WELCOME TO ST. NICHOLAS GREEK ORTHODOX CATHEDRAL

Cathedral Website: www.stnickspgh.org   Email: church@stnickspgh.org
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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 Kovalevska
ALTAR BOY CAPTAINS: Nicholas Hages & Andreas Paljug

Today’s hymns: please see page 2

APOTSTIC READING: Acts 20: 16-18; 28-36 (p. 60)   GOSPEL READING: John 17:1-13 (p. 61)

TODAY’S MEMORIAL SERVICE is being chanted for the repose of the soul of the servant of God, GEORGE LYKOS (40 days). May God grant him eternal rest and comfort to his family.

PLEASE JOIN US for coffee and fellowship in the Hall following services, sponsored this week by the family of George Lykos.

THIS WEEK AT ST. NICHOLAS:

MEMORIAL DAY – Monday, May 29:
Divine Liturgy/Trisagion at Homewood Cemetery, 9:30 a.m.
Trisagion at Wilkinsburg Cemetery, Noon

Tuesday, May 30: Open Gym Basketball, 7 p.m.
Thursday, June 1: Living Orthodoxy, 11 a.m.
Saturday, June 3: Saturday of the Souls- Orthros 8:30 a.m., Divine Liturgy 10 a.m.

A SPECIAL TRAY will be passed today for the maintenance and preservation of St. Nicholas Cemetery in Wilkinsburg. Please be generous!

WE ARE ALMOST THERE—HELP US REACH OUR GOAL! Only $1150 remains to be donated, in order to offset the cost of the powerful new air conditioning unit that was installed last August. Every donation we receive, big or small, is a great help.

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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 18. (The GOYA will resume serving coffee in September.)

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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.

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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 on page 5 of this bulletin for more information.
SPECIAL HYMNS OF THE DAY (SMALL ENTRANCE):

The first hymn chanted at the Small Entrance is the hymn for the Ascension (Tone 4):

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

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 the Entrance Hymn the Clergy enter into the Sanctuary, while we hear the Resurrection Apolytikion (Tone 6 – O Christ our God, upon fulfilling Your dispensation for our sake, You ascended in Glory, uniting the earthly with the heavenly. You were never separate but remained inseparable, and cried out to those who love You, "I am with you and no one is against you.

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 of the Ascension in the Sixth Tone:

O Christ our God, upon fulfilling Your dispensation for our sake, You ascended in Glory, uniting the earthly with the heavenly. You were never separate but remained inseparable, and cried out to those who love You, "I am with you and no one is against you.

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

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.
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 2017 dues - $10, to Virginia Fekaris.

Keeping up with Philoptochos… Celebrating 85 years of Philanthropy, Fellowship & Faith in Action!

• Philoptochos elected a new Board for 2017-2019, they are as follows: Elaine Andrianos, Denise Daugherty, Estair Kotsagrelos, Michelle Marie Kotsagrelos, Anna Kukunas, Nikki Lykos, Alisa Mathews, Marcie McGuire, Catherine Pandeladis, Mary Peterson and Elaine Vitsas. CONGRATULATIONS!

• 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 Kotsagrelos or any other Philoptochos Board member. Hurry before they’re all gone!

From the Church School Desk:
“...You Are the Voice of Christ in a Changing World.”
THANKS for sharing your children with us every Sunday. See you in September!
Yours in Christ, Miss Michelle

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

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“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 ngianni@pitt.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 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).

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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!

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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.lifepittsburgh.org
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.

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ST. NICHOLAS WOULD LIKE TO ACKNOWLEDGE ALL OF OUR GRADUATES ON JUNE 11!
Please fill out this short questionnaire and submit BY JUNE 7TH to church office via email - church@stnickspgh.org, fax - 412-683-4960, or mail - 419 S. Dithridge Street, Pgh., PA 15213. Thank you!

Name___________________________________________________________________________________
Contact information for any questions: Phone: __________________________ and/or Email: _________________________________________
Month of Graduation _________________ High School: _______________________________
OR
University/ Graduate School: _______________________________ Degree Earned: _________________________

Please email a recent photo to church@stnickspgh.org for inclusion in the next issue of the Newsletter!

Awards and Honors: ________________________________________________________________
Activities: _______________________________________________________________________
Future Plans: ____________________________________________________________________

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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. Evanisky, Chancellor
Archdiocese of Pgh and W PA (OCA)
Chancery Office: 724-776-5555 Ambridge Parish Office: 724-266-5009
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

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JOIN CHAPTER ICAROS FOR THE 42nd ANNUAL MEMORIAL WEEKEND MINI CONVENTION DANCE!

Sunday, May 28, 2017 ~ 9:00pm-2:00am
Dormition of the Theotokos Greek Orthodox Church Hall, 12 Washington Ave., Oakmont, PA 15139

Adults: $20.00  Children (12 and under): $5.00
Cash Bar  Mezethes $8.00 per plate  Raffle: 1st $200, 2nd $100, 3rd $50  Chinese Raffle!

Live Music with the Panigiri Orchestra, featuring Victoria Mavrogeorgis on Violin!

Contact Michelle Kotsagelos at 412-680-1416 or mmk3317@hotmail.com

JOIN CHAPTER ICAROS FOR THE 17th ANNUAL STEVE MANNERS ICAIRIAN OPEN

Saturday, May 27, 2017
Westwood Golf Club
825 Commonwealth Ave., West Mifflin, PA 15122
http://westwoodlinks.com

Don’t be left out! Get a foursome together... We will make foursomes as best we can for the rest.

PRICE: $110.00 includes green fees, cart, snack at the turn, beer, and dinner

AGENDA:
12:00pm - Registration
1:00pm - Shotgun Start
6:00pm - Dinner w/emcee Mike Aivaliotis

CONTACT: Anna Aivaliotis at 412-310-7290 or anna@pitt.edu

Denim: Collared shirts, caps, etc. Strictly No Jeans. PA LGCB does not allow you to bring your own beer.
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:

Name ______________________________

Address _________________________________________________________________________________

City_________________________ State_________ Zip_____________________

List additional names and addresses on the back of this flyer and indicate In Honor or In Memory
THE MEMORIAL DAY TRISAGION SERVICES - May 29, 2017

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES:
Divine Liturgy at Homewood Cemetery at 9:30 a.m., ending with Trisagion Service;
The second Trisagion service at Wilkinsburg Cemetery at 12 Noon.

Please indicate at which cemetery your loved one’s names should be read

First Names Only - Please Print Clearly!
“May their memory be eternal!”

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