When our Lord reached thirty years from His physical birth, He began His teaching and salvific work. He Himself signified this "beginning of the beginning" by His baptism in the Jordan river.

St. Cyril of Jerusalem says, "The beginning of the world - water; the beginning of the Good News - Jordan." At the time of the baptism of the Lord in water, that mystery was declared to the world: that mystery which was prophesied in the Old Testament; the mystery about which in ancient Egypt and India was only fabled; i.e., the mystery of the Divine Holy Trinity.

The Father was revealed to the sense of hearing; the Spirit was revealed to the sense of sight, and in addition to these, the Son was revealed to the sense of touch. The Father uttered His witness about the Son, the Son was baptized in the water, and the Holy Spirit in the form of a dove hovered above the water. When John the Baptist witnessed and said about Christ, "Behold, the Lamb of God, Who takes away the sins of the world" (John 1:29), and when John immersed and baptized the Lord in the Jordan, the mission of Christ in the world and the path of our salvation was shown. That is to say: The Lord took upon Himself the sins of mankind and died under them [immersion] and became alive again [the coming out of the water]; and we must die as the old sinful man and become alive again as cleansed, renewed and regenerated. This is the Savior and this is the path of salvation.

The Feast of the Epiphany [Theophany in Greek] is also called the Feast of Illumination. For us, the event in the Jordan river illuminates, by manifesting to us God as Trinity, consubstantial and undivided. That is one way. And, the second: everyone of us through baptism in water is illumined by this, that we become adopted by the Father of Lights through the merits of the Son and the power of the Holy Spirit.

HYMN OF PRAISE: THE HOLY TRINITY

O, Holy Lord, holy in creating,
All that You create by Your Word, by Your Spirit You consecrate.
O, Mighty Lord, mighty in suffering,
For the world You walk to Your death; for the world, You resurrect.
Immortal Lord, in voice, we praise You;
Father, Son, Holy Spirit - God, have mercy on us!
The Father, Who appeared over Jordan as a Voice,
The Spirit, Who as a White Dove hovered,
The Son, Who by the Prophet John was baptized,
Three rays of light, one light shown,
The Trinity manifested, we praise You in voice:
Father, Son, Holy Spirit - God, have mercy on us!
On the Mystery of the Divine Trinity

"For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Spirit: and these three are one. And there are three that bear witness on earth, the spirit and the water and the blood: and these three are together" (I John 5: 7-8).

When we read Holy Scripture, we should be alert to keep an eye on every word. To the rapid reader, for example, this distinction which the Evangelist draws between the Heavenly Trinity and the earthly trinity will not become apparent. Concerning the Heavenly Trinity, he says, "And these three are one;" and concerning the earthly trinity, he says, "And these three are together." There is an enormous difference between "being one" and "being together." The Father, Son and the Holy Spirit are One, whereas the spirit, water and blood are only together and are not one. Even enemies could be together as one, but are not one. All the people on earth are together, but they are not one. Water and blood constitute the body and the spirit is the spirit. "For the flesh has desires against the spirit and the spirit against the flesh" (Galatians 5:17). However, they are not one, but they are still together. When man dies the union is broken apart and ceases to exist. Blood and water go to one side and the spirit goes to another side. Whereas the [Heavenly] Divine Trinity in the heavens not only are they together but they are also one.

There is also another trinity in the inner heaven of man which should be, not only a unity, but a oneness so that man could be blessed in this world and in the other world. That is the union of the mind, heart and will. As long as these three are only in togetherness, man will be at war with himself and with the Heavenly Trinity. However, when these three become one, so that neither one rules and that neither one is enslaved, then man becomes filled with "the peace of God that surpasses all understanding" (Philippians 4:7), man's every word, every explanation, every fear and every sorrow. Then the small heaven in man begins to resemble that great heaven of God, and the "image and likeness of God" becomes apparent in man.

O Triune God, help us to resemble, at least, those who resemble You. To You be glory and thanks always. Amen.

Fr. Mark’s Pastoral Post - Its

Good Shepherd Pantry Ministry Thanksgiving Meal Appreciation- On Wednesday November 27, our Holy Trinity – St. Nicholas Parish family welcomed around 150 patrons from the Good Shepherd Pantry Ministry Outreach into our home. We provided a delicious Thanksgiving dinner for them. The leftovers did not go to waste. They were taken to the residents of Joseph House. Joseph House helps homeless military veterans recover from various addictions. We had over 100 parishioners of all ages help in preparing, setting up, serving, cleaning up, and spending time with our guests. It was truly an offering of Christ’s love for our neighbors.

