



May 2024

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The Kimisis Tis Theotokou Greek Orthodox Church Monthly Bulletin



The Church of Sts. Konstantine & Eleni
 In Glyfada, Greece.
 Celebrates every May 21st

Sts. Konstantine & Eleni

Emperor Konstantine the Great, Equal-to-the-Apostles once saw a vision of the Cross in the sky and heard a voice say, "In this sign conquer." He had his soldiers paint the cross on their banners and shields and then they won against impossible odds. His mother, Helen, served as his Empress. She was devoted to the Holy Land, and in Jerusalem she discovered the True Cross on which Christ was crucified.

Some facts about these saints:

They are the reason we have Sundays off from work and school.
 St. Konstantine was the first to legalize freedom of religion (Edict of Milan).
 He was the first person in history to make slavery illegal.
 He was the first Roman emperor to refuse to be proclaimed a god.
 He was baptized a week before he died and never took off his baptismal robe as he considered it a greater honor to wear it than his imperial clothing.
 The hymns of the Church say that his relics would produce myrrh.
 St. Eleni was 80 years old when she went to look for the True Cross of Christ after her son saw it appear in the sky.
 She built 80 new churches all over Jerusalem. She also built a church for every major event of Christ's life.
 The Persians came and destroyed most of the churches except for the Church of the Nativity because the icons in that church depicted the Magi bearing gifts so they respected that.

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Pascha and the Family Basket

by Fr. Gregory Wigenbach

“Do not turn aside too readily from the ancient traditions you have received from the elders, which they in turn learned at their forefathers’ feet...(for) they may still prove profitable to you and yours in your times of need.” Wisdom of Sirach

If you adopt a new homeland and assimilate its ways and culture into your own, it can certainly be a positive religious and cultural experience. St. Paul’s apostolate among the Greeks, as well as the Byzantine-Greek Christians’ mission among the Slavic people amply illustrates this. An even richer synthesis of cultures can result, helping the Church to witness – that much more effectively – to the Word of God among the native people. However, there is also a “negative assimilation,” which tends to throw aside elements of prime value from the original heritage. Catastrophes in history can do this. The fall of the Byzantine Christian Commonwealth to the conquering Moslem Turks was one such catastrophe whose crippling effects are still with us. Many significant religious traditions were lost or their meanings distorted by “paramythia” [stories or tales].

A very ancient custom which “fell by the wayside” among the Greeks as a result of the 400 years of Turkish rule, was the custom of “blessing the family baskets” of Paschal food at Easter. It is still widespread among the Slavic nations who inherited the Orthodox Christian faith and culture from the Byzantine Greeks. Though during my graduate pastoral internship over a dozen years ago, in northern Greece and in the Peloponnesos region, I did come across the custom in two Greek village communities. I also heard mention of it from a few of my fellow priest-classmates at the University of Thessaloniki.

The custom has its Christian origins from the early Church’s Apostolic and sub-apostolic communities. In those days the faithful, as a matter of course, gathered together as an interdependent “family of families,” sharing all the fruits of their labor as gifts of God to be offered and blessed on the high holydays. The blessing of the grapes and fruits on the Feast of the Transfiguration still survives among some Greek communities.

The early Christians – whatever their ethnic identity – received the tradition from their Jewish spiritual ancestors. Even the ancient name of “Pascha” was translated directly from the Hebrew “Pesach”, meaning “to pass-over”. Hence, the English name among both Jews and Christians of traditional observance is “The Pasch,” or “The Passover”.

According to the ancient tradition the mother and father of the family would carefully set aside the best of certain basic foods and drink, or symbolic portions thereof, during Holy Week. These were foods which the family would deny themselves during the whole of the Great Paschal Fast. In certain communities the local basketmaker would make a large, new

basket for each of the parish families, as new an offering as the foods and the “spring cleaning” that took place amidst hymn-singing.

The new basket, finally put together on Holy Saturday morning after the Liturgy of Anticipation [Vesper-Liturgy of St. Basil], normally included the following: (1) The Easter, or Pascha, loaf of bread; (2) A bottle of red wine; (3) Meats and meat products, including lamb, sausages, and ham; (4) dairy products, such as butter, cheese, and eggs; (5) oil and seasonings; and (6) salt, to represent Christians as Christ Himself described them – “the salt that gives the earth its savor.” Depending on the particular region, the eggs would be prepared and dyed “Resurrection red,” and even perhaps marked with a cross, either on Holy Thursday or Holy Saturday morning.

