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Archbishop of Constantinople
June 4th



Saint Menelaos of France
The Wonderworker
July 22nd

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If you would like an article, or photos in **The Veil**, submit them electronically to Fr. Michael (fmg@dormitionpgh.org) no later than the 15th of the month.

“Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord.” -James 5:14

If you or your loved one is sick, in the hospital, or need a priest, please contact Fr. Michael so that he will be able to visit them.



Fr. Michael's Message

Christ is in our Midst

Summertime is already here. Pascha and its accompanying season has passed, the days are getting warmer and longer, the school year has finished or is nearly completed, vacation plans are being finalized, weddings, baptisms, graduations are happening. In the Book of Ecclesiastes 3:1, it states that "There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under heaven."

Every year when the summer months begin, certain activities seem to slow down significantly, and during the rest of the year, we often times find ourselves so busy that we sometimes cannot even seem to find time to rest. With a lot of "free time" in the summer, we are able to take advantage of the much needed rest, both of the mind (from school and work) as well as from body with all of the constant running around. For a few months every year, we get to take a break from the hustle and bustle of life. In many ways, this is a very good and necessary thing to do.

The one thing that we all need to be very cautious of is that we do not get lazy and begin to take breaks from our life in the Church. When we begin taking breaks from church, we are beginning to take a break from our relationship with Jesus Christ and his Church. When we take breaks from Church, we are getting the opposite of rest in our souls. It is from that true relationship with Christ, a relationship that is 24/7, 365, that we can find the TRUE rest, and can be truly refreshed.

True rest and peace comes through finding time to dedicate and build our relationship with Christ in our lives. Throughout the entire year, I am sure that all of us hear people say that they are way too busy to go to Church, or to pray, or to read the Holy Scripture or other religious books. As we are entering summertime, and our schedules generally slow down and our schedules tend to lighten up, we can all take advantage of the opportunity to bring rest and peace to our souls.

With the extra time that we have this summer to focus on personal and family time, let us not fall into the temptation of slowing down our times for Christ and his Church. Each summer when we find this free time, we can take this as a gift and use it as an opportunity to grow closer to our Lord!

We need to prioritize and find every opportunity to draw closer to Christ. We need to go to every Sunday Liturgy and spend the beautiful summer months in the presence of our Lord. Let's spend more time in the quiet and peace of personal prayer and spiritual reading. Let's visit a fellow parishioner who could use some company. And certainly, let's make it a point to visit another Orthodox Church while away on vacation.

We must utilize this beautiful summer season to draw closer to Christ and thus renew our souls. Let's use every opportunity of the extra time afforded us this summer to find true peace and rest in Christ.

With Love in Christ,

Fr. Michael A. Gavrilos

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COVER ICON – Saint Metrophanes the Archbishop of Constantinople

June 4th

This Saint was during the reign of Constantine the Great (306-337), and was the son of Dometius. Dometius was the brother of Emperor Probus (276-282) in Rome, and he gave birth to two sons named Probus and Metrophanes. With sensible and right thoughts, he contemplated the religion of the idols, how it is false and delusional, and therefore entered into the true faith of Christ. He went to Byzantium, and dwelled there together with Titus, the Bishop of Byzantium, who was a holy and God-bearing man. When he saw Metrophanes was adorned with virtues, he numbered him among the clergy, making him a Reader. After the death of Saint Titus, Dometius, the father of Saint Metrophanes, became the Bishop of Byzantium. When Dometius died, his son Probus became the Bishop, who having governed the Church for ten years, departed to the Lord.

Immediately after this Saint Metrophanes, the brother of Probus and son of Dometius, was elevated to the throne of Byzantium. When Constantine the Great found the divine Metrophanes to be the Bishop of Byzantium, he contemplated his virtue, his fair dealing in judgment, and the holiness he had. Therefore it is said, that he not only loved the land of Byzantium, for its good position, for its mildness during the four seasons of the year - namely spring, summer, autumn and winter -, for being a place that produces a rich amount of fruit, for welcoming and serving like two hands by land and by sea, for being the place where two continents meet - namely Europe and Asia -, but Constantine the Great loved Byzantium no less for the virtue and holiness of the divine Metrophanes, who was Bishop there. Therefore he was generous to this land, and without making the expenses more expensive, he built the wondrous and great city of Constantinople, which has been victorious and exceeded every other city of the ecumene, and there he established the capital of his empire, moving it from old Rome.