Thank you to all who volunteered to make this activity come to fruition. We appreciate everyone who provided from their financial resources, their time, and their talent! We offer a special “thank you” to George Kalemanis and Gus Poneris who prepared the delicious meal. We also thank Chris and Stef Diaz for coordinating logistics and our volunteers. God has truly blessed this ministry through the faithful of this Parish.

An Expression of Gratitude- On behalf of the Holy Trinity – St. Nicholas Parish Council, I express sincere gratitude to all who made a special offering at Christmas. Thank you for your generosity and love. May God continue to pour out His limitless grace and mercy upon us and all the world!

Marriage Prep Seminar- The first Marriage Preparation Seminar for 2020 will take place on Saturday, February 1, 2020 from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. We will supply the text, “The Journey of Marriage”, for the seminar. Please contact Fr. Mark (513.591.0030 or frmark@htsnchurch.org) to reserve your space. All couples intending to marry at Holy Trinity – St. Nicholas Church are required to participate in the Marriage Preparation Seminar.
GODPARENTS/GODCHILDREN
SUNDAY
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2020

On this special day, we encourage Godparents and Godchildren to worship together at the Divine Liturgy. We will offer prayers of re-dedication during the Divine Liturgy. Sunday Church School classes will not meet that day.

The St. Sophia Mothers Club will host a reception following the Divine Services.

HAPPY NEW YEAR

AXIOS! Deacon Nick

Our Pastoral Assistant, Mr. Nicolaos Tzetzis, was ordained to the Holy Diaconate on November 30, 2019. With the blessings of His Eminence Metropolitan Nicholas of Detroit, and by the hands of Metropolitan Savas of Pittsburgh, Deacon Nick joined the ranks of the clergy in a beautiful and moving Divine Liturgy. A wonderful luncheon hosted by the Parish Council and Philoptochos followed the service.

Congratulations to Deacon Nick and Diakonissa Ivey! AXIOS! AXIOS! AXIOS!
PHILOPTOCHOS...Carrie Petrou

THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR SUPPORT DURING OUR SWEET TREATS SALE!!

This is our biggest fund raiser of the year and whatever we bring in (with the hard work of many) goes right back out to the community and other worthy causes. We are so thankful to our “Sweet” patrons.

Our Vasilopita Luncheon is right around the corner (January 12th). Again, the lunch is provided (at no cost) in thanks to all who are so generous with Philoptochos’ endeavors throughout the year. Our Vasilopita Auction had 33 entries last year! We truly have talented, gifted bakers within our Church and we hope that those people who want to make a Vasilopita will bring it in for the Auction. Don’t be shy - this could be your year for “Bragging Rights”. And don’t forget that ALL proceeds from the Auction as well as collections that day are going to St. Basil’s Academy, a very worthwhile cause.

Our next meeting will be held on Sunday, January 5th.

MAY THE NEW YEAR BRING YOU LOVE & HAPPINESS

DAUGHTERS OF PENELlope...Vera Manolakas

Happy New Year Everyone!

The Daughters ended 2019 with a dinner at Tano’s in historic Loveland. What a beautiful place! The food was outstanding! It was an enjoyable way to end the year.

We’d like to thank all of you for your continued support of our pan baklava sale. Without your support we would be unable to give to the various charities which we support each year. We have limited ourselves to two fund raisers each year. Our next one will be the Tsoureki fundraiser. More on that later.

After much discussion we decided that we would not have a meeting in January. In the past we have often had to cancel due to inclement weather. We are planning on a restaurant meeting for the month of February.

Daughters promote Hellenism, education, civic responsibility and women. If you would like to learn more about Daughters, please feel free to contact me or any of our members. We meet on the first Tuesday of the month.

MAIDS OF ATHENA...Evanthia Sansone

The Maids of Athena would like to thank everyone for your support of our soup sale and Vasilopita sale! We are happy to announce that the Maids have gained new members and for anyone wanting to join, please contact Evanthia Sansone @ evanthiasansone@yahoo.com for information.

Hope everyone had a great Christmas and New Year. We are wishing you a happy and healthy New Year!

OVER FIFTY CLUB...Elaine Snyder

Our Christmas Party was a lot of fun. We played Split the Pot and won prizes. Our dues remain at $20 for the year and entitle us to a free Christmas meal.