When all was in readiness, while all of the family were gathered in front of the “home altar” and its icons, the mother – her head covered by a seamless or embroidered white, tasseled veil – would reverently place each foodstuff in the basket. Her husband, the father of the household, led all in the chanting of hymns and the Lord’s Prayer. An embroidered, or specially dyed, cloth emblazoned with the Cross of Christ and the symbol “IC XC/NIKA” (Jesus Christ Conquers) was then placed over the whole [basket]. Just before leaving for the Church the oldest child would place a newly-made candle in the basket to be the family’s own Resurrection “lampada” [candle] in readiness for the triumphal “Passing of the Light of Life” at the Midnight Services in the village church.

Arriving at the Church the family took the basket to the foot of the Iconostasis. After the Liturgy and all had received holy Communion, the priest or bishop blessed the many baskets and the communal apportionment of the Easter/[Pascha] eggs. Leaving the Church, the whole of the parish or groups of families would gather to share their Easter [Pascha] eggs, soup, breads and cheese. The remainder of the Paschal basket foodstuffs were eaten by the family, usually together with a whole roasted lamb on Easter Sunday and during the “Bright Week” following.

We can easily see that the blessing of the Paschal/Easter food baskets has a deep liturgical, spiritual and familial meaning. It is indeed a pity that such a profound tradition as this has largely “fallen by the wayside” among many segments of Orthodox Christians. Perhaps the time has come, during this period of time dedicated to the Christian Family, for us to begin reclaiming this and other wonderful traditions that are, after all, our very own!

This article first appeared in The Orthodox Observer, April 8, 1987. At that time Fr. Gregory was the national director of the Greek Archdiocese Department of Church and Family Life.

Parish Recent Pictures!





2024 Holy Week & Bright Week Schedule

Note 1: This schedule includes only services at our home parish. For services taking place at other parishes, please refer to the monthly calendar.

April 27 - Lazarus Saturday (wine & oil allowed)

- ❖ 9:00 AM: Orthros & Divine Liturgy of Saint John Chrysostom (*the Raising of Lazarus*)
- ❖ 5:45 PM: 9th Hour, Great Vespers & Small Compline

April 28 - Palm Sunday (fish, wine, & oil allowed)

- ❖ 8:30 AM: Orthros & Divine Liturgy of Saint John Chrysostom (*the Triumphal Entry of our Lord Jesus Christ into Jerusalem*)
 - Following Liturgy: Palm Sunday fish dinner
- ❖ 6:00 PM: Orthros of Holy Monday (*Bridegroom Service*)

April 29 - Holy & Great Monday (strict fast)

- ❖ 9:00 AM: Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts
- ❖ 6:00 PM: Orthros of Holy Tuesday (*Bridegroom Service*)

April 30 - Holy & Great Tuesday (strict fast)

- ❖ 9:00 AM: Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts
- ❖ 6:00 PM: Orthros of Holy Wednesday (*Bridegroom Service - the Betrayal of Judas w/the Hymn of Saint Kassiani*)

May 1 - Holy & Great Wednesday (strict fast)

- ❖ 9:00 AM: Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts with Hymn of Saint Kassiani
- ❖ 3:00 PM: Holy Unction Service
- ❖ 6:00 PM Orthros of Holy Thursday (*the Mystical Supper*) with anointing for previous absentees

May 2 - Holy & Great Thursday (wine & oil allowed)

- ❖ 9:00 AM: Vespereal Divine Liturgy of Saint Basil the Great (*the Mystical Supper — the Institution of the Divine Eucharist*)
- ❖ 6:00 PM: Orthros of Holy Friday (*the Service of the Divine & Saving Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ, with the twelve Gospels readings*)

May 3 - Holy & Great Friday (strict fast)

- ❖ 9:00 AM: Royal Hours of the Passion
- ❖ 12:00 PM: “Pascha Experience” (*Holy Friday Retreat*) & decoration of the Kouvouklion
- ❖ 3:00 PM: Vespers of Holy Saturday (“Unnailing” - *the Descent from the Cross & Entombment*)
- ❖ 6:00 PM: Orthros of Holy Saturday (*Lamentations/funeral procession — the Descent into Hades*)

