



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 24
10:00 am Divine Liturgy/Church School
- Tuesday, October 26
9:00 am Daily Matins
10:30 am-12:00 pm Office Hours
- Wednesday, October 27
6:30 pm Daily Vespers
7:00 pm Bible Study (Hebrews)
- Thursday, October 28
9:00 am Daily Matins
10:30 am-12:00 pm Office Hours
- Saturday, October 30
1:00-7:00 pm Halupki and Chicken Dinner
4:00 pm Community Food Pantry
4:30 pm Confessions
5:00 pm Great Vespers with Cathedral Vigil
- Sunday, October 31
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*

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

McKees Rocks/Pittsburgh, PA
OrthodoxPittsburgh.org October 24, 2021

Announcements

➤ 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)

➤ We need your help with the Halupki & Chicken Dinner! If you can work, please see the sign up sheet in the church hall.

➤ Christmas Card Project: As in years past, we ask for your \$10 donation to have your/your family's name printed on our parish Christmas card which will be sent to parishioners in early December. All proceeds benefit the monthly food pantry. The deadline is Sunday, November 28, 2021. Please see Jan Widel or Marsha Wasilko to participate. We also have a limited supply of boxed cards for sale. Thank you!

➤ Angel Tree to begin in November! We will be collecting gifts for clients of the Holy Family Institute who are in need of gifts for their children. Tags on the tree will give the necessary information. Please look for more information in the coming weeks. Thank you for your generosity!

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 From Charles A. Wasilko for the health of sisters, Doris & Marsha. From Marsha Wasilko for the departed servants, Uncles John Wasilko and Steve Panik (10/21/00); Happy Anniversary & Many Years to John & Nancy Pravlochak! From Doris Wasilko for the departed servants, Michelle Bittner, Uncle John Wasilko and Uncle Steve Panik; Many Years to John & Nancy Pravlochak on their 61st wedding anniversary. From Nancy Shaytar for the health of husband, George and Joanne. From Mat. Nancy K. Mell & Gregory Mell for the newly departed servant, Sally Mivos and for Dn. Joseph Mell; for the health of family. From Alexandra Tirpak for special intentions. From Edith Humphrey for the departed servant, Bessie McEwan.

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.



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: Life in Nazareth and trip to Jerusalem

Questions to ask/review:

- How did Mary and Joseph care for Jesus as a boy? (cared for his needs like your parents do for you)
- What did Joseph do for a living? (carpenter)
- What happened on the family's trip to Jerusalem?
- How did Christ react when his parents found him?

Suggested activities at home:

- Before bed, read the story together (Luke 2:40-52).
- If possible, ask your child to help you with some aspect of your work. Discuss how Jesus probably helped his father Joseph with carpentry work.

Prayer: Dear Jesus, help me to grow in your wisdom and to learn to love God as you did. Amen.



Donations needed for Candle Room Iconography

- Cleansing of the Temple \$850
- Parable of Lazarus and the Rich Man \$1,200
- Parable of the Mustard Seed \$600
- The Widow's Mite \$450
- Parable of the Publican and Pharisee \$450
- The Good Shepherd \$400
- Parable of the Wise and Foolish Virgins \$700
- Parable of the Sower \$450
- Pearl of Great Price \$350
- Hidden Treasure \$350
- The Good Samaritan \$2,000
- Eye of a Needle \$400
- Parable of the Prodigal Son \$800
- Render to Caesar \$500

Hymns and Readings for Sunday, October 24

Tone 1 Troparion (Resurrection)

When the stone had been sealed by the Jews, while the soldiers were guarding Thy most pure body, Thou didst rise on the third day, O Savior, granting life to the world. The powers of heaven therefore cried to Thee, O Giver of Life:
“Glory to Thy Resurrection, O Christ!
Glory to Thy Kingdom!///
Glory to Thy dispensation, O Thou who lovest mankind!”

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.

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

Tone 1 Kontakion (Resurrection)

As God, Thou didst rise from the tomb in glory, raising the world with Thyself. Human nature praises Thee as God, for death has vanished. Adam exults, O Master! Eve rejoices, for she is freed from bondage and cries to Thee://
“Thou art the Giver of Resurrection to all, O Christ!”

