SUNDAY, June 23 – HOLY PENTECOST



WELCOME TO ST. NICHOLAS CATHEDRAL!

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WELCOME, VISITORS! You are honored guests here at St. Nicholas Cathedral and welcome at all our services. We invite you to receive the Holy Eucharist (Communion) if you are an Orthodox Christian who is prepared through fasting, prayer, and confession. If you are not Orthodox, or are Orthodox but have not prepared, we respectfully invite you instead to come forward at the end of the service for a blessing by the priest and a piece of blessed bread (antidoron).

Our Mission & Vision Statements

The MISSION of St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Cathedral is to Proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ in a Spirit of Unity and Love for All through Worship, Service, Education, Fellowship and Outreach.

Our VISION is to be a Welcoming and Growing Parish, Striving to Live the New Life in Christ according to the Teachings and Traditions of the Greek Orthodox Faith.

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OUR DEEPEST CONDOLENCES to the family of *Athanasios "Tom" Contis* who fell asleep in the Lord on Friday June 14, 2024. All arrangements were private. May God comfort his family in their time of loss.

TODAY:

- * Kneeling Vespers immediately following the Divine Liturgy
- Coffee Hour is hosted by Parish Council in the Large Hall.

THIS WEEK AT ST. NICHOLAS:

Father Constantine will be away from 6.25.24 – 7.5.24

Monday, June 24: Monday of the Holy Spirit Orthros (9am) and Liturgy (10am) at Holy Trinity in the North Hills
 YAL Basketball, 7:00 p.m.

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TODAY'S HYMNS AND READINGS

For the second Antiphon, the following festal variation is chanted along with the corresponding verses:

Σῶσον ἡμᾶς, Παράκλητε ἀγαθέ, ψάλλοντάς σοι, Ἀλληλούϊα.

Save us, O good Comforter. We sing to You, Alleluia.

The festal hymn of Pentecost in plagal fourth mode is chanted for the Small Entrance:

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

Blessed are You, O Christ our God. You sent down the Holy Spirit into the fishermen, and You gave them knowledge and wisdom in everything; and through them, as in a net You caught the whole world. O Lord who loves humanity, glory to You!

At the Small Entrance, the Festal Entrance Hymn is chanted:

Υψώθητι, Κύριε, ἐν τῆ δυνάμει σου, ἄσομεν καὶ ψαλοῦμεν τὰς δυναστείας σου. 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 good Comforter. We sing to You, Alleluia.

Following the Small Entrance, the festal hymn of Pentecost in plagal fourth mode is repeated three times (see above).

Finally, we chant the festal kontakion of Pentecost in plagal fourth mode:

Ότε καταβὰς τὰς γλώσσας συνέχεε, διεμέριζεν ἔθνη ὁ Ύψιστος· ὅτε τοῦ πυρὸς τὰς γλώσσας διένειμεν, εἰς ἑνότητα 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 Trisagion Hymn (Holy God...), the following is chanted:

Όσοι εἰς Χριστὸν ἐβαπτίσθητε, Χριστὸν ἐνεδύσασθε. Ἀλληούϊα.

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

Today's Epistle Reading (Holy Pentecost):

The reading is from the Acts of the Apostles (2:1–11)

Έν τῷ συμπληροῦσθαι τὴν ἡμέραν τῆς πεντηκοστῆς ἦσαν ἄπαντες ὁμοθυμαδὸν ἐπὶ τὸ αὐτό. καὶ ἐγένετο ἄφνω ἐκ τοῦ οὐρανοῦ ἦχος ὥσπερ φερομένης πνοῆς βιαίας, καὶ ἐπλήρωσεν ὅλον τὸν