May 4 - Holy & Great Saturday (strict fast)

- ❖ 9:00 AM: Vespereal Divine Liturgy of Saint Basil the Great (“*First Resurrection*” - *feel free to bring your noise-making devices!*)
- ❖ 1:00 PM: Baptism of Catechumens
- ❖ 10:00 PM: Pannychis (*Pre-Resurrection Canon*)
- ❖ 10:30 PM (approximately) Lights out, Proclamation of the Resurrection, Orthros of Holy Pascha, & Catechetical Homily of Saint John Chrysostom
- ❖ Followed by: Divine Liturgy (*the Glorious Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ*)
 - Following Liturgy: Paschal breakfast

May 5 - Holy & Glorious Sunday of Pascha, the Feast of Feasts (no fast - after Liturgy finishes)

- ❖ 12:30 PM: Vespers of Bright Monday (“Agape”) with the Gospel read in several languages (*feel free to volunteer to read if you know another language*)
- ❖ 1:30 PM: Easter Egg Hunt for Youths Ages 1-9



May 2024



	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	Gray Blocks are Strict Fasting Days						
	5 Great & Holy Paschal 11:30p-1:15a Midnight Resurrection Liturgy 1:30a Pascha Meal 12:30p Agape Vespers 1:30p Easter Egg Hunt	6 Renewal Monday & Feast of St. George <i>At St. George Pittsburgh:</i> 10a Paschal Orthros & Divine Liturgy 5p Presv. Baby Shower <i>At Dormition Oakmont:</i> 6p Paschal Vespers, Artoklasia, Procession of Relics & Paschal Orthros	7 Renewal Tuesday & Feast of Sts. Raphael, Nicholas & Irene <i>At Dormition Oakmont:</i> 10a Paschal Divine Liturgy	8 Renewal Wednesday & Feast of St. John the Theologian	9 Renewal Thursday	10 Renewal Friday & Feast of the Life Giving Spring	11 Renewal Saturday 10a-1p Greek Schools 11a Greek School/Sunday School Vesting & Proskomidi Explanation 5:45p Paschal Hour, Vespers, & Sm. Compline
	12 Thomas Sunday <i>Mother's Day</i> 8:30a Orthros 10a Divine Liturgy 11a Sunday School <i>St. Nicholas Oakland</i>	13	14	15 <i>Weekly Paraklesis Services Resume today</i> 6p Paraklesis (Theotokos)	16 1p Senior Fellowship Mother's Day & Father's Day Lunch	17 18 10a-1p Greek Schools 4p Metropolis St. Photios Awards 5:45p 9th Hour, Vespers, &	
	19 Myrrhbearing Women Sunday & Godparents Sunday 8:30a Orthros 10a Divine Liturgy 11a Sunday School 12:30p General Assembly	20	21 Feast of Sts. Constantine & Eleni 9a Orthros & Divine Liturgy	22 6p Paraklesis (Sts. Raphael, Nicholas & Irene)	23	24 25	
	26 Paralytic Sunday 8:30a Orthros 10a Divine Liturgy Orthros Sunday School	27 <i>Memorial Day</i>	28 Feast of St. Andrew the Fool for Christ of Constantinople 9a Orthros & Divine Liturgy 6p Vespers for Mid-Pentecost	29 Feast of Mid-Pentecost 9a Orthros & Divine Liturgy 6p Paraklesis (Theotokos)	30	31	



2023-2024 Y2AM CALENDAR

February

- 2-4: Second GOYA Basketball Tournament at St. Paul, North Royalton
- 3: Eastern Region Soccer Tournament at Annunciation, Lancaster
- 10: Special Needs Mini Retreat at St. Nicholas, Youngstown
- 16-18: Third GOYA Basketball Tournament at Holy Trinity, Pittsburgh & TBD

April

- 5-7: Young Adult Spring Retreat at Camp Nazareth
- 13: Southwestern Region HOPE & JOY Lenten Mini Retreat at St. John, Charleston
- 20: Weekend of Service partnered with Philoptochos and Metropolis Oratorical Festival at TBD