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 1 Prokeimenon (Resurrection)

Let Thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us / as we have set our hope on Thee! (*Ps 32/33:22*)

Epistle of the Sunday (2 Corinthians 9:6-11)

But this I say: He who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. So let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound toward you, that you, always having all sufficiency in all things, may have an abundance for every good work. As it is written:

“He has dispersed abroad,
He has given to the poor;
His righteousness endures forever.”

Now may He who supplies seed to the sower, and bread for food, supply and multiply the seed you have sown and increase the fruits of your righteousness, while you are enriched in everything for all liberality, which causes thanksgiving through us to God.

Gospel of the Sunday (Luke 16:19-31)

“There was a certain rich man who was clothed in purple and fine linen and fared sumptuously every day. But there was a certain beggar named Lazarus, full of sores, who was laid at his gate, desiring to be fed with the crumbs which fell from the rich man’s table. Moreover the dogs came and licked his sores. So it was that the

beggar died, and was carried by the angels to Abraham’s bosom. The rich man also died and was buried. And being in torments in Hades, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom.

“Then he cried and said, ‘Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus that he may dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am tormented in this flame.’ But Abraham said, ‘Son, remember that in your lifetime you received your good things, and likewise Lazarus evil things; but now he is comforted and you are tormented. And besides all this, between us and you there is a great gulf fixed, so that those who want to pass from here to you cannot, nor can those from there pass to us.’

“Then he said, ‘I beg you therefore, father, that you would send him to my father’s house, for I have five brothers, that he may testify to them, lest they also come to this place of torment.’ Abraham said to him, ‘They have Moses and the prophets; let them hear them.’ And he said, ‘No, father Abraham; but if one goes to them from the dead, they will repent.’ But he said to him, ‘If they do not hear Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded though one rise from the dead.’ ”

Communion Hymn of Sunday

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

Joy of All Who Sorrow

In accordance with the faith of the people in the loving kindness of the Mother of God toward the human race, it has been customary to depict the Theotokos in a way which conforms to what is heard in the words of the prayer: "O Most Holy Sovereign Lady Theotokos, you are higher than all the Angels and Archangels, and more honorable than all

creation. You are the helper of the oppressed, the hope of the hopeless, the aid of the poor, the consolation of the grieving, the nourished of the hungry, the clothing of the naked, the healing of the sick, the salvation of the sinful, the help and succor of all Christians."

Therefore, the Mother of God is depicted in full stature, surrounded by all sorts of distressed people - the naked, the offended, and the hungry. Around these poor unfortunates Angels are often depicted, sent by the Sovereign Lady to alleviate human suffering. The Angels, coming close to the people, point to the Mother of God, who is depicted on the "Joy of All Who Sorrow" Icons, either in glory, with a crown on her head and in royal vesture, or in the usual garments of her earthly sojourn, and in a white cloth on her head.

In Moscow, in the XVII century, a certain Icon of the Mother of God of this name became famous. The first miracle occurred in 1688 for the ailing Euphemia, the sister of Patriarch Joachim, who lived on Ordynka. She experienced terrible suffering from a wound in her side. This wound was so great that her intestines were visible. The patient was waiting for death, but at the same time, she did not lose hope in Divine help. One day, after asking to partake of the Holy Mysteries, she began to cry out to the Most Holy Theotokos with great faith: "Hear me, All-Merciful Sovereign Lady! The entire world boasts of you, and all receive your abundant mercies. I deserve to be punished for my iniquities, but do not punish me in your wrath. Behold my harsh infirmity, and have mercy on me."

The Mother of God appeared to her and told her to pray before the image of her as “Joy of all who sorrow.” When Euphemia recovered from the excitement of this vision, she learned from her relatives that in the church of the Transfiguration, on Ordynka, there really was a "Joy of All Who Sorrow" Icon of the Mother of God, so she summoned the priest to come to her house with the Icon. After serving a Moleben with the Sanctification of Water, Euphemia was healed on October 24, 1688. Later, a Feast was established in honor of this Icon in remembrance of her healing which took place on this day.