When the Holy and Ecumenical First Synod gathered in Nicaea in the year 325, the blessed Metrophanes, due to old age and illness, was unable to appear in person at the Synod, and was bedridden, because the natural strength of his body was wasting away. For this reason he sent a deputy to the Synod, his Protospesbyter Alexander, an honorable man, to whom he left the throne as a successor in the year 330. At the conclusion of the Synod, Constantine the Great returned to Constantinople together with the God-bearing Fathers, at which the divine Metrophanes said it was revealed to him by God, that the successors to the throne of Constantinople were to be Protospesbyter Alexander and after him Paul, as it was pleasing to God, and they were worthy of the patriarchal office.* Therefore the blessed Metrophanes reposed, and departed to the Lord. His Synaxis and Feast is celebrated in the most-holy Great Church, and in his revered Temple, which is near that of the Holy Martyr Akakios at Eptaskalo, where his honorable and holy relic is located as well.

The see of Byzantium, whose foundation was ascribed to Andrew the Apostle, was originally a common bishopric, who was known as the Bishop of Byzantium. It gained importance when Emperor Constantine elevated Byzantium to a second capital alongside Rome and named it Constantinople in 330. It is said that at the First Ecumenical Synod in 325, the Bishop of Byzantium was elevated to an archbishopric, making Metrophanes the first Archbishop of Byzantium. The see's ecclesiastical status as the second of five Patriarchates were developed by the Ecumenical Synods of Constantinople in 381 and Chalcedon in 451.

At the time of the First Ecumenical Synod in 325, Metrophanes was already a man of one-hundred seventeen years and unable to participate in the work of the Synod, so he appointed Alexander his Choriepiscopos as his representative. After the Synod, the emperor invited all the Fathers to visit the ailing and aged archbishop. When the emperor asked him whom he wished to name as successor to the patriarchal throne, Metrophanes named Alexander. Following that he said to Alexander of Alexandria: "O brother, you will remain my most worthy successor." He then took the hand of Archdeacon Athanasius (later Athanasius the Great and Patriarch of Alexandria) and praised him before all. After this, it is said Metrophanes reposed ten days later.

Apolytikion in the First Tone

O good shepherd, thou didst proclaim the great mystery of the Trinity, and manifest Christ's dispensation to all. Thou didst put to flight the spiritual wolves who menaced your rational flock, and didst save the lambs of Christ who cry: Glory to Him Who has strengthened thee; glory to Him who has exalted thee; glory to Him Who through thee has strengthened the Orthodox Faith.

Kontakion in the Second Tone

Thou didst proclaim the faith of Christ by thy words, and by thy life thou didst increase Christ's flock to a multitude. Now thou dost rejoice with the Angels, and art ceaselessly praying for us, O Metrophanes.

COVER ICON – Saint Menelaos of France

July 22nd

Saint Menelaos was born in Precigne of France around the year 700 and came from a very eminent aristocratic family.

From very early age it was foreboded that the Saint would follow the road that Jesus had shown. That led to many obstacles, difficulties and challenges, as his father, when the Saint reached manhood, pushed him to get the official social position as a prince and get married to a blueblood. The young man Menelaos replied without fear that he did not want to get married. And because of continuous conflict with his father, he finally decided with a broken heart to flee those worldly plans.

After intense prayer and in order to avoid getting caught he consulted two of his most intimate and trusted friends, Constatas and Sabbinino, and all three together decided to leave their parental homes. Guided by Divine Providence they left the city and reached the ruined, ancient and famous Monastery of Saint Menas.

After they settled well in a quiet place, one day they received a visit from a monk named Theophrastos who suggested that they should go and submit themselves under the spiritual guidance of Saint Eudos. So Menelaos joined the entourage.

After some time the three hermits obtained great fame, which reached so far that one day there arrived at the gates of the monastery his mother, sister and his former fiance. Originally the Saint believed that they came to change his mind, but, unexpectedly they asked him to follow the Christian life and become nuns.