June

- 1: GOYA Beach Volleyball at SandBox
- 16-22: Summer Camp Week 1 (2nd-4th Grade) at Camp Nazareth
- 23-29: Summer Camp Week 2 (5th-7th Grade) at Camp Nazareth
- June 30-July 6: Summer Camp Week 3 (7th-9th Grade) at Camp Nazareth

March

- 2: GOYA Volleyball Tournament at St. Nicholas Cathedral, Pittsburgh
- 8-10: GOYA Spring Retreat at Camp Nazareth
- 16: Central Region HOPE and JOY Lenten Mini Retreat at Holy Cross, Pittsburgh and Eastern Region GOYA GagaBall and Apokriatiko at Annunciation, Lancaster
- 30: Northwestern Region HOPE & JOY Lenten Mini Retreat at Sts. Constantine and Helen, Cleveland Heights and Eastern Region HOPE & JOY Lenten Mini Retreat at Annunciation, York

May

- TBD: HOPE & JOY Olympics

July

- 7-13: Summer Camp Week 4 (10th-12th Grade) at Camp Nazareth

August (2024)

- 4: Regional Paraklesis at St. Nicholas, Lorain
- 7: Regional Paraklesis at Dormition, Oakmont
- 13: Regional Paraklesis at Holy Trinity Cathedral, Camp Hill

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412-621-8543 or akyritsis@pittsburgh.goarch.org

Camping Ministries Coordinator: Marina Papafil
412-465-0460 or camp@pittsburgh.goarch.org



METROPOLIS OF PITTSBURGH

Metropolis Council and Parish Council Background Check and Training Instructions

Register here: youthsafetyplatform.goarch.org



REGISTRATION

- Are you a Council Member or Youth Worker within your home parish or Metropolis? If so, please register to complete the process using the link above. Click "First-time Registrant" – gold box below password.
- If you registered in the new platform anytime after September 2022, you won't need to repeat the screening (background check) or training (every year) if you are already compliant.
- You will be responsible for the \$29 fee for the background check if your parish does not cover the cost.
- When you register, use the link above and make sure you select the **Metropolis of Pittsburgh and Home Parish and City**. Your primary Role: Archdiocesan Council, Metropolis Council, and/or Parish Council, and then list any other roles you hold in the parish.
- Under Title: **Describe your position**: Parish Council President, Treasurer, Basketball Coach, etc.
- You will complete the general information, Archdiocese's Code of Conduct, Registration & Reference questions, and then will be directed to complete your background check.

SCREENING (every two years)

- When you are directed to the Sterling Volunteers site to complete your background check, you will see the screen with your email address.
- You must create a new password as this is a different site.
- Agree to the terms and create an account. If you have been to this site before, just log in.
- You will verify your legal name, birthdate, and Social Security number.
- You must include residences for at least the last seven years with no gaps between dates.
- This portion will take you approximately ten minutes to complete.



TRAINING (every year)

- The Metropolis of Pittsburgh strongly encouraged Council Members who are not youth workers to complete the training. When you have finished the background check, you will be able to take the online training. While you might not have routine supervisory responsibility over kids, it is important to your role as a leader within the parish to understand the safety culture that needs to be maintained for our children, and the training that your youth volunteers (and staff) have to undergo in order to serve our youngest parishioners.
- The training will take approximately one hour. There is a Year One module for new Users and a Year Two Training module for those who have already completed the first training.

Online Training Modules



*Sterling Volunteers Support Team, specifically for Greek Orthodox Parishes and Ministries available
Monday - Friday 8:00 am – 6:00 pm ET. Phone: 855.326.1860, select Option 1 and enter 6548.
You may email for support goa@sterlingvolunteers.com and cc: youthsafety@goarch.org*

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Summer Camp 2024

“Then He said to the disciple, ‘Behold, your mother!’”

