



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, October 27**

10:00 am Divine Liturgy / Church School

**Tuesday, October 29**

9:00 am Daily Matins

9:30 am to 12:00 pm Office Hours

**Thursday, October 31**

9:00 am Daily Matins

9:30 am to 12:00 pm Office Hours

**Saturday, November 2**

4:30 pm Confessions

5:00 pm Great Vespers

**Sunday, November 3**

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*

### Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

McKees Rocks/Pittsburgh, PA

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## Announcements

➤ **Parish Christmas Card Project:** It's time once again for this parish project which benefits the 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 parishioners in early December. Please see Jan Widel or Marsha Wasilko to participate. Deadline is Sunday, December 1, 2024. We also have a limited supply of boxed Orthodox nativity cards available for sale. Thank you!

➤ Next Sunday, November 3 is our **Pot Luck coffee (social) hour** after the Divine Liturgy. Please bring a dish to share!

➤ **On Sunday, November 10 we will have a Chili Cookoff!**

We are looking for five to seven (or more!) chefs who are willing to make their best recipe for chili. Everyone will be get a taste of each chili. We will vote (more on this later) for the winner of the tastiest chili! We're also asking for others to bring side dishes. See the email that will be sent this week for info.



➤ **Thank you** to the men who came out to the Archdiocesan Chancery yesterday to give of their time and labor, helping to erect a large mosaic icon of the Mother of God on the Chancery house. They also assisted in procuring an old bell from the former St Michael Church in the Hill District for our parish. It was previously the object of a robbery attempt. We are grateful for their love for the Church!

## Prayers

➤ **Ill and infirm:** *Known to be hospitalized (none); Home:* Sonia Blaha, John Mahalchak (son). William Warnak, Nancy Shaytar, Natalie Toooh. *Shut in, Rehabilitation, or Nursing Home:* 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 **Doris 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, (Uncles) John Wasilko and Steve Panik (10/21/00); for the health of the Wasilko family; Happy Anniversary & Many Years to John & Nancy Pravlochak! From **Charles A. Wasilko** for the departed servants, Uncle John Wasilko and Uncle Steve Panik. From **John Mahalchak family** for the departed servants, mother, Veronica and father, John; for the health of friends & family, John, Cheryl, Daniel, Mary, Gregory, Cindy, Margaret, Jospheh, and Kayla Elizabeth and Priya Elizabeth, and John. From **Dawna Beckett** for the health of mother, Pearl Petkash. From **Edith Humphrey** for the departed servant, Bessie Florence. From **Mat. Joni Soroka** for the health of my father, John. From **John & Olga** for the health of Glina Vilкова; for Luke Heuer on his birthday. From **Tatyana Sechler** for the departed servants, Polina, Slava, Galina, Bruce, Marina, Luba, Nina, Adina, and Lida; for the health of Tatyana, Veronica, Daniel, Micheal, Susan Tomas, Sam, Beth, Cristofer, and Tatiana. From **Mr. & Mrs. Richard Blaha** for the departed servants, Met. Theodosius, Godfather, George, Baba Mary Petronka, Uncle Frank, Aunt Martha, Soldier Christopher Kia, and Physician Mary; for the health of family, friends, and serving soldiers (Justin, Zach-active duty) for special intention, peace, anniversaries, and birthdays. From **Lindy Hamilton** for the health of the Hamilton & Scott families; special intention. From **Alexandria Tirpak** for the newly departed Godfather, Uncle Charles; for the health of my family; special intentions.

### Thank You

➤ to our **October** donors: Altar Candles (\$25) from **Donya Yewisiak** in memory of Matushka Olga Soroka (mother) on the occasion of her birthday. Incense (\$10) from **Fr Thomas and Matushka Joni Soroka** for the health of daughter Melanie on the occasion of her birthday.

## This Week in Church School

**Today's lesson:** Jacob

**Scripture reference:** Genesis 25-33

### Questions to ask/review:

- Who was Jacob? Who was Esau? How were they different?
- Tell the story of how Isaac blessed his sons.
- Why did Jacob and Esau have anger towards one another? How did Jacob cheat or deceive Esau?
- When have you been tempted to cheat? Why? Why should we resist this temptation? How does it damage people?
- What was "Jacob's ladder"? What does it prefigure?
- How did Laban mistreat Jacob? How did he cheat him?
- Who was Leah? Who was Rachael?
- What happened when Jacob and Esau were reunited?

