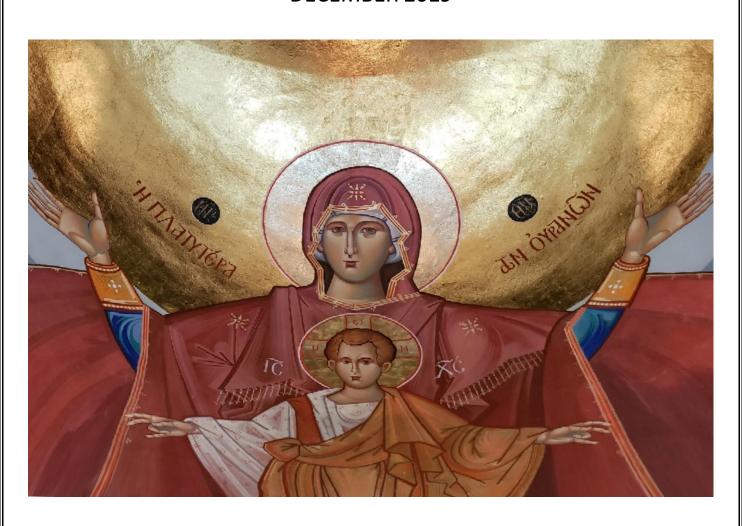
# PRESENTATION OF CHRIST GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH



# **CURRENT**DECEMBER 2019





# Presentation of Christ

# CHRISTMAS SERVICES AND EVENT SCHEDULE



CHRISTMAS PAGEANT AND PARTY
DECEMBER 22 AFTER CHURCH

DEC 24 EVE OF THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD VESPERAL

LITURGY OF ST. BASIL 5:00 PM FOLLOWED BY CAROL
SING-ALONG

8:30AM, DIVINE LITURGY 9:30 AM



#### CHRISTMAS RETREAT

Saturday, December 28th, 10AM to 2PM

"Sharing the Message of the Season"

Featuring

#### Father Thomas Soroka

Our speaker, Father Thomas Soroka, is a Pittsburgh native, who holds degrees from

Duquesne University and St. Vladimir's Orthodox

Theological Seminary in Crestwood, New York.

Father Thomas can be heard regularly on Ancient Faith Radio and local Christian radio.



Join us also while we make bagged lunches for the homeless

Lunch and activities for kids will be provided





Dear Parish Family,

I imagine that by now many of us are beginning to prepare our homes for a joyous celebration of the

Nativity of our Lord. But amidst the business are we preparing our souls to receive Him?

The Church offers us the Nativity Fast to guide us through the process of spiritual preparation for Christmas.

While many of us may have not observed this Fast, it is never too late to begin! Especially if this year is our first attempt, we should approach this time with deliberation and a plan. Most of all, we should remember to include all three aspects of the Fast. Of course we know that there is a dietary change that is unique the Nativity Fast. But we are also called to increase our prayer through additional Liturgical services and personal prayer, and to increase our giving of alms.

Even if we were to only participate few days a week to start, the Church can guide us. On Sundays we modify our fellowship time to remove non-fasting foods. The Liturgical and Adult Education schedules are increased. We will continue to collect toys for children of families in need through December 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Finally, after the Nativity, we will come together on December 28<sup>th</sup> for this year's Christmas Retreat. Our guest speaker Father Thomas Soroka will discuss our responsibility to share the good news of this joyous season with others.

Christmas is coming! Let's prepare together as a parish family to receive Him and spread the message of His birth!

See you at Church!

FRDK

Fr. Dean

# A Note from President and Stewardship Chairman Steve Markantone



Congratulations
Mary Doreza on
her award for
dedication to
Greek dance!



Thanks to all who participated in the Thanksgiving Food Drive for the Rankin Christian Center!





Congratulations to Tessie
Burns on her Baptism and
her Godparents Emanuel
and Angela Panos from
Holy Cross Pittsburgh.









## HOW DO PEOPLE START ATTENDING CHURCH?

A Friend Invited Me - 86%

Organized Visitation - 6%

Invited by the Pastor - 6%

Advertising - 2%



It's that time of year again for our annual Christmas card project – a wonderful way to send your greetings of the birth of our Lord to the entire parish community. Please return this form with your donation of \$15.00 to the office or the collection basket by December 15, 2019 to have your name included.

Name(s)			
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Please print your name on the above line the way you would like it to appear on the card. Thank you for supporting our Christmas Card Campaign.



#### **Poinsettia Donation Form**



Honor loved ones, commemorate those who have departed, or simply help to beautify the church during the Nativity of Christ holiday season while supporting our Church at the same time by sponsoring one or more beautiful poinsettias for Christmas. Please submit your order and donation of \$20.00 by December 15, 2019. Thank you!

Name(s)			

Number of plants\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ @\$20.00 each \_\_\_\_\_\_

## TRADITIONAL GREEK NEW YEAR'S BREAD



## Vasilopitas

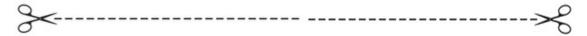
with "Good Fortune" coin for 2020!

