



Welcome!

Whether you are searching for a new church home or just visiting, we are glad you're with us today. If you have a prayer request, are looking for more information about the Orthodox Faith, would like to join our parish, or would like to speak with Fr Thomas, we invite you to fill out a visitor's card and drop it in the offering basket as your offering today. We want to get to know you! God bless you!

Schedule This Week

Sunday, November 5

10:00 am Divine Liturgy/Church School

Tuesday, November 7

9:00 am Daily Matins

9:30 am to 12:00 pm Office Hours

Wednesday, November 8

6:30 pm Daily Vespers

7:00 pm Bible Study

Thursday, November 9

9:00 am Daily Matins

9:30 am to 12:00 pm Office Hours

Saturday, November 11

4:30 pm Confessions

5:00 pm Great Vespers/Cathedral Vigil

Sunday, November 12

10:00 am Divine Liturgy/Church School

To our Visitors: Holy Communion is reserved for Orthodox Christians who prepare themselves by prayer and fasting. Non-Orthodox visitors are welcome to come forward to venerate the cross and receive the Antidoron (blessed bread) at the conclusion of the service.

Archpriest Thomas Soroka, Rector

Deacon Luke Loboda, Attached

Deacon John Skowron, Attached

Rdr James Wargo and Danielle Bartko, Choir Dirs

Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost

McKees Rocks/Pittsburgh, PA

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Announcements

Join the Parish Regional Synaxes! The East region has a Synaxis coming up on Thursday November 9 at the home of Tim Arnold. Those in the East region should check their email for details. If you are unsure which Synaxis region you live in, or have any other questions, please contact Deacon Luke.

➤ **Annual Parish Christmas Card:** It's time once again for this parish project which benefits our monthly community food pantry. We ask each parishioner/family to generously donate \$10 to have their name(s) listed on the card which will be sent to all parishioners in early December. Please see Jan Widell or Marsha Wasilko to participate. Deadline is Sunday, November 26, 2023. Thank you! **We also have a limited quantity of boxed Orthodox Christmas cards available.**

➤ **The Orthodox Mom's Group (OMG)** will be holding a Mom's Evening on Tuesday, November 7 from 6:00 to 9:00 pm at Kelly Cone's house. (Please contact Kelly for the address.) Feel free to bring an appetizer or dessert to share. RSVP directly to Kelly.

➤ **Food Pantry matching donation alert!** A kind parishioner has offered to match donations up to a total of \$800 for the Food Pantry. Can you help? Every dollar will be matched this week. Please help! Please remember that our ministry to the neighborhood is an ongoing project that happens on the last Saturday of every month. We are grateful to our volunteers. We need everyone's participation. If you can financially support this worthy work, please help! Earmark a special donation this week to the food pantry!

Prayers

➤ **Ill and infirm:** *Known to be hospitalized (none); Home:* John Mahalchak (son), Donya Yewisiak. *Shut in, Rehabilitation, or Nursing Home:* Eleanor Kovacs, Natalie Popovich, Michael Soroka.
➤ **Vigil Lights From Mat. Nancy K. Mell & Gregory Mell** for the departed servant, Dn. Joseph Mell; for the health of family and Donya Yewisiak. From **Richard & Sonia Blaha** for the newly departed, Aunt Martha, Gregory, Blanche, & Godfather, George and for the departed, Aunt Rose, Wilma, and Michael; for the health of family, friends, siblings, and serving soldiers; for birthdays, anniversaries, special intention, and peace. From **Doris Wasilko** for the health of Donya Yewisiak and the Wasilko family. From **Charles A. Wasilko** for the health of sisters, Doris & Marsha. From **Marsha Wasilko** for the health of Donya Yewisiak; for special thanks. From **Kristie Mertz** for the health of Theodor. From **John & Olga** for the health of Galina Vilcova; for the health and salvation of our family. From **John Mahalchak family** for the health of friends, family, John, Cheryl, Gregory, Cindy, Daniel, and Mary. From **Tatyana Sechler** for the departed servants, Polina, Galina, Slava, Bruce, Valentina, Luda, Marina, Luba, and Marina; for the health of Christopher, Thomas, Veronika, Tatyana, Nina, Roma, and Daniel. From **Nancy Shaytar & George M. Shaytar** for the departed servant, George; for the health of Donya Yewisiak. From **Svetlana Sarkarova** for the departed servants, Aleksandr, Nickolay, Anna, and Evgenia; for the health of Roman, Svetlana, and Yuri.

Thank You

➤ to our **November donors Matushka Nancy Mell and Gregory Mell** (all categories Bulletin \$60, Holy Bread \$50, Altar Candles \$25, Communion Wine \$40, Incense \$10) in memory of Deacon Joseph Mell

St Nicholas Church will strive to glorify God through Orthodox Christian worship, sincere love and care for one another, and service to those in need around us.

This Week in Church School

Today's lesson: St. Paul's Letter to the Philippians

Verse (younger classes): Philippians 4:6 – "Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God."

Questions to ask/review:

- What is prayer?
- When do/should we pray?
- How should we pray?
- Where should we pray?
- Why is the icon corner a good place to pray?
- What are some types of prayers?
- Why do we repeat some prayers during the liturgy? If we were in a dangerous situation, would we ask for help only one time?

Verse (older classes): Philippians 2:3- "Let nothing be done through selfish ambition or conceit, but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than himself."

Questions to ask/review:

- What was special about the church of Philippi?
- Have you (or someone you know) ever done the right thing for the wrong reason? Why is this wrong?
- Why did Prophet Jonah go to Nineveh? Why did Pharaoh let the people of Israel go?

