



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!

This Week

- Sunday, October 10
 - 10:00 am Divine Liturgy/Church School
 - Memorial in memory of Joseph and Antia Hrimnock
- Tuesday, October 12
 - 9:00 am Daily Matins
 - 9:30 am-12:00 pm Office Hours
- Wednesday, October 13
 - 6:30 pm Daily Vespers
 - 7:00 pm Bible Study
- Thursday, October 14
 - No Matins or Office Hours
- Saturday, October 16
 - 4:30 pm Confessions
 - 5:00 pm Great Vespers with Cathedral Vigil
- Sunday, October 17
 - 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*

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost
McKees Rocks/Pittsburgh, PA
OrthodoxPittsburgh.org October 10, 2021

Announcements

➤ Vision for Life, a nonprofit, Christian organization that since 2011 has advertised the work of Pregnancy Medical Centers to abortion-vulnerable women, will hold its fundraising banquet Thursday, October 14th at the Power Center of Duquesne University. Featured speaker will be nationally known "Dadvocate" Kurt Kondrich. Also that evening,. Tickets for the banquet are \$60. Program advertising and banquet sponsorship opportunities are also available. For more information, visit visionforlifepgh.org.

➤ St. Nicholas Food Pantry Coat Drive: Clean out those closets and bring your gently used coats, hats, gloves, and winter gear to donate to our food pantry! On October 30th, we will be passing out coats, hats, gloves, and winter gear to our clients in addition to food. Please set all donations next to the food pantry closets in the basement. Thank you for helping to keep our neighbors warm this winter! Questions: contact Mat. Ashley (ashley.loboda@gmail.com, #412-715-2163)

- Mark your calendar:
 - There will be no Matins/Office hours on Thursday, October 14; Tuesday, October 19; and Thursday, October 21.
 - Halupki Dinner Saturday, Oct 30 from 1-7pm



Prayers

➤ Ill and infirm: *Known to be hospitalized:* (none)
Home: Kseniia Martin (*in Russia*), Robert Robes, George Shaytar. *Shut in, Rehabilitation, or Nursing Home:* Garnette Kerchum, Eleanor Kovacs, Natalie Popovich, Olga Tryszyn

➤Vigil Lights from John Mahalchak Family for the health of friends & family, John, Cheryl, Gregory, Edward, Kayla Elizabeth & child to be born. From Marsha Wasilko Happy Birthday & Many Years to Doris & niece, Christina! From Doris Wasilko for the departed servants, parents, Charles & Mary; for the health of the Wasilko family. From Nancy Shaytar for the health of husband, George. From Charles A. Wasilko for the health of sister, Doris and niece, Christina- Happy Birthday to both. From Mat. Nancy K. Mell & Gregory Mell for the departed servant, Dn. Joseph Mell; for the health of family. From Kristie Mertz for the health of Janice. From Lindy Hamilton for the health of Elaine Hamilton; special intention. From Edith Humphrey for the departed servant, David Cain. From Carol Horan for the departed servants, Veronica & Nicholas; for the health of my sister, Susan. From Tatyana Sechler for the departed servant, Bridget Kulchock; for the health of Jan Pravlochak. From Alexandra Tirpak for the departed servant, Mary; for the health of daughter, Amelia and granddaughter, Lindsay; special intentions. From Mat. Joni Soroka for the health of our daughter, Melanie on her birthday.

Thank You

➤ to our October donors, Robert and Teresa Robes, for donating all categories. Bulletin \$60, Holy Bread \$50, Altar Candles \$25 in memory of Thomas Robes Sr. Communion Wine \$40 in thanksgiving for Robbie and Teresa's 15th anniversary. Incense \$10 for the health of Teresa on her birthday.

This week in Church School

Today's lesson: The Three Wise Men

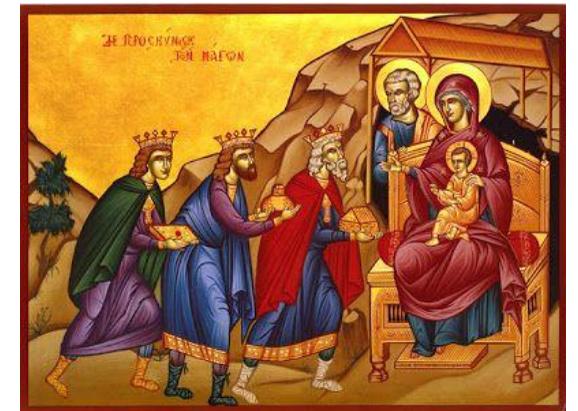
Questions to ask/review:

- Who were these wise men (highly respected scholars of Persia and the most educated men of their day)?
- What did God tell the wise men to do?
- What were the gifts of the wise men? What do these gifts tell us about Jesus Christ (gold for a king, incense for a priest, myrrh for His burial)?
- How does this story show that Christ was born for all people (God directs men from outside of Israel to seek Christ)?

Suggested activities at home:

- Read the Gospel account together before bed (Matthew 2:1-12). -
- Add the wise men to the child's Nativity scene. Tell their story.
- Visit someone with a baby and let your child help you hold the baby. Make or purchase a gift for the baby.

