Lykos (412-897-8208) or Marcie McGuire (412-719-0346).

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 (#3288) through your employers United Way contribution. Questions: contact Elaine Andrianos (412-731-4334) or Denise Daugherty (412-508-1326).

Welcome College Students Brunch

Saint Nicholas Moms and Dads hosted another successful event for new and returning college students and in The Grand Atrium on August 27. There were many positive comments received both in person and on social media in regard to the Welcome Brunch.

New friendships were made and will hopefully remain for a lifetime. One student and his family came from as far away as Florida. Those parents who did come to services and the brunch commented how pleased they were that their children found such a welcoming parish.

Delicious homemade side dishes and yummy desserts were a wonderful addition to this year's Brunch. We thank all who contributed to the buffet as well as monetarily.

We look forward to hosting again next year on August 26, 2018!



IN MEMORIAM

Our deepest condolences to the families of:

Gust J. Bellios, who fell asleep in the Lord on August 2, 2017.
His funeral took place on August 5 at Holy Trinity Church.

Donald G. Peters, who fell asleep in the Lord on August 24, 2017.
His funeral took place on August 28.

Patricia “Penny” Kachules, who fell asleep in the Lord on August 27, 2017.
Her funeral took place on August 31.

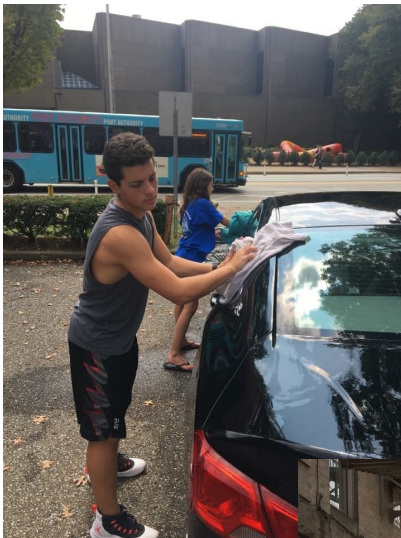
May their memory be eternal – Αιωνία η Μνήμη Αυτών!

GOYA NEWS

GOYA held their first fundraiser of the 2017-18 season with their annual car wash.

It was great seeing all the GOYAN’S working together.

Fundraisers such as this are essential in funding the GOYA treasury and are used to pay for GOYA Ministry activities.



GOYA NEWS CONTINUED



Hi all! St. Nick's Goya is excited for another successful year of spreading our faith throughout our youth. We have a variety of projects that we are excited about for this year, many involving service. Here are a few of those upcoming events:

- Successful Car-Wash Fundraiser: Thank so much to everyone who supported the car wash! We received many generous donations that were greatly appreciated.
- Upcoming Walk for Missions: Sunday October 8th after church GOYA will take a 3 miles walk through Schenley Park, to raise money to help the poor people of Guatemala. Goyans will be asking for sponsorships to help raise the mission money. All parishioners are welcome to join us in this walk for a cause.
- YES (Youth Equipped To Serve) Program: Weekend program at Focus Pittsburgh that Goyans and other orthodox youth will be attending. It teaches youth about how service is a part of our faith through a weekend of helping those in need.
- Coffee Update: Goya has resumed running coffee hour and will try out some new items this year (specifically healthier options). Please let us know if you have any suggestions.

St. Nicholas Greek School

St. Nicholas Greek School for children welcomed returning students and new students on Saturday, September 16. Along with welcoming the students and their families, the school also welcomed an additional teacher—Stelyios Papakirk. Stelyios joins Effie Kilantonis, Danae Petroulakis, Christina Retsou, Aleka Batis, Maria Stamoolis, Maria Tsourekis, Toula Protopapa, and Presvytera Georgia Muksuris. Opening day has also become a tradition with an ice cream social. Classes for children start with Pre-K and continue to 7th. There will be some new and exciting activities this year. One such activity will be engaging students to play sports in Greek once a month in the large hall.

In addition to the Children's Classes, Adult Classes will start on Wednesday, October 4, at 6:30 p.m. until 8 p.m. for Beginners and 8 p.m. until 9:30 p.m. for Advanced students. The instructor for the Adult Classes is Toula Protopapa. To register for the adult classes, call Maria Stamoolis at 412.963.7283.

Families are encouraged to take advantage of some online tutorials to learn Greek. "Ellinopoula" is geared to learn Greek for young children. Some parents who use it highly recommend it. Another is "Duolingo" which is structured differently than "Ellinopoula." With not as much Greek being spoken outside of school, supplemental tutorials provide a good solution to facilitate learning.

