

PRESENTATION OF CHRIST GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH



CURRENT

JUNE 2021





By the time this letter reaches you we will have celebrated the leave-taking of Pascha and the Ascension of our Lord. These Feasts signal that the Paschal season is approaching its end.

The conclusion of this joyous time tends to coincide with the beginning of summer. Somehow it is easy to convince ourselves that everything can slow down as the weather heats up.

But those of us who have been around young children know that summer does not slow down at all. And neither should our life in Christ.

Throughout the month of June our church will continue its usual cycle of ministries and gatherings. We will also resume our fellowship hour after Divine Liturgy. Summer is a great time to deepen our involvement in the Church. From outreach to book club to preparing for East Pittsburgh Greek Fest, there are lots of opportunities to do so.

Join us,
and bring a friend!

See you at Church!

FRDK

Fr. Dean

TRY
Something
NEW

A Note from President and Stewardship Chairman Steve Markantone

Ypapanti A



of Winner!!!

Winning is never really about a single performance. Winners know how to succeed over the long haul. Winning is defined by repeat performances and increasing achievements. One hit wonders experience brief success but Winning organizations have been able to overcome multiple setbacks. Winners commonly say, “do not tell me why I cannot do it. Tell me how I can get it done.”

This attitude is prevalent in our church community as evidenced by all we have been able to accomplish. I am not talking about the past 5 or 10 years; Ypapanti has been able to do this for over 100 years and still going strong. This is a tribute to everyone in his parish that give so much of themselves in so many different ways whether it be through helping at the food festival, Church ministries, or helping in the physical structure of the church, etc...

The pride you see in this community is contagious and I like everyone else am thankful to be part of this Winning community.



Photos!



**Thank you for all your help!
The Bingo Hall project is
coming along!**



**Baby Jack Burns was baptized!
Congratulations Sandy and Tom
Rosvanis and the Burns family!**






EAST PITTSBURGH GREEK FEST



AUGUST 19 - 22, 2021

DETAILS TO COME



Festival Food Ingredients

Main Festival 2021 – August 19-21

Sponsor a portion (or all!) of your favorite dish - all of us have one!

Simply select the ingredient you wish to sponsor by circling it

Gyros		Pastries	
Gyro Meat	\$4,000	Milk	\$250
Tzatziki	\$700	Honey	\$300
Pita Bread	\$850	Eggs	\$200
		Butter	\$1,250
		Walnuts	\$500
		File	\$250
			Thank you!
Grill			
Pork	\$2,000		
Charcoal	\$500		
Lamb Chops	\$1000		
	Thank you!		
Main Dishes		Tiropita/Spanakopita	
Chicken Oregano	\$1,300	File	\$250
		Feta Cheese	\$1000
		Spinach	\$250
		Other Cheeses	\$500
Sides			
French Fries	\$500		
Rice	\$300		
Grape Leaves	\$750		
Pantry		Pastitsio	
Herbs & Vegetables	\$1,500	Pasta	\$250
Oils	\$650	Ground Beef	\$1,500
Olives	\$200		
Name:		Total Amount of Donation:	\$
Phone:		Cash	<input type="checkbox"/>
		Check	<input type="checkbox"/>

Greek Food Festival – Pastry Schedule
As of June 6, 2021

<i>Product</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Day</i>	<i>Time</i>
<i>Kourambiethes</i>	<i>May 5, 2021</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>10:00 AM</i>
<i>Finikia</i>	<i>May 12, 2021</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>9:00 AM</i>
<i>Kourambiethes Round 2</i>	<i>June 30</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>10:00 AM</i>

Greek Food Festival – Food Schedule
As of June 6, 2021

<i>Product</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Day</i>	<i>Time</i>
<i>Spanakopita</i>	<i>June 10</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>10:00 AM</i>
<i>Pastitsio</i>	<i>May 13</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>3:00 PM</i>
<i>Pastitsio</i>	<i>May 14</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>2:00 PM</i>
<i>Moussaka</i>	<i>May 20</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>2:30 PM</i>
<i>Moussaka</i>	<i>May 21</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>3:00 PM</i>