After the above, the days and the years of Blessed Menelaos flowed in peace. A large number of novice monks came to him, desiring to follow the way of quietude and silence. The small and dilapidated monastery was restored and in its place there was a huge Lavra with the name of the Saint, as he is considered the second founder and renovator.

The Saint foresaw the end of his life. So he delivered holy advice to his brethren the fathers of the monastery and having proposed his successor, departed to meet his Lord.

Saint Menelaos, by the grace of God, performed many miracles while he was still alive as an abbot:

1. A man whose name was Robert coming from Turonius, and suffering from bad paralysis, went to a Divine Liturgy of the Saint during a vigil, the Saint crossed him, gave him communion and the man became well and walked.
2. A woman who had lost her sight, born in Carantonio where she especially venerated the Mother of God, also came as a pilgrim to a service and as soon as she met the Saint, she regained her sight.
3. A man who had been blind from birth, by name Karaldis, a nobleman from Paris, met the Saint, who made clay with holy water of the monastery and crossed him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ and, behold, he began to see and glorify God as the blind man of the Gospel.
4. When he found before him a dead child, he viewed him with such strong love and sympathy, that with his fervent prayer to the Lord of life and death, restored him back to life.
5. Having as a model his miraculous spiritual patron Saint Benedict, he drove out the devil with just a slap.

Apolytikion in the Fourth Tone

The multitude of monastics, honor you Menelaos as a teacher, by your example, we were taught the straight path. You are blessed, having served Christ, and triumphed over the power of the enemy, you who conversed with angels, and fellow of the great ascetics. Therefore intercede to the Lord, that He may have mercy on our souls.

June 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 7:00 p.m. Greek Dance 18+	2	3	4	5	6 Baptism
7 Sunday of All Saints Festival Prep (<i>pastitso</i>) Dance Practice (<i>Junior Grecian Stars</i>)	8 9:00 a.m. Festival Prep (<i>galatoboureko</i>) 7:00 p.m. Greek Dance 18+	9	10 6:00 p.m. Dance Practice (<i>Junior Grecian Stars</i>)	11	12	13
14 2nd Sunday of Matthew Festival Prep (<i>pastitso</i>) Dance Practice (<i>Rising Grecian Stars</i>) Dance Practice (<i>Junior Grecian Stars</i>)	15 7:00 p.m. Greek Dance 18	16	17 6:00 p.m. Dance Practice (<i>Junior Grecian Stars</i>)	18	19	20
21 3rd Sunday of Matthew Festival Prep (<i>tzatziki</i>) Dance Practice (<i>Rising Grecian Stars</i>) Dance Practice (<i>Junior Grecian Stars</i>)	22	23 6:00 p.m. Dance Practice (<i>Junior Grecian Stars</i>)	24	25 6:00 p.m. Dance Practice (<i>Rising Grecian Stars</i>) 6:00 p.m. Dance Practice (<i>Junior Grecian Stars</i>)	26 52nd Annual Greek Food Festival	27 52nd Annual Greek Food Festival
Please see the flyer for the full list of the Festival Week Preparatory Activities						
28 4th Sunday of Matthew <i>(Time Change)</i> 8a.m.-10 a.m. Orthros & Divine Liturgy 52nd Annual Greek Food Festival	29	30				

July 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
5 5th Sunday of Matthew	6	7	8	9	10	11
12 6th Sunday of Matthew	13	14	15	16	17	18
19 Sunday of the Holy Fathers	20	21	22	23	24	25
26 8th Sunday of Matthew	27	28	29	30	31	

ST. BARBARA'S PHILOPTOCHOS

TOGETHER IN ACTION



We are dedicated to serving those in need with faith, compassion, and fellowship.



In honor of International Women's Day, we hosted a panel discussion featuring members of our community. We also partnered with the Women's Center & Shelter of Pittsburgh and collected monetary donations to support their efforts.



St. Barbara Philoptochos chairs and volunteers at the annual Plant and Flower Sale. Thank you to all who supported this fundraiser.



We support local initiatives such as Beverly's PGH, donating collected socks to local homeless shelters, providing Cake Kits to the Speed Family Blessing Box, and assembling hygiene items for teens at Gateway High School.

No matter your schedule, talents or season of life, there is a place for you in St. Barbara's Philoptochos!