οἶκον οὖ ἦσαν καθήμενοι καὶ ἄφθησαν αὐτοῖς διαμεριζόμεναι γλῶσσαι ώσεὶ πυρός, ἐκάθισέ τε ἐφ᾽ ἔνα ἕκαστον αὐτῶν, καὶ ἐπλήσθησαν ἄπαντες Πνεύματος Άγίου, καὶ ἤρξαντο λαλεῖν ἑτέραις γλώσσαις καθὼς τὸ Πνεῦμα ἐδίδου αὐτοῖς ἀποφθέγγεσθαι. Ἡσαν δὲ ἐν Ἱερουσαλἡμ κατοικοῦντες Ἰουδαῖοι, ἄνδρες εὐλαβεῖς ἀπὸ παντὸς ἔθνους τῶν ὑπὸ τὸν οὐρανόν γενομένης δὲ τῆς φωνῆς ταύτης συνῆλθε τὸ πλῆθος καὶ συνεχύθη, ὅτι ἤκουον εἶς ἕκαστος τῆ ἰδία διαλέκτω λαλούντων αὐτῶν. ἐξίσταντο δὲ πάντες καὶ ἐθαύμαζον λέγοντες πρὸς ἀλλήλους οὐκ ἰδοὺ πάντες οὖτοί εἰσιν οἱ λαλοῦντες Γαλιλαῖοι; καὶ πῶς ἡμεῖς ἀκούομεν ἕκαστος τῆ ἰδία διαλέκτω ἡμῶν ἐν ἡ ἐγεννήθημεν, Πάρθοι καὶ Μῆδοι καὶ Ἑλαμῖται, καὶ οἱ κατοικοῦντες τὴν Μεσοποταμίαν, Ἰουδαίαν τε καὶ Καππαδοκίαν, Πόντον καὶ τὴν Ἀσίαν, Φρυγίαν τε καὶ Παμφυλίαν, Αἴγυπτον καὶ τὰ μέρη τῆς Λιβύης τῆς κατὰ Κυρήνην, καὶ οἱ ἐπιδημοῦντες Ῥωμαῖοι, Ἰουδαῖοί τε καὶ προσήλυτοι, Κρῆτες καὶ ἄραβες, ἀκούομεν λαλούντων αὐτῶν ταῖς ἡμετέραις γλώσσαις τὰ μεγαλεῖα τοῦ Θεοῦ.

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly a sound came from heaven like the rush of a mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. And there appeared to them tongues as of fire, distributed and resting on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance. Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven. And at this sound the multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in his own language. And they were amazed and wondered, saying, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language? Parthians and Medes and Elamites and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabians, we hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God." [RSV]

Today's Gospel Reading (Holy Pentecost):

The reading is from the Holy Gospel according to John (7:37 – 52; 8:12)

Τῆ ἐσχάτη ἡμέρα τῆ μεγάλη τῆς ἑορτῆς είστήκει ὁ Ἰησοῦς καὶ ἔκραξε λέγων ἐάν τις διψᾳ, ἐρχέσθω πρός με καὶ πινέτω. ὁ πιστεύων εἰς ἐμέ, καθὼς εἶπεν ἡ γραφή, ποταμοὶ ἐκ τῆς κοιλίας αὐτοῦ ρεύσουσιν ὕδατος ζῶντος. τοῦτο δὲ εἶπε περὶ τοῦ Πνεύματος οὐ ἔμελλον λαμβάνειν οἱ πιστεύοντες εἰς αὐτόν οὔπω γὰρ ἤν Πνεῦμα Ἅγιον, ὅτι Ἰησοῦς οὐδέπω ἐδοξάσθη. Πολλοὶ οὖν ἐκ τοῦ ὅχλου ἀκούσαντες τὸν λόγον ἔλεγον οὖτός ἐστιν ἀληθῶς ὁ προφήτης ἀλλοι ἔλεγον οὖτός ἐστιν ὁ Χριστός ἄλλοι ἔλεγον μὴ γὰρ ἐκ τῆς Γαλιλαίας ὁ Χριστὸς ἔρχεται; οὐχὶ ἡ γραφὴ εἶπεν ὅτι ἐκ τοῦ σπέρματος Δαυΐδ καὶ ἀπὸ Βηθλεὲμ τῆς κώμης, ὅπου ἦν Δαυΐδ, ὁ Χριστὸς ἔρχεται; σχίσμα οὖν ἐν τῷ ὅχλῳ ἐγένετο διὶ αὐτόν. τινὲς δὲ ἤθελον ἐξ αὐτῶν πιάσαι αὐτόν, ἀλλὶ οὐδεὶς ἐπέβαλεν ἐπὶ αὐτὸν τὰς χεῖρας. Ἡλθον οὖν οἱ ὑπηρέται πρὸς τοὺς ἀρχιερεῖς καὶ Φαρισαίους, καὶ εἶπον αὐτοῖς ἑκεῖνοι διατί οὐκ ἡγάγετε αὐτόν; ἀπεκρίθησαν οἱ ὑπηρέται οὐδέποτε οὕτως ἐλάλησεν ἄνθρωπος, ὡς οὖτος ὁ ἄνθρωπος. ἀπεκρίθησαν οὖν αὐτοῖς οἱ Φαρισαῖοι μὴ καὶ ὑμεῖς πεπλάνησθε; μή τις ἐκ τῶν ἀρχόντων ἐπίστευσεν εἰς αὐτὸν ἢ ἐκ τῶν Φαρισαίων; ἀλλὶ ὁ ὅχλος οὖτος ὁ μὴ γινώσκων τὸν νόμον ἐπικατάρατοί εἰσι! λέγει Νικόδημος πρὸς αὐτούς, ὁ ἐλθὼν νυκτὸς πρὸς αὐτόν, εῖς ὢν ἐξ αὐτῶν· μὴ ὁ νόμος ἡμῶν κρίνει τὸν ἄνθρωπον, ἐὰν μὴ ἀκούση παρὶ αὐτοῦ πρότερον καὶ γνῷ τί ποιεῖ;

