METROPOLIS OF PITTSBURGH

Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church

June 16, 2024

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Office Hours
Monday - Friday
8:00 AM - 4:00 PM
(Closed noon-1pm for lunch)

Sunday Services
Orthros 8:30 AM
Divine Liturgy 9:30 AM

Orthros Liturgy

Epistle
Acts
20:16-18, 28-36

Gospel
John
17:1-13

Attendance
6/9/24
160

Today's Prosfora & Communion Wine

Donated by the Mihailides Family
In Memory of Stylianos Mihailides (2 Yrs)

Donated by Mike, Nancy and Hannah Greenbaum
In Memory of George Korosedes (Godfather of Holy Trinity)

Donated by Kalliope Kelesidis
In Memory of Nick Kelesidis - husband, father, and papou (16 Yrs)

Upcoming Memorials

June 30
3-Yr. Anna Karvounides/23-Yr. Yianni Karvounides and
2-Yr. Michalena Kalaitsides & Family Memorials & Coffee Hour

July 14
3-Yr. Memorial & Coffee Hour - Nick Koinoglou and George Vellios

Welcome

We extend a warm welcome to Father Nicholas Manuel in the altar this morning!

We would like to thank Father Nick and Deacon Michael for the beautiful memorial service for our father and mother. We also want to thank all of you who brought food to our memorial coffee hour. Your kindness was much appreciated. God bless you all!

Thank You

~ With love, The Aslanides and Nikolaou Families

2024 Ecclesiastical Award Recipients!

Woman of the Year
Panagiota Aslanides

Congratulations

Man of the Year
Tom Papadopoulos

Panagiota and Tom, along with our high school and college graduates, will be honored on June 23rd at our Name Day Banquet.

PENTECOST SUNDAY

Name Day & Ecclesiastical Awards Banquet
June 23, 2024
(Following Divine Liturgy)

TICKETS ON SALE AFTER LITURGY TODAY and IN THE CHURCH OFFICE THROUGH TUESDAY, JUNE 18th!!! Purchasing in Advance is requested!
$25.00 per Adult/$10.00 for Children 12 & Under
Menu: Roasted Pork Loin Au Jus, Broccoli Spears, Garlic Mashed Potatoes, Tossed Salad, Cheesecake and Coffee & Iced Tea

Join us for "Donuts with Dad" after liturgy in coffee hour today



Happy Father's Day to all our dads!

The 47th Annual Grecian Festival at Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church is on July 17, 18, 19, & 20. Come join us for lunch and/or dinner during these dates! Join us for outdoor activities of Food Booths and Vendors from 4pm - 11pm on Wednesday, July 17th and 11am–11pm on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday. Enjoy Gyros, Souvlaki, Beer & Wine, Greek Pastries, Loukoumathes, Saganaki & More!!! **DRIVE THRU AND CARRY OUT AVAILABLE!** There will be Entertainment and Music each day, as well as opportunities to tour our Church Facility.

The Festival Taverna has a sign up sheet outside the Church Office. Workers are needed both for Lunch and Dinner and in between each day. Please sign up for a day or two if you are able! Should you have any questions, please contact Sally Rath at 330-705-2663.

Volunteers are needed to help set up, take down, work in the kitchen, booths, food lines, and sell many items. Please consider volunteering your time, talents, or treasures!

Donation cards AND Sponsorship sheets are still available outside the Church Office to help defray the costs of our Festival. We want to keep our Grecian Festival the most popular Festival in Stark County and growing positively. **Our 2024 Donation Goal is $40,000.**

FESTIVAL BAKING

Monday, June 17, 2024 - Dolmathes

Wednesday, June 19, 2024 – Baklava

Thursday, June 27 - Pastitsio

Saturday, June 29, 2024 – Fengarakia

Dates Yet To Be Determined
Paximathia

FESTIVAL BAKING

Calendar for the Week

All Services are streaming online @ *www.htgoc.net/live*

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY

Sunday, June 16
Father's Day
Fr. Nick Vacation
Summer Camp Week #1
Trisagion for George Korosedes - Godfather of Holy Trinity
Donuts with Dad Coffee Hour
Baptism-Elianna Bolyard 1:00 PM

Monday, June 17
Fr. Nick Vacation
Baking - Dolmathes 9:00 AM
Sr. Dance Troupe 6:30 PM

Tuesday, June 18
Fr. Nick Vacation
Festival Meeting 5:00 PM
Parish Council 6:00 PM

Wednesday, June 19
Fr. Nick Vacation
Baking - Baklava 9:00 AM
Food Pantry 1PM - 3PM

Thursday, June 20
Fr. Nick Vacation
Young Adult Basketball 7:30 PM

Friday, June 21
Set up for Catered Event

Saturday, June 22
Saturday of Souls
Orthros 8:30 AM
Liturgy 9:30 AM
Wedding & Reception 4:00 PM
Zach Slates & Amanda Good
Name Day Vespers 6:00 PM

Sunday, June 23
Pentecost Sunday
Summer Camp Week #2
Ecclesiastical Awards
Graduate Recognition
Name Day Banquet 11:30 AM