The Rumpke Land Fill tour which was cancelled due to bad weather in November is rescheduled for Thursday, January 16 at 11:00 am. The bus holds 20 people and we may have room for about 10 people. The tour is very popular and very interesting so seats fill up quickly. If you are interested, please call Elaine at 234-6120 and leave your name and phone number. I will get back to you with instructions for the day. Stay warm everyone.

SUNDAY CHURCH SCHOOL...Peter Aamodt

Two important reminders for Sunday Church School in January:

1. SCS classes resume on Sunday, January 5, with our 9:30 am Special Sunday start time so that our students and teachers may be present in Church for Holy Communion and the Mega Agiasmos in observance of the Eve of Theophany.

2. There will be a St. John Chrysostom Oratorical Festival Workshop held on Saturday, January 11th, at 10:00 am. Deacon Nick will be there along with Religious Education Team members to guide and encourage our youth in their speech writing efforts. Everyone is encouraged to attend regardless of where they stand in their speech development.
Transitions

40 Day Blessing:
Lauren Stenger and daughter
December 12, 2019

Baptisms:
Neophyte: Zoe Nicole Klousiadis
Father: Nicholas George Klousiadis
Mother: Stacy Ellen (Jelett) Klousiadis
Sponsor: Nicole Mosca and James Jelett
December 7, 2019

Neophyte: Luca Sampson Beck
Father: Justin Beck
Mother: Alexandra Sampson
Sponsor: Allison Papathanas
December 8, 2019

Funeral:
† Konstantinos Mavridoglou, age 76, December 20, 2019

TEACHING ORTHODOXY:
Living the Foundations of the Orthodox Faith

Join us as we discover how to live the Orthodox Faith in today’s world.

Sessions to be held at
Holy Trinity - St. Nicholas Church in

Presenters:
Rev. Fr. Mark Emroll, Presiding Priest
frmark@htsnchurch.org
Dn. Nicolaos Tzetzis, Assistant
assistant@htsnchurch.org

Sponsored by:
St. Sophia Mothers Club Ministry

Wed Jan 8  Our Life in Prayer
Wed Feb 12  Our Life in Fasting
Wed Mar 11  Our Life in Almsgiving (Charity)
Wed Apr 8  Our Life in the Divine Liturgy
Wed May 13  Our Life in the Church in the Home
GET A HEALTHY START TO THE NEW YEAR!

WHAT: A free community workout toward physical and spiritual well-being
WHEN: Saturday January 25, 2020 @ 11:00 am – WHERE: HTSN COMMUNITY CENTER

WHAT TO BRING: Water bottle, mat, and a body and mind ready to work!
WHAT TO EXPECT: A total body workout: upper and lower body with core
Modifications will be given. All ages and fitness levels are welcome!
Call the Church Office at 513.591.0030 to reserve your spot!

Save the Date!

Cincinnati Philoptochos Comedy Night 2020
Saturday, May 2, 2020
With
Ellen Karis - Greek Goddess of Comedy
Holy Trinity-St. Nicholas Orthodox Greek Church Hall

Special ANNOUNCEMENT

Families of Holy Trinity will receive a substantial savings with a Greek Remembrance ‘Package’ on ALL pre-planned, and pre-funded funerals with Spring Grove.

This was specifically created to assist your family by preparing for what WILL happen… at a significant discount, and following your funeral traditions.

SPRING GROVE has been here to help Holy Trinity-St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church with their cemetery and funeral needs for generations. This large funeral pre-planning discount is a way for you, your family, loved ones, (and friends you refer) to ‘roll back the clock’ on costs that historically increase every year. NOW, is the time to put your plans in place.

CALL Mike, our assigned representative at Spring Grove Funeral Homes for complete details...

Senior Advanced Planning
Licensed Family Service Advisor
Spring Grove Funeral Homes
Spring Grove and Oak Hill Cemetery
mleaf@springgrove.org

Mike Leaf
853 - 1027
Youth Ministry

GOYA 2019-20 Announcements
This year, monthly fellowship & meetings will be held on the following Sundays:
- January 19
- February 9
- March 8
- April 5
- May 3
- June 14
Also, please save the date for the Central District Lenten Retreat, Fri-Sun, April 3-5

HOPE & JOY Dates
Please mark the following dates in your calendar (all events start at 6:30 pm):
- January 2 (Thu)
- February 5 (Wed)
- March 5 (Thu)
- April 2 (Thu)
- May 6 (Wed)

Thank You from Deacon Nick

Words fail to express my gratitude for the love you all have shown Ivey and me over the course of the last two and a half years serving at Holy Trinity—St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church here in Cincinnati. This community received us so warmly when we arrived, and you all waited so patiently for an ordination date to come, and it did not go unnoticed. Thank you for your prayers and love as we approached ordination, and thank you for praying with us during the Ordination Service both here in the Church and from afar via our live stream.