ἀπεκρίθησαν καὶ εἶπον αὐτῷ· μὴ καὶ σὺ ἐκ τῆς Γαλιλαίας εἶ; ἐρεύνησον καὶ ἴδε ὅτι προφήτης ἐκ τῆς Γαλιλαίας οὐκ ἐγήγερται. Πάλιν οὖν αὐτοῖς ὁ Ἰησοῦς ἐλάλησε λέγων· ἐγώ εἰμι τὸ φῶς τοῦ κόσμου· ὁ ἀκολουθῶν ἐμοὶ οὐ μὴ περιπατήση ἐν τῆ σκοτία, ἀλλὶ ἕξει τὸ φῶς τῆς ζωῆς.

On the last day of the feast, the great day, Jesus stood up and proclaimed, "If any one thirst, let him come to me and drink. He who believes in me, as the scripture has said, 'Out of his heart shall flow rivers of living water." Now this he said about the Spirit, which those who believed in him were to receive; for as yet the Spirit had not been given, because Jesus was not yet glorified. When they heard these words, some of the people said, "This is really the prophet." Others said, "This is the Christ." But some said, "Is the Christ to come from Galilee? Has not the scripture said that the Christ is descended from David, and comes from Bethlehem, the village where David was?" So there was a division among the people over him. Some of them wanted to arrest him, but no one laid hands on him. The officers then went back to the chief priest and Pharisees, who said to them, "Why did you not bring him?" The officers answered, "No man ever spoke like this man!" The Pharisees answered them, "Are you led astray, you also? Have any of the authorities or of the Pharisees believed in him? But this crowd, who do not know the law, are accursed." Nikodemos, who had gone to him before, and who was one of them, said to them, "Does our law judge a man without first giving him a hearing and learning what he does?" They replied, "Are you from Galilee too? Search and you will see that no prophet is to rise from Galilee." Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, "I am the light of the world; he who follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." [RSV]

Instead of "It is truly right..." the Ninth Ode of the feast is chanted in grave mode:

Μὴ τῆς φθορᾶς διαπείρα κυοφορήσασα, καὶ παντεχνήμονι Λόγω σάρκα δανείσασα, Μῆτερ ἀπείρανδρε, Παρθένε Θεοτόκε, δοχεῖον τοῦ ἀστέκτου, χωρίον τοῦ ἀπείρου Πλαστουργοῦ σου, σὲ μεγαλύνομεν.

When you conceived, you experienced no deflowerment. You lent your flesh to the Logos, through whom all things were made. Therefore we magnify you, Virgin Theotokos, Mother who knew no man, space and holder of your Maker, who is uncontainable and infinite.

The Festal Communion hymn of Pentecost is chanted today, instead of the usual "Praise the Lord...":

Τὸ πνεῦμά σου τὸ ἀγαθὸν ὁδηγήσει με ἐν γῇ εὐθεία. Ἀλληλούϊα.

Your good Spirit shall guide me in the land of uprightness. Alleluia.

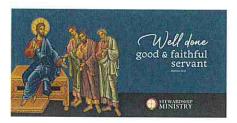
Instead of "We have seen the true light..." the festal hymn of Pentecost is chanted.

Εὐλογητὸς εἶ, Χριστὲ ὁ Θεὸς ἡμῶν...

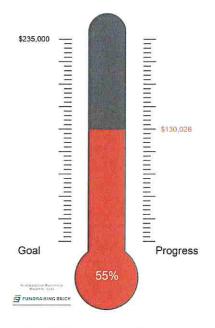
Blessed are You, O Christ our God...

2024 Stewardship Pledge Cards are in the Narthex

(Just ask a member of Parish Council)



Visit our website to fill out a Stewardship Card for 2024 or to make a donation https://stnickspgh.



2024	STEWARDSHIP		
Total Stewards	230 (GOAL 300)		
Total Pledged	\$ 130,026.00 GOAL (\$235,000.00)		
Avg. Pledge	\$828.19		

YOUTH SAFETY WORKERS

Who is considered a Youth Safety Worker?

All Clergymen (Bishops/Priests/Deacons, both Active & Retired)
Pastoral Assistants & Youth Directors

People assisting, in any ministry, where the participants are under 18 years of age or in high school, whichever is later.

Including Parish Youth Safety Administrators, Church School Teachers, Dance Directors, Greek School Teachers, Youth Advisors (including Chaperones & Drivers) and Parish Council. Even... Parents who occasionally help-out but are alone with other people's children.

Each Youth Safety Worker is required to register yearly with the church.

Registration is available through the church office. In addition, all Youth Safety Workers are required to take two courses (on-line training platform) annually and to complete a background check every other year.

