



## 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

### Tuesday, September 5

9:00 am Daily Matins

9:30 am to 12:00 pm Office Hours

### Thursday, September 7

9:00 am Daily Matins

9:30 am to 12:00 pm Office Hours

7:00 pm Festal Vigil

### Friday, September 8: Nativity of the Theotokos

9:30 am Festal Divine Liturgy

### Saturday, September 9

5:00 pm Great Vespers/Cathedral Vigil

### Sunday, September 10

10:00 am Divine Liturgy

*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.*

**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

### Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

McKees Rocks/Pittsburgh, PA

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September 3, 2023

## Announcements

➤ Our **annual Slavic Food Fest** will be held on Saturday, October 14 from 11 am to 7 pm. We will begin preparation in preparing the food (especially pierogi and halupki) in the next few weeks. A schedule will be released later this week. We need your help and participation to make this another great success!

➤ **Ill and infirm:** *Known to be hospitalized;* Home: John Mahalchak (son), Rick Porter. *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, Dn. Joseph Mell; for the health of family. From **Richard & Sonia Blaha** for the departed servants, grandmother, Marie, parents, brother, and newly departed; for the health of Dad, Leo, Aunt Martha, family, friends, siblings, and serving soldiers; for special intention, peace, anniversaries, and birthdays. From **Charles A. Wasilko** for the health of sisters, Doris & Marsha. From **Nancy Shaytar and George M. Shaytar** for the departed servant, George Shaytar; for the health of Joanne Shaytar. From **Susie Porter** for the health of Richard for health, healing, and recovery. From **John & Olga** for the health of Galina Vilko. From **Alexandria Tirpak** for the departed servants, mother, Amelia (69th year of her repose); health of Dimitri, Violet, Basil, Nicholas, and John; for special intentions. From **Marsha Wasilko** for the health of the Wasilko family. From **Lindy Hamilton** for the health of the Hamilton and Scott families; special intentions. From **Tatyana Sechler** for the departed servants, Polina, Galina, Slava, Andrei, Valentina, Diana, Robert, Marina, and Luby; for the health of Tatyana, Christopher, Thomas, Beth, Tatyana, Daniel, Veronika, Olga, and Sergey.

## Hymns and Readings for Sunday, September 3

### 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 of St Nicholas

You appeared to your flock as a rule of faith...

*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...

### 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 (1 Corinthians 16:13-24)

Watch, stand fast in the faith, be brave, be strong. Let all that you do be done with love.

I urge you, brethren—you know the household of Stephanas, that it is the firstfruits of Achaia, and that they have devoted themselves to the ministry of the saints— that you also submit to such, and to everyone who works and labors with us.

I am glad about the coming of Stephanas, Fortunatus, and Achaicus, for what was lacking on your part they supplied. For they refreshed my spirit and yours. Therefore acknowledge such men.

The churches of Asia greet you. Aquila and Priscilla greet you heartily in the Lord, with the church that is in their house. All the brethren greet you. Greet one another with a holy kiss. The salutation with my own hand—Paul's.

If anyone does not love the Lord Jesus Christ, let him be accursed. O Lord, come! The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. My love be with you all in Christ Jesus. Amen.

### Gospel of the Sunday (Matthew 21: 33-42)

“Hear another parable: There was a certain landowner who planted a vineyard and set a hedge around it, dug a winepress in it and built a tower. And he leased it to vinedressers and went into a far country. Now when vintage-time drew near, he sent his servants to the vinedressers, that they might receive its fruit. And the vinedressers took his servants, beat one, killed one, and stoned another. Again he sent other servants, more than the first, and they did likewise to them. Then last of all he sent his son to them, saying, ‘They will respect my son.’ But when the vinedressers saw the son, they said among themselves, ‘This is the heir. Come, let us kill him and seize his inheritance.’ So they took him and cast him out of the vineyard and killed him.

“Therefore, when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those vinedressers?”

They said to Him, “He will destroy those wicked men miserably, and lease his vineyard to other vinedressers who will render to him the fruits in their seasons.”

Jesus said to them, “Have you never read in the Scriptures:

‘The stone which the builders rejected Has become the chief cornerstone. This was the Lord's doing, And it is marvelous in our eyes?’