



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 23

10:00 am Divine Liturgy

Church School Following Divine Liturgy

Tuesday, October 25

9:00 am Daily Matins

9:30 am to 12:00 pm Office Hours

Wednesday, October 26

6:30 pm Daily Vespers

7:00 pm Bible Study

Thursday, October 27

9:00 am Daily Matins

9:30 am to 12:00 pm Office Hours

Saturday, October 29

4:00 pm Community Food Pantry

5:00 am Great Vespers/Cathedral Vigil

6:00 pm Social Night (all are invited!)

Sunday, October 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

Rdr James Wargo and Danielle Bartko, Choir Dirs

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

McKees Rocks/Pittsburgh, PA

OrthodoxPittsburgh.org

October 23, 2022

Announcements

➤ **Parish Council Update:** As you may know, our church building is 108 years old with problems inherent to old buildings. It is a fine, beautiful temple and it serves us well in many ways. One of the most pressing problems of our building is leakage **somewhere** at the roof area above the choir loft. In the past three years, we have contracted with professionals to address the issue. Most recently, we addressed the decaying pointing (mortar between the bricks) on the front of the church, we applied a temporary coating inside the domes which are developing holes over time (mostly due to previous work on the domes beginning in the 1960s using differing materials than the original covering on the domes, and as recently as 2010), and caulking the joints where the roof and the dome towers meet. None of these remedies have stopped the leaks. We have also had roof experts examine our roof who gave us varied solutions and opinions.

Additionally, there are other important, even essential modifications that we wish to explore. We want to provide interior steps that protects our parishioners, young and old, from the weather and other factors when accessing the hall and bathrooms. We want to provide an interior elevator to ease the burden of climbing up numerous stairs for our elderly and disabled parishioners. Finally, we would like to make our church hall a more comfortable and updated setting for our fellowship. These wish-list items are a sign of our growth as a parish and are a cause of great joy and excitement for us.

Therefore, we are in exploratory talks with an (Orthodox) architect who would provide us with a comprehensive **phased plan** to address all of these issues. If we officially engage him, we will then meet as a parish to discuss a multi-year multi-phase plan to finally address these decades-long issues. Pray for us.

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 **Doris M. Wasilko** for the departed servants, Uncles John Wasilko and Steve Panik; for the health of John & Nancy Pravlochak on their wedding anniversary-Many Years! From **Marsha Wasilko** for the departed servants, Uncle John Wasilko and Uncle Steve Panik. From **Charles A. Wasilko** for the departed servants, Uncle John Wasilko and Uncle Steve Panik. From **Richard & Sonia Blaha** for the newly departed servant, brother, Robert, and Blessed Memory of Vladyko Theodosius. From **Donya Yewisiak** for special intention. From **Lindy Hamilton** for the health of Elaine Hamilton; special intentions. From **John & Olga** the health of Galina Vilкова and Mathilde Magdalena Kowalcheck. From **Alexandria Tirpak** for the departed servant, Amelia; for the health of my family, Carol, Eleanor, and Owen; special intentions.

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.

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.

Church School This Week

Today's Lesson: Spread of the Gospel

Questions to ask/review:

- What is evangelism?
- How did the Apostles spread the Gospel?
- Name as many Apostles as you can!
- Where did they travel to spread the Gospel?
- What successes and challenges did they face?
- Name and tell the story of Apostles who were not one of the original 12 disciples? (Barnabas, Luke, Paul, Matthias)

Suggested Activities at home:

- Discuss evangelism. How can we share the Gospel message with our friends and others we meet?
- Take a map of the world (or a globe) and mark all the countries the disciples reached. What are these countries like today?

Prayer: Lord, help me to spread Your Good News to all the world just as Your disciples did.



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Hymns and Readings for Sunday, October 23

Tone 2 Troparion (Resurrection)

When Thou didst descend to death, O Life immortal,
Thou didst slay hell with the splendor of Thy Godhead.
And when from the depths Thou didst raise the dead,
all the powers of heaven cried out://
“O Giver of life, Christ our God, 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 (St. James)

As the Lord’s disciple thou didst receive the Gospel, O righteous James;
as a martyr thou hast unfailing courage;
as God’s brother, thou hast boldness;
as a hierarch, thou hast the power to intercede.//
Pray to Christ God that our souls may be saved.

