



# 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, November 7

10:00 am Divine Liturgy/Church School

## Tuesday, November 9

9:00 am Daily Matins

10:30 am-12:00 pm Office Hours

## Wednesday, November 10

6:30 pm Daily Vespers

7:00 pm Bible Study

## Thursday, November 11

No Matins or Office Hours

## Saturday, November 13

4:30 pm Confessions

5:00 pm Great Vespers with Cathedral Vigil

## Sunday, November 14

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*

## Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

McKees Rocks/Pittsburgh, PA

OrthodoxPittsburgh.org November 7, 2021

# Announcements

➤ **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!

➤ The **Nativity Psalter group** will begin again on Monday November 15th. The group reads the Psalter daily and prays for one another throughout the Nativity fast. If you are interested, please contact Deacon Luke today (luke.loboda@gmail.com).

➤ Please note that there will be **no Matins or Office Hour on Thursday**. Fr Thomas has a speaking engagement in Eastern PA.

➤ **Angel Tree to begin soon in November!** We will be collecting gifts for clients of the Holy Family Institute. Please look for more information in the coming weeks. Thank you for your generosity!

➤ **The new Vespers/Liturgy/Prayerbooks** located in the pews have been donated for church use. **Copies of the book for personal use may be purchased for \$15** at the Candle Kiosk or downstairs after the Divine Liturgy.

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# Prayers

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

➤Vigil Lights From **Charles A. Wasilko** for the health of sisters, Doris & Marsha. From **Doris Wasilko** for the departed servants of the Wasilko & Dyczko families; for the health of the Wasilko family. From **Marsha Wasilko** for special thanks. From **Mat. Nancy K. Mell & Gregory Mell** for the departed servant, Dn. Joseph Mell; for the health of family. From the **John Mahalchak Family** for the health of friends, family, John, Cheryl, Gregory, and Kayla Elizabeth. From **Alexandria Tirpak** for the health of Elain, Eleanor, Fred, and Michael; special intentions. From **Alina** for the health of Belinda. From **John & Olga** for the health of Galina Vilkova and Christine Heuer.

# Thank You

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

➤ to **everyone who sponsored the icons in the Candle Kiosk**. May God richly bless you!

➤ to the anonymous donors who have donated 100 copies of the **new Vespers/Liturgy Prayerbook**. Copies in the pews are stamped and should remain in the pew.

# This week in Church School

**Today's lesson:** Temptations

## Questions to ask/review:

- Who is the devil? (Satan, a fallen angel) What do the godparents do to the devil at a baptism and why?
- What was the first temptation? (food) Jesus had been 40 days without food. Was He hungry? (yes, He is God and man) How did Jesus answer the devil? Will God provide our needs?
- What was the 2nd temptation? (jump off the temple and show off His power) What did the devil quote to Jesus? (Scripture) the whole verse? (NO, only part of the truth) Here we see that the devil is a liar and sneaky. What did Jesus answer?
- What was the 3rd temptation? (all the kingdoms of the world – power and wealth) What does this tell us about Satan? (He has the power to give away riches, but at a price) Is the devil weak or strong? Who is stronger, God or the devil? How did Jesus answer?

## Suggested activities at home:

- Read the story together before bed (Luke 4:1-13 and/or Matthew 4:1-12).
- The Advent Fast will begin soon. Discuss how fasting helps "train" us to overcome temptations in our lives.

**Prayer:** Jesus Christ, teach us your commandments. Conquer the sin in our lives and help us to follow your example against temptations. 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, November 7

## **Tone 3 Troparion** *of the Resurrection*

Let the heavens rejoice!

Let the earth be glad!

For the Lord has shown strength with His arm.

He has trampled down death by death.

He has become the first born of the dead.

He has delivered us from the depths of hell,

and has granted to 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.

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

## **Tone 3 Kontakion** *of the Resurrection*

On this Thou didst rise from the tomb, O

Merciful One,

leading us from the gates of death.

On this day Adam exults as Eve rejoices;

with the Prophets and Patriarchs//

they unceasingly praise the divine majesty of

Thy power.

*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 3 Prokeimenon** *of the Resurrection*

Sing praises to our God, sing praises! Sing

praises to our King, sing praises! *(Ps 46/47:6)*

## **Epistle of the Sunday** (Galatians 1:11-19)

But I make known to you, brethren, that the gospel which was preached by me is not according to man. For I neither received it from man, nor was I taught it, but it came through the revelation of Jesus Christ.

For you have heard of my former conduct in Judaism, how I persecuted the church of God beyond measure and tried to destroy it. And I advanced in Judaism beyond many of my contemporaries in my own nation, being more exceedingly zealous for the traditions of my fathers.

But when it pleased God, who separated me from my mother's womb and called me through His grace, to reveal His Son in me, that I might preach Him among the Gentiles, I did not immediately confer with flesh and blood, nor did I go up to Jerusalem to those who were apostles before me; but I went to Arabia, and returned again to Damascus.

Then after three years I went up to Jerusalem to see Peter, and remained with him fifteen days. But I saw none of the other apostles except James, the Lord's brother.

## **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 of Sunday**

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

The co-ruling emperors Diocletian (284-305) and Maximian (284-305) sent a large military detachment headed by Lysias to Cappadocia to eradicate Christianity there, and also to conscript healthy and strong men into the imperial army. Among those pressed into service, Lysias also ordered his men to draft **Hieron, who was distinguished by his great physical strength and dexterity. But Hieron refused to serve emperors who persecuted Christians.** When they attempted to seize him by force and bring him to Lysias, he took a stick and started beating the soldiers who had been sent to bring him. The soldiers scattered, ashamed of being defeated by a single man. Hieron then hid himself in a cave with eighteen other Christians. Lysias would not risk losing his soldiers by storming the cave.

Upon the advice of Cyriacus, one of Hieron's friends, Lysias lifted the siege of the cave and withdrew his detachment. Then Cyriacus persuaded Hieron not to offer resistance to the authorities. He and the other new conscripts and accompanying soldiers were sent to the nearby city of Melitene.

Soon Hieron had a vision in his sleep, in which his impending martyrdom was foretold. Lysias told the soldiers gathered at Melitene to offer sacrifice to the pagan gods. Hieron and another thirty-two soldiers refused to do this, and openly confessed their faith in Christ. Then the persecutor gave orders to beat the martyrs, and to cut off Hieron's arm at the elbow. After cruel tortures they threw the martyrs into prison barely alive, and they beheaded them four days later.