The entire staff is looking forward to working with students, their families, and the community to making this a year of creating great strides.





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).

ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM

You are the Voice of Christ in a Changing World

"As the Father Has Sent Me, So I Send You" John 20:21
(and the theme of the 2016 Clergy-Laity Congress)

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR
ONGOING AND FAITHFUL
STEWARDSHIP!!!**

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 STEWARDSHIP</u>		9/18/2017
Total Stewards		205
Total Amount Pledged		\$135,345.00
Average Pledge		\$660.22
% Parish Participation to Date		68%
2017 Stewards (GOAL)		300
% of Total Budget to Date		77%
2016 Budget (GOAL)		\$175,000.00
	Giving to Date:	\$38,618.98
<u>AS OF 8/31/2017</u>		
Income: Pledges & Basket Collection and Food Festival	\$346,283.00	
Expenses: Salaries, Utilities, Maint., Commitments, etc.	\$311,949.00:	\$34,334.00

Church school schedule 2017-2018

Sunday, November 5, 2017—Godparent/Special Friend Sunday

Sunday, November 23, 2017—No Classroom Attendance—Thanksgiving Break

Sunday, December 10, 2017—St. Nicholas Bazaar

Sunday, December 17, 2017—Christmas Pageant

Sunday, December 24, 2017—No Classroom Attendance—Christmas Break

Sunday, December 31, 2017—No Classroom Attendance—Christmas Break

Sunday, January 7, 2018—Church School Resumes & Vasilopita Cutting

Sunday, February 25, 2018—Participation in Procession—Sunday of Orthodoxy

Sunday, March 11, 2018—Parent Sunday

Saturday, March 31, 2018 - Saturday of Lazarus—Communion Breakfast/Making of Palm Crosses

Sunday, April 1, 2018—Classroom Attendance—Palm Sunday

Sunday, April 8, 2018—No Classroom Attendance—Easter Sunday

Sunday, May 6, 2018—No Classroom Attendance—Food Festival

Sunday, May 20, 2018—Commencement

Registration Form—St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Cathedral Church School

Parent's Names _____

Address _____

Phone Numbers: Home _____

Work _____

Cell _____

E-mail _____

Children	Grade	Birthday	Nameday	Allergies
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May we call you to volunteer for one of our projects?

Substitute Teacher _____

St. Nicholas Bazaar _____

Christmas Pageant _____

Snacks _____

Oratorical Festival _____

Communion Breakfast _____

Easter Egg Hunt _____

Outreach Projects _____

Thanks for sharing your children with us every Sunday!

From the Church school Desk

Sunday, September 17, 2017, the bells started to ring again for the beginning of Church school with a special Agiasmo (Blessing of the Water) Service!



New this year: "What I did not learn in Sunday school" Adult Education

Class! Starting in October, Deacon Robert Lykos will have special classes after the Divine Liturgy on various topics for the adults of our beloved parish.

Sunday, November 5, 2017, will be Godparent/Special Friend Sunday. Godparents/Special Friends will worship during the Divine Liturgy, receive Holy Communion together and attend Church School to see what their Godchild/Special Friend learns there (and make cards to send to children at Children's Hospital for Make a Difference Day). Afterwards many will attend Coffee Hour sponsored by Philoptochos. It will be the start of a wonderful day together!

I appreciate the support from all of you and thanks for sharing your children with us every Sunday!

Yours in Christ, *Miss Michelle*

ATTN: FAMILIES

DID YOU KNOW about the **RESOURCES** available at the **GOARCH.org Website?**

The Center for Family Care, a ministry of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese nurtures and empowers families, helping them navigate the joys and challenges of life. The ministry focuses on equipping families to apply the teachings and practices of the Orthodox faith into every dimension of their lives.

The Ancient Faith PODCAST will feature interviews, reflections, book reviews and narratives that will encourage dialogue and strengthen families.

UPCOMING PODCASTS:

- Family Prayer Time
- Teenage Depression
- St. Porphyrios—On the upbringing of Children
- Forgiveness in Marriage
- Parenting Styles-Power or Humility?
- A Child's Development Stages
- Gerontology and Hospice Care

Go here:

<https://www.goarch.org/-/orthodox-family-faith>

To see all that is available to you!

