



## 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, October 16

10:00 am Divine Liturgy  
Church School Following Divine Liturgy

### Tuesday, October 18

9:00 am Daily Matins  
9:30 am to 12:00 pm Office Hours

No Services Wednesday through Saturday this week

### Sunday, October 23

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  
Rdr James Wargo and Danielle Bartko, Choir Dirs

**Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost**  
McKees Rocks/Pittsburgh, PA  
OrthodoxPittsburgh.org October 16, 2022

## Announcements

➤ **Please note: There will be no services** from Wednesday, October 19 to Saturday, October 22. Fr Thomas will be meeting with the Metropolitan Council in Virginia as the head of the Departments of the Orthodox Church in America.

➤ Holy Assumption of St Mary Orthodox Church (105 South 19<sup>th</sup> St, Southside) Pittsburgh is holding a **Spaghetti Dinner on Saturday, October 22** from 12:00 pm to 6:00 pm. Adults \$1 and children under 12 \$5. Please support our sister parish!

➤ St John the Baptist Orthodox Church (601 Boone Ave) in Canonsburg will host a talk, **“From Death unto Life: Building an Orthodox Pro-Life Movement in the Post-Roe Era”** on Saturday, October 22 at 7:00 pm with Great Vespers at 6:00 pm. The talk will be given by Emily Wilkinson, Executive Director of Orthodox Christians for Life. All are encouraged to attend.

➤ Don't forget to visit, like, and share **our Social Media pages!**  
**On the web** at [orthodoxpittsburgh.org](http://orthodoxpittsburgh.org)  
**Facebook** at [facebook.com/orthodoxpittsburgh](https://facebook.com/orthodoxpittsburgh)  
**YouTube** at [youtube.com/orthodoxpittsburgh](https://youtube.com/orthodoxpittsburgh)  
**Instagram** at [Instagram.com/orthodoxpittsburgh](https://Instagram.com/orthodoxpittsburgh)



## 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 servants, for Dn. Joseph Mell and brother, Philip Karavlan; for the health of family. From **Doris M. Wasilko** for the health of Aunt Johanna and Serge Daniels. From **Charles A. Wasilko** for the health of Aunt Johanna. From **Richard & Sonia Blaha** for the newly departed servant, brother, Robert. From **Nancy Shaytar** for the health of husband, George. From **Mat. Joni Soroka** for the health of daughter, Melanie on her birthday; special intentions. From **Cathy Namisnak** for the departed servant, John Gula-memory eternal. From **Donya Yewisiak** for special intention. From **Roslin Ellis** for the departed servant, Bradley David Adams. From **John & Olga** for the departed servant, Anatoly Vilkov; for the health of Galina Vilkova and Kasiani Kowalcheck. From **John & Nancy Pravlochak** for the departed servant, Samantha Stroehlen; for the health of family members, Sue Stroehlen on her loss in the hurricane and Doris—Happy Birthday!

## Thank You

➤ Thank you to our **October** donors: (Bulletin \$60) from **Alexandria Tirpak**, for the health of family and in memory of Amelia Kuck;(Holy Bread \$50) from **Robert Robes** for the health of Teresa on her birthday and their anniversary; (Altar Candles \$25) from **Donya Yewisiak** in memory of Matushka Olga Soroka; (Communion Wine \$40) from **the Robes Family** in memory of Thomas Robes Sr on his birthday; (Incense \$10) from **Fr Thomas and Matushka Joni** for the health of daughter, Melanie, on her birthday.

## Church School This Week

**Today's Lesson:** Council of Jerusalem

### Questions to ask/review:

- Who was at the Council? Where is Jerusalem?
- What person “presided” over the council? (James)
- How did the council make its decision? What points were made by Peter? James?
- Who did the council say made the decision? (the Holy Spirit)
- What did the council decide?
- Using the Council of Jerusalem as the example, how should the Church make its decisions? (under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, with consultation of bishops)

### Suggested Activities at home:

- Read the story of the council in Acts 15.
- Role-play the council with Peter, Paul, and James.
- Do you have a family decision to make this week? Have a family “council” and pattern it after the Jerusalem Council.

**Prayer:** Lord, guide us in every decision we make, just as You have guided your Church.



**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, October 16

## **Tone 1 Troparion** (Resurrection)

When the stone had been sealed by the Jews, while the soldiers were guarding Thy most pure body, Thou didst rise on the third day, O Savior, granting life to the world.

The powers of heaven therefore cried to Thee, O Giver of Life:

“Glory to Thy Resurrection, O Christ!

Glory to Thy Kingdom!//

Glory to Thy dispensation, O Thou Who lovest mankind!”

## **Tone 8 Troparion** (Fathers)

Thou art most glorious, O Christ our God, Who hast established the Holy Fathers as lights on the earth.

Through them Thou hast guided us to the True Faith.//

O greatly compassionate One, glory to Thee!

## **Tone 1 Kontakion** (Resurrection)

As God, Thou didst rise from the tomb in glory, raising the world with Thyself.

Human nature praises Thee as God, for death has vanished.

Adam exults, O Master!

Eve rejoices, for she is freed from bondage and cries to Thee://

“Thou art the Giver of Resurrection to all, O Christ!”

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

## **Tone 6 Kontakion** (Fathers)

The Son Who shone forth from the Father was ineffably born, two-fold in nature, of a woman.

Having beheld Him, we do not deny the image of His form,

but depict it piously and revere it faithfully.

Thus, keeping the True Faith,//

the Church venerates the icon of Christ Incarnate.

