



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, June 12**
10:00 am Festal Divine Liturgy
- Tuesday, June 14**
9:00 am Daily Matins
9:30 am-12:00 pm Office Hours
- Thursday, June 16**
9:00 am Daily Matins
9:30am-12:00 pm Office Hours
- Saturday, June 18**
5:00 pm Cathedral Vigil
- Sunday, June 19**
10:00 am Divine Liturgy

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*

Great Feast of Pentecost

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Announcements

- This week is fast free in honor of the Festal Week of Pentecost. Blessed Feast!
- **Congratulations to Faye (Johanna) Walters D'Ippolito** on entering the Orthodox faith through the sacrament of Holy Chrismation this morning. May God be with her in her life as an Orthodox Christian. Many years! Be sure to welcome Faye into our church family today!
- **As we enter into the summer months**, a reminder that our diligence in attendance at the Sunday Divine Liturgy, the holy feast days, and the various activities of the church, is encouraged to continue. Through the summer months let us offer worship and praise to God in thanksgiving for the continued blessings He richly pours out on us. In this way, God is glorified, we sustain and grow our faith, and we become an example to others.
- **Mark your calendars**
June 12 - Pentecost
June 20-28 - Apostle's Fast
June 29 Feast of Sts Peter and Paul
July 5-8 - Vacation Church School
September 11 - Church Picnic
October 8 - Slavic Food Fest
November 22 - Ceiling iconography work begins



Prayers

- **Ill and infirm: Known to be hospitalized:** (none) **Home:** George Shaytar. Natalie Toooh. **Shut in, Rehabilitation, or Nursing Home:** Eleanor Kovacs, Natalie Popovich, Michael Soroka
- **Vigil Lights From Mat. Nancy K. Mell & Gregory Mell** for the departed servant, for Dn. Joseph Mell; for the health of family. From **Charles A. Wasilko** for the health of sisters, Doris & Marsha, and Mat. Nancy Mell on her birthday. From **Doris Wasilko** for the departed servant, Olga Kasnot; for the health of the Wasilko family; Many Years to Mat. Nancy on her birthday. From **Marsha Wasilko** Happy Birthday & Many Years to Mat. Nancy. From **Mat. Joni Soroka** for the departed servant, Elizabeth George; for the health of George Corey, Steve & Kelley. From **John & Olga** for the health of Galina Vilcova and Dana Emma Kowalcheck & her child to be born; Birthdays of Seraphima, Christopher & Ruth. From **Tatyana Sechler** for the departed servants, Diana, Polina, Slava, Galina, Luba, Bruce, Marina; for the health of Daniel, Tatyana, Veronika, Kristofer, Irina, and Sergei.

Thank You

- to our June donors: **Jim and Leslie Wokutch** (Holy Bread \$50, Communion Wine \$40, Incense \$10) in memory of mother, Olga Mell and brother, Deacon Joseph Mell.

Welcome home, Faye!

Faye Walters D'Ippolito is originally from North Carolina. She is a Renaissance, Baroque, and Classical musician (piano, harpsichord, organ, and several early music instruments). She began a performing career in her early teens making her debut in NYC and was a touring soloist with symphonies and concert series. Faye and her husband Richard have lectured and performed in the Pittsburgh area as well as internationally together for 35 years. Edith Humphrey and Faye are now in their 11th year performing as a piano team. Faye earned her Commissioned Lay Pastor certificate, which is a two year program at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary. Faye and her husband worked in missions in Malawi, Puerto Rico, Mexico, and Costa Rica. She loves her five children and five grandchildren, is an avid reader, and enjoys listening to everyone's life stories.



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, June 12

First Antiphon (Psalm 19)

v. The heavens are telling the glory of God; and the firmament proclaims His handiwork.

Refrain: Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us!

v. Day to day pours forth speech, and night to night declares knowledge.

v. Their proclamation has gone out into all the earth, and their words to the ends of the universe.

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

Second Antiphon (Psalm 20)

v. The Lord answer you in the day of trouble; the name of the God of Jacob protect you!