JOHN 19:27



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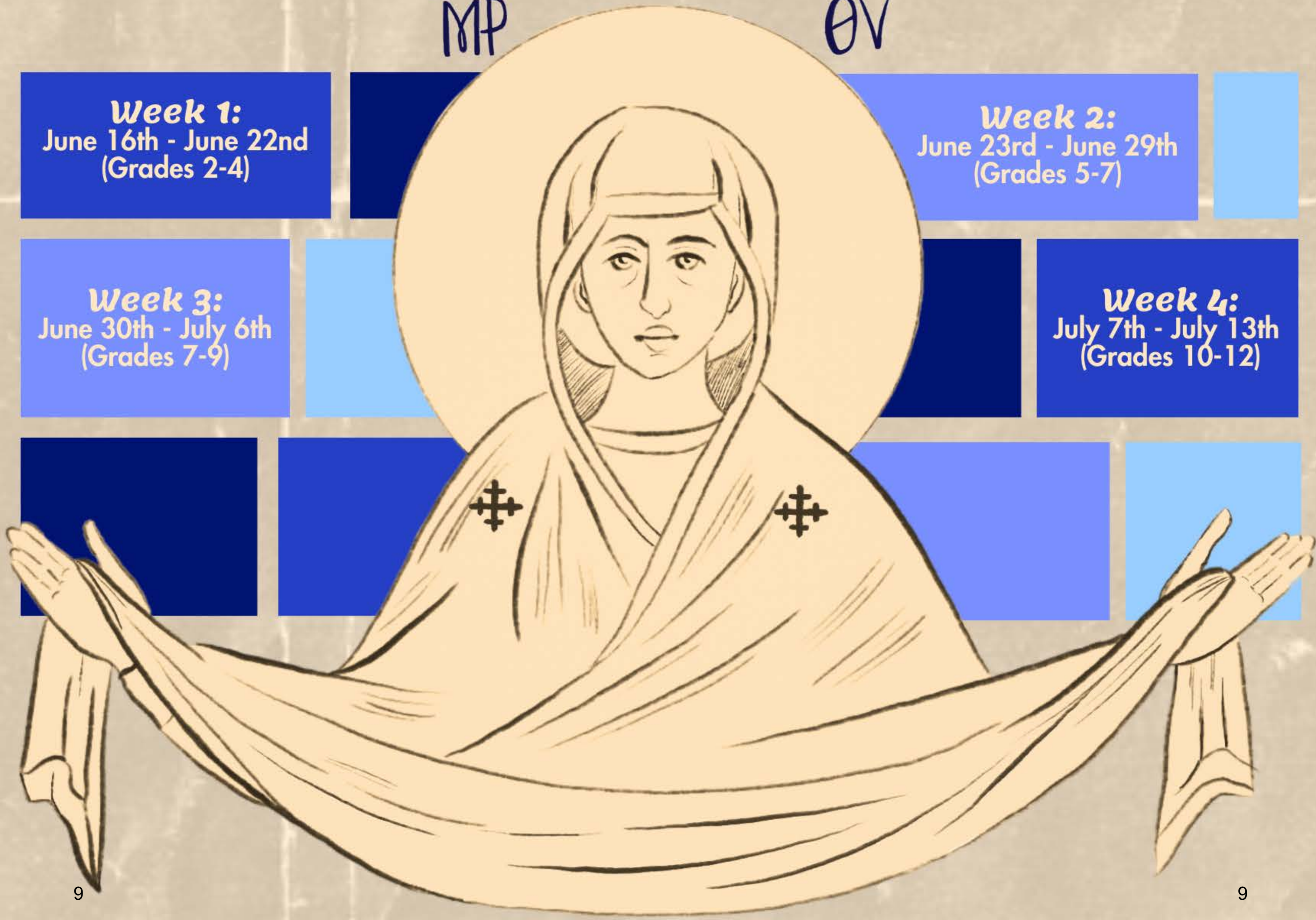
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Week 1:
June 16th - June 22nd
(Grades 2-4)

