



## 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, February 27

10:00 am Divine Liturgy/Church School

### Tuesday, March 1

9:00 am Daily Matins

9:30 am-12:00 pm Office Hours

### Thursday, March 3

9:00 am Daily Matins

9:30 am-12:00 pm Office Hours

### Saturday, March 5

12:00 pm to 2:00 pm Pan Orthodox Choir

5:00 pm Cathedral Vigil

### Sunday, March 6

10:00 am Divine Liturgy/Church School

This week begins the **meat fast** in preparation for the Great Fast which begins on Monday, March 7. This week all dairy and fish are permitted according to the Church's fasting guidelines.

**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*

## Last Judgment Sunday

McKees Rocks/Pittsburgh, PA

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## Announcements

➤ Everyone is invited downstairs to enjoy a **Meatfare Luncheon** sponsored by the men of our parish. May God bless them for donating the food today that we will enjoy!

➤ **The Orthodox Men's Book Group** will begin a new book for the Lenten period. We will meet each month once. The first meeting will be Tuesday, March 1. The book is "Arise, O God" by Father Andrew Stephen Damick. See Dn Luke Loboda with any questions.

➤ **Lenten Prayer Partners:** This Lent, we will begin our second Lenten Prayer Partners program with the youth (3rd grade and above) and adults in our parish. **The goal is to create a structured opportunity for youth to have fellowship with adult members of our parish.** Each youth will be paired with an adult to share weekly prayer requests and answer simple get-to-know-you questions. This is not a large time commitment and enriches our church community! **If you are interested in participating, please contact Dn. Luke or Mat. Ashley** (ashley.loboda@gmail.com, #412-715-2163).

➤ **Mark your calendar!** A choir from **St Tikhon's Orthodox Theological Seminary** will be visiting our parish on **Saturday, April 2 at 5:00 pm** to sing the Vigil service. Join us to be inspired by their beautiful and prayerful singing and help us support the theological education of our young seminarians.

## Prayers

➤ **Ill and infirm:** *Known to be hospitalized:* (none) *Home:* George Shaytar. *Shut in, Rehabilitation, or Nursing Home:* Eleanor Kovacs, Natalie Popovich, Michael Soroka  
➤ **Vigil Lights** from **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, David Namisnak; for the health of Sandi Tirpak. From **Charles A. Wasilko** for the health of sisters, Doris & Marsha. From **Doris Wasilko** for the departed servants from the Wasilko & Dyczko families; for the health of the Wasilko family. From **Annaliese Mertz** for the health of Grace Gaita. From **Donya Yewisiak** for the health of Reader Michael Soroka on his birthday (2/25/49). From **John Mahalchak family** for the health of friends & family, Cheryl, John, Gregory, Cindy, Kayla Elizabeth, and Sarah. From **Dawna Beckett** for the departed servant, Gregory Beckett (19 years); for the health of my family. From **Lindy Hamilton** for the health of Elaine Hamilton and infant, Rowyn Scott. From **Cathy Namisnak** for the departed servants, David, Anna, and Frank Namisnak. From **John & Olga** for the health of Galina Vilkova and Elizabeth Grace on her birthday.

## Thank You

➤ to our February donors, **Bob and Marybeth Madalinsky** (Bulletin \$60, Holy Bread \$50, Communion Wine \$40, Altar Candles \$25, Incense \$10).

### ➤ Important upcoming dates:

Mar 6 - Cheesefare (Forgiveness) Sunday  
Monday, Mar 7 - Beginning of Great Lent  
Apr 17 - Palm Sunday (*Western Easter*)  
Apr 24 - Pascha: Resurrection of Christ

## This Week in Church School

**Today's lesson:** Last Judgment

### Questions to ask/review:

- How does Our Lord judge the nations?
- Who is put on the right? Left? Why?
- Why does God want us to feed, clothe, welcome, and visit even the "least" of his people? (He wants us to serve Him by serving them)
- Give examples of how we can fulfill the Lord's command to serve.

### Suggested activities at home:

- Read the scripture together before bed: Matthew 25:31-46.
- Prepare bags of food, clothing, and hygiene items to share with the poor you meet. Discuss how Christ is served through this act.
- Find a clip online of sheep and goats. Discuss how they are different.

**Prayer** Lord help me to be like a sheep and not a goat. Amen.

Sunday, March 6, 2022

Cheesefare Sunday

Annual Blini Luncheon

after the Divine Liturgy

Everyone is invited

Please give a generous gift  
to replenish the treasury  
of the St Nicholas Sisterhood

# Hymns and Readings for Sunday, February 27

## **Tone 3 Troparion** (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.

## **Tone 1 Troparion** (St. Raphael)

Thy proclamation has gone out through North  
America,  
calling the scattered sheep into the unity of the  
Church.  
Hearing thy voice, they respond to thy teaching,  
and through thy writings thou didst instruct  
them in piety.  
Now guided by thine example, O Father Raphael,  
we sing hymns of praise to Christ our God:  
“Glory to Him Who gave thee strength!  
Glory to Him Who granted thee a ^crown!//  
Glory to Him Who, through thee, grants healing  
to all!

*Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the  
Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages.  
Amen.*

## **Tone 1 Kontakion** (from the Lenten Triodion)

When Thou, O God, shalt come to earth with  
glory,  
all things shall tremble,  
and the river of fire shall flow before Thy  
judgment seat;  
the books shall be opened, and the hidden things  
disclosed;  
then deliver me from the unquenchable fire,//  
and make me worthy to stand at Thy right hand,  
O Righteous Judge!

## **Tone 3 Prokeimenon** (Triodion)

Great is our Lord, and abundant in power, / His  
understanding is beyond measure. (Ps. 146:5)

## **Epistle of the Sunday** (1 Corinthians 8:8-9:2)

But food does not commend us to God; for  
neither if we eat are we the better, nor if we do  
not eat are we the worse.

But beware lest somehow this liberty of yours  
become a stumbling block to those who are  
weak. For if anyone sees you who have  
knowledge eating in an idol's temple, will not  
the conscience of him who is weak be  
emboldened to eat those things offered to idols?  
And because of your knowledge shall the weak  
brother perish, for whom Christ died? But when  
you thus sin against the brethren, and wound  
their weak conscience, you sin against Christ.  
Therefore, if food makes my brother stumble, I  
will never again eat meat, lest I make my  
brother stumble.

Am I not an apostle? Am I not free? Have I not  
seen Jesus Christ our Lord? Are you not my work  
in the Lord? If I am not an apostle to others, yet  
doubtless I am to you. For you are the seal of my  
apostleship in the Lord.

## **Gospel of the Sunday** (Matthew 25:31-46)

“When the Son of Man comes in His glory, and  
all the holy angels with Him, then He will sit on  
the throne of His glory. All the nations will be  
gathered before Him, and He will separate them  
one from another, as a shepherd divides his  
sheep from the goats. And He will set the sheep  
on His right hand, but the goats on the left. Then  
the King will say to those on His right hand,  
‘Come, you blessed of My Father, inherit the  
kingdom prepared for you from the foundation  
of the world: for I was hungry and you gave Me  
food; I was thirsty and you gave Me drink; I was  
a stranger and you took Me in; I was naked and  
you clothed Me; I was sick and you visited Me; I  
was in prison and you came to Me.’

“Then the righteous will answer Him, saying,  
‘Lord, when did we see You hungry and feed  
You, or thirsty and give You drink? When did we  
see You a stranger and take You in, or naked and  
clothe You? Or when did we see You sick, or in  
prison, and come to You?’ And the King will  
answer and say to them, ‘Assuredly, I say to you,  
inasmuch as you did it to one of the least of  
these My brethren, you did it to Me.’

“Then He will also say to those on the left hand,  
‘Depart from Me, you cursed, into the  
everlasting fire prepared for the devil and his  
angels: for I was hungry and you gave Me no  
food; I was thirsty and you gave Me no drink; I  
was a stranger and you did not take Me in,  
naked and you did not clothe Me, sick and in  
prison and you did not visit Me.’

“Then they also will answer Him, saying, ‘Lord,  
when did we see You hungry or thirsty or a  
stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did  
not minister to You?’ Then He will answer them,  
saying, ‘Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you  
did not do it to one of the least of these, you did  
not do it to Me.’ And these will go away into  
everlasting punishment, but the righteous into  
eternal life.”

## **Communion Hymn of Sunday**

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

*Dearly beloved children in the Lord,*

*In light of the distressing developments in Ukraine  
affecting millions of innocent people in the region, I  
wholeheartedly urge you to pray for peace and the  
well-being of our brothers and sisters who are  
enduring this tragic moment.*

*I ask that the hostilities be ceased immediately and  
that President Putin put an end to the military  
operations. As Orthodox Christians, we condemn  
violence and aggression.*

*I offer my support and prayers to my brother and  
concelebrant, His Beatitude Metropolitan Onufriy,  
who has the most difficult task of leading his  
beloved flock in this time of pain and anxiety. I also  
assure my prayers to the other religious leaders  
serving in Ukraine who have the delicate task of  
leading their communities in these difficult times.*

*To our beloved Ukrainian brothers and sisters, as  
well to all of you who are certainly troubled and  
concerned about these recent developments, I offer  
the words that the Lord Himself offers to us  
through His Psalmist: “The Lord will give strength  
to His people; The Lord will bless His people with  
peace (Ps 29:11).”*

*May we fervently offer our petition to our Lord and  
Savior Jesus Christ to have mercy on us “for the  
peace of the whole world, for the welfare of the holy  
churches of God, and for the union of all.”*

*Yours in Christ,*

**+Tikhon**

*Archbishop of Washington*

*Metropolitan of All America and Canada*