SUNDAY SCHOOL

We have completed another successful Sunday School year! We have had great participation from our students this year, and look forward to welcoming everyone again in the fall! We started each Sunday School class with a group lesson where Pres. Maria taught the children a different church hymn each month. We even learned how to sing Christ is Risen in Spanish this year! The children then went to their separate classes with their teachers. Our Sunday School completed several service projects this year, including writing Christmas Cards to shut-ins, collecting winter coats and gear for those in need, holding a food drive for non-perishable food items during Lent, and volunteering at the Neighborhood Resilience Project. We ended the year with a Sunday School picnic in the boathouse. We also had excellent participation with the St. John Chrysostom Oratorical Festival from our GOYA aged students, led by Milt Constantine. This year we had seven students participate in speech, essay, poetry, and iconography, as well as having our older elementary students prepare and share a little bit about their saints in class. We are so proud of all them! Thank you also to all the parents who have helped throughout the year.

This past year we had four Sunday School classes, and we would love to expand that to five classes next year, especially as our younger children get older. Many thanks to our teachers this past year who all did such an excellent job with our students: Allison Flynn and Stephanie Todd, Pres. Maria Gavrilos, Zoe Contes and Nancy Ioannou, and Milt Constantine. If you are interested or able to help teach Sunday School next year we would love to have you! Please reach out to one of our co-directors: Christina Contes and Pres. Maria Gavrilos. We pray you all have a safe and fun-filled Summer, and look forward to welcoming all our students back in the fall!

In Christ's Love,

Christina Contes and Presvytera Maria Gavrilos
Sunday School Co-Directors

FESTIVAL UPDATE

Planning and preparation are well underway for this year's festival. We delayed most of our prep dates due to the kitchen renovation and we are now getting caught up.

Remaining dates for food prep are:

Sunday June 7: pastitso

Monday June 8: galatouboureko

Sunday June 14: pastitso

We ask that everyone helps out not only during the 3 festival days (June 26-27-28) but also the week prior as finalize preparations and set-up for the weekend.

If you have not yet confirmed your schedule for the weekend, please reach out to the appropriate area lead to ensure there is no confusion.

Food Line (ordering/packing): Lori Voltz 412-225-7695

Curbside Pick-Up: Kaila Voltz kaila.voltz@gmail.com

Gyros: George Doas 412-638-2922

Pastries: Diane Lingeris (412) 721-2608

Ice Cream: TBD

Honeyballs: Zoe Lardas 412-580-5435

Bar: Dimitri Tsambis 412-848-5742

Money Collection/Counting: Roz DeNillo 412-798-0104

Let's all work together to make this year's festival the most successful one ever,
Andy & Chris

[Please see the flyer on the festival week activities](#)

GREEK DANCE

Rising Grecian Stars

The Rising Grecian Stars group is made up of our 2-5 year olds. This year we are learning three dances in preparation for our festival. We are blessed to have almost twenty children in this group! It is a joy to help cultivate a love of Greek dance and friendship with them.

If your 2-5 year old is interested in dancing with the Rising Grecian Stars, please contact Presvytera Maria Gavrilos at (330) 774-7463 or mariagavrilos13@gmail.com

Junior Grecian Stars

The Junior Grecian Stars is made up of dancers ages kindergarten - sixth grade. They will spend the month of June preparing for the festival, and are excited to perform on June 26, 27, and 28! After the festival, there is no dance practice; we will resume in the fall when Sunday School begins.

If your child will be in kindergarten - sixth grade in the fall and is interested in joining the Junior Grecian Stars, please reach out to Eleni Wyrick at (412)-977-9942 OR elenirwyrick@gmail.com.

Grecian Stars

****Our GOYA dancers need an instructor!****

The Grecian Stars is our GOYA aged dance group, and youth ages 7th-12th grade from both Dormition of the Theotokos and Ypapanti East Pittsburgh are welcome to join. The group will spend the month of June preparing for the festival, and is excited to perform on June 26, 27, and 28! This year, the group will be performing under the direction of Eleni Wyrick.

The Grecian Stars are in need of a director with Greek dancing experience who is willing to volunteer to lead the group. It is a very fun and rewarding experience! If interested, please reach out to Eleni Wyrick at (412)-977-9942 OR elenirwyrick@gmail.com. Eleni is happy to work with the director to give any help needed and to ensure a smooth transition.

