



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, August 7

10:00 am Divine Liturgy (Memorial: Jan and Mary Pravlochak from Irene Kulchock)

Tuesday, August 9

9:00 am Daily Matins

9:30 am to 12:00 pm Office Hours

Wednesday, August 10

6:30 pm Daily Vespers

7:00 pm Bible Study (Hebrews)

Thursday, August 11

9:00 am Daily Matins

9:30 am to 12:00 pm Office Hours

Saturday, August 13

4:30 pm Confessions

5:00 pm Great Vespers/Cathedral Vigil

Sunday, August 14

10:00 am Divine Liturgy

7:00 pm Vigil of the Dormition of the Theotokos

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*

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

McKees Rocks/Pittsburgh, PA

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Announcements

➤ Congratulations to Bekah and Derek Cummins on the birth of their daughter, **Zoey Mae!** She was born on Friday, August 6 at 4:17 pm weighing 7 lbs 11 oz. Mom is healthy and doing



great! Dad is overwhelmed with joy! Big brother Asher and big sister Laurel can't wait to play with their new sister! May God grant the Cummins family many blessed years!

➤ **The Great Feast of the Dormition (Falling Asleep) of the Mother of God** will be celebrated on Sunday evening, August 14 at 7:00 pm with a Festal Vigil and Monday, August 15 at 9:30 am with the Festal Divine Liturgy. All the faithful are encouraged to bring flowers and herbs to be blessed and taken back to their homes.

At this year's Church Picnic on Sunday, September 11, the parish will once again provide the main course foods (hamburgers, hot dogs, chicken) and beverages. **We are asking, however, that those who can, would bring side dishes or desserts to the picnic grounds to share with fellow parishioners.** This will lessen the burden on just a few people. More details and a sign up sheet next week.

Prayers

➤ **Ill and infirm:** *Known to be hospitalized;* (none). *Home:* Bekah Cummins (post delivery); John Mahalchak Jr, George Shaytar. *Natalie Tooch. Shut in, Rehabilitation, or Nursing Home:* Eleanor Kovacs, Natalie Popovich, Michael Soroka

➤ **Vigil Lights** From last Sunday will appear in next Sunday's bulletin.

Thank You

➤ to our August donors: From **Alexandria Tirpak** (Bulletin \$60) in memory of mother, Amelia for the the health of family. From **Donya Yewisiak** (Holy Bread \$50 and Altar Candles \$25) in memory of Archpriest Vladimir Soroka (+ August 4, 2005). From **Fr Thomas and Matushka Joni Soroka** (Incense \$10) for the health of daughter, Natalie, on her 21st birthday.



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.

The Apostolic Church

But if there be any (heresies) which are bold enough to plant themselves in the midst of the apostolic age, that they may thereby seem to have been handed down by the apostles, because they existed in the time of the apostles, we can say: Let them produce the original records of their churches; let them unfold the roll of their bishops, running down in due succession from the beginning in such a manner that [that first bishop of theirs] bishop shall be able to show for his ordainer and predecessor some one of the apostles or of apostolic men,—a man, moreover, who continued steadfast with the apostles. For this is the manner in which the apostolic churches transmit their registers: as the church of Smyrna, which records that Polycarp was placed therein by John; as also the church of Rome, which makes Clement to have been ordained in like manner by Peter. In exactly the same way the other churches likewise exhibit (their several worthies), whom, as having been appointed to their episcopal places by apostles, they regard as transmitters of the apostolic seed. Let the heretics contrive something of the same kind. For after their blasphemy, what is there that is unlawful for them (to attempt)? But should they even effect the contrivance, they will not advance a step. For their very doctrine, after comparison with that of the apostles, will declare, by its own diversity and contrariety, that it had for its author neither an apostle nor an apostolic man; because, as the apostles would never have taught things which were self-contradictory, so the apostolic men would not have inculcated teaching different from the apostles, unless they who received their instruction from the apostles went and preached in a contrary manner. To this test, therefore will they be submitted for proof by those churches, who, although they derive not their founder from apostles or apostolic men (as being of much later date, for they are in fact being founded daily), yet, since they agree in the same faith, they are accounted as not less apostolic because they are akin in doctrine. Then let all the heresies, when challenged to these two tests by our apostolic church, offer their proof of how they deem themselves to be apostolic. (Tertullian c 200 AD)

Hymns and Readings for Sunday, August 7

Tone 7 Troparion (Resurrection)

By Thy Cross Thou didst destroy death.
To the thief Thou didst open Paradise.
For the Myrrhbearers Thou didst change
weeping into joy,
and Thou didst command Thy disciples, O Christ
God,
to proclaim that Thou art risen,//
granting the world great mercy.

Tone 7 Troparion (Feast)

Thou wast transfigured on the mountain, O
Christ God,
revealing Thy glory to Thy Disciples as far as
they could bear it.
Let Thine everlasting Light also shine upon us
sinners,
through the prayers of the Theotokos!//
O Giver of Light, glory to Thee!

