



Whether you're searching for a new church home or just visiting, we're 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 use the QR Code as your offering today. Please join us downstairs following the service. We want to get to know you! God bless you!



## This Week

**Sunday, September 15**

**10:00 am** Divine Liturgy / Church School

*No Services this week*

**Sunday, September 22**

**10:30 am** Divine Liturgy (at Clever Park in Robinson Township)

From **Saturday, September 14 to Saturday, September 21**, please contact Matushka Joni Soroka (412-716-6393) with any true pastoral emergencies. She will contact an available local priest.

Our **Slavic Food Fest** is scheduled for **Saturday, October 12**, 11:00 am to 7:00 pm.

**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*

### Sunday after the Exaltation of the Cross

McKees Rocks/Pittsburgh, PA

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## Announcements

➤ Welcome to **Fr Andrew Nelko** who is leading us in the Divine Liturgy today. May God bless him and his family with many blessed years!

➤ Our **annual Church Picnic will be held next Sunday at Clever Park in Robinson Township.** The outdoor Divine Liturgy will be held in the pavilion at 10:30 am (note time change) and the food will be served at 12:00 pm. Hamburgers, hot dogs, and chicken will be provided free of charge. **Please bring a large side dish or dessert to share on the buffet table.**

## Prayers

➤ **Vigil Lights** F From **Mat. Nancy K. Mell & Gregory Mell** for the departed servant, Dn. Joseph Mell; for the health of family. From **Doris Wasilko** for the departed servants, mother and father, Mary & Charles; for the health of the Wasilko family. From **Charles A. Wasilko** for the health of sisters, Doris & Marsha. From **Marsha Wasilko** for the health of the Wasilko family; in remembrance of 9-11. From **Mat. Joni Soroka** for the departed servant, cousin, EJ (9/8/20); for the health of my dad, John, Goddaughter, Annaliese on her birthday; for safe travels for Fr. Tom. From **John Mahalchak family** for the departed servants, John Mahalchak Sr., and Veronica; for the health of friends & family, John, Cheryl, Daniel, Mary, Gregory, Cindy, Kayla Elizabeth, and Margaret. From the **Pravlochaks** for the health of John & Rhonda on their 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary, and for Christina and Mia on their birthdays. From **John Kowalcheck** for the health of Galina Vilikova; Happy Birthday to Daniel Kowalcheck. From **Lindy Hamilton** for the health of the Hamilton & Scott families..

**Tone 3 Troparion** (*Resurrection*)

Let the heavens rejoice!

Let the earth be glad!

For the Lord has shown strength with His arm.

He has trampled down death by death.

He has become the first born of the dead.

He has delivered us from the depths of hell,

and has granted to the world//

great mercy.

**Tone 1 Troparion** (*Feast*)

O Lord, save Thy people,

and bless Thine inheritance!

Grant victories to the Orthodox Christians

over their adversaries;

and by virtue of Thy Cross//

preserve Thy habitation!

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

**Tone 3 Kontakion** (*Resurrection*)

On this day Thou didst rise from the tomb, O Merciful One,

leading us from the gates of death.

On this day Adam exults as Eve rejoices;

with the Prophets and Patriarchs//

they unceasingly praise the divine majesty of Thy power.

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

**Tone 4 Kontakion** (*Feast*)

As Thou wast voluntarily raised upon the Cross for our sake,

grant mercy to those who are called by Thy Name, O Christ God;

make all Orthodox Christians glad by Thy power,

granting them victories over their adversaries//

by bestowing on them the invincible trophy, Thy weapon of peace!

**Tone 7 Prokeimenon** (*Sunday After*)

Extol the Lord our God: / worship at His

footstool for He is holy! (*Ps. 98:5*)

**Epistle** Galatians 2:16-20 (*Sunday After*)

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** Mark 8:34-9:1 (*Sunday After*)

When He had called the people to Himself, with His disciples also, He said to them, “Whoever desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me. For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake and the gospel’s will save it. For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul? For whoever is ashamed of Me and My words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him the Son of Man also will be ashamed when He comes in the glory of His Father with the holy angels.”

And He said to them, “Assuredly, I say to you that there are some standing here who will not taste death till they see the kingdom of God present with power.”

**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.**