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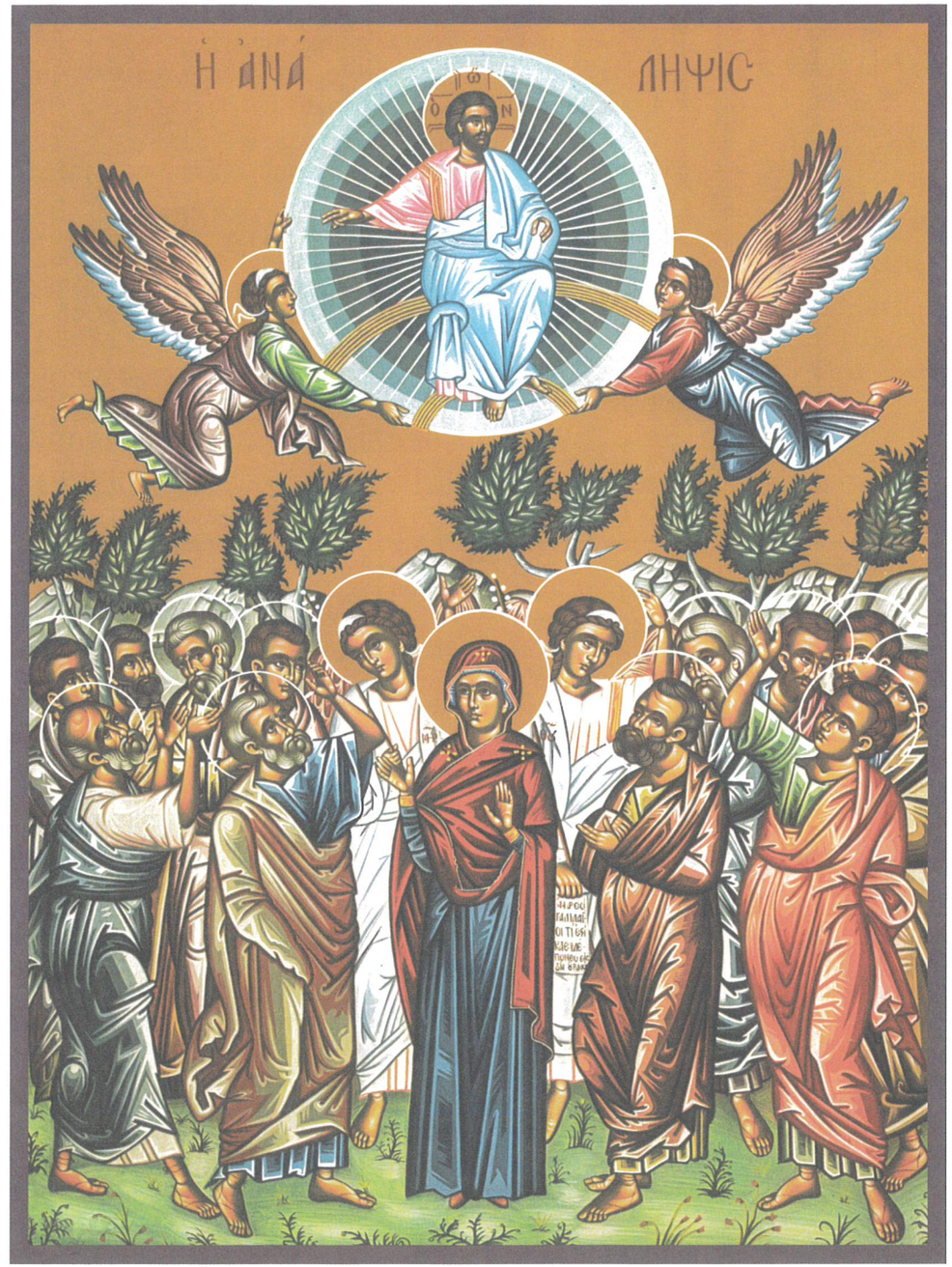
"YOU ASCEND WITHOUT ABANDONING US . . ."

After Christ's Resurrection, it is documented by the Scriptures that He appeared to His Apostles on numerous occasions, preparing them for the great challenge that awaited them: spreading His Gospel throughout the world. On the 40th day after His triumphant victory over death, our Saviour climbed the Mount of Olives with His beloved followers and gave them their final instructions: "Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you." Jesus then blessed them and ascended into the sky before their very eyes!

St. John Chrysostom writes of the significance of this event in one of his famous homilies. "Today the human race is completely reconciled with God. Today, we, too, become heirs to the kingdom of heaven, even though we are not even worthy to live on earth."

Yes, the Feast of the Ascension of our Lord makes thoughts of heaven very real for all of us. Our life on earth is merely a "preface" to the "book" of eternal life. Each day of our life here should find us observing all that Christ has commanded us to do! In His own words, the Lord returned to His heavenly home "to prepare a place for us." One of the verses from the Vespers for this glorious Feast clearly tells us the underlying reason for Christ's departure from our midst: "The Lord ascended into Heaven so that He could send the Comforter into the world." By doing this, His promise is fulfilled throughout eternity: Lo, I am with you always.

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Apolytikion of Fathers of the 1st Council

Plagal of the Fourth Tone

You are greatly glorified, O Christ our God, who established our Fathers as luminaries upon the earth, and through them led us all to the true Faith. O Most compassionate, glory to You.