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# June/July Pastoral Message 2022

By Rev. Fr. Joseph Z. DiStefano

## “I am with you always”

There is a temptation to think of Christ’s Ascension into Heaven as if He has gone away and we now have less of His presence than was available when He walked the earth. This is not the case! While He walked the earth, the apostles could be with Him, but this nearness was conditioned by time and space, and there were times when they were not with Him. When He was not physically in Judea, for example, Mary and Martha could not be with Him.



Now that He sits at the Father’s right hand and has sent His Spirit, we can be near Him always, for His presence is no longer conditioned by time and space. Everyone can now be close to Jesus and by the power of the Spirit, we can be with Him at every moment!

The ascension and the sending of the Spirit means that we now have more of Jesus, not less of Him. That is why the Lord said at the end of Matthew’s Gospel that He would be with us always, until the close of the age. Our Lord’s presence and power are always available to us. The question is: how often are we available to them?

*Wishing you all a blessed feast of the Ascension! – Fr. Joe DiStefano*

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**37<sup>th</sup> Year of Sharing with the Greater  
Community of Youngstown**

# **ST. NICHOLAS GREEK SUMMERFEST**

220 N. Walnut St. Youngstown, OH (*Across From The Choffin Career Center*)

**THURSDAY  
JULY 7  
11AM-7PM**

**FRIDAY  
JULY 8  
11AM-9PM**

**SATURDAY  
JULY 9  
11AM-9PM**

**SUNDAY  
JULY 10  
11AM-7PM**

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## **June/July Announcements**

### **Festival Baking**

Tuesdays and Saturdays at  
9:00 am  
*All welcome!*

Contact Jamie Coutras for  
info: 330-565-6172

### **Festival Setup**

Wednesday, July 6<sup>th</sup>  
*All Day and Evening*  
Contact Bill Dalambakis  
for info:  
330-565-6172

### **Liturgy in the Park**

***Save the Date!***  
Sunday, August 28<sup>th</sup>  
**Boardman Park**  
*More info in the  
August Ecclesia*

## SAINT NICHOLAS PARISH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES 5/9/22

Present: Father DiStefano, Tom Mikulka, Popy Vavoulis, Bill Dalambakis, Joe Malactaris, Sue Kalachoritis Jamie Coutris George Gulgus, Nick Catsoules, Tom Dimitri, Jim Fentules, Brett Roberts

**Priest report** -see attached. Father gave summary of Holy Week Service, wants to set up a schedule for council members to attend next year. Feedback on membership process-concerns over long time members who have not or will not fill out membership cards. There was discussion and agreement to add previous and/or contributing members to the list.

**Treasurers report**-see attached- presented by George and approved. He reports net profit from superbowl fundraiser is just over \$6,000. Also agreed to continue with LOC and not pay it off at this time.

### OLD BUSINESS:

1. New doors for sanctuary were wrong size and won't be installed for several months when they come in.
2. Property case- the current judge is going off the case and it will not be rescheduled until late 2022 or early 2023
3. Altar restrooms- Bill reports difficulty in setting up water /sewer needs at current time, exploring other possible options.

### NEW BUSINESS:

1. Festival planning. Bill and Jim are going to reinitiate the add booklet, asked members to solicit for new sponsors along with contacting previous ones. Jamie is coordinating and setting dates for cooking of pastries and other foods to be frozen. Father is going to put out call tree to inform parishioners of dates for more volunteers, new members from Campbell are also going to assist in making pastries. There was discussion of purchasing pastries for resale if the quantity is lower than expected. There was discussion of having limited seating inside for elderly and parishioners, acknowledging that the flow of sales was improved without the inside being so crowded. Jamie suggested asking customers if they are going to eat in or take out as plates are less expensive than take out containers. Tom is researching Clover system vs other options for preorders and card payments.
2. Garbage disposal- Bill can get new unit for approximately \$1500. Several donations were made at this time, asking for others at general assembly on 5/15.
3. Custodial services- current couple is working through August of this year, starting search for replacement.
4. General Assembly- discussed agenda to include festival planning, explaining/discussing the membership/stewardship procedure, and asking for volunteers for technology and website development.
5. Next meeting set up tentatively for after church on 5/22

## GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETING MINUTES 5/15/22

George Gulgas is nominated and runs meeting,

**Priest's report-** Father clarifies information over membership forms. The intent was to better qualify our existing membership for communication purposes and is not linked to stewardship commitments. Holy week activities were well attended, many of the youth participated in confession on Lazarus Saturday events signaling our parish is coming out of pandemic stronger. More children are attending Sunday School.

**Treasurers report-** George had been on vacation for a period. Current balances are over \$70,000. Investments are down to \$293,000 with downward trend in stock market. Proceeds from investments have been paying down line of credit, currently \$37,000. Our available monies are better than past years heading into the festival.