Suggested Activities at home:

- Pray together as a family. Encourage the children to make petitions for those they know are in need.

Prayer: Lord, open my mind and heart, that you may teach me to pray. Amen. *or* Lord, guide me to do what is right. Guide my heart to do it for You and others. Amen.

Hymns and Readings for Sunday, November 5

Tone 5 Troparion (Resurrection)

Let us, the faithful, praise and worship the Word,
co-eternal with the Father and the Spirit,
born for our salvation from the Virgin;
for He willed to be lifted up on the Cross in the
flesh,
to endure death,
and to raise the dead//
by His glorious Resurrection.

Tone 4 Troparion (St Nicholas)

You appeared to your flock as a rule of faith,
an image of humility, and a teacher of
abstinence.
Because of your lowliness heaven was opened to
you!
Because of your poverty riches were granted to
you!
O holy Bishop Nicholas,
pray to Christ our God to save our souls.

Tone 1 Troparion (Martyrs)

Let us the faithful honor these two betrothed
athletes:
Galacteon and modest Epistemis.
Their ascetic labors blossomed into martyrdom,
Therefore we cry to them:
“Glory to Him Who has strengthened you!
Glory to Him Who has ^crowned you!//
Glory to Him Who through you grants healing to
all!”

Tone 5 Kontakion (Resurrection)

Thou didst descend into hell, O my Savior,
shattering its gates as Almighty,
resurrecting the dead as Creator,
and destroying the sting of death.
Thou hast delivered Adam from the curse, O
Lover of man,//
and we cry to Thee: “O Lord, save us!”

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

Tone 2 Kontakion (Martyrs)

You are numbered among the hosts of martyrs
for you were illustrious in mighty contests.
Galacteon, together with Epistemis, thy faithful
wife and companion in struggle//
unceasingly intercede to the one God for us all!

Now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Tone 6 Kontakion of the Theotokos

Steadfast protectress of Christians,
constant advocate before the Creator,
do not despise the cry of us sinners,
but in your goodness come speedily to help us
who call on you in faith.
Hasten to hear our intercessions and to
intercede for us, O Theotokos
For you always protect those who honor you.

Tone 5 Prokeimenon (Resurrection)

Thou, O Lord, shalt protect us / and preserve us
from this generation forever. (Ps. 11:7)

Epistle of the Sunday (Galatians 6:11-18)

See with what large letters I have written to you
with my own hand! As many as desire to make a
good showing in the flesh, these would compel
you to be circumcised, only that they may not
suffer persecution for the cross of Christ. For
not even those who are circumcised keep the
law, but they desire to have you circumcised
that they may boast in your flesh. But God forbid
that I should boast except in the cross of our
Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world has been
crucified to me, and I to the world. For in Christ
Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision
avails anything, but a new creation.

And as many as walk according to this rule,
peace and mercy be upon them, and upon the
Israel of God.

From now on let no one trouble me, for I bear in
my body the marks of the Lord Jesus.

Brethren, the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be
with your spirit. Amen.

Gospel of the Sunday (Luke 8:41-56)

And behold, there came a man named Jairus,
and he was a ruler of the synagogue. And he fell
down at Jesus’ feet and begged Him to come to
his house, for he had an only daughter about
twelve years of age, and she was dying.

But as He went, the multitudes thronged Him.
Now a woman, having a flow of blood for twelve
years, who had spent all her livelihood on
physicians and could not be healed by any, came
from behind and touched the border of His
garment. And immediately her flow of blood
stopped.

And Jesus said, “Who touched Me?”

When all denied it, Peter and those with him
said, “Master, the multitudes throng and press
You, and You say, ‘Who touched Me?’ ”

But Jesus said, “Somebody touched Me, for I
perceived power going out from Me.” Now when
the woman saw that she was not hidden, she
came trembling; and falling down before Him,
she declared to Him in the presence of all the
people the reason she had touched Him and how
she was healed immediately.

And He said to her, “Daughter, be of good cheer;
your faith has made you well. Go in peace.”

While He was still speaking, someone came
from the ruler of the synagogue’s house, saying
to him, “Your daughter is dead. Do not trouble
the Teacher.”

But when Jesus heard it, He answered him,
saying, “Do not be afraid; only believe, and she
will be made well.” When He came into the
house, He permitted no one to go in except
Peter, James, and John, and the father and
mother of the girl. Now all wept and mourned
for her; but He said, “Do not weep; she is not
dead, but sleeping.” And they ridiculed Him,
knowing that she was dead.

But He put them all outside, took her by the
hand and called, saying, “Little girl, arise.” Then
her spirit returned, and she arose immediately.
And He commanded that she be given something
to eat. And her parents were astonished, but He
charged them to tell no one what had happened.

Communion Hymn

Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in
the highest! (Ps. 148:1) Alleluia, Alleluia,
Alleluia!

For they do not believe who throng Him; they believe who touch Him. By faith Christ is touched, by faith He is seen. Lastly, to express the faith of her who touched Him, He says, I know that power is gone out of me, which is a more palpable sign, that the Divine Nature is not confined within the possibility of man’s condition, and the compass of the human body, but eternal virtue overflows beyond the bounds of our mediocrity. For the Gentile people is not released by man’s aid, but the gathering of nations is the gift of God, which even by its little faith turns to itself the everlasting mercy. For if we think what our faith is, and understand how great the Son of God is, we see that in comparison of Him we touch only the hem, we cannot reach the upper parts of the garment. If then we also wish to be cured, let us touch by faith the hem of Christ. But he who has touched Him is not hidden. Happy the man who has touched the extreme part of the Word. For who can comprehend the whole? – *St Ambrose of Milan*