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Sunday, December 6, 2020 ~ St. Nicholas

Altar candles and flowers are donated in loving memory of Eleni Fitsioris, sister of George Fitsioris, who passed away Greece.

The reading is from St. Paul's Letter to the Hebrews 13:17-21 Brethren, obey your leaders and submit to them; for they are keeping watch over your souls, as men who will have to give account. Let them do this joyfully, and not sadly, for that would be of no advantage to you. Pray for us, for we are sure that we have a clear conscience, desiring to act honorably in all things. I urge you the more earnestly to do this in order that I may be restored to you the sooner. Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great Shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do His will, working in you that which is pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ; to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

The Gospel According to Luke 13:10-17 At that time, Jesus was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath. And there was a woman who had a spirit of infirmity for eighteen years; she was bent over and could not fully straighten herself. And when Jesus saw her, he called her and said to her, "Woman, you are freed from your infirmity." And he laid his hands upon her, and immediately she was made straight, and she praised God. But the ruler of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had healed on the sabbath, said to the people, "There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be healed, and not on the sabbath day." Then the Lord answered him, "You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger, and lead it away to water it? And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen years, be loosed from this bond on the sabbath day?" As he said this, all his adversaries were put to shame; and all the people rejoiced at all the glorious things that were done by him.

Live streaming from Holy Cross: <https://www.holycrosspgh.org/church-live-stream>

<i>Trisagions</i>	† <i>Metropolitan MAXIMOS</i>	40 days
	† <i>Eleni Fitsioris</i>	40 days
	<i>Sister of George Fitsioris in Greece</i>	
	† <i>John & Theodora Fitsioris</i>	1 year
	<i>Parents of George Fitsioris</i>	
	† <i>Zanetos Takos</i>	19 years
	† <i>Magdalene Takos</i>	33 years

Monday, Dec 7 6:30pm Paracletis

Tuesday, Dec 8

Wednesday, Dec 9 *Conception of St. Anna*
8:30am Orthros/9:30am Divine Liturgy
7pm Bible Study via Zoom

Thursday, Dec 10 1-3pm Christmas Bread available lower level Community Center
7pm *Effective Christian Ministry* via Zoom

Friday, Dec 11

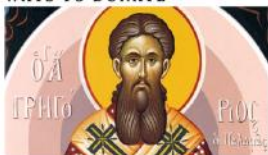
Saturday, Dec 12 *St. Spyridon in Monessen*
9am Orthros/10am Divine Liturgy
5pm Vespers @ Holy Cross

MEMORY ETERNAL + METROPOLITAN MAXIMOS

Metropolis of Pittsburgh Parishes to offer 40-Day Memorial.



HIS LEGACY LIVES ON....
WAYS TO DONATE



ST. GREGORY PALAMAS MONASTERY

934 County Road 2256
Perryville, OH 44864

In 1982, Metropolitan Maximos established the first Greek Orthodox Monastery in the United States near Mansfield, OH. The monastery was originally constructed by an old calendarist community which later decided to move out to CA.

+Archbishop Iakovos consecrated the church in 1989 and during the past few years, the original chapel was completely reconstructed. (Pictured below.) Donations are being accepted (address above) for the iconography for the chapel in memory of Metropolitan Maximos.



40-Day Memorial

His Eminence Metropolitan Savas of Pittsburgh asks his parishes of his Metropolis to offer a 40-Day Memorial for the soul of Metropolitan Maximos on Sunday, December 6th, the Feastday of St. Nicholas, the Wonderworker. If it is not possible on this day, the Memorial may be offered on the actual 40th day which is Friday, December 11th.

METROPOLITAN MAXIMOS ENDOWMENT FOR YOUTH & YOUNG ADULT MINISTRIES

Of all of Metropolitan Maximos' ministries, his work with youth and young adults held a special place in his heart. In honor of our beloved "Metro Max," the Metropolitan Maximos Endowment will carry on His Eminence's support for our youth and young adults, a labor of love which hallmarked his ministry.

Two ways to give to the Endowment:

1) Send checks to the Greek Orthodox Metropolis of Pittsburgh with 'Metropolitan Maximos Endowment' written in the memo section. Mail to: Metropolitan Maximos Endowment c/o Metropolis of Pittsburgh, PO Box 645953, Pittsburgh, PA 15264-5257. Or 2) Online credit or debit card donation via the Metropolis website: pittsburgh.goarch.org/support. Please select Metropolitan Maximos Youth Endowment.



The Nationality Rooms Program at the University of Pittsburgh
VIRTUAL HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE 2020
Presents the Greek Room Committee's

"The Twelve Days of Greek Christmas Trivia Game"

December 7th – December 19th, 2020

Did you know that-

- some key Greek Christmas traditions have their beginning in the time of ancient Greece?
- some ancient Greek festivals influenced the development of early Christian religious customs surrounding the feast of the Nativity of Christ?
- the Christmas Tree tradition began in Constantinople, during the time of the Byzantine Empire and was then carried north?
- the festive Christmas period begins in November and ends in January?
- St. Nicholas does not bring gifts to children, but instead, St. Basil does?

For more information and details, as well as for instructions for how to participate:

<https://pahellenicfoundation.org/ChristmasTriviaGame>

Game play takes place every day, beginning on December 7th and ending on December 19th, 2020, anytime between 7 AM - 10 PM. A donation of \$7 accesses a VIP code for one game. Two prize winners daily.

All donations will go to the Greek Room's Scholarship Fund.

★ Neighborhood Resilience Project **Christmas Food Drive** will be held Sunday, December 6th, 13th & 20th.

★ **Christmas Angels for Neighborhood Resilience Gifts** must be returned to the church no later than **TODAY** Sunday, December 6th with the angel tag attached to gift. As always your generosity is appreciated. Thank you, Kathy Pyros

Mediterra Bakehouse **Christmas Bread**, \$10 a loaf, will be available as a fundraiser for Philoptochos THIS Thursday, December 10 from 1-3pm in the lower community center entrance. Please drive to the door and volunteers will be there to assist you. Please make checks payable to Holy Cross Philoptochos. The bread will also be available NEXT Sunday, December 13 after Divine Liturgy in the Community Center and Narthex. The bread will also be sold on Thursday, December 17, 1-3pm and Sunday, December 20 with same details. Please contact Elaine Sofis, esofis@comcast.net or 412 344-7046 for more info.

Holy Cross Philoptochos is grateful to Mediterra Bakehouse for this very generous donation of 300 loaves of bread. **Thank you, Mediterra Bakehouse!!!!**

TO RENEW OR JOIN PHILOPTOCHOS for 2020, please return to church or to *Connie Carahalis, 224 Mt. Lebanon Blvd, Pittsburgh 15234*

Name _____

Address _____

Telephone _____

Email _____

**From your Philoptochos Stewardship donation, \$15 is sent to National Philoptochos in NYC and \$10 is sent to the Pittsburgh Metropolis Philoptochos. Anything over \$25 goes to Holy Cross Philoptochos. Or see any Board Member to pay your dues!*

Collection of new/unused warm socks, hats, gloves & scarves benefitting the Holiday Project.

November 1—

December 15, 2020

Drop off locations:

* Holy Cross Church
(123 Gilkeson Road,
Pittsburgh, PA 15228)

* 209 Twin Oaks Drive,
Pittsburgh, PA 15237



The Allegheny County Holiday Project provides new/unused holiday gifts for children and youth (babies—18 years old) who have experienced child abuse or neglect.

visit: www.alleghenycounty.us/Human-Services/News-Events/Events/Holiday-Project.aspx for more information.