### Suggested Activities at home:

- Jacob made a pot of lentil stew for his brother Esau; make one for dinner. Tell the story of Jacob and Esau.

**Prayer:** Give us Your blessing, Lord, as Isaac did Jacob.

**R**ouse yourselves! The world which you worship only flatters you. The heaviness of your flesh should not keep you back from our Savior—the God of spirits and of all flesh. If you continue to drowse, you will imperceptibly fall under the influence of the evil spirits, who are anxious for the company even of swine. Be careful that you become not controlled by a devil. - *St. Sebastian Dabovich*

**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.**

# Hymns and Readings for Sunday, October 27

## **Tone 1 Troparion** (Resurrection)

When the stone had been sealed by the Jews, while the soldiers were guarding Thy most pure body, Thou didst rise on the third day, O Savior, granting life to the world. The powers of heaven therefore cried to Thee, O Giver of Life: “Glory to Thy Resurrection, O Christ! Glory to Thy Kingdom!// Glory to Thy dispensation, O Thou Who lovest mankind!”

## **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. Nestor)

Thy holy martyr Nestor, O Lord, through his sufferings has received an incorruptible crown from Thee, our God. For having Thy strength, he laid low his adversaries, and shattered the powerless boldness of demons.// Through his intercession, save our souls!

## **Tone 1 Kontakion** (Resurrection)

As God, Thou didst rise from the tomb in glory, raising the world with Thyself. Human nature praises Thee as God, for death has vanished. Adam exults, O Master! Eve rejoices, for she is freed from bondage and cries to Thee://

“Thou art the Giver of Resurrection to all, O Christ!”

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

## **Tone 2 Kontakion** (St. Nestor)

Having fought the good fight, thou didst win immortal glory, O Nestor. Thou didst become a perfect soldier for the Master through the prayers of the martyr Demetrius.// Together with him thou art praying unceasingly to Christ God for us all.

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

## **Tone 6 Kontakion** (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 1 Prokeimenon** (Resurrection)

Let Thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us / as we have set our hope on Thee! (Ps. 32:22)

## **Epistle** 2 Corinthians 9:6-11 (Sunday)

But this I say: He who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. So let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound toward you, that you, always having all sufficiency in all things, may have an abundance for every good work. As it is written:

“He has dispersed abroad,

He has given to the poor;  
His righteousness endures forever.”

Now may He who supplies seed to the sower, and bread for food, supply and multiply the seed you have sown and increase the fruits of your righteousness, while you are enriched in everything for all liberality, which causes thanksgiving through us to God.

## **Gospel** Luke 8:26-39 (Sunday)

Then they sailed to the country of the Gadarenes, which is opposite Galilee. And when He stepped out on the land, there met Him a certain man from the city who had demons for a long time. And he wore no clothes, nor did he live in a house but in the tombs. When he saw Jesus, he cried out, fell down before Him, and with a loud voice said, “What have I to do with You, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg You, do not torment me!” For He had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. For it had often seized him, and he was kept under guard, bound with chains and shackles; and he broke the bonds and was driven by the demon into the wilderness.

Jesus asked him, saying, “What is your name?”

And he said, “Legion,” because many demons had entered him. And they begged Him that He would not command them to go out into the abyss.

Now a herd of many swine was feeding there on the mountain. So they begged Him that He would permit them to enter them. And He permitted them. Then the demons went out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd ran violently down the steep place into the lake and drowned.

When those who fed them saw what had happened, they fled and told it in the city and in the country. Then they went out to see what had

happened, and came to Jesus, and found the man from whom the demons had departed, sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. And they were afraid. They also who had seen it told them by what means he who had been demon-possessed was healed. Then the whole multitude of the surrounding region of the Gadarenes asked Him to depart from them, for they were seized with great fear. And He got into the boat and returned.

Now the man from whom the demons had departed begged Him that he might be with Him. But Jesus sent him away, saying, “Return to your own house, and tell what great things God has done for you.” And he went his way and proclaimed throughout the whole city what great things Jesus had done for him.

## **Communion Hymn**

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

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