Please let me know if there is any other information that would be helpful. Have a good night!

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Remember to purchase Giant Eagle Gift cards *from the church* to purchase groceries or other Retailer Gift cards as gifts or to purchase gifts.

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Please see Zoe Lardas or contact her zoe@nikocontracting.com (h. 412.681.1951 ***no texts***) to arrange for a purchase.

As always, "Thank you" to all of you who have been participating in this easy fundraiser!!

FESTIVAL WEEK ACTIVITIES

If you have not yet confirmed your schedule for the weekend, please reach out to the appropriate area lead to ensure there is no confusion.

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Bar

Dimitri Tsambis (412) 848-5742

Money Collection/Counting

Roz DeNillo (412) 798-0104

Sunday June 21

- Tzatziki cupping
- Move pastry containers from Main Hall to Riverside
- Set-up Riverside pastry packing area

Monday June 22

- Pre-packing of pastries (9:30am)
- Ensure deliveries are unloaded and stored in proper areas
- Start arranging inside Main Hall
 - Prelim Set-up Riverside

Tuesday June 23

- Pre-packing of pastries (9:30am)
- Ensure deliveries are unloaded and stored in proper areas
- Prelim set-up Gyro, Ice Cream, Honeyballs and Bar area

Wednesday June 24

- Pre-packing of pastries (9:30am)
- Ensure deliveries are unloaded and stored in proper areas
- Unload and store grocery supplies and move product to necessary areas
- Start set-up Main Hall packaging and food packing areas with supplies

- Final set-up Gyros, Ice Cream, Honeyballs and Bar areas
 - Final set-up Riverside
 - Final set-up Main Hall
- Start electrical for Clover POS equipment
 - Start configuring TV monitors for scrolling ads, run power cords as needed
- Start loading coolers with soft drinks
 - Prepare and cup Rice Pudding
 - Pack Grape Leaves

Thursday June 25

- Pre-packing of pastries (9:30am)
- Ensure deliveries are unloaded and stored in proper areas
- Finish set-up Main Hall packaging and food packing areas with supplies
- Set-up Gyro, Ice Cream, Honeyballs, Bar areas with supplies
 - Finish electrical for Clover POS equipment
- Finish configuring TV monitors for scrolling ads, run power cords as needed
- Finish loading coolers with soft drinks
 - Hang signs all areas
- Prepare Tomato Sauce for souzoukalia and green beans
- General walk-thru and final inspections

THE 2026 PITTSBURGH SUMMER GREEK FESTIVALS GUIDE

It's a great tradition, and it's here again: 39 days of Greek Festivals in the greater Pittsburgh region, so plan well and you can eat Greek all summer! Post this schedule on your refrigerator and share copies with others. Bring your family and friends! We look forward to serving you!

LOCATION

DATES

- St. Nicholas (Pittsburgh/Oakland) May 5-10
- All Saints (Canonsburg) June 8-12
- Holy Trinity (Steubenville) June 10-12
- Holy Cross (Pittsburgh/Mt. Lebanon) June 15-19
- Kimisis Tis Theotokou (Aliquippa)..... June 11-13
- Holy Dormition (Oakmont) June 26-28
- All Saints (Weirton) July 10
- St. Spyridon (Monessen) July 10
- Holy Trinity (Ambridge) July 14-18
- Presentation of Christ/Ypapanti (East Pgh.) July 23-25
- Holy Trinity (Pittsburgh/North Hills) September 3-6

SEE BELOW FOR FESTIVAL HOURS & HOST PARISH WEB SITES. CHECK FOR UPDATES.