It is both a parent’s prayer and the prayer of a spiritual father that their children will end up in a healthy situation where they are both loved and respected, but challenged to grow every day. This community has been that for us, and we are grateful.

Finally, just to answer a few of the questions that I have been asked since ordination. Metropolitan Nicholas assigned me to assist Fr. Mark and to serve this Parish. Much like assistant clergy that served here in the past, I will serve and train in this community until the time when I am called to serve the Church elsewhere. This is in God’s hands. Diakonissa Ivey and I are very happy to serve the faithful in this community.

The proper form of address for me is “Deacon Nick.” Ivey is addressed as “Diakonissa (thee-ah-KO-nee-sah) Ivey.”

“When will you be ordained to the Holy Priesthood?” Once a date is set, the community will be notified.

With love in Christ,
Deacon Nick and Diakonissa Ivey

Outreach Ministries

Our thanks to everyone who participated in our Outreach Ministries throughout the year and especially with our Holiday Outreach Ministry. The time, talent and treasures dedicated to these ministries continues to grow each year. Your support has helped to make our Good Shepherd Food Pantry a vital resource for the many families who seek help with basic food needs.

The pantry will continue to be open on Tuesday and Wednesday in 2020. The hours are 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. We are looking for volunteers to help on those days. If you would be interested in helping, please contact the Church Office.

Non-perishable item donations can be dropped off on Sunday or any time during Church Office hours. Here are the most needed items:
- Dry cereals
- Oatmeal or hot cereals
- Shelf stable meals (Chef Boyardee)
- Pasta & pasta sauce
- Sugar & Flour
- Peanut butter
- Canned vegetables & fruit
- Vegetable & cooking oil
- Canned meats (tuna & chicken)
- Soups (regular & chunky)
- Jelly or preserves (in plastic containers)

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR OUTREACH MINISTRIES!
Stewardship Message  
By Amanda Kontopos

Many of us learn about Stewardship through the examples set by our parents and Church community. I’ve heard many stories from fellow parishioners about times when others have set an example of hard work through service to our Church. It is always encouraging to see our Church family demonstrating service to our Parish, whether it be through Panegyri work, baking, cleaning, volunteering, etc. There are so many ways to “get involved,” and it’s inspiring to see others leading the charge.

While giving of your time and talents is so important, there is always one part of Stewardship that is a little more uncomfortable. It’s the part that no one gets to see. It doesn’t show up in the sweat pouring down your face while working at the Panegyri or the comradery that comes with volunteering with church friends. It’s the money part...the part that gets silently written on a stewardship pledge or quietly dropped into the offering tray. It’s easy to give the bare minimum so that our name shows up on the list of parishioners each month, but stretching ourselves, giving to God what is rightfully His without recognition or high fives from our friends, can be difficult.

While I did not grow up in the Orthodox Church, I learned about Stewardship from my parents. I saw them silently write a check each month and quietly drop it into the offering. They gave a percentage of their monthly salary back to God. While that number looks different for all of us, I saw God faithfully provide for them, and I saw their faith grow. It was an amazing example of Stewardship in action, and I learned from a young age that humble, disciplined giving isn’t always easy, but is necessary to build our trust in God. I hope that we continue to use our time and our talents to support our Parish, and we continue to give each other high fives. And, I also hope that we recognize the unassuming, yet often difficult, act of trusting God with every part of our lives, including our finances.