\$9.00 each

## **Sponsored by Grecian Odyssey Dancers of Presentation of Christ**

Orders must be placed by 12/12/19

Pick up vasilopitas at the Olympia Hall, East Pittsburgh, on Sunday, December 15<sup>th</sup> or 22<sup>nd</sup>, from 11:30 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.



#### **ORDER FORM**

NAME	PHONE
# of Vasilopitas w/sesame seeds	@\$9.00 =
# of Vasilopitas without sesame	@\$9.00=
Total number ordered Total a	mount enclosed

Make checks payable to: <u>Grecian Odyssey Dancers</u>, and mail it (or give it to a Grecian Odyssey Dancer) with your order to:

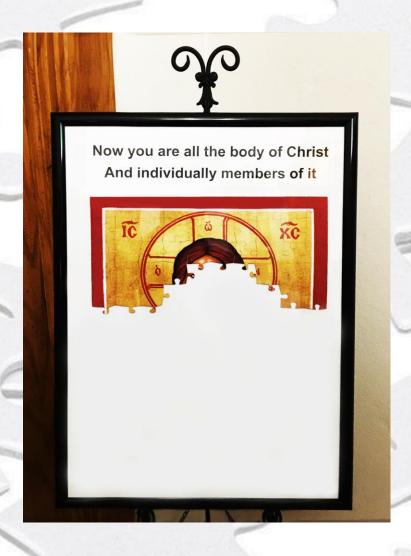
Mary Doreza, 3813 Burnaby Drive, Pittsburgh, PA 15235 412-877-3415

\*\*\*Please Submit Orders By December 12.\*\*\*
Please circle "pick up" date preference: Dec. 15 or Dec. 22



Don't forget to fill out the back!

Every card gets us closer to completing our icon!





WEWILL BE COLLECTING NEWAND UNWRAPPED TOYS FOR AGES 2-21 FROM NOV11 - DEC 22.

DROP OFFTUESDAYS-FRIDAYS 9AM-3PM AND SUNDAYS 9AM-12PM



## Let's Pave The Lot

Our church continues to grow and prosper due to the people in this parish. We have continued to grow beyond the physical church with our ministries doing what the bible teaches. But we still need to take care of our church where we come together to pray on Sunday. We have been able to create a lot of positive changes to our church recently; but we still have one major project that would be great to complete.

Let's pave the parking lot!!

Any contribution is greatly appreciated!!!

Thank You!!!



#### 2019-2020 Fellowship Hour Volunteers

September 1	September 8	September 15	September 22	September 29	October 6	October 13
Philoptochos	Sylvia Graziano Adrienne Prestogeorge	Argy Giannikas Stephanie Giannikas	Toula Bargas Tina Rushe	Lori Voltz	Katina Harem Diane Kampetis Natalie. Mayfield	Josie Markantone Mindy Markantone Desiree Markantone
October 20	October 27	November 3	November 10	November 17	November 24	December 1
Gen Assembly Appreciation Luncheon	MargeTsudis Kay Zanic Shirley Zafris	Nancy Russon Tootie Pranis	*Fasting St Catherine Luncheon	*Fasting Stephanie Neuschwander Mary Papazis	*Fasting Philoptochos	*Fasting Toni Morgan Gloria Batis
Philoptochos	Pecember 15 *Fasting Tootie Pranis Lucy Koutsavlis	Pecember 22 *Fasting Children's Christmas Lunch	December 29 Paula Borsch	2020 HAPPY NEW YEAR	January 5 Anna Dudek Claudia Farmer	January 12  Becky.Leventopol ous  Deanna.Leventop olous
January 19	January 26	February 2	February 9	February 16	February 23	March 1
Katie Kwiatkowski Carol Snyder	Kathy Athans Filia Arvanitis	Ypapanti Name Day Celebration	Philoptochos International Soup Sale	Sophie Koutsavlis Samantha Koutsavlis	Mary Doreza YASOU	Rebecca Fritzius Kim Fritizius Julie Surma
March 8	March 15	March 22	March 29	April 5	April 12	April 19
*Cheese Fare Angela Stupakis Katherine Armstrong Theodora. Stupakis	*Fasting	*Fasting Philoptochos	*Fasting Marguerite Elllis Alexis Breen	*Fasting Philoptochos	PALM SUNDAY	EASTER SUNDAY
April 26	May 3	May 10	May 17	May 24	May 31	June 7
Philoptochos	Gail Mantzouridis Lucy. Koutsavlis	Mother's Day Choir	J. Augoustidis A. Augoustidis A. Mamakos	A. Margaros C. Karystinos D. Grysiak	Stamatia Milburn Athena Caldwell	General Assembly
June 14	June 21	June 28	July 5	July 12	July 19	July 26
Father's Day Philoptochos	M. Ferrari Frosso.Kolokouris	Kathy Panagos Pota Seitanakis	Cindy Kypriotakis Eleni Papageorgiou Flora Hamborsky	Mary Ann Sfanos Josie Caruso	Philoptochos	Georgina Callas Maria Krishnaswamy
August 2	August 9	August 16	August 23	August 30		
Malamo. Countouris- Hensley Paula Borsch	Roula Kyros Stella Stratigos Elizabeth White	Joan Kenney Anastasia Andrews	Food Festival	Chris Burns Artemis Apostolopoulou		

Please remember to bring creamer, cups & juice. To change your day or to volunteer for an extra day where "Philoptochos" is noted, please call Lucy Koutsavlis at 412-916-4590 or Coula Karystinos at 412-824-8989.

