



# 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, January 23**  
10:00 am Divine Liturgy/Church School
- Tuesday, January 25**  
9:00 am Daily Matins  
9:30 am-12:00 pm Office Hours
- Wednesday, January 26**  
6:30 pm Daily Vespers  
7:00 pm Bible Study
- Thursday, January 27**  
9:00 am Daily Matins  
9:30 am-12:00 pm Office Hours
- Saturday, January 29**  
12:00 pm to 2:00 pm Pan Orthodox Choir  
4:00 pm Community Food Pantry  
5:00 pm Vespers with Cathedral Vigil  
6:00 pm Parish Social Night
- Sunday, January 30**  
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*

## 31<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

McKees Rocks/Pittsburgh, PA  
OrthodoxPittsburgh.org January 23, 2022

# Announcements

- This Saturday after Vespers/Vigil we will have our **monthly social night** downstairs. We encourage you to join us! Everyone is welcome!
  - Our **Annual Parish Meeting** will be held on Sunday, January 30 after the Divine Liturgy. Only adult parishioners in good standing may vote in the meeting. Please see Fr Thomas for any questions.
  - The Pittsburgh **International Orthodox Christian Charities** will hold several events that we encourage you to support:
    - **International Soup Sampling** on Saturday, February 5, 2022 from 11 am to 2 pm. Sample five soups for \$10. Take home a quart of your favorite for \$10.
    - **Youth Health Kit Drive and Assembly** on the same day, February 5, 2022. Youth groups are invited to attend, but should coordinate with [AVATorthodox@gmail.com](mailto:AVATorthodox@gmail.com)
- Both events will be held at Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church, 986 Providence Road, Pittsburgh PA 15237 (in the North Hills).

- **Important upcoming dates:**  
Feb 13 – Publican and Pharisee (fast free week)  
Feb 27 – Meatfare Sunday  
Mar 6 – Cheesefare (Forgiveness) Sunday  
Monday, Mar 7 – Beginning of Great Lent  
Apr 17 – Palm Sunday (*Western Easter*)  
Apr 24 – Holy Pascha  
Jun 12 – Pentecost



# Prayers

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

➤ **Vigil Lights** From **Mat. Nancy K. Mell & Gregory Mell** for the departed servant, Dn. Joseph Mell; for the health of family. From **Marsha Wasilko** for the departed servant, Grandmother, Dn. Joseph Mell; for the health of the Wasilko family, Eleanor Kovacs, and Carole Lupka; Happy Birthday & Many Years to Larry Polny! From **Charles A. Wasilko** for the departed servant, brother, Dn. Joseph Mell; for the health of Larry Polny and Godson, Gregory Mell on their birthdays. From **Doris Wasilko** for the departed servant, Dn. Joseph Mell; for the health of Larry Polny on his birthday. From **Alexandria Tirpak** for the departed servant, loving daughter, Amelia; for the health of my family; Many Years Andera; special intentions. From **Daniel Michael Glozzer** for the health of me, Rico, Dave, and family; to be stronger in faith and to graduate 2/4/22. From **John Mahalchak family** for the health of friends & family, Cheryl, John, Gregory, Kayla Elizabeth, and Cindy. From **Donya Yewisiak** for the departed servants, Dn. Joseph and Garnette Kerchum; for the health of Irene Kulchock. From **John & Olga** for the health of Galina Vilkova and for the health and salvation of our family.

# Thank You

➤ to our January 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:** Miracles and Healings

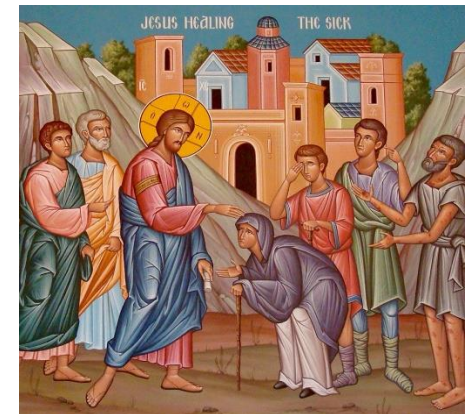
## Questions to ask/review:

- What kinds of problems did Jesus heal?
- What kinds of people did Jesus heal?
- Did He heal the same way each time? Describe different ways that Jesus healed and how those involved responded.
- Why is Jesus able to heal? What is a miracle? Do miracles happen today?
- Does everyone get healed? Why not?
- What good can come from the suffering we experience during illness?
- What is the sacrament of Holy Unction? When is it done?
- How can we serve and care for those who are ill? Can you think of someone you can help?