AUTUMN FOOD FAIR & Yiayia Joan's Attic Treasures

at
**HOLY CROSS
GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH**

Gilkeson Road, Mt. Lebanon
(across from the Galleria)

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Wednesday, Thursday, Friday

Wed

October 4~5~6, 2017

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ALL DAY!!! 11:30am ~ 8 pm

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favorites including Moussaka, Tiropita, Spanakopita, soups and much more!
delicious Greek pastries, pies, cakes, jams, nuts, candies, and more!
rain or shine!!

- ◆ Featuring: GREEK Pastitsio, rice pudding, and more!
- ◆ Bake Sale featuring a variety of breads and pastries!
- ◆ Inside seating...so comfortable!

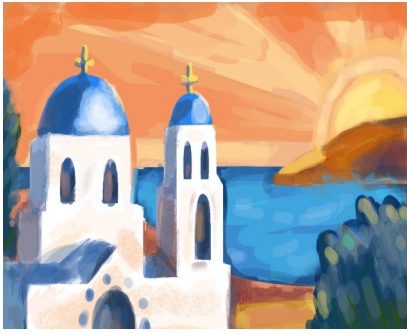
PHONE OR ONLINE ORDERING.

NO FAX, PLEASE!

is available in the Community Center food line!
the philanthropic efforts of the Ladies Philoptochos Society.

Take out!
All proceeds benefit the church.

Cash or credit card accepted.



St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Cathedral

Godparent Sunday & Church School Open House

Sunday, November 5, 2017

Join your Godchild for Church Worship,
Holy Communion, & Church School!



The St. Spyridon Parish in Monessen
graciously invited
our St. Nicholas Dancers
to perform at their festival on August 18th!

JOIN US ON
STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY
FOR A
PARISH MINISTRIES
OPEN HOUSE & LUNCHEON

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2017

FOLLOWING THE DIVINE LITURGY

IN THE CATHEDRAL ROOM (LARGE HALL)

FREE WILL OFFERING TO BENEFIT FOCUS' TRAUMA INFORMED
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

St. Nicholas Sixty Club—A *TRIP DOWN MEMORY LANE*

On June 19, 1969, a group of parishioners sixty years old or older responded to a letter from Fr. George Scoulas to attend a luncheon sponsored by the St. Nicholas Philoptochos. "The purpose of this unique gathering was to initiate a program of activities for this age group to share companionship in a church-sponsored organization." Thus was born the St. Nicholas Sixty Club as reported in a brief history by the late Jerry Vondas, thirty-seven years later. The first committee consisted of Peter Zikos, Despina Branting and Helen Harris; the latter two became the club's first advisors.

According to Mr. Vondas' account the first get together was attended by fifty-eight people including His Grace Bishop Gerasimos, and by 2006 the Sixty Club had an enrollment of 240, including members from our sister churches. Their first travel activity was an overnight trip to Washington, D.C.

Besides the many varieties of luncheons and dinners, there have been dozens of day trips and multi-day outings from New England to Savannah, from New York City to Mackinaw Island.

Recently our most popular activity has been attending numerous theater productions, often followed by dinner at local restaurants. We have had "Slider Lunches", a Zentangle demonstration, a very successful "Mystery and Masterpieces Party", a very informative program on "End of Life Decisions," and a delightfully entertaining Winter Social Luncheon. We expect to reschedule the CPR demonstration

shortly. And the Planning Committee is always open to suggestions. **Check the Sunday bulletin for our next meeting.**

We encourage our parishioners and friends of **all ages** to participate in our activities.

Look for our exhibit on STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY and browse
through our pictures –see how many faces from the past you can identify!

