



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 21
10:00 am Festal Divine Liturgy/Church School
Tuesday, November 23
9:00 am Daily Matins
10:30 am-12:00 pm Office Hours
Thursday, November 25
No Matins or Office Hours
Saturday, November 27
No Vespers with Cathedral Vigil
Sunday, November 28
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*

Entry of the Theotokos into the Temple

McKees Rocks/Pittsburgh, PA
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Announcements

➤ We are now in the period of the Nativity Fast (in the west called Advent). This period of preparation for Christmas involves turning our minds, hearts, and bodies toward the celebration of the Nativity of Christ through prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. Please make these 40 days before Christmas a time of reflection in order to appropriately celebrate Christmas with a pure heart.

➤ Angel Tree is here! We are collecting gifts for children of the Holy Family Institute. When you take an ornament from the tree downstairs, please purchase gifts for subject and return them unopened and unwrapped. Thank you for your generosity! Donya Yewisiak, chair.

➤ 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!

Looking Ahead

Sunday, December 5 Archpastoral Visit of Archbishop Melchisedek and St Nicholas Dinner.

Our Annual St Nicholas Dinner will be held on Sunday, December 5. If you can help to work during the dinner, please sign up downstairs.

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 From Charles A. Wasilko for the departed servants, Aunt Mary Hollenbach and Carol Kowalcheck. From Doris Wasilko for the departed servants, Aunt Mary Hollenbach and Carol Kowalcheck; for the health of Aunt Johanna Dichko; God bless our Veterans & God bless America. From Marsha Wasilko for the departed servants, Godmother Mary Hollenbach and Carol Kowalcheck. From Mat. Nancy K. Mell & Gregory Mell for the departed servants, Dn. Joseph Mell, and brother/uncle John Karavlan; 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 departed servant, Helen; for the health of my family, Elaine & Tami; special intentions. From Irene Kulchock for the health of Jan Pravlochak and Robyn Allen (birthday). From John & Olga for the departed servant, Carol Ann Kowalcheck; for the health of Galina Vilkova. From Tatyana Sechler for the departed servants, Polina, Galina, Slava, Valentina, Bruce, Andrei, Diana, Victor and Lubyia; for the health of Alexander, Tatyana, Veronika, Sergey, Adrianna, Christopher and Ludya. From Nancy Shaytar for the health of husband, George, and family.

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.

This week in Church School

Today's lesson: Calling of the Fishermen and Matthew
Questions to ask/review:

- When did Jesus first meet Andrew? (He was a follower of John the Baptist.)
- Who was Andrew's brother? (Simon, later named Peter by Jesus)
- Who were the sons of Zebedee, also brothers? (James and John)
- What do you think Peter said/thought when he saw all the fish in his net?
- What is a disciple? (a person who follows the teachings of a teacher)
- How do you think the disciples felt leaving their homes and families?
- Was/is it easy being a disciple?
- What is the difference between the words disciple/apostle? (Disciples are students/followers, Apostles are people sent forth spread the Gospel) -
- Which disciple never became an apostle? (Judas Iscariot)
- How many of the 12 disciples can you name? (Peter, Andrew, James, John, Matthew, Philip, Bartholomew, Simon the Zealot, James (the Less), (Doubting) Thomas, Jude, Judas)
- What was Matthew's job? Was he liked by most people? Why or why not?
- What makes someone a good friend, a nice person?
- Did most people think Matthew was a nice person or a bad person? Why or why not?
- How did Jesus treat Matthew? What is the "Golden Rule"? (see Luke 6:31-33)

Suggested activities at home:

- Read the story(ies) together before bed (Matthew 4:18-22, Mark 1:16-20, Luke 5:1-11, Matthew 9:9-13, Luke 5:27-39).
- Study the icons of the disciples in church and discuss what we can learn from the icons.
- With older children, work on memorizing the names of the 12. Draw a poster of symbols that give clues about the life of each disciple.
- Teach your child to make change like Matthew.
- Encourage your child to make effort to show kindness to those who are outcast or ignored by others at school. Discuss how Christ showed kindness to these type of people.