*Now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.*

## **Tone 6 Kontakion of the 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 1 Prokeimenon** (Resurrection)

Let Thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us / as we have set our hope on Thee! (*Ps. 32:22*)

## **Tone 4 Prokeimenon** (Fathers)

Blessed art Thou, O Lord God of our fathers, / and praised and glorified is

Thy Name forever! (*Song of the Three Holy Children, v. 3*)

## **Epistle of the Sunday** (2 Corinthians 9:6-11)

But this I say: He who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. So let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound toward you, that you, always having all sufficiency in all things, may have an abundance for every good work. As it is written:

“He has dispersed abroad, He has given to the poor; His righteousness endures forever.”

Now may He who supplies seed to the sower, and bread for food, supply and multiply the seed

you have sown and increase the fruits of your righteousness, while you are enriched in everything for all liberality, which causes thanksgiving through us to God.

## **Gospel of the Sunday** (Luke 8:5-15)

“A sower went out to sow his seed. And as he sowed, some fell by the wayside; and it was trampled down, and the birds of the air devoured it. Some fell on rock; and as soon as it sprang up, it withered away because it lacked moisture. And some fell among thorns, and the thorns sprang up with it and choked it. But others fell on good ground, sprang up, and yielded a crop a hundredfold.” When He had said these things He cried, “He who has ears to hear, let him hear!”

Then His disciples asked Him, saying, “What does this parable mean?”

And He said, “To you it has been given to know the mysteries of the kingdom of God, but to the rest it is given in parables, that

‘Seeing they may not see, And hearing they may not understand.’

“Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God. Those by the wayside are the ones who hear; then the devil comes and takes away the word out of their hearts, lest they should believe and be saved. But the ones on the rock are those who, when they hear, receive the word with joy; and these have no root, who believe for a while and in time of temptation fall away. Now the ones that fell among thorns are those who, when they have heard, go out and are choked with cares, riches, and pleasures of life, and bring no fruit to maturity. But the ones that fell on the good ground are those who, having heard the word with a noble and good heart, keep it and bear fruit with patience.

## **Communion Hymn**

Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest! (*Ps. 148:1*) Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous; praise befits the just! (*Ps. 32:1*) Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

# St Longinus

According to Church Tradition, Longinus was the soldier who pierced the side of the Crucified Savior with a spear, and received healing from an eye affliction when blood and water poured forth from the wound.

Having come to believe in the Savior, the soldiers who witnessed the resurrection received Baptism from the apostles and decided to leave military service. Saint Longinus left Judea to preach about Jesus Christ the Son of God in his native land (Cappadocia), and his two comrades followed him.

The fiery words of those who had actually participated in the great events in Judea swayed the hearts and minds of the Cappadocians; Christianity began quickly to spread throughout the city and the surrounding villages. When they learned of this, the Jewish elders persuaded Pilate to send a company of soldiers to Cappadocia to kill Longinus and his comrades. When the soldiers arrived at Longinus’s village, the former centurion himself came out to meet the soldiers and took them to his home. After a meal, the soldiers revealed the purpose of their visit, not knowing that the master of the house was the very man whom they were seeking. Then Longinus and his friends identified themselves and told the startled soldiers to carry out their duty.

The soldiers wanted to let the saints go and advised them to flee, but they refused to do this, showing their firm intention to suffer for Christ. The holy martyrs were beheaded, and their bodies were buried at the place where the saints were martyred.

Thank you everyone who made the Slavic Food Fest 2022 a great success!

**Food Chairpersons** – Bob Madalinsky, Donya Yewisiak

**Food Preparers** – Bob & Mary Beth Madalinsky, Donya Yewisiak, Doris Wasilko, Matushka Nancy Mell, Alexandria Tirpak, Matushka Martha Nakajima, Suzy Polny, Leslie Wokutch, Sonia Blaha, Danielle Bartko

**Grilling & Food Prep** – Hugh Conley, Robbie Robes, Tom Hoffman, Matushka Joni Soroka, James Wargo

**Food Servers** – Bob Madalinsky, Donya Yewisiak, Tom Hoffman, Rich & Sonia Blaha, Irene Kulchock, Cindy Tokich, Bob Bartko

**Friday Set-up** – Marsha Wasilko, Anna & Kataryna Bartko

**Food Donations** – Bob & Mary Beth Madalinsky, Fr. Tom & Matushka Joni Soroka, Paul & Lois Fuller, Donya Yewisiak, Olga Noskov, Alina Maksymova, Clayton Harris, Marina Petrov, Olga Cozza, Yelena Paclawski, Luba Kroz, Kseniia Martin, Jessica Krchmar.

**Bake Sale:** Clayton Harris, Donya Yewisiak, Melissa Graff, Matushka Ashley Loboda, Deb Burgess, Doris Wasilko, Marsha Wasilko, Matushka Nancy Mell, Irene Kulchock, Susie Porter, Matushka Joni Soroka, Suzy Polny, Helen Billak, Cindy Tokich

**Drinks:** Deacon Luke Loboda, Rick Porter, Sanjah Lynn Root

**Cashiers:** John Kowalcheck, Charles Wasilko, Larry Polny, and Greg Mell

*(We apologize for any omissions and will include you next week.)*

Thank you to the over 50 members who volunteered after the Ministry Fair presentation to help our church.

Hospitality 30 Individuals	Inreach 29 Individuals	Outreach 29 Individuals
Liturgical 28 Individuals	Education 24 Individuals	Altar Beautification 18 Individuals
Marketing and Communications 16 Individuals	Facilities 14 Individuals	Reference and Archiving 12 Individuals
Financial 8 Individuals		Legal 2 Individuals

## Join Us!

It's not too late to get involved. Unsure of where to use your talents? Please see Melissa Graff or email her at [melissamgraff@yahoo.com](mailto:melissamgraff@yahoo.com) to learn more about our ministry programs. Members will be notified about their groups in November.