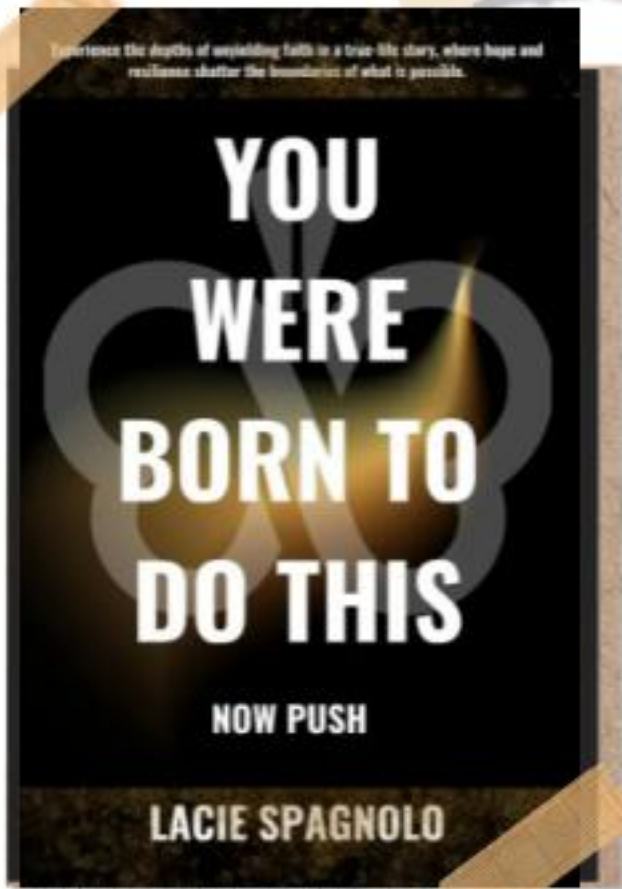
Week 2:
June 23rd - June 29th
(Grades 5-7)

Week 3:
June 30th - July 6th
(Grades 7-9)

Week 4:
July 7th - July 13th
(Grades 10-12)



Kimisis Bookstore Book of the Month



title: *You Were Born To Do This Now Push*

author: *Lacie Spagnolo*

publisher: *Independantly Published*

thoughts: *The challenges of a mother raising a son with a brain tumor.*

Notes

Embark on an extraordinary journey of resilience, hope, and unwavering faith in "You Were Born to Do This." This gripping true-life story unveils the heart-wrenching yet inspirational tale of a mother's undying strength as she confronts the relentless challenges of raising a son with a brain tumor.

This book is more than a story; it's a guide on thinking differently, adapting to the unknown, and finding beauty in the midst of chaos. Join this courageous mother and her family on a path that defies despair and proves that even in the darkest moments, miracles can unfold.

PHILOPTOCHOS NEWS

May 2024

Χριστος Ανεστη! Christ is Risen! I hope that the joy of the Risen Christ is in all our hearts. As we near the end of the school year, it's time to honor our high school graduates. Congratulations to *Sophia and Marina Hahn and Aiden and Landen Mukanos Kramer*. Best wishes to all of you as you embark on the next phase of your educational career.

Mother's Day is on May 12th. We are currently collecting names for the Mother's Day prayers. Deadline for submissions to Chris Kopar is May 8th. Also in this bulletin are the forms for Father's Day prayers being collected by Ellen Kaffenes. Father's Day is June 16th. The deadline for Father's Day submissions is June 12th. We will also be continuing our Fundraiser Lunches through the month of May. Let a board member know if interested in hosting a lunch.

There is a nice community event happening on Saturday, May 18th at the Seven Oaks Country Club for anyone that may be interested. It's the **Gala For Good**, which is the annual fundraiser for Healing Hunger Beaver County which supports many of the works of our neighbors at the House of Prayer Lutheran Church. We already have a small group interested in attending. If anyone would like to join us, contact Chris Kopar. For more information, see the Gala For Good flyers included in this bulletin.

In closing, I want to wish everyone a wonderful summer. We will not have a meeting in May but we do have a big food festival coming up in June. For anyone willing to work the food line, please see Chris Kopar or Ellen Kaffenes for scheduling. We need your help and we thank you in advance!

In your service, Chris Kopar



Ladies Philoptochos Society



Mother's Day Prayers ~ May 12, 2024

Orthodox Christian Mothers, Grandmothers, Godmothers, Aunts, Mothers-in-Law, etc.

Please include **your complete name** for the prayers being offered. When submitting the names of your loved ones, please **print their baptismal first name and their last name**. More names may be written on the back. To avoid confusion, names will not be taken the day of Mother's Day Prayers.

Please print clearly!

Complete name of the person offering the prayers _____

 Artoklasia for the Living Orthodox	 Koliva for the Departed Orthodox

Free will offerings in cash or checks made payable to Ladies Philoptochos Society will be greatly appreciated and will be used to fund Philoptochos charities.