THE 2026 PITTSBURGH SUMMER GREEK FESTIVALS: ALL THE DETAILS

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

Parish	Dates	Address	Phone	Website	Hours
Saint Nicholas (Pittsburgh/Oakland)	May 5-10	419 S. Dithridge St., Pittsburgh	412-682-3866	www.StNicksPgh.org	Tue-Thu: 11a-9p; Fri: 11a-10p; Sat 12-10p; Sun 12-8p
All Saints (Canonsburg)	June 8-12	601 West McMurray Rd., Cburg	724-745-5205	www.AllSaintsCbg.org	Mon-Fri: 11a-9p
Holy Trinity (Steubenville)	June 10-12	300 S. 4th St., Steubenville	740-282-9835	www.holytrinitystb.org	Wed-Fri: 11:00a-9:00p
Holy Cross (Pittsburgh/Mt. Lebanon)	June 15-19	123 Gilkeson Rd., Pittsburgh	412-833-3355	www.HolyCrossPgh.org	Mon-Thu: 11a-9p, Dinner til 8p; Fri: 11a-10p, Dinner til 9p
Kimisis Tis Theotokou	June 11-13	2111 Davidson St., Aliquippa	724-375-5341	www.Theotokou.org	Thu-Sat: 11a-8p
Holy Dormition (Oakmont)	June 26-28	12 Washington Ave., Oakmont	412-828-4144	www.DormitionPgh.org	Fri-Sun: 12p-11p Dinner until 9p
All Saints (Weirton)	July 10	3528 West St., Weirton	304-797-9884	allstwww.org/greek-festival	Fri: 11a-9p
Saint Spyridon (Monessen)	July 10	1207 Grand Blvd., Monessen	724-684-5411	stspyridon.pa.goarch.org	Fri: 11a-9p
Holy Trinity (Ambridge)	July 14-18	2930 Beaver Rd., Ambridge	724-266-5336	www.htgoc.org	Tue-Sat: 11:30a-8:30p
Ypapanti/Presentation of Christ	July 23-25	1672 Electric Ave., E Pittsburgh	412-824-9188	www.ypapanti.net	Thu-Sat: 11a-9p
Holy Trinity (Pittsburgh/North Hills)	Sep. 3-6	985 Providence Blvd., Pittsburgh	412-366-8700	HolyTrinityPgh.org/festival	Thu-Sun: 11a-9p

Thank you for enjoying our great Greek food, music and culture. Take a church tour and ask about the timeless Orthodox Christian faith while you're there, too! Also, want to help us feed, minister to and provide health care for the hungry and needy of the Pittsburgh area? Support the Neighborhood Resilience Project, an Orthodox Christian 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 region. Find out more or donate at neighborhoodresilience.org.

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In partnership with The Saint Constantine School of Pittsburgh

Friday, June 5, 2026 at 7:30 pm

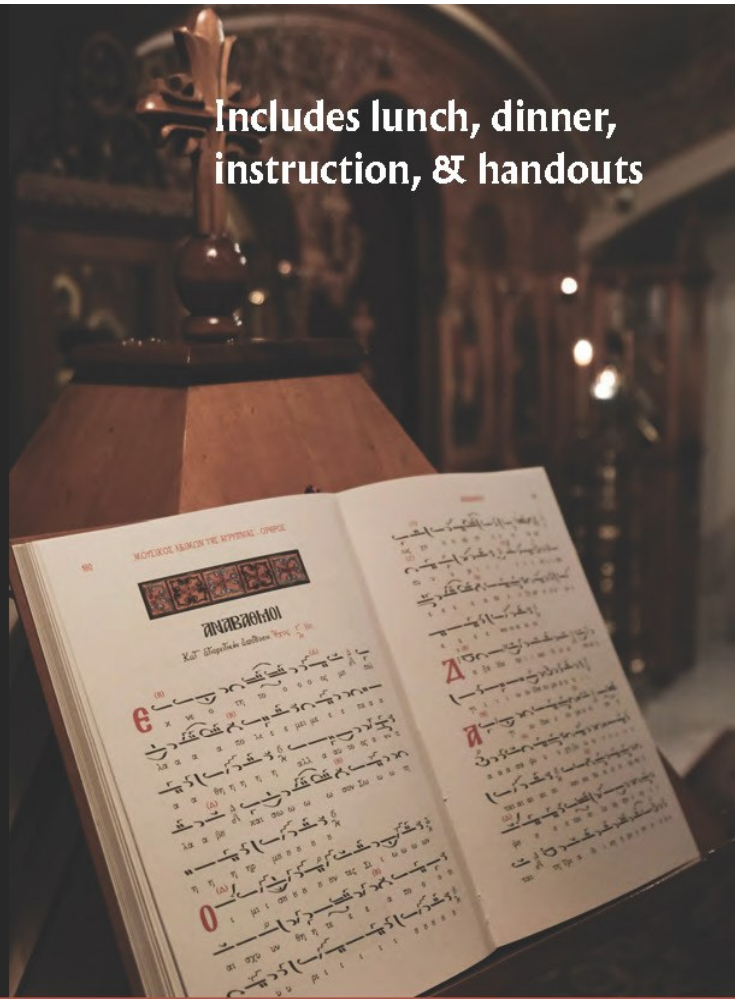
**In the Chapel of
The Saint Constantine School of Pittsburgh
934 Forest Ave. Bellevue, PA 15202**