Tone 4 Troparion of 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 7 Kontakion (Resurrection)

The dominion of death can no longer hold men
captive,
for Christ descended, shattering and destroying
its powers.
Hell is bound, while the Prophets rejoice and
cry:
“The Savior has come to those in faith;//

enter, you faithful, into the Resurrection!”

Now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Tone 7 Kontakion (Feast)

On the mountain Thou wast transfigured, O
Christ God,
and Thy Disciples beheld Thy glory as far as
they could see it;
so that when they would behold Thee crucified,
they would understand that Thy suffering was
voluntary,
and would proclaim to the world//
that Thou art truly the Radiance of the Father.

Tone 7 Prokeimenon (Resurrection)

The Lord shall give strength to His people. The
Lord shall bless His people with peace. (Ps. 28:11)

Tone 4 Prokeimenon (Feast)

O Lord, how manifold are Thy works; in wisdom
hast Thou made them all. (Ps. 103:26)

Epistle of the Sunday (1 Corinthians 1:10-18)

Now I plead with you, brethren, by the name of
our Lord Jesus Christ, that you all speak the
same thing, and that there be no divisions
among you, but that you be perfectly joined
together in the same mind and in the same
judgment. For it has been declared to me
concerning you, my brethren, by those of Chloe’s
household, that there are contentions among
you. Now I say this, that each of you says, “I am
of Paul,” or “I am of Apollos,” or “I am of
Cephas,” or “I am of Christ.” Is Christ divided?
Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you
baptized in the name of Paul?

I thank God that I baptized none of you except
Crispus and Gaius, lest anyone should say that I
had baptized in my own name. Yes, I also
baptized the household of Stephanas. Besides, I

do not know whether I baptized any other. For
Christ did not send me to baptize, but to preach
the gospel, not with wisdom of words, lest the
cross of Christ should be made of no effect.

For the message of the cross is foolishness to
those who are perishing, but to us who are being
saved it is the power of God..

Gospel of the Sunday (Matthew 14:14-22)

And when Jesus went out He saw a great
multitude; and He was moved with compassion
for them, and healed their sick. When it was
evening, His disciples came to Him, saying,
“This is a deserted place, and the hour is already
late. Send the multitudes away, that they may go
into the villages and buy themselves food.”

But Jesus said to them, “They do not need to go
away. You give them something to eat.”

And they said to Him, “We have here only five
loaves and two fish.”

He said, “Bring them here to Me.” Then He
commanded the multitudes to sit down on the
grass. And He took the five loaves and the two
fish, and looking up to heaven, He blessed and
broke and gave the loaves to the disciples; and
the disciples gave to the multitudes. So they all
ate and were filled, and they took up twelve
baskets full of the fragments that remained.
Now those who had eaten were about five
thousand men, besides women and children.

Immediately Jesus made His disciples get into
the boat and go before Him to the other side,
while He sent the multitudes away.

Tone 4 Hymn to the Theotokos (Feast)

Magnify, O my soul, the Lord Who was
transfigured on Mount Tabor!
Thy childbearing was without corruption;
God came forth from thy body clothed in flesh,
and appeared on earth and dwelt among men.//
Therefore we all magnify thee, O Theotokos.

Communion Hymn

Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in
the highest! (Ps. 148:1) O Lord, we will walk in
the light of Thy countenance, and will exult in
Thy Name forever. (Ps. 88:15) Alleluia, Alleluia,
Alleluia!

Seeking Heavenly Bread

Let us learn therefore ourselves also to wait upon
Jesus; but not for His bounty in things sensible,
lest we be upbraided like the Jews. *For ye seek me, says He, not because ye saw the miracles, but because ye did eat of the loaves, and were filled.* John 6:26. Therefore neither does He work this miracle continually, but a second time only; that they might be taught not to be slaves to their belly, but to cling incessantly to the things of the Spirit.

To these then let us also cling, and let us seek the
heavenly bread, and having received it, let us cast
away all worldly care. For if those men left houses,
and cities, and kinsmen, and all, and abode in the
wilderness, and when hunger was pressing,
withdrew not; much more ought we, when
approaching such a table, to show forth a more
abundant self-command, and to set our love on the
things of the Spirit, and to seek the things of sense
as secondary to these.

Since even they were blamed, not because they
sought Him for the bread, but because it was for
this only they sought Him, and for this primarily.
For should any one despise the great gifts, but
cling to the small, and to those which the giver
would have him despise, he loses these latter too:
as on the other hand, if we love those, He adds
these also. For these are but an appendage to the
others; so vile are they and trifling, compared with
those, although they be great. Let us not therefore
spend our diligence on them, but account both the
acquisition and loss of them alike indifferent, even
as Job also neither clung to them when present,
nor sought them absent. For on this account, they
are called χρματα, not that we should bury them in
the earth, but that we should use them aright.