LITTLE LAMBS SUNDAY SCHOOL

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MEETS AT 4PM VIA ZOOM**

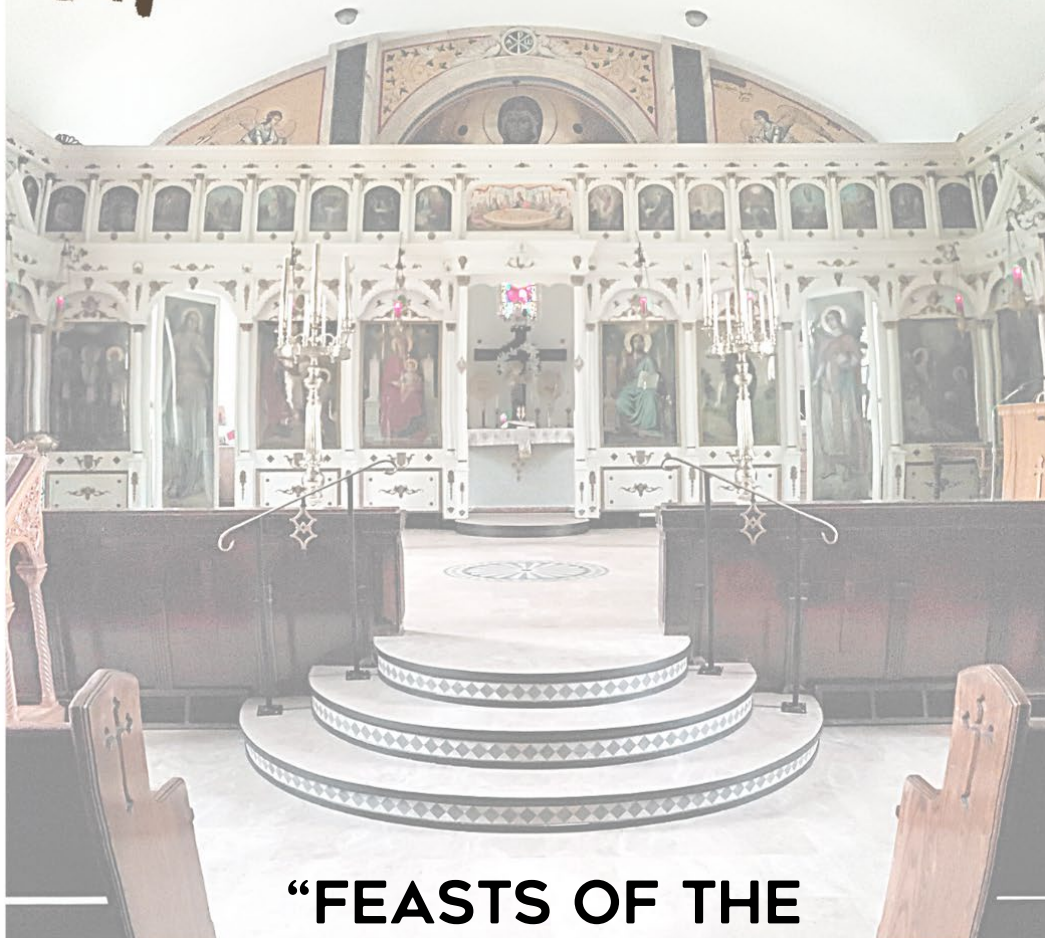
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Each lesson
includes a prayer,
the Saint of the Day,
an activity, a story,
and a song related
to the monthly
theme.

**June *Great Feasts of the
Church***

CHURCH SCHOOL

CONTINUING
4PM VIA ZOOM



**“FEASTS OF THE
CHURCH”**



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JUNE 19, 2021

8:00 am – 1:00 pm

OLYMPIA HALL • 1575 ELECTRIC AVENUE • EAST PGH PA 15112

Gently used & new items for sale

**Furniture
Jewelry
Household Goods
Glassware
Electronics**

**Videos
Tools
Holiday
Decorations
Books**

**Purses
Toys
Baby Items
Home Décor
Linens**

And more!

Proceeds Benefit St. Catherine Philoptochos (*Philoptochos means Friends of the Poor*). All proceeds help those in need.

BINGO HALL

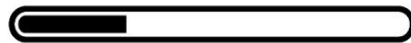
green space project: phase one

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IS THE
anticipation
GETTING
TO YOU YET?



STAY
TUNED



LOADING
PLEASE WAIT...



2021

Pledge card!

"Give, and it shall be given to you."

In Celebration of Father's Day

June 20, 2021

If you would like to celebrate Father's Day by honoring someone special to you, please submit their name and contact information to

Mary Doreza

3813 Burnaby Drive

Pittsburgh, PA 15235

BY JUNE 20, 2021

Or hand in your names at the church door on Sunday JUNE 20, 2021

PLEASE NOTE: This year all prayers for the fathers will be prayed on Sunday JUNE 27, 2021

The suggested donation of \$5 per name is used for the benefit of St. Catherine Philoptochos ministry.