**THE SAINT
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St. Miriam Byzantine Choir Spring Workshop: Cultivating a Byzantine Choir

Includes lunch, dinner,
instruction, & handouts



Saturday, June 6
8:30 am - 8:30 pm
Cost: \$35

Registration closes on May 29!

At St. Nicholas
Greek Orthodox Cathedral
419 S Dithridge St,
Pittsburgh, PA 15213

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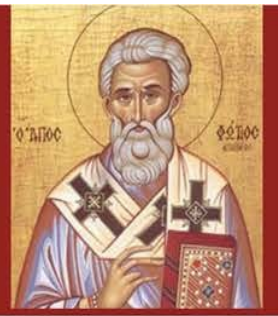


Registration &
Schedule:



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48th BIENNIAL CLERGY-LAITY CONGRESS

SAVE THE DATE! JUNE 30-JULY 2, 2026

Join us in Cleveland, Ohio
at the Huntington Convention Center

Online Registration is now open
Registration Rate increases June 1

www.clergylaity.org

The theme of the Congress, "Rise and Build" (Neh. 2:18), emphasizes the growth and development of the parish — its ministries, its people, and its witness in the world.

Hotel Group Rates are now available:

<https://www.clergylaity.org/hotels>

Choose from Three Hotels: Delegates, attendees, and exhibitors of the 48th Biennial Clergy-Laity Congress have the choice of staying in one of three hotels in the downtown Cleveland area, just minutes from the Huntington Convention Center where the Clergy-Laity Congress will be held.*

Plan Your Visit: Parish delegates should plan to arrive on Monday, June 29. The Clergy-Laity Congress will begin at 10 AM on Tuesday, June 30 and will continue through 10 PM Thursday, July 2.

*Meetings of the National Philoptochos Convention will be held at the Hotel Cleveland.

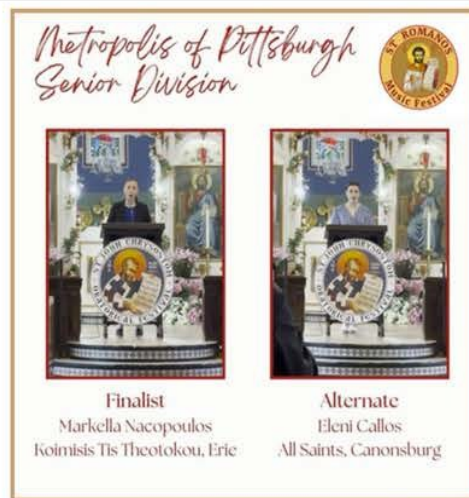
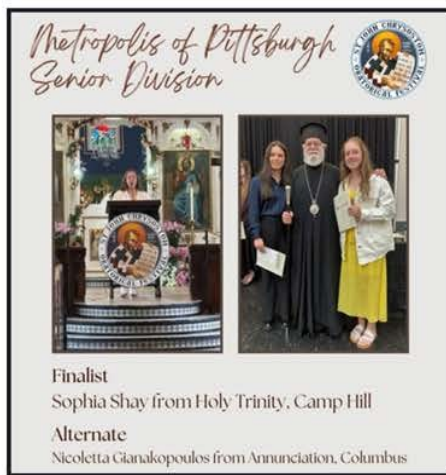
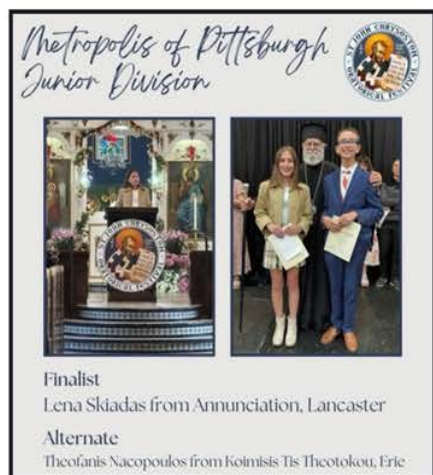
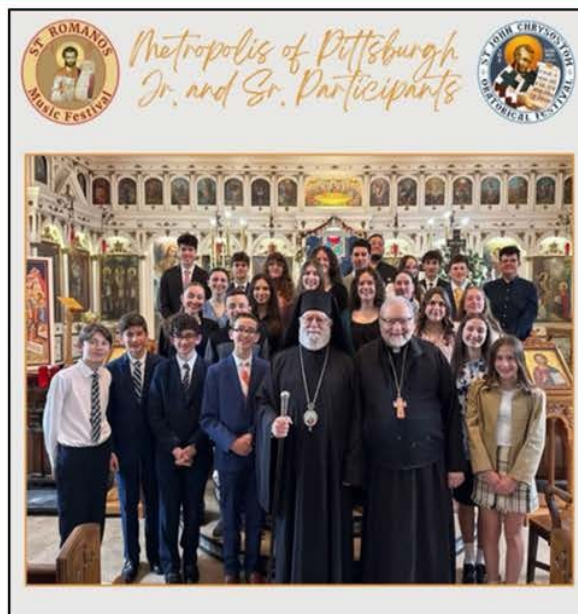
2026 St. John Chrysostom Oratorical Festival & St. Romanos Music Festival