Here is the website: Please register at https://ncsrisk.org/goarch/. The first course, Youth Safety, has two parts. The second course, Youth Worker Regulations, has one part. Prompt completion is necessary as one cannot participate in any youth programs without being registered, having a background check, having PA state clearances, and completing the two courses.





During coffee hour, people may bring laptops, Cell phones, tablets etc.!

Some would like to complete an assignment, finish up a work slide, watch a cooking video, and more! Stop by the goya table during coffee hour with any electronic you are having difficulties with and have a goyan help you out!

SIXTY CLUB NEWS

There will be a very brief meeting on July 7 during the coffee hour. Look for tables marked RESERVED; we can meet while enjoying our coffee and have plenty of time for socializing.

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Shop for books, icons, jewelry, home altar supplies, children's activities, gifts, and more.

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THE 2024 PITTSBURGH SUMMER GREEK FESTIVALS GUIDE



THE 2024 PITTSBURGH SUMMER GREEK FESTIVALS: ALL THE DETAILS

Don't cook tonight...go Greekl Please pass copies on to your friends! Greek food is always enjoyed best with good company!

Parish	Dates	Address	Phone	Website	Hours
Saint Nicholas	May 12-18	419 S. Dithridge Street Pittsburgh (Oakland)	412-682-3866	www.StNicksPgh.org	Sun: 12p-8p; Mon-Fri: 11a-9p; Sat: 1p-9p
All Saints	June 3-7	601 West McMurray Road Canonsburg	724-745-5205	www.AllSaintsCbg.org	Mon-Fri: 11a-9p
Holy Cross	June 11-14	123 Gilkeson Road Pittsburgh (Mt. Lebanon)	412-833-3355	www.HolyCrossPgh.org	Tue-Thu: 11a-8p Fri: 11a-9p
Kimisis Tis Theotokou	June 13-15	2111 Davidson Street Aliquippa	724-375-5341	www.Theotokou.org	Thu-Sat: 11a-8p
Holy Dormition	June 28-30	12 Washington Avenue Oakmont	412-828-4144	www.DormitionPgh.org	Fri-Sun: 12p-11p Dinner until 9pm
Saint Spyridon	July 12	1207 Grand Boulevard Monessen	724-684-5411	stspyridon.pa.goarch.org	Fri: 11a-9p
Holy Trinity (Ambridge)	July 16-20	2930 Beaver Road Ambridge	724-266-5336	www.htgoc.org	Tue-Sat: 11:30a-8:30p
Ypapanti (Presentation of Christ)	July 18-20	1672 Electric Avenue East Pittsburgh	412-824-9188	www.ypapanti.net	Thu-Sat: 11a-9p
Holy Trinity (Pittsburgh)	August 29- September 1	985 Providence Boulevard Pittsburgh (across from Passavant Hospital)	412-366-8700	www.HolyTrinityPgh.org	Thu-Sun: 11a-9p

Thank you for enjoying our great Greek food and visiting our churches. Want to also help these communities feed, minister to and provide health care for the hungry and needy of the Hill District and the Pittsburgh area? Support the Neighbor Resilience Project by visiting neighborhoodresilience.org, a philanthropic ministry united in faith and joined by a desire to provide action-oriented and sustainable solutions for poverty-and-trauma-affected communities in the Pittsburgh area.

JUNE 2024									
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday			
23 Holy Pentecost Orthros	24 Monday of the Holy Spirit	25	26	27	28	29			
8:15 a.m. Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m.	Orthros (9am) and Liturgy (10am) at Holy Trinity in the North Hills YAL Basketball								
Sunday of All Saints Synaxis of the Twelve Holy Apostles Orthros 8:15 a.m. Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m.	7:00 p.m. JULY 1 YAL Basketball 7:00 p.m.	2	3 YAL Volleyball 7:00 p.m.	4 Church Office Closed HAPPY 4th of JULY	5.	6			
7 2nd Sunday of Matthew Orthros 8:15 a.m. Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m.	47 th Biennial Clergy-l 8 YAL Basketball 7:00 p.m.	aity Congress of the	Greek Orthodox Ard	thdiocese of America	in San Diego, C	A 13 Sacrament: Wedding			
Sunday of the Holy Fathers of the 4th Ecumenical Council Orthros 8:15 a.m. Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m.	Parish Council Meeting 6:30 p.m. YAL Basketball 7:00 p.m.	St. Marina the Great-Martyr (Celebrated July 17th) Orthros 6:00 p.m. Divine Liturgy 7:00 p.m.	YAL Volleyball 7:00 p.m.	18	19	The Holy Prophet Elias (Elijah) Festal Divine Liturgy at Nativity of the Theotokos Monastery it Saxonburg, PA			
4th Sunday of Matthew Orthros 8:15 a.m. Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m.	St. Markella of Chios & St. Mary Magdelene Orthros 9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m.	23	24	25	26				

YAL Basketball 7:00 p.m.