Your name: _____

Honoree: _____ In Honor _____ In Memory _____

Honoree Address: _____

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Checks should be made payable to "St. Catherine Philoptochos".

Thank you for your support!

Happy Father's Day!



A GOOD WORD—Λόγον Αγαθόν

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF THE
GREEK ORTHODOX METROPOLIS OF PITTSBURGH

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METROPOLIS SUMMER CAMP ALUMNI PROJECT

For over 50 years, campers, staff and clergy have spent summers (and countless retreats) in the Metropolis Camping program—at Camp Mt. Tabor, Antiochian Village, Camp Nazareth, and other beloved locations. Thousands have had their lives enriched by the Metropolis camping program through life-long friendships, a brother and sisterhood in Christ, and even a few marriages.



That's why we're introducing the **Summer Camp Alumni Project**, an effort to connect generations of campers, staff and clergy with one another and with current participants in the camp program. Whether it's been a few decades or a few months since you were last involved, we're asking all alums to join the project by filling out this simple online form at tinyurl.com/gomopalumni.



Camp alums have shared memories of the same place — perhaps years apart — but together in the same mission of glorifying God. Feel free to share this with camp friends, with your parishes and anyone who is an alumnus of the Metropolis camping program. And share links to these videos with everyone you know who has been to camp.

Alumni video:

<https://youtu.be/74gIf6dUJGo>

Alumni video trailer:

<https://youtu.be/wJzg9J3Pqig>



Ted Theodore
Director 1968 - 1969



SUPPORT HIS EMINENCE AND THE METROPOLIS MINISTRIES

It costs approximately \$1,000 per day to operate our Metropolis—including Metropolitan Savas's pastoral visitations, preparations for Summer Camp and GOYA retreats, our vital registry (tracking marriages, baptisms, chrismations, and deaths), and more. Please consider sponsoring a day in the life of the Metropolis. To contribute, visit <https://pittsburgh.goarch.org/support>



NEW METROPOLIS CENTER UPDATE

2021 has been an eventful year for the New Metropolis Center project—with construction drawings near 100% completion, the permitting process in motion, and donors quietly (for now) stepping forward to support the project. Each day we draw closer to the vision of having an easily accessible center designed to bring us together, to the glory of God and for the benefit of our parishes and the Church-at-large.

METROPOLIS RESOURCES ON YOUTUBE

In the age of Zoom video conferences, there is more worthwhile video content than ever available on the Metropolis of Pittsburgh YouTube page, including:



- Religious Education presentations
- Parish Leadership Training
- Finance and Administration videos
- Metropolis Clergy-Laity Presentations
- Stewardship, Outreach, & Evangelism Seminars



To see these (and more), visit <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCJ-TuHLYga2VkbHEFN1bKw/videos>

Recently, the Religious Education Committee hosted the first two (of a four-part) video series on the **Fundamentals of the Christian Life**. Fr. Steven Freeman spoke about the “Love of the Sabbath” while Fr. Stephen DeYoung offered a presentation on the “Love of Scripture.” Two more presentations (“Love of Prayer” and “Love of Service to Others”) are scheduled for later this year.



Earlier this year, Melissa Spas of the Lake Institute on Faith & Giving at the Lilly Institute spoke to the semi-annual Priests, Presidents & Treasurers Meeting about ‘**Nurturing a Culture of Generosity**’ in parishes by changing their mindset from scarcity to abundance.

In all, there are more than 30 videos with more on the way. Stay tuned to the Metropolis YouTube page!

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His Eminence Metropolitan SAVAS of Pittsburgh, Presiding Hierarch

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Alyssa Kyritsis, Youth & Young Adult Ministries (Y²AM) Director

Maria Stamoolis, Director of Greek Education & Culture



GREEK ORTHODOX METROPOLIS ^{OF} PITTSBURGH

OFFICE OF THE CHANCELLOR

OFFICIAL SCHEDULE OF HIS EMINENCE METROPOLITAN SAVAS OF PITTSBURGH JUNE-AUGUST, 2021

Dates subject to change or cancellation.