Please give or mail your names and free will offerings by **May 8** to Chris Kopar (724-987-3170), 1100 Croxall Avenue, Aliquippa, PA 15001.

Thank you for your support!



Ladies Philoptochos Society



Father's Day Prayers ~ June 16, 2024

Orthodox Christian Fathers, Grandfathers, Godfathers, Uncles, Fathers-in-Law, etc.

Please include **your complete name** for the prayers being offered. When submitting the names of your loved ones, please **print their baptismal first name and their last name**. More names may be written on the back. To avoid confusion, names will not be taken the day of Father's Day Prayers.

Please print clearly!

Complete name of the person offering the prayers _____

 Artoklasia for the Living Orthodox	 Koliva for the Departed Orthodox

Free will offerings in cash or checks made payable to Ladies Philoptochos Society will be greatly appreciated and will be used to fund Philoptochos charities.

Please give or mail your names and free will offerings to Ellen Kaffenes by Wednesday, June 12th (412-638-8296), 415 Sebring Road, Beaver, PA 15009.

Thank you for your support!

Kimisis Tis Theotokou Greek Orthodox Church

Service & Outreach Committee

Christ is Risen! + Χρηστός Ανέστη!

Next month will mark one year our Kimisis Tis Theotokou partnered with St. Elijah to help those with food insecurity in the Aliquippa community. The committee feels honored to be able to help.

Projects

Our St. Elijah brothers and sisters and our Kimisis volunteers accomplished the following in the last 2 months:

- ❖ On February 24, 85 seniors received a meal which include sandwich, soup, fruit salad and dessert on February 24. Kimisis made/donated 40 sandwiches + 50 desserts.
- ❖ Prepared an Easter meal for 90 senior residents in Sheffield Towers and Eleanor Roosevelt Towers on March 30.
- ❖ Toured the new Men's Shelter in Beaver on April 17 with Fr. Theodosios and Fr. Njegos, St. Elijah's new priest, along with Maria Yaramus and Poppy Roros.
- ❖ Packed weekend meals for 475 Aliquippa Elementary School students. This worthwhile project continues to the end of May.

Thankful

- ❖ A big thank you to George McGrady, owner of the Green Garden Giant Eagle, for donating a \$200 Giant Eagle gift card to purchase ingredients for the March 30th Easter dinner.
- ❖ Thank you to the Anonymous Donor for the \$200 Kuhn's gift card.
- ❖ Many thanks to Fr. Theodosios for his unwavering support and to our tireless volunteers: Chris and Betty Gabor, Kay and Gary Rygielsky, Irene Kaffenes and Roda Kakias Williams.

Donations

Green Garden Giant Eagle: \$200 gift card

Anonymous Donor: \$200 Kuhn's gift cards

If you are interested in helping prepare/serve the Saturday Soup and Sandwich meal, pack weekend meals or in making a donation, please see Fr. Theodosios or Kalliope Roros.



The Cornerstone of Beaver County is proud to announce the opening of our 24-Hour Emergency Men’s Shelter on Monday June 12, 2023. This fully staffed shelter, located at 697 State Ave. in Vanport, has a 20-bed capacity and offers a multitude of services.

How you can help: In-Shelter volunteers are needed. Volunteers can choose their days, hours, and length of stay based on your own personal schedule. Occasionally, there are specific tasks volunteers will be needed for, along with potentially being put on an on-call list. Evenings and weekends are the biggest area of need at the moment. Clearances are needed for in-shelter volunteering (PA Criminal Background Check and PA Childline). They are free and we will help you get them set up.

Dinner Time Meal Donations are needed! Every day at 5PM we look to our generous community members to make and deliver dinner for 20 to our shelter. You can choose your day, whether it be one time or on a regular basis. Call for more details.

We have an Amazon Wishlist (updated frequently):

https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/5F6JVS0L18TT/ref=nav_wishlist_lists_1

Immediate Shelter Needs: Non-perishable food items, such as canned goods, boxed items, and snacks of all kinds. Also frozen foods, fresh fruits, drinks such as bottled water, juices, flavored waters, and soda are much appreciated.

Please contact Volunteer Coordinator, **Gloria Betters** for more information.