St. Nicholas Cathedral Greek School ♦ Special Events Calendar 2017– 2018

September 16	Start of Classes for Children at 10a.m. for Pre K – 7 th
October	
4	Start of Wednesday <u>Adult</u> Classes
5	Start of Thursday <u>Adult</u> Classes
November	
11	Open House and Conferences
25	No School - Thanksgiving Break
December	
9	Report Card 1
10	Sunday, Divine Liturgy for St. Nicholas Feast Day and Bazaar
16	Classes then Greek School Christmas Party & Τα Κάλαντα των Χριστουγέννων
23, 30	No School, Sat., Christmas Break
January	
6	School resumes
28	<i>Sunday</i> , Celebration of Three Hierarchs in Church and Annual Bake Sale
February	
19	<i>Monday, Καθαρά Δευτέρα</i> Beginning of Lent
23	Friday, First Services for the Salutations to Panaghia (Οι Χαιρετισμοί) Grades 4,5,6,7 to attend Services in evening and chant «Τη Υπερμάχω»
March	
2, 9, 16, 23	Fridays-Services for Salutations to Panaghia Οι Χαιρετισμοί
3	Fitting of Costumes. They remain at church. If you have an evzone for a boy, or any costume preferably an amalia for a girl, please use.
11	Ellinomatheas Forms due & Report Card 2
24	Setting up for March 25 th Luncheon and Program – parents please stay
25	<i>Sunday</i> , Evangelismos and Greek Independence Program and Luncheon Children come and dressed in costumes. Procession, luncheon, & program
31	Classes followed by making crosses
April	
1	Western Easter
7	Holy Saturday, No School
8	Pascha
14	6th Annual Metropolis of Pgh Greek Language Competition and Children's Festival. Trip to Cleveland It is a school day!
May	
5	Final Exams
6-12	St. Nicholas Festival – No School
16, 17, 18	Testing for Ellinomatheas Exams A1,2, B1--B2, Γ1--Γ2
19	Last Day of Children's Classes
20	<i>Sunday</i> , Greek School Promotion Exercises, End-of-Year Program, Graduation & Report card 3
23	Last Day of Adult Classes



LEARNING ABOUT BREAST CANCER

The Daughters of Penelope & St. Nicholas Philoptochos Present:

A lecture given by Dr. Gordon Abrams,
Radiologist, Magee, UPMC

Tuesday, October 17th, 7 p.m.

At St. Nicholas

Greek Orthodox Cathedral

Light Refreshments following lecture

R.S.V.P. to JLM563@aol.com by October 10th

ALSO

Come to the "THINK PINK" Bake Sale

On October 29th (Following liturgy) Hosted by the Daughters of Penelope



IMPORTANT:

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. THANK YOU!

You can find
copies of the
newsletter
for the
**Greek
Orthodox
Metropolis
Of Pittsburgh**
on the Candle
stands in the
narthex when
they are
issued!

The Greek Grille

St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Cathedral

Come, enjoy our outdoor party! *OPA!*

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Delicious gyros, chicken & pork souvlaki,
salad, Greek desserts & more!

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JOIN US October 9-13, 2017

Monday-Friday 11 a.m. - 8 p.m.



The Greek Nationality Room Committee
of the University of Pittsburgh Nationality Rooms Program &
The American-Hellenic Foundation of Western PA present

50 Years Maria Callas: A Musical Tribute

Featuring Soprano Ms. Alexandra Loutsion

Friday, November 3rd, 2017—6:30 p.m.

The Recital Auditorium

7th Floor Alumni Hall, University of Pittsburgh

4227 Fifth Ave, Pittsburgh, PA 15260



*~A refreshing apéritif reception together with a photo,
video & art tribute to Callas will precede the Main Program~*

To buy tickets, or to R.S.V.P.,
contact by email info@pahellenicfoundation.org or call 412. 624. 6150
Adults: \$50, Students (with valid ID): \$20 (tickets also available at the event)

***All proceeds and donations will support University Student Research Scholarships
for study at universities in Greece and Cyprus***

**A VOYAGE THROUGH THE LIFE AND THE ART OF THE GREAT DIVA THROUGH
PRESENTATION AND MASTERFUL PERFORMANCES
OF SONGS AND SOME OF CALLAS' ICONIC ARIAS IN THEIR FULL FORM**

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*Fifty years after her passing, Maria Callas remains a towering and historic Diva of opera.  
With her vivid interpretations, Callas succeeded brilliantly at living for her art. Soprano  
Aprile Millo once said, "Listening to Callas is like reading Shakespeare: You're always  
going to be knocked senseless by some incredible insight into humanity."*