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

Tone 2 Kontakion (Resurrection)

Hell became afraid, O almighty Savior, seeing the miracle of Thy Resurrection from the tomb!
The dead arose! Creation, with Adam, beheld this and rejoiced with Thee,//
and the world, my Savior, praises Thee forever.

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 2 Prokeimenon (Resurrection)

The Lord is my strength and my song; / He has become my salvation. (Ps. 117:14)

Epistle of the Sunday (2 Corinthians 11:31-12:9)

The God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who is blessed forever, knows that I am not lying. In Damascus the governor, under Aretas the king, was guarding the city of the Damascenes with a garrison, desiring to arrest me; but I was let down in a basket through a window in the wall, and escaped from his hands.

It is doubtless not profitable for me to boast. I will come to visions and revelations of the Lord: I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago—whether in the body I do not know, or whether out of the body I do not know, God knows—such a one was caught up to the third heaven. And I know such a man—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows— how he was caught up into Paradise and heard inexpressible words, which it is not lawful for a man to utter. Of such a one I will boast; yet of myself I will not boast, except in my infirmities. For though I might desire to boast, I will not be a fool; for I will speak the truth. But I refrain, lest anyone should think of me above what he sees me to be or hears from me.

And lest I should be exalted above measure by the abundance of the revelations, a thorn in the

flesh was given to me, a messenger of Satan to buffet me, lest I be exalted above measure. Concerning this thing I pleaded with the Lord three times that it might depart from me. And He said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness.” Therefore most gladly I will rather boast in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

Gospel of the Sunday (Luke 16:19-31)

“There was a certain rich man who was clothed in purple and fine linen and fared sumptuously every day. But there was a certain beggar named Lazarus, full of sores, who was laid at his gate, desiring to be fed with the crumbs which fell from the rich man’s table. Moreover the dogs came and licked his sores. So it was that the beggar died, and was carried by the angels to Abraham’s bosom. The rich man also died and was buried. And being in torments in Hades, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom.

“Then he cried and said, ‘Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus that he may dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am tormented in this flame.’ But Abraham said, ‘Son, remember that in your lifetime you received your good things, and likewise Lazarus evil things; but now he is comforted and you are tormented. And besides all this, between us and you there is a great gulf fixed, so that those who want to pass from here to you cannot, nor can those from there pass to us.’

“Then he said, ‘I beg you therefore, father, that you would send him to my father’s house, for I have five brothers, that he may testify to them, lest they also come to this place of torment.’ Abraham said to him, ‘They have Moses and the prophets; let them hear them.’ And he said, ‘No, father Abraham; but if one goes to them from the dead, they will repent.’ But he said to him, ‘If they do not hear Moses and the prophets,

neither will they be persuaded though one rise from the dead.’ ”

Communion Hymn

Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest! (Ps. 148:1) Their proclamation has gone out into all the earth, and their words to the ends of the universe! (Ps. 18:4) Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

From the Liturgy of St James the Apostle

Sovereign Lord Jesus Christ, O Word of God, who freely offered Yourself a blameless sacrifice upon the cross to God even the Father, the coal of double nature, that touched the lips of the prophet with the tongs, and took away his sins, touch also the hearts of us sinners, and purify us from every stain, and present us holy beside Your holy altar, that we may offer You a sacrifice of praise: and accept from us, Your unprofitable servants, this incense as an odor of a sweet fragrance, and make fragrant the evil odor of our soul and body, and purify us with the sanctifying power of Your all-holy Spirit: for You alone are holy, who sanctifies, and are communicated to the faithful; and glory becomes You, with Your eternal Father, and Your all-holy, and good, and life-giving Spirit, now and ever, and to all eternity. Amen.

O compassionate and merciful, long-suffering, and very gracious and true God, look from Your prepared dwelling-place, and hear us Your suppliants, and deliver us from every temptation of the devil and of man; do not withhold Your aid from us, nor bring on us chastisements too heavy for our strength: for we are unable to overcome what is opposed to us; but You are able, O Lord, to save us from everything that is against us. Save us, O God, from the difficulties of this world, according to Your goodness, in order that, having drawn near with a pure conscience to Your holy altar, we may send up to You without condemnation the blessed Thrice Holy hymn, together with the heavenly powers, and that, having performed the service, well pleasing to You and divine, we may be counted worthy of eternal life. For You are holy, and unto You we (etc).

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