



## 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, November 6

10:00 am Divine Liturgy  
Church School Following Divine Liturgy

### Tuesday, November 8

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

### Wednesday, November 9

6:30 pm Daily Vespers  
7:00 pm Bible Study

### Thursday, November 10

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

### Saturday, November 12

4:30 pm Confessions  
5:00 am Great Vespers/Cathedral Vigil

### Sunday, November 13

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

### Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost

McKees Rocks/Pittsburgh, PA  
OrthodoxPittsburgh.org November 6, 2022

## Announcements

➤ **Attention all men!** The Lamb Roast is this Thursday, November 10th at Bob Bartko's (600 4<sup>th</sup> Ave, Bridgeville PA 15017). Check your email for a signup sheet to bring an optional side dish. Everyone's invited!

➤ **Project Mexico 2023:** Teens and adults are invited to join a mission trip to Mexico to build a home for a family in need. Come to an information session during coffee hour on Sunday, November 13th. Please contact Mat. Ashley Loboda with questions (ashley.loboda@gmail.com, #412-715-2163).

➤ **Annual Parish Christmas Card:** It's time once again for this parish project which benefits our monthly community food pantry. We ask each parishioner/family to generously donate \$10 to have their name(s) listed on the card which will be sent to all parishioners in early December. Please see Jan Widell or Marsha Wasilko to participate. **Deadline is Sunday, November 27, 2022.** Thank you!

➤ **Attention all women!** St. Nicholas Women had a great time at Bucca last week. The next event is planned for Friday, December 16 at 6:30 pm at Apteka in Lawrenceville. Please RSVP by phone or text to Jessica Krchmar at 412-290-3526.

➤ **Remember that our annual Christmas Angel Tree Project** will begin near the Thanksgiving holiday. Once ready, we'll ask you to consider taking an angel from the tree and purchase new gifts for the child who is listed. Donya Yewisiak will once again lead this important project.

## 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 health of the Wasilko family. From **Marsha Wasilko** for special thanks. From **Charles A. Wasilko** for the health of sisters, Doris & Marsha. From **Richard & Sonia Blaha** for the newly departed servant, brother, Robert and in memory of Uncle Mike; safe journey; special intention & peace. From **Mat. Joni Soroka** for the departed servant, Uncle George Corey; for the health of Melanie, Jacqueline, and Natalie. From **Lindy Hamilton** for the health of family; special intention. From **Alexandria Tirpak** for the departed servant, Anne; for the health of my family, Owen, Elaine, and Mary Beth; special intentions. From **Irene Kulchock** for the departed servants, Jan Pravlochak, Richard Kulchock, Bridget Kulchock, and Frank Kulchock. From the **John Mahalchak family** for the health of friends & family; John, Cheryl, Daniel, Mary, Gregory, and Cindy.

## Thank You

➤ Thank you to our **November** donors: from **Matushka Nancy Mell and Gregory Mell** (Bulletin \$60, Holy Bread \$50, Communion Wine \$40, Altar Candles \$25, Incense \$10) in loving memory of Deacon Joseph Mell.



**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:** Paul's Journeys

### Questions to ask/review:

- How many journey's did Paul take?
- What was the purpose of his journeys?
- Describe some of Paul's experiences.
- Give examples of how Paul shared the Gospel with people.
- Give examples of miracles done by Paul.
- Who were some of Paul's companions? What roles did they play?
- When did Paul write many of his epistles? To whom?

### Suggested Activities at home:

- Read bedtime stories from Paul's journeys in Acts 13-14 & 16-28.
- Follow his journeys on your world map or globe.
- Make a small sailboat out of popsicle sticks and shipwreck it in a puddle or creek.
- Paul was, by trade, a tentmaker; make a tent from a sheet and spend the night (indoor tent!).

**Prayer:** Lord, let me live my whole life and every minute for You, as Paul did.

➤ 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)  
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# Hymns and Readings for Sunday, November 6

## **Tone 4 Troparion** (Resurrection)

When the women disciples of the Lord learned from the angel the joyous message of Thy Resurrection, they cast away the ancestral curse and elatedly told the apostles: “Death is overthrown! Christ God is risen,// granting 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 4 Troparion** (St Paul the Confessor)

For confessing the divine faith, among her priests the Church has shown thee to be another Paul. Abel cries out to the Lord together with thee, as does the righteous blood of Zachariah.// Venerable Father, entreat Christ God to grant us His great mercy.