On Saturday, May 2 His Eminence Metropolitan Savas attended the Metropolis of Pittsburgh St. John Chrysostom Oratorical Festival and St. Romanos Music Festival at Presentation of Christ "Ypapanti" Greek Orthodox Church, East Pittsburgh, PA.

Young people from across the Metropolis gathered to share their faith through speech and hymn, leaving us all in awe of their poise and brilliance!

We are delighted to share those who will be representing us at the National Oratorical Festival on June 12-14 at St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church in Northridge, California:

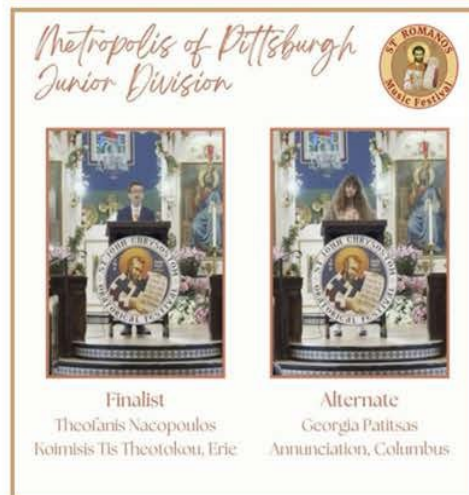
Junior Division Finalist: Lena Skiadas, Annunciation, Lancaster
 Junior Division Alternate: Theofanis Nacopoulos, Koimisis Tis Theotokou, Erie
 Senior Division Finalist: Sophia Shay, Holy Trinity, Camp Hill
 Senior Division Alternate: Nicoletta Gianakopoulos, Annunciation, Columbus



We also want to share the finalists from the St. Romanos Music Festival. This year, it goes as far as the Metropolis Level but next year, the prayer is to make it a National Ministry:

Senior Division Finalist: Markella Nacopoulos, Koimisis Tis Theotokou, Erie
 Senior Division Alternate: Eleni Callos, All Saints, Canonsburg
 Junior Division Finalist: Theofanis Nacopoulos, Koimisis Tis Theotokou, Erie
 Junior Division Alternate: Georgia Patitsas, Annunciation, Columbus

Thank you to our Oratorical Chairwoman Ann Economou Ariano and our St. Romanos Chairwoman Amy Hogg for the time, patience and love they offered to both events. Glory to God!



PLEASE SUPPORT OUR METROPOLIS MINISTRIES!

It costs approximately \$1,000 per day to operate our Metropolis - including Metropolitan Savas's Archpastoral visitations, preparations for summer camp and GOYA retreats, our vital registry, and more.

Please consider sponsoring a day in the life of the Metropolis:

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