Refrain: O Gracious Comforter, save us who sing to Thee: "Alleluia!"

v. May He send you help from the sanctuary and give you support from Zion!

v. May He remember all your offerings, and fulfill all your plans!

Glory... now and ever...Only-begotten Son...

Third Antiphon (Psalm 21)

v. In Thy strength the king rejoices, O Lord, and exults greatly in Thy salvation.

Refrain: Troparion

v. Thou has given him his heart's desire, and has not withheld the request of his lips.

v. For Thou dost meet him with goodly blessings; Thou dost set a crown of fine gold upon his head.

Tone 8 Troparion of Pentecost

Blessed art Thou, O Christ our God Who hast revealed the fishermen as most wise by sending down upon them the Holy Spirit; through them Thou didst draw the world into Thy net
O Lover of Man, Glory to Thee!

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

Tone 8 Kontakion of Pentecost

When the Most High came down and confused the tongues

He divided the nations;

But when He distributed the tongues of fire, He called all to unity.

Therefore, with one voice, we glorify the All Holy Spirit!

Instead of Holy God

As many as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ. Alleluia!

Tone 8 Prokeimenon (Psalm 19)

Their proclamation has gone out into all the earth, and their words to the ends of the universe!

Epistle of the Feast (Acts 2:1-11)

When the Day of Pentecost had fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. Then there appeared to them divided tongues, as of fire, and one sat upon each of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

And there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men, from every nation under heaven. And when this sound occurred, the multitude came together, and were confused, because everyone heard them speak in his own language. Then they were all amazed and marveled, saying to one another, "Look, are not all these who speak Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each in our own language in which we were

born? Parthians and Medes and Elamites, those dwelling in Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya adjoining Cyrene, visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs—we hear them speaking in our own tongues the wonderful works of God."

Gospel of the Feast (John 7:37-52; 8:12)

On the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried out, saying, "If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and drink. He who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, out of his heart will flow rivers of living water." But this He spoke concerning the Spirit, whom those believing in Him would receive; for the Holy Spirit was not yet given, because Jesus was not yet glorified.

Therefore many from the crowd, when they heard this saying, said, "Truly this is the Prophet." Others said, "This is the Christ."

But some said, "Will the Christ come out of Galilee? Has not the Scripture said that the Christ comes from the seed of David and from the town of Bethlehem, where David was?" So there was a division among the people because of Him. Now some of them wanted to take Him, but no one laid hands on Him.

Then the officers came to the chief priests and Pharisees, who said to them, "Why have you not brought Him?" The officers answered, "No man ever spoke like this Man!"

Then the Pharisees answered them, "Are you also deceived? Have any of the rulers or the Pharisees believed in Him? But this crowd that does not know the law is accursed." Nicodemus (he who came to Jesus by night, being one of them) said to them, "Does our law judge a man before it hears him and knows what he is doing?"

They answered and said to him, "Are you also from Galilee? Search and look, for no prophet has arisen out of Galilee."

Then Jesus spoke to them again, saying, "I am the light of the world. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life."

Hymn to the Theotokos of Pentecost

Rejoice, O Queen! Glory of mothers and virgins!
No mouth, however sweet or fluent
is eloquent enough to praise you worthily!
Every mind is overawed by your childbearing.
Therefore with one voice we glorify you!

Communion Hymn of Pentecost

Let Thy good Spirit lead me on a level path.
Alleluia.

On Pentecost

We celebrate this Feast of Holy Pentecost today in commemoration of the coming of the All-Holy Spirit into the world, which took place fifty days after the Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ from the dead.

We have received this Feast from the Hebrew Bible; for, just as the Hebrews celebrate their own Pentecost, honoring the number seven, and because they received the Law fifty days after the Passover, so also do we, celebrating fifty days after Pascha, receive, instead of the Law, the All-Holy Spirit, Who gives us laws, guides us into all truth, and decrees what is pleasing to God.

It should be known that among the Hebrews there were three great Feasts: Passover, Pentecost, and Tabernacles. They observed Passover in commemoration of their deliverance from Egypt and their passage across the Red Sea; for "Pascha," in the Hebrew language, means "passage." This Feast signifies our own passage and return from the darkness of sin to Paradise.