JUNE 2021



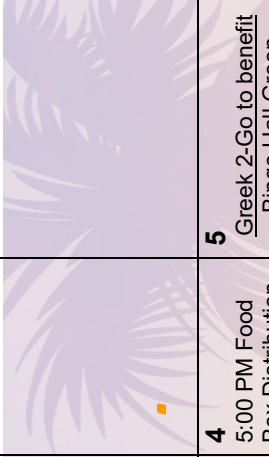
Sun Jun 6	Healing of Blind Man	St Nicholas GOC, Youngstown, OH
Sat Jun 12	Meeting of the Metropolis Council	Metropolis HQ, Pittsburgh, PA
Sun Jun 13	Fathers 1 st Ecumenical Council	TBD
Sun Jun 20	Pentecost	Holy Trinity GO Cathedral, Camp Hill, PA
Sat Jun 26	Vespers for All Saints	All Saints GOC, Canonsburg, PA
Sun Jun 27	Feast of All Saints	All Saints GOC, Weirton, WV
Jun 28-29	Sts. Peter and Paul	St. Paul GOC, North Royalton, OH

JULY 2021

Sun Jul 4	2 nd Sunday of Matthew	TBD
Sat Jul 10	3 rd Saturday of Matthew	St. James GO Mission, Belpre, OH
Sun Jul 11	3 rd Sunday of Matthew	St. George GOC, Huntington, WV
Sun Jul 18	Fathers 4 th Ecumenical Council	Sts. Constantine & Helen GOC, Mansfield, OH
Sun Jul 25	5 th Sunday of Matthew	TBD

AUGUST 2021

Sun Aug 1	6 th Sunday of Matthew	Kimisis Tis Theotokou GOC, Aliquippa, PA
Fri Aug 6	Transfiguration of our Lord	TBD
Sun Aug 8	7 th Sunday of Matthew	Dormition of the Theotokos GOC, Oakmont, PA
Aug 14-15	Dormition of the Theotokos	Assumption GOC, Morgantown, WV

~ Tentative ~		June				~ Tentative ~	
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
							
6 8:30 AM, Matins 9:30 AM, Divine Liturgy 12 PM, Philoptochos 4:00 PM Sunday School Via Zoom	7	1	2 7:30 PM Book Club	3	4 5:00 PM Food Box Distribution	5 Greek 2-Go to benefit <u>Bingo Hall Green</u> <u>Space</u>	
13 8:30 AM, Matins 9:30 AM, Divine Liturgy 4:00 PM Sunday School Via Zoom	14	8	9 2:00 PM, Dinner Prep for Neighborhood Resilience Project 5:30 PM Vigil for the <u>Feast of the Ascension</u>	10 <u>Feast of the</u> <u>Ascension</u> 10:00 AM Spanakopita Prep	11	12	
20 <u>Pentecost</u> 8:30 AM, Matins 9:30 AM, Divine Liturgy Great Vespers of Pentecost to follow 4:00 PM Sunday School Via Zoom	21	15	16 7:30 PM, Book Club	17	18 5:00 PM Food Box Distribution	19	
27 All Saints Sunday 8:30 AM, Matins 9:30 AM, Divine Liturgy 4:00 PM Sunday School Via Zoom	28 <u>Apostles Fast Begins</u>	22	23 Vigil for <u>Nativity of St.</u> <u>John the Forerunner</u> 5:30 PM, Matins 6:30 PM, Divine Liturgy 7:30 PM, Book Club	24 <u>Nativity of St.</u> <u>John</u> the <u>Forerunner</u>	25	26 10:00 AM Food Pantry 11:00 AM, Hot Meal	
		29 <u>Feast of Sts Peter and</u> <u>Paul</u> 10:00 AM, Sandwich making for Rankin Christian Center	30 Synaxis of the <u>Twelve Apostles</u> 10:00 AM, Kourambiethes making	Please remember to check our online calendar or the weekly email blast for the latest updates to the monthly calendar!			

Presentation of Christ Greek Orthodox Church

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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. Constantine Kokanos
Cell Phone: 412-760-7203
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Sunday Services
Matins – 8:30 AM
Divine Liturgy – 9:30 AM

Stefanos Giannikas, Chanter
Filia Arvanitis, Chanter
Thomas Rosvanis, Chanter

Paraklesis Service – Wednesday at 6:30 PM
Orthodox Adult Education - Wednesday at 7:30 PM

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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	Mary Doreza, Director; Elias Bardis, President
Dancers	
Junior Olympian	Michelle Kotsagrellos, Director; Jamie Orfanopoulos, Director; Elias
Dancers	Bardis, Asst. Director; Maria Bardis, Asst. Director
GAPA	Elias Bardis, President
Book & Icon Store	Deborah Grysiak