Prayer: Jesus, may I answer you when you call me as the disciples did. 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 21

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 (Feast)

Today is the prelude of the good will of God,
of the preaching of the salvation of mankind.
The Virgin appears in the Temple of God,
in anticipation proclaiming Christ to all.
Let us rejoice and sing to her:
“Rejoice, O Fulfillment//
of the Creator’s dispensation!“

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

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!”

Now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Tone 4 Kontakion (Feast)

The most pure Temple of the Savior;
the precious Chamber and Virgin;
the sacred Treasure of the glory of God,
is presented today to the house of the Lord.
She brings with her the grace of the Spirit,
therefore, the angels of God praise her://
“Truly this woman is the abode of Heaven!”

Tone 5 Prokeimenon (Resurrection)

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

Tone 3 Prokeimenon (Song of the Theotokos)

My soul magnifies the Lord, / and my spirit
rejoices in God my Savior.

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.

Epistle of the Feast (Hebrews 9:1-7)

Then indeed, even the first covenant had
ordinances of divine service and the earthly
sanctuary. For a tabernacle was prepared: the
first part, in which was the lampstand, the
table, and the showbread, which is called the
sanctuary; and behind the second veil, the part
of the tabernacle which is called the Holiest of
All, which had the golden censer and the ark of

the covenant overlaid on all sides with gold, in
which were the golden pot that had the manna,
Aaron’s rod that budded, and the tablets of the
covenant; and above it were the cherubim of
glory overshadowing the mercy seat. Of these
things we cannot now speak in detail.

Now when these things had been thus prepared,
the priests always went into the first part of the
tabernacle, performing the services. But into the
second part the high priest went alone once a
year, not without blood, which he offered for
himself and for the people’s sins committed in
ignorance;

Gospel of the Sunday (Luke 12:16-21)

Then He spoke a parable to them, saying: “The
ground of a certain rich man yielded plentifully.
And he thought within himself, saying, ‘What
shall I do, since I have no room to store my
crops?’ So he said, ‘I will do this: I will pull
down my barns and build greater, and there I
will store all my crops and my goods. And I will
say to my soul, ‘Soul, you have many goods laid
up for many years; take your ease; eat, drink,
and be merry.’” But God said to him, ‘Fool! This
night your soul will be required of you; then
whose will those things be which you have
provided?’

“So is he who lays up treasure for himself, and
is not rich toward God.”

Gospel of the Feast (Luke 10:38-42; 11:27-28)

Now it happened as they went that He entered a
certain village; and a certain woman named
Martha welcomed Him into her house. And she
had a sister called Mary, who also sat at Jesus’
feet and heard His word. But Martha was
distracted with much serving, and she
approached Him and said, “Lord, do You not
care that my sister has left me to serve alone?
Therefore tell her to help me.”

And Jesus answered and said to her, “Martha,
Martha, you are worried and troubled about

many things. But one thing is needed, and Mary
has chosen that good part, which will not be
taken away from her.”

And it happened, as He spoke these things, that
a certain woman from the crowd raised her
voice and said to Him, “Blessed is the womb that
bore You, and the breasts which nursed You!”

But He said, “More than that, blessed are those
who hear the word of God and keep it!”

Tone 4 Hymn to the Theotokos of the Feast

The angels beheld the entrance of the Pure One
and were amazed.//

How has the Virgin entered into the Holy of
Holies?

Since she is a living Ark of God
let no profane hand touch the Theotokos.
But let the lips of believers unceasingly sing to
her,
praising her in joy with the angel’s song://
“Truly, you are more exalted than all, O pure
Virgin!”

Communion Hymn

Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in
the highest! (Ps. 148:1) I will receive the cup of
salvation and call on the Name of the Lord. (Ps.
115:4) Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