Revision 10-22-19



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Sunday 1 8:30 AM, Matins 9:30 AM Divine	Monday 2	Tuesday 3 11:00 AM, YASOU	Wednesday 4 Feast of St. Barbara	Thursday 5 Feast Day of St. Savas Sanctified	Friday 6 Feast of St. Nicholas 10:00 AM Matins	Saturday 7 9:30 AM,
Liturgy			6:30 PM, Parakelsis 7:30 PM, Orthodox Adult Education	7:00 PM, Great Vespers at St. Nicholas Cathedral	11:00 AM, Liturgy At St. Nicholas Cathedral	8:00 PM, Performance – Grecian Odyssey Dancers
8:30 AM, Matins 9:30 AM, Divine Lituray	6	10 11:00 AM, YASOU Christmas Party	11 2:00 PM, Dinner preparation for FOCUS Pittsburgh	12 Feast of St. Spyridon 8:30 AM. Matins	<b>13</b> 10:00 AM, Paraklesis	<b>14</b> 9:00 AM, Vasilopita Baking
		7:00 PM, Parish Council Meeting		9:30 AM, Liturgy		
<b>15</b> Feast of St.	16	17	<b>18</b> 7:00 PM, Orthodox	19	<b>20</b> Forefeast of the	<b>21</b> 9:00 AM,
Eleutherios 8:30 AM, Matins 9:30 AM, Divine Liturgy			Adult Education		<u>Nativity</u> 9:30 AM, Liturgy	Vasilopita Baking
12:00 PM, Philoptochos	4	Last	Last week for the Toy [	Drive to benefit Beverly's	Severly's Birthdays	S
Christmas Luncheon			L		1	
8:30 AM, Matins	0	Christmas Eve	Christmas Day	<b>26</b> 7:00 PM, Grecian Odyssey Dangers	<b>27</b> Feast of St. Stephen	28 10:00 AM, Parish Christmas Retreat
Liturgy 11:00 AM, Parish		Hours of the Nativity 5:00 PM, Nativity of our Lord Vesperal	8:30 AM, Liturgy	2000	9:30 AM, Liturgy	
Christmas Party & Christmas Pageant	•	Divine Liturgy and Carol Sing				
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8:30 AM, Matins 9:30 AM, Divine		Feast of Circumcision		<b>≱</b>		
11:00 AM, Parish Family Vasilopita		5:00 PM, Matins 6:00 PM, Liturgy	a (		Hecemi	en la
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Under the jurisdiction of the Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew I, His Eminence Elpidophoros Archbishop
of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America and His Eminence Metropolitan Savas. The mission of the
Presentation of Christ is to proclaim with joy the Gospel of Jesus Christ, to teach and spread the Orthodox
Christian Faith and to be a community devoted to and energized by the love of God and our neighbor.

Rev. Fr. Constantir Cell Phone: Email:	ne Kokanos 412-760-7203 FatherDeanKokanos@gmail.com	Sunday Services Matins Divine Liturgy	8:30 AM 9:30 AM
Stefanos Giannikas Filia Arvanitis, Thomas Rosvanis,	Chanter		Wednesday at 6:30 PM Wednesday at 7:30 PM
	Admin Assistant ristOffice@gmail.com 824-9188, Fax: 412-824-9740	Tara Reis Phone: 412-824-55	Events Coordinator 40

#### **2019 Parish Council Members**

Steve Markantone	President	724-325-1729	Peter J Anthony	412-596-5348
Stan Prestogeorge	Vice President	412-824-5033	Deborah Grysiak	412-371-2465
Tom Rosvanis	Vice President	412-373-5057	Ernie Kampetis	412-892-9096
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Anastasia Andrews	Treasurer	412-398-3194	Petros Mantzouridis	412-780-0201
Sam Koutsavlis	Secretary	412-461-3450	Jamie Orfanopoulos	412-244-2264
Richard Voltz		412-798-8177	Tootie Pranis	412-373-1270

#### **Organizations & Committees**

Y.A.S.O.U. Tootie Pranis, Co-President, Mike Orson, Co-President

Philoptochos Sylvia Graziano, President

Choir Tom Rosvanis, Director & President

Organists Marguerite Ellis, Roula Kyros

Young Professionals Steve and Chris Burns

Y.A.L. Nick Stupakis, Dean Leventopoulos

Grecian Odyssey Dancers Mary Doreza, Director, Elias Bardis, President

Junior Olympian Dancers

Michelle Kotsagrelos, Director, Jamie Orfanopoulos, Director

Elias Bardis, Asst. Director, Maria Bardis, Asst. Director

GAPA Elias Bardis, President

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