Prayer: Jesus, Thank you for being the true King of Kings. May we worship and bow down before you always! Amen.



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.

Hymns and Readings for Sunday, October 10

Tone 7 Troparion (Resurrection)

By Thy Cross Thou didst destroy death.
To the thief Thou didst open Paradise.
For the Myrrhbearers Thou didst change
weeping into joy,
and Thou didst command Thy disciples, O Christ
God,
to proclaim that Thou art risen,//
granting the world great mercy.

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 8 Troparion (Fathers)

Thou art most glorious, O Christ our God,
Who hast established the Holy Fathers as lights
on the earth.
Through them Thou hast guided us to the True
Faith.//
O greatly compassionate One, glory to Thee!

Tone 7 Kontakion (Resurrection)

The dominion of death can no longer hold men
captive,
for Christ descended, shattering and destroying
its powers.
Hell is bound, while the Prophets rejoice and
cry:
“The Savior has come to those in faith;//
enter, you faithful, into the Resurrection!”

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

Tone 6 Kontakion (Fathers)

The Son Who shone forth from the Father
was ineffably born, two-fold in nature, of a
woman.
Having beheld Him, we do not deny the image of
His form,
but depict it piously and revere it faithfully.
Thus, keeping the True Faith,//
the Church venerates the icon of Christ
Incarnate.

Now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Tone 6 Kontakion (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 7 Prokeimenon (Resurrection)

The Lord shall give strength to His people. / The
Lord shall bless His people with peace. (Ps.
28:11)

Tone 4 Prokeimenon (Song of the Three Holy Children)

Blessed art Thou, O Lord God of our fathers, /
and praised and glorified is Thy Name
forever!

Epistle of the Sunday (2 Corinthians 6:1-10)

We then, as workers together with Him also
plead with you not to receive the grace of God in
vain. For He says:

“In an acceptable time I have heard you,
And in the day of salvation I have helped you.”

Behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is
the day of salvation.

We give no offense in anything, that our
ministry may not be blamed. But in all things we
commend ourselves as ministers of God: in
much patience, in tribulations, in needs, in
distresses, in stripes, in imprisonments, in
tumults, in labors, in sleeplessness, in fastings;
by purity, by knowledge, by longsuffering, by
kindness, by the Holy Spirit, by sincere love, by
the word of truth, by the power of God, by the
armor of righteousness on the right hand and on
the left, by honor and dishonor, by evil report
and good report; as deceivers, and yet true; as
unknown, and yet well known; as dying, and
behold we live; as chastened, and yet not killed;
as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet
making many rich; as having nothing, and yet
possessing all things.

Gospel of the Sunday (Luke 7:11-16)

Now it happened, the day after, that He went
into a city called Nain; and many of His disciples
went with Him, and a large crowd. And when He
came near the gate of the city, behold, a dead
man was being carried out, the only son of his
mother; and she was a widow. And a large
crowd from the city was with her. When the
Lord saw her, He had compassion on her and
said to her, “Do not weep.” Then He came and
touched the open coffin, and those who carried
him stood still. And He said, “Young man, I say
to you, arise.” So he who was dead sat up and
began to speak. And He presented him to his
mother.

Then fear came upon all, and they glorified God,
saying, “A great prophet has risen up among
us”; and, “God has visited His people.”

Communion Hymn of Sunday

Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in
the highest! (Ps. 148:1) Rejoice in the Lord, O
you righteous; praise befits the just! (Ps. 32:1)
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Don't Receive Grace in Vain

For, for one who has been freed from sins and
made a friend to wallow in the former things, is
to return again unto enmity, and to receive the
grace in vain, in respect of the life. For from the
grace we reap no benefit towards salvation, if
we live impurely; nay, we are even harmed,
having this greater aggravation even of our sins,
in that after such knowledge and such a gift we
have gone back to our former vices. This
however he does not mention as yet: that he
may not make his work harsh, but says only that
we reap no benefit.... But, behold, without our
toiling at all it has come, bringing remission of
all that was before. Wherefore also He calls it
acceptable, because He both accepted those that
had transgressed in ten thousand things, and
not acceded merely, but advanced them to the
highest honor; just as when a monarch arrives,
it is a time not for judgment, but for grace and
pardon. Wherefore also He calls it acceptable.
Whilst then we are yet in the lists, while we are
at work in the vineyard, while the eleventh hour
is left [us], let us draw near and show forth life;
for it is also easy. For he that strives for the
mastery at such a time, when so great a gift has
been shed forth, when so great grace, will early
obtain the prizes. For in the case of monarchs
here below also, at the time of their festivals,
and when they appear in the dress of Consuls,
he who brings a small offering receives large
gifts; but on the days in which they sit in
judgment, much strictness, much sifting is
requisite. Let us too therefore strive for the
mastery in the time of this gift. It is a day of
grace, of grace divine; wherefore with ease even
we shall obtain the crown. For if when laden
with so great evils He both received and
delivered us: when delivered from all and
contributing our part, shall He not rather accept
us? Then, as it is his constant wont, namely, to
place himself before them and bid them hence to
take their example, so he does in this place also.