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

## **Tone 4 Kontakion** (Resurrection)

My Savior and Redeemer as God rose from the tomb and delivered the earth-born from their chains. He has shattered the gates of hell, and as Master,// He has risen on the third day!

*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 4 Prokeimenon** (Resurrection)

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

## **Epistle** of the Sunday (Galatians 2:16-20)

knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law but by faith in Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Christ Jesus, that we might be justified by faith in Christ and not by the works of the law; for by the works of the law no flesh shall be justified.

“But if, while we seek to be justified by Christ, we ourselves also are found sinners, is Christ therefore a minister of sin? Certainly not! For if I build again those things which I destroyed, I make myself a transgressor. For I through the law died to the law that I might live to God. I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.

## **Gospel** of the Sunday (Luke 8:41-56)

And behold, there came a man named Jairus, and he was a ruler of the synagogue. And he fell down at Jesus’ feet and begged Him to come to his house, for he had an only daughter about twelve years of age, and she was dying.

But as He went, the multitudes thronged Him. Now a woman, having a flow of blood for twelve

years, who had spent all her livelihood on physicians and could not be healed by any, came from behind and touched the border of His garment. And immediately her flow of blood stopped.

And Jesus said, “Who touched Me?”

When all denied it, Peter and those with him said, “Master, the multitudes throng and press You, and You say, ‘Who touched Me?’ ”

But Jesus said, “Somebody touched Me, for I perceived power going out from Me.” Now when the woman saw that she was not hidden, she came trembling; and falling down before Him, she declared to Him in the presence of all the people the reason she had touched Him and how she was healed immediately.

And He said to her, “Daughter, be of good cheer; your faith has made you well. Go in peace.”

While He was still speaking, someone came from the ruler of the synagogue’s house, saying to him, “Your daughter is dead. Do not trouble the Teacher.”

But when Jesus heard it, He answered him, saying, “Do not be afraid; only believe, and she will be made well.” When He came into the house, He permitted no one to go in except Peter, James, and John, and the father and mother of the girl. Now all wept and mourned for her; but He said, “Do not weep; she is not dead, but sleeping.” And they ridiculed Him, knowing that she was dead.

But He put them all outside, took her by the hand and called, saying, “Little girl, arise.” Then her spirit returned, and she arose immediately. And He commanded that she be given something to eat. And her parents were astonished, but He charged them to tell no one what had happened.

## **Communion Hymn**

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

## **Do not Despair!** (St. Peter of Damascus)

“For to sin, even in the case of those who are most righteous, is easy, while repentance is not easy for everyone because death is near; and even before death comes there is despair. It is good, then, not to fall; or, if we fall, to rise again. And should we fall, we should not despair and so estrange ourselves from the Lord’s love. For if He so chooses, He can deal mercifully with our weakness. Only we should not cut ourselves off from Him or feel oppressed when constrained by His commandments, nor should we lose heart when we fall short of our goal. Rather, let us learn that a thousand years in the sight of the Lord are but a single day, and a single day is as a thousand years (cf. Ps. 90:4). Let us be neither hasty nor tardy, and let us be always ready to make a new start. If you fall, rise up. If you fall again, rise up again. Only do not abandon your Physician, lest you be condemned as worse than a suicide because of your despair. Wait on Him, and He will be merciful, either reforming you, or sending you trials, or through some other provision of which you are ignorant.”

“Even if you are not what you should be, you should not despair. It is bad enough that you have sinned; why in addition do you wrong God by regarding him in your ignorance as powerless? Is he, who for your sake created the great universe that you behold, incapable of saving your soul? And if you say that this fact, as well as his incarnation, only makes your condemnation worse, then repent; and he will receive your repentance, as he accepted that of the prodigal son (Luke 15:20) and the prostitute (Luke 7:37-50). But if repentance is too much for you, and you sin out of habit even when you do not want to, show humility like the publican (Luke 18:13): this is enough to ensure your salvation. For he who sins without repenting, yet does not despair, must of necessity regard himself as the lowest of creatures, and will not dare to judge or censure anyone. Rather, he will marvel at God’s compassion.”