



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 13

10:00 am Divine Liturgy
Church School Following Divine Liturgy

Tuesday, November 15

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

Thursday, November 17

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

Saturday, November 19

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

Sunday, November 20

10:00 am Divine Liturgy/Church School
7:00 pm Festal Vigil

Monday, November 21: Entrance of the Theotokos

9:30 am Festal 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

Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost

McKees Rocks/Pittsburgh, PA
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Announcements

➤ Congratulations to our **Altar Servers** who began training sessions this morning. Thank you to Deacons Luke and John, Greg Mell, and Alex Listvinsky for their leadership.

➤ **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!** The next St Nicholas Women 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.

The **Great Feast** of Entrance of the MOG November 21

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 from the Wasilko family; for the health of the Wasilko family. From **Marsha Wasilko** Happy Birthday & Many Years to Mother Seraphima! From **Charles A. Wasilko** for the health of sisters, Doris & Marsha. From **Donya Yewisiak** for special intention. From **Mat. John & Olga** for the health of Galina Vilko; Many Years to Dmitri & Alexandra. From **Nancy Shaytar** for the health of husband, George and cousin, Bill Kunca. From **John & Nancy Pravlochak** for the health of our grandchildren; Happy Birthday Irene. From **Tatyana Sechler** for the departed servants, Polina, Slava, Luba, Galina, Daina, and Bruce; for the health of Tatyana, Veronika, Andriana, Tomas, Kristofer, and Daniel.

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.



Schedule note: The **next Bible Study** will be held on **Wednesday, November 30**. There will not be Bible Study on November 23.

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 (Part 2)

Questions to ask/review:

- How many journeys 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
Facebook at facebook.com/orthodoxpittsburgh
YouTube at youtube.com/orthodoxpittsburgh
Instagram at Instagram.com/orthodoxpittsburgh

The **Nativity Fast** begins on Tuesday, November 15. As we prepare ourselves for the Nativity of Christ, we abstain from meat and dairy, increasing prayer, and charity for others.

Hymns and Readings for Sunday, November 13

Tone 5 Troparion (Resurrection)

Let us, the faithful, praise and worship the Word, co-eternal with the Father and the Spirit, born for our salvation from the Virgin; for He willed to be lifted up on the Cross in the flesh, to endure death, and to raise the dead// by His glorious Resurrection.

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 8 Troparion (St. John Chrysostom)

Grace shining forth from thy lips like a beacon has enlightened the universe. It has shown to the world the riches of poverty. It has revealed to us the heights of humility. Teaching us by thy words O Father John Chrysostom// intercede before the Word Christ our God, to save our souls!

Tone 5 Kontakion (Resurrection)

Thou didst descend into hell, O my Savior, shattering its gates as Almighty, resurrecting the dead as Creator, and destroying the sting of death. Thou hast delivered Adam from the curse, O Lover of man,// and we cry to Thee: “O Lord, save us!”

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

Tone 6 Kontakion (St. John Chrysostom)

Having received divine grace from heaven, with thy mouth thou dost teach all men to worship one God in Trinity. All-blessed and venerable John Chrysostom// we worthily praise thee, for thou art our teacher, revealing things divine.

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 5 Prokeimenon (Resurrection)

Thou, O Lord, shalt protect us / and preserve us from this generation forever. (Ps. 11:7)

Epistle of the Sunday (Galatians 6:11-18)

See with what large letters I have written to you with my own hand! As many as desire to make a good showing in the flesh, these would compel you to be circumcised, only that they may not suffer persecution for the cross of Christ. For not even those who are circumcised keep the law, but they desire to have you circumcised that they may boast in your flesh. But God forbid that I should boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision avails anything, but a new creation.

And as many as walk according to this rule, peace and mercy be upon them, and upon the Israel of God.

From now on let no one trouble me, for I bear in my body the marks of the Lord Jesus.

Brethren, the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit. Amen.

Gospel of the Sunday (Luke 10:25-37)

And behold, a certain lawyer stood up and tested Him, saying, “Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?”

He said to him, “What is written in the law? What is your reading of it?”

So he answered and said, “ ‘You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind,’ and ‘your neighbor as yourself.’ ”

And He said to him, “You have answered rightly; do this and you will live.”

But he, wanting to justify himself, said to Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?”

Then Jesus answered and said: “A certain man went down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell among thieves, who stripped him of his clothing, wounded him, and departed, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a certain priest came down that road. And when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. Likewise a Levite, when he arrived at the place, came and looked, and passed by on the other side. But a certain Samaritan, as he journeyed, came where he was. And when he saw him, he had compassion. So he went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine; and he set him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. On the next day, when he departed, he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said to him, ‘Take care of him; and whatever

more you spend, when I come again, I will repay you.’ So which of these three do you think was neighbor to him who fell among the thieves?”

And he said, “He who showed mercy on him.”

Then Jesus said to him, “Go and do likewise.”

Communion Hymn

Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest! (Ps. 148:1) The righteous shall be in everlasting remembrance. He shall not fear evil tidings. (Ps. 111:6) Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Chrysostom on Scripture

Do not neglect Scripture “Let them hear, as many of us as neglect the reading of the Scriptures, to what harm we are subjecting ourselves, to what poverty.” (Hom. XLVII On Matthew)

The Bible helps us to obtain our salvation. “Now if we are willing to examine the Scriptures in this way, carefully and systematically, we shall be able to obtain our salvation. If we unceasingly are preoccupied with them, we shall learn both correctness of doctrine and an upright way of life.” (Hom 53 On John)

Scripture reading sanctifies us. “The Devil will never seize upon the soul which contains such thoughts as these, and no evil spirit will approach it, nor will the nature of sin come near. Well, then, sanctify your soul, sanctify your body by having these thoughts always in your heart and on your tongue. For if foul language is defiling and evokes evil spirits, it is evident that spiritual reading sanctifies the reader and attracts the grace of the Spirit.” (Hom. 32 On John)

The Scriptures are a treasure and neglect of it causes harm. “It is not possible, I say not possible, ever to exhaust the mind of the Scriptures. It is a well which has no bottom.” (Hom. XIX On Acts)