**Philoptochos report** -Ladies are baking for festival on Tuesday and Saturday.

**Grounds and Maintenance-** Doors in sanctuary are on back order and expected to arrive by end of July. The bathrooms in altar are on hold due to higher than expected costs, father suggests using funds to buy more dividers for social hall as they have been useful both ascetically and in reducing noise, will address at next council meeting. Bill reports that the custodial crew will no longer be working as of August 22, looking for applicants to take over.

**Parking lot/Litigation-** Tom reports that the previous judge has recused himself from the case and it is starting anew. Initial hearing is set for January 2023.

**Iconography project-** Popy reports that the walls in sanctuary are scheduled to be completed by December. The larger icons will come afterwards.

**Festival-** Bill reports we are bringing back the advertising book, deadline is June 17<sup>th</sup>-can be emailed to Jim Fentules at valleygraphics@zoominternet.net. We are also looking for donations for pop, 16oz coke products. Cooler in back of hall are to be repaired or removed. Will have portable toilets as last year, larger tent on street and band Friday and Saturday nights. Tom setting up clover system for take-outs and credit card orders. Prices to be set by mid-June.

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### SAINT NICHOLAS GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH 2022 MEMBERSHIP FORM

*Please complete and return this form to the Church Office*

Family Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Member

Spouse

Children

/ Age

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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Mobile Tel: \_\_\_\_\_

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E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

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Would you like to be a  MEMBER  AFFILIATE MEMBER

\_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

How would you like to receive the "Ecclesia" monthly bulletin?  Mail  Email  Do not send

# Metropolis of Pittsburgh

# FAMILY CAMP

## Weekend

Camp Nazareth, Mercer, PA

**SEP. 16-18 2022**

*Save the Date!*

**REGISTRATION BEGINS JULY 1ST**



### Healthy Fun for Everyone

All Ages / Families with Small Children  
Activities / Games / Bonfire / Hiking



### Family Lodging

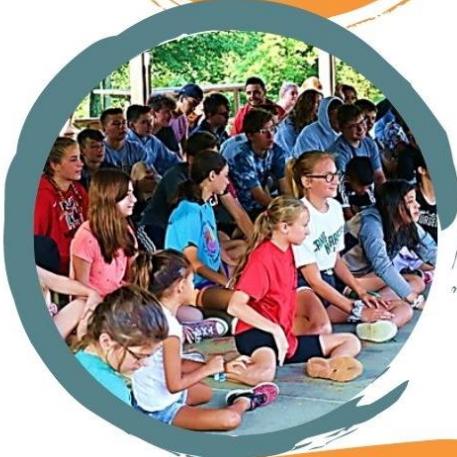
Families can stay together in clean, air-conditioned cabins with bathrooms.



### Worship & Learning

Keynote discussion: "One Another" /  
Break-out Groups / Chapel Services /  
Confessions Offered

*Limited  
Space  
Available!*



Keynote Speaker: Alex Corkos  
Marriage & Family Therapist, MA, LMFT

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# June 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Apodosis of Pascha Orth 9am / Liturgy 10am	2 Holy Ascension Orth 9am / Liturgy 10am	3	4
5 Fathers 1st Council Orth 9am / Liturgy 10am	6	7	8 Paraklesis 6:30pm	9	10	11 Saturday of Souls Orth 9am / Liturgy 10am
12 Holy Pentecost Orth 9am / Liturgy 10am Kneeling Vespers 11:15am	13	14	15	16	17	18
19 Father's Day Sunday of All Saints Orth 9am / Liturgy 10am	20	21	22 Fr. Joe at Summer Camp	23	24 Nativity John the Baptist Orth 9am / Liturgy 10am	25
Fish Allowed	Fish Allowed	Strict Fast	Fish Allowed	Fish Allowed	Fish Allowed	
26 2nd Sunday of Matthew Orth 9am / Liturgy 10am	27	28	29 Fr. Joe at Summer Camp	30 Synaxis of 12 Apostles Orth 9am / Liturgy 10am	1	2
Fish Allowed	Fish Allowed	Fish Allowed	Fish Allowed	Fast Free	Wine Allowed	
3 3rd Sunday of Matthew Orth 9am / Liturgy 10am	4	Notes				
Archdiocesan Clergy Laity Congress						

May '22					July '22					August '22																		
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**St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church**

# July 2022

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3 3rd Sunday of Matthew Orth 9am / Liturgy 10am	4 Independence Day	5	6	7 Greek Summerfest 11am-7pm	8 Greek Summerfest 11am-9pm	9 Greek Summerfest 11am-9pm
				Fr. Joseph at Archdiocesan Clergy Laty Congress		
10 4th Sunday of Matthew Orth 9am / Liturgy 10am Greek Summerfest 11am-7pm	11	12	13 Fr. Joe at Summer Camp	14	15	16
17 Fathers - 4th Council Orth 9am / Liturgy 10am	18	19	20 Prophet Elias Orth 9am / Liturgy 10am	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
				Fr. Joseph on Vacation		
31				Notes		