2020 Stewardship List Through 12-20-19

Andreadis, Paul
Andreadis, Sophie S.
Andrews, Evan & Terry
Apostolides, Vasso A.
Assaley, Lewis & Patricia
Barnhart, Thomas & Sylvia Rombis
Bates, Justin
Batsakis, Pantelis & Eleni
Belitsos, George P. & Peter Wolfe
Bender, Robert & Kathy
Boumis, Peter & Kimberly
Brown, William
Caddell, Chris & Eleni
Campbell, Christopher & Lydia
Caneris, Adonis & Ana Maria
Caneris, Anthony & Antoinette
Caneris, Dr. Onassis A.
Christopher, Spiro & Olga
Claffie, Sean & Angela
Colyer, Keith & Diane
Condorodis, Anestis J. & Janeen D.
Cook, Barbara
Crawford, Jonathan & Sharon
Dargis, Melody & David
Daskalakis, Tom & Dori
Denas, Haralambos & Athonisseea
Economacos, Tom & Jennifer
Economos, Chris & Alexa
Edgington, Paul & Mary Lou
Elias, Nicholas
Emroll, Fr. Mark & Presvytera Ginny
Fekkos, Haralambos & Loella Ann
Fillis, Anna
Fotos, Aspasia
Francis, Dean & Kathy
Georgetown, John C. & Ann
Georgetown, Peter T. & Nancy
Georgostathis, Gus & Eleni
Gerros, Mary
Glaser, Brian & Stella
Haralamos, George & Eleni
Hayden, Jason & Rebecca
Hollister, Carl & Cynthia
Iatrides, Steve & Christina Kutsubu
Jonson, Chris C. & Loy
Jonson, George N. & Sophia
Kambelos, John P. & Erato
Kambelos, Dr. Peter J.
Kanelopoulos, Bill
Karakatsani, Marianthi
Karampas, George
Karas, Bill J. & Lynn
Kehayes, Peggy
Kehayes, William & Melissa
Kelley, Michael & Pauline
Kladakis, John & Teddi
Kranias, George & Litsa
Konstantinou, Chrisanthi
Kontopos, Pete & Katerina
Kougios, Michael & Alice
Lambrinides, Ted & Kim
Landers, Lauren
Lazares, Gus J.
Leslie, Wayne & Peggy
Liston, Robert & Eleni
Loukoumidis, George & Stacey
Love, Beryl
Lustig, Elaine & Lowell
Makrozahopoulos, Dimitrios & Joanna
Masella, Ron & Christine
McNulty, Robin & Melanie
Megois, Lee S. & Stephanie
Merianos, Andy & Kelsey
Merianos, Ted
Meyer, Andrew & Maria
Mintsoulis, Demetrios & Theresa
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The Parishioners listed here have made a commitment and/or contribution towards 2020 Stewardship. If you have not made your Stewardship commitment for 2020, we encourage you to do so today. Commitment Cards for our 2020 Stewardship Campaign are available through the Church Office or can be obtained by contacting any member of the Parish Council or the Clergy.

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Peggy Kehayes
Gus Koutsogiannis
Gus Lazares
Matthew Neuendorf
Gus Poneris
Sylvia Rombis
Andrea Siouris
Tom Tsiomias

Parish Ministries and Organizations
Philoptochos Society: Carrie Petrou, President
Parish Choir: Ariadne Antipa, Director
Cantors: James Raptis, Philanthy Nichols
Altar Boys: Father Mark Emroll, Deacon Nick Tzetzis
Sunday Church School: Religious Education Team, Peter Aamodt, Chairman
Greek School: Dr. Alexandros Laftsidis, Director
GOYA, HOPE and JOY: Father Mark Emroll, Deacon Nick Tzetzis, Youth Ministry Teams
College Students, OCF: Presvytera Ginny Emroll, Deacon Nick Tzetzis
St. Sophia Mothers Club: Maria Meyer, President
AHEPA: Nicholas L. Sarakatsannis, President
Daughters of Penelope: Vera Manolakas, President
Over 50s Club: Maria Freeman, President
Adult Religious Education: Father Mark Emroll, Deacon Nick Tzetzis
Outreach/Samaritan Fund: Father Mark Emroll, Deacon Nick Tzetzis, Eugene Nicholas
The Good Shepherd Food Pantry: Stephanie Diaz, Maria Freeman,
Mary Morgan
Agios Demetrios Society: Jim Grammas, Maria Panagis
Panegyri: Peter Zaferes, Leadership Team
Parish Bookstore: Christina Polychroniou

Office Hours: Weekdays 8:00 am to 4:00 pm
Worship Schedule: Matins, 8:15 am; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 am
Other Services as scheduled.

The next deadline for submitting news to the "Voice" is

January 5, 2020

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THANK YOU
Please Join Us For
The Philoptochos Vasilopita Luncheon & Auction
On Sunday, January 12TH, 2020

Following The Divine Liturgy and Our Annual Cutting of the Vasilopita

The Ladies of Philoptochos will be providing this luncheon free of charge to our parish family. The luncheon menu is roast pork, rice pilaf, green beans and Greek salad plus of course, VASILOPITA. All that we ask is those parishioners, who are able, make a Vasilopita for our auction.

All proceeds from the auction benefit Saint Basil’s Academy