Email: gbetters@cornerstonebeaver.org

Telephone: (724)846-6400 Ext 202

SENIOR FELLOWSHIP
SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS & EVENTS – 2024

NO MEETINGS IN JANUARY OR FEBRUARY

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 27-----BOARD MEETING 12:30 PM

THURSDAY, MARCH 7-----REGULAR MEETING 1:00 PM

TUESDAY, MARCH 26-----BOARD MEETING 12:30 PM

THURSDAY, APRIL 4 –**POTLUCK LENTEN LUNCHEON MEETING 1:PM**

TUESDAY, APRIL 23-----BOARD MEETING 12:30 PM

THURSDAY, MAY 16--- **MOTHER’S DAY & FATHER’S DAY LUNCH 1 PM**

NO REGULAR MEETING IN JUNE

TUESDAY, JUNE 25-----BOARD MEETING 12:30 PM

THURSDAY, JULY 11-----REGULAR MEETING 1:00 PM

TUESDAY, JULY 30-----BOARD MEETING 12:30 PM

THURSDAY, AUGUST 1-----REGULAR MEETING 1:00 PM

TUESDAY, AUGUST 27-----BOARD MEETING 1:00 PM

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 5-----REGULAR MEETING 1:00 PM

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24-----BOARD MEETING 1:00 PM

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 3-----REGULAR MEETING 1:00 PM

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 29-----BOARD MEETING 1:00 PM

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 7 -**THANKSGIVING LUNCHEON – 1:00 PM**

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 26-----BOARD MEETING 12:30 PM

NO REGULAR MEETING IN DECEMBER

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7 -CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON – 1:00 PM

SHADOW LAKES

Our Faithful Seniors

Our faithful seniors appreciate a visit, a phone call, a letter or card, our prayers, a gesture to show they are remembered and loved.

- 1. Georgia Yamalis**
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- 2. Marie Poulis**
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THE 2024 PITTSBURGH SUMMER GREEK FESTIVALS GUIDE

It's a great tradition, and it's here again: 35 days of Greek Festivals in the Pittsburgh region, so plan well and you can eat Greek all summer! Post this schedule on your refrigerator and share copies with others. We look forward to seeing you!

LOCATION	DATES
<input type="checkbox"/> St. Nicholas (Pittsburgh/Oakland)	May 12-18
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<input type="checkbox"/> St. Spyridon (Monessen)	July 12
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<input type="checkbox"/> Presentation of Christ/Ypapanti (East Pgh.)	July 18-20
<input type="checkbox"/> Holy Trinity (Pittsburgh/North Hills)	August 29-September 1

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

THE 2024 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	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: 11a-10p
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.

This free guide is provided as a public service of Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church (Pittsburgh). Online at HolyTrinityPgh.org/pittsburgh-greek-festivals-guide.

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6:00 P.M.

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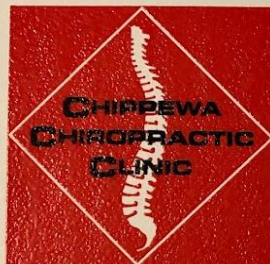
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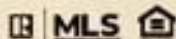
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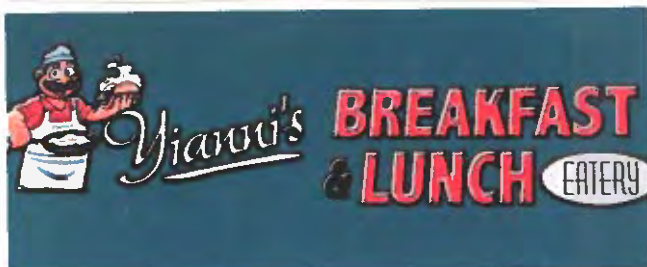
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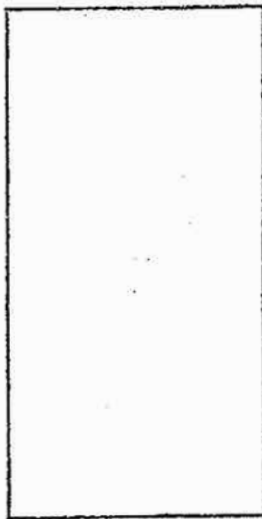


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