OCTOBER 2017

| Sunday                                                                                                                                                                         | Monday                                                                             | Tuesday                                                                                                             | Wednesday                                               | Thursday                                                                                                                       | Friday                                                                                                                   | Saturday                                                                                     |
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| 1<br><i>Second Sunday of Luke</i><br><br>Orthros 8:30 a.m.,<br>Divine Liturgy<br>10 a.m.                                                                                       | 2                                                                                  | 3                                                                                                                   | 4                                                       | 5                                                                                                                              | 6                                                                                                                        | 7                                                                                            |
|                                                                                                                                                                                |                                                                                    |                                                                                                                     | Adult Greek School<br>6:30 p.m. (Beg.)<br>8 p.m. (Adv.) | Living Orthodoxy<br>11 a.m.                                                                                                    | Brashear High School Event/<br>Large Hall                                                                                | Greek School<br>10 a.m.                                                                      |
| 8<br><i>Third Sunday of Luke</i><br><br>Orthros 8:30 a.m.,<br>Divine Liturgy<br>10 a.m.<br><br><b>GOYA Walk for Missions 1 p.m.</b>                                            | 9                                                                                  | 10                                                                                                                  | 11                                                      | 12                                                                                                                             | 13                                                                                                                       | 14                                                                                           |
|                                                                                                                                                                                | Philoptochos Board Meeting<br>6 p.m.                                               | Open Gym/ College-Graduate/<br>Young Adult Basketball<br>8:30 p.m.                                                  | Adult Greek School<br>6:30 p.m. (Beg.)<br>8 p.m. (Adv.) | Living Orthodoxy<br>11 a.m.                                                                                                    |                                                                                                                          | Greek School<br>10 a.m.<br><br><br>Wedding Event/<br>Both Halls                              |
|                                                                                                                                                                                | <b>GREEK GRILLE 11 a.m. – 8 p.m.</b>                                               |                                                                                                                     |                                                         |                                                                                                                                |                                                                                                                          |                                                                                              |
| 15<br><i>7th Ecumenical Council</i><br><br><b>STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY</b><br><br>Orthros 8:30 a.m.,<br>Divine Liturgy<br>10 a.m.<br><br><b>Meet the Ministries Lunch 12:15 p.m.</b> | 16                                                                                 | 17                                                                                                                  | 18                                                      | 19                                                                                                                             | 20                                                                                                                       | 21                                                                                           |
|                                                                                                                                                                                |                                                                                    | Open Gym/ College-Graduate/<br>Young Adult Basketball<br>8:30 p.m.                                                  | Adult Greek School<br>6:30 p.m. (Beg.)<br>8 p.m. (Adv.) | <b>Spanakopita (parcel cheese) 9 a.m.-3 p.m.</b><br><br>Living Orthodoxy<br>11 a.m.                                            | <b>Spanakopita (spinach squeeze) 9 a.m.-3 p.m.</b><br><br>Wedding Event/5:30 p.m. Small Hall<br>(possibly move to Large) | Greek School<br>10 a.m.<br><br><br>Central Catholic Reunion/5 p.m. Large Hall                |
| 22<br><i>6th Sunday of Luke</i><br><br>Orthros 8:30 a.m.,<br>Divine Liturgy<br>10 a.m.<br><br><b>Spanakopita (mix, measure)) Noon-5 p.m.</b>                                   | 23                                                                                 | 24                                                                                                                  | 25                                                      | 26                                                                                                                             | 27                                                                                                                       | 28                                                                                           |
|                                                                                                                                                                                | <b>Spanakopita (make rolls) 9 a.m.-3 p.m.</b><br><br>Parish Council Meeting 7 p.m. | <b>Spanakopita (finish) 9 a.m.-3 p.m.</b><br><br>Open Gym/ College-Graduate/<br>Young Adult Basketball<br>8:30 p.m. | Adult Greek School<br>6:30 p.m. (Beg.)<br>8 p.m. (Adv.) | St. Demetrios the Myrrh-Streamer<br>Orthros 9 a.m.<br>Divine Lit. 10 a.m.<br><br>Carnegie Library Daytime Event/<br>Small Hall | Visitation of Myrrh-streaming<br>Panagia Kardiotissa<br>Icon from Taylor, PA , 7 p.m.                                    | Greek School<br>10 a.m.<br><br><i>Baptism 1 p.m.</i><br><br><br>Wedding Event/<br>Both Halls |
| 29<br><i>7th Sunday of Luke</i><br><br>Orthros 8:30 a.m.,<br>Divine Liturgy<br>10 a.m.<br><br><b>GENERAL PARISH ASSEMBLY, 12:30 p.m.</b>                                       | 30                                                                                 | 31                                                                                                                  |                                                         |                                                                                                                                |                                                                                                                          | <b>LEGEND:</b><br>Green-cathedral<br>Red-events<br>Blue-metropolis                           |
|                                                                                                                                                                                | <b>FATHER CHRISTOPHER AWAY AT ARCHDIOCESE NATIONAL CLERGY RETREAT</b>              |                                                                                                                     |                                                         |                                                                                                                                |                                                                                                                          |                                                                                              |

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