## Suggested activities at home:

- Make a prayer list for the sick and pray for them together before bed.
- Call, visit, or prepare a meal for a person who is sick.

**Prayer:** Lord Jesus, heal all those who we remember according to Your will. 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, January 23

## **Tone 6 Troparion** (Resurrection)

The Angelic Powers were at Thy tomb;  
the guards became as dead men.  
Mary stood by Thy grave,  
seeking Thy most pure body.  
Thou didst capture hell not being tempted by it.  
Thou didst come to the Virgin, granting life.  
O Lord, Who didst rise from the dead, //  
glory to Thee.

## **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 4 Troparion** (New Martyrs)

Today the Church of Russia forms a chorus in  
joy,  
praising her new martyrs and confessors;  
hierarchs and priests, royal passion-bearers,  
right-believing princes and princesses,  
venerable men and women, and all Orthodox  
Christians.  
Having laid down their life for faith in Christ  
during the days of godless persecution,  
they preserved the truth by the shedding of  
blood. //  
By their protection, O long-suffering Lord,  
preserve our land in Orthodoxy till the end of  
the age.

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

## **Tone 6 Kontakion** (Resurrection)

When Christ God, the Giver of Life,

raised all of the dead from the valleys of misery  
with His mighty hand,  
He bestowed resurrection on the human race. //  
He is the Savior of all, the Resurrection, the Life,  
and the God of all.

*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 6 Prokeimenon** (Resurrection)

O Lord, save Thy people, / and bless Thine  
inheritance! (Ps. 27:9a)

## **Epistle of the Sunday After** (1 Timothy 1:15-17)

This is a faithful saying and worthy of all  
acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the  
world to save sinners, of whom I am chief.  
However, for this reason I obtained mercy, that  
in me first Jesus Christ might show all  
longsuffering, as a pattern to those who are  
going to believe on Him for everlasting life. Now  
to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, to God  
who alone is wise, be honor and glory forever  
and ever. Amen.

## **Gospel of the Sunday After** (Luke 18:35-43)

Then it happened, as He was coming near  
Jericho, that a certain blind man sat by the road  
begging. And hearing a multitude passing by, he  
asked what it meant. So they told him that Jesus  
of Nazareth was passing by. And he cried out,  
saying, “Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!”

Then those who went before warned him that he  
should be quiet; but he cried out all the more,  
“Son of David, have mercy on me!”

So Jesus stood still and commanded him to be  
brought to Him. And when he had come near, He  
asked him, saying, “What do you want Me to do  
for you?”

He said, “Lord, that I may receive my sight.”

Then Jesus said to him, “Receive your sight;  
your faith has made you well.” And immediately  
he received his sight, and followed Him,  
glorifying God. And all the people, when they  
saw it, gave praise to God.

## **Communion Hymn of Sunday**

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

# Holy New Martyrs

On the Sunday closest to January 25, the Church  
commemorates the Synaxis of the **Holy New  
Martyrs and Confessors of Russia**,  
remembering all those Orthodox Christians who  
suffered for Christ at the hands of the godless  
Soviets during the years of persecution. These  
include the royal Passion Bearers Tsar Nicholas  
II and his family, and the Grand Duchess  
Elizabeth. Countless thousands of martyrs, both  
clergy and laity also suffered, some of whose  
names are known, as well as millions of simple  
believers whose names have been lost to history.

It is estimated that the number of the New  
Martyrs of Russia, who were glorified by the  
Russian Orthodox Church at the Jubilee Council  
of 2000, far exceeds that of all the martyrs who  
died for Christ during the first three centuries of  
Christianity. The Russian Church lost millions of  
its sons and daughters, not only at the hands of

external enemies, but also those of their own  
country. Among those who were murdered and  
tortured in the years of persecution were  
countless Orthodox: laity, monks, priests, and  
bishops, whose only “crime” was their  
unshakable faith in God.

In the long history of the world, never have so  
many new heavenly intercessors been glorified  
by the Church in such a way (more than one  
thousand New Martyrs were numbered among  
the saints). Among those who suffered for their  
faith were some who labored in America before  
the Russian Revolution: St. Tikhon, Patriarch of  
Moscow and All Russia (April 7); St. Alexander  
Hotovitzky (Dec. 4); St. John Kochurov (Oct. 31).

**Rejoice**, new martyrs and confessors of Russia,  
the adornment of the Orthodox.  
lambs of the new slaughter, fellow warriors, and  
guardians of the faith,  
Blameless intercessors for us with God in the  
latter years,  
who in your sufferings appear as emulators of  
the first martyrs;  
O unshakeable pillars of patient endurance,  
entreat God that our souls be granted great  
mercy.

