



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, November 3

10:00 am Divine Liturgy / Church School  
Trisagion for the Departed

### Monday, November 4

7:00 pm Bowling at Mt Lebanon AMF

### Tuesday, November 5

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

### Thursday, November 7

No Services or Office Hours  
7:00 pm Men's Night (IPH - Robinson)

### Saturday, November 9

12:00 pm Pan-Orthodox Choir Rehearsal  
4:30 pm Confessions  
5:00 pm Great Vespers

### Sunday, November 10

10:00 am Divine Liturgy / Church School  
Chili Cook Off during Coffee Hour

**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*

### Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

McKees Rocks/Pittsburgh, PA  
OrthodoxPittsburgh.org November 3, 2024

## Announcements

➤ There will be a brief meeting of the **men of the parish** downstairs during coffee hour.

➤ **Next 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. See the email was sent yesterday for info or see Melissa Graff today!

➤ Tomorrow (Monday) **anyone interested in bowling together** on a regular basis can gather at Mt Lebanon AMF Lanes beginning at 7:00 pm. The cost is \$19 which includes shoes.

➤ **Parish Christmas Card Project** benefits the monthly community food pantry. We ask each parishioner/family to 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.

➤ The next Bible Study will be held on **Wednesday, November 13** (the second Wednesday of the month). However, due to the Thanksgiving holiday, we will have a Bible Study on **Wednesday, November 20**, but not on Nov 27.

➤ **No Matins or Office Hours** this coming Thursday, November 7. Fr Thomas will be speaking to the Holy Synod of the Orthodox Church in America in Maryland.

➤ **Volunteers needed** to benefit the FOR (Fr Ryan Arts Center) in McKees Rocks this Saturday, November 9 at a fundraising Bingo event. Contact Carrie at [cmolitierno@forstorox.com](mailto:cmolitierno@forstorox.com) for info.

## 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 health of the Wasilko family. From **Marsha Wasilko** for the health of the Wasilko family; for special thanks. From **Charles A. Wasilko** for the health of sisters, Doris & Marsha. From **Alexandria Tirpak** for the newly departed servant, Charles; for the health of Nicholas, Andrea and families and for the Hanich family; special intentions.. From **John & Olga** for the departed servant, John Kowalcheck Sr.; for the health of Galina Vilkova; for Dana Kowalcheck on her birthday. From **Lindy Hamilton** for the health of the Hamilton & Scott families; special intention. From **Mat. Joni Soroka** for the health of Natalie, Jacqueline, Melanie, and father, John; special intentions.

## Thank You

➤ to our **November** donors: John Mahalchak Family (\$10 - Incense) for the health of family and friends and in memory of departed family and friends.

### The Sacrament of Holy Unction

(Anointing) will be held on Sunday, December 8 at 6:00 pm at St Alexander Nevsky Cathedral in Allison Park. More info to come.

**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.**

## This Week in Church School

**Today's lesson:** Joseph

**Scripture reference:** Genesis 37-45

### Questions to ask/review:

- Who were the sons of Jacob? How many can you name? What is the significance of their names?
- Why was Joseph in Egypt when the rest of his family were in Canaan?
- Why was Joseph in prison in Egypt?
- What interpretation did Joseph give the butler and the baker?
- How did Joseph help the Egyptian Pharaoh?
- What happened when Joseph's brothers came to Egypt? How do you think Joseph felt when he saw them? How would they feel?
- Joseph had many things happen to him that were unfair. What are some examples? How did Joseph act in each situation?
- Have you ever been treated unfairly? Do you try to get revenge or do you forgive as Joseph did?
- Has God ever taken something that was intended for evil against you and made something good out of it?

### Suggested Activities at home:

- Have your children tell you their dreams each morning and write them down? Do any seem to have a deeper meaning?
  - Dress in your most colorful clothes and have a fashion show.
  - Pretend to make one child each day the favorite; how do the others feel?
- Prayer:** Give us love for our brothers and sisters, O Lord. OR Lord, bring good out of sadness as You did for Joseph and his family.

# Hymns and Readings for Sunday, November 3

## **Tone 2 Troparion** (Resurrection)

When Thou didst descend to death, O Life  
immortal,

Thou didst slay hell with the splendor of Thy  
Godhead.

And when from the depths Thou didst raise the  
dead,

all the powers of heaven cried out://

“O Giver of life, Christ our God, glory to Thee!”

## **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 3 Troparion** (Martyrs)

You were pillars of the Church, O servants of  
godliness,

and you humbled the proud worshippers of fire.

Much afflicted hierarch Aképsimas, Joseph the  
presbyter and Aethalas the deacon,

pray to Christ our God//

to grant us His great mercy!

## **Tone 2 Kontakion** (Resurrection)

Hell became afraid, O almighty Savior,  
seeing the miracle of Thy Resurrection from the  
tomb!

The dead arose! Creation, with Adam, beheld this  
and rejoiced with Thee,//

and the world, my Savior, praises Thee forever.

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

## **Tone 2 Kontakion** (Martyrs)

Thou didst celebrate the mysteries blamelessly, O  
wise one,

and became thyself an acceptable sacrifice, O  
divinely blessed one.

Thou didst gloriously drink of the cup of Christ,  
Holy Aképsimas.//

Together with thy fellow sufferers 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 2 Prokeimenon** (Resurrection)

The Lord is my strength and my song; / He has  
become my salvation. (Ps. 117:14)

## **Epistle** 2 Corinthians 11:31-12:9 (Sunday)

The God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
who is blessed forever, knows that I am not  
lying. In Damascus the governor, under Aretas  
the king, was guarding the city of the  
Damascenes with a garrison, desiring to arrest  
me; but I was let down in a basket through a  
window in the wall, and escaped from his hands.

It is doubtless not profitable for me to boast. I  
will come to visions and revelations of the Lord:  
I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago—  
whether in the body I do not know, or whether  
out of the body I do not know, God knows—such  
a one was caught up to the third heaven. And I  
know such a man—whether in the body or out of  
the body I do not know, God knows— how he  
was caught up into Paradise and heard  
inexpressible words, which it is not lawful for a  
man to utter. Of such a one I will boast; yet of  
myself I will not boast, except in my infirmities.  
For though I might desire to boast, I will not be

a fool; for I will speak the truth. But I refrain,  
lest anyone should think of me above what he  
sees me to be or hears from me.

And lest I should be exalted above measure by  
the abundance of the revelations, a thorn in the  
flesh was given to me, a messenger of Satan to  
buffet me, lest I be exalted above measure.

Concerning this thing I pleaded with the Lord  
three times that it might depart from me. And  
He said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you,  
for My strength is made perfect in weakness.”  
Therefore most gladly I will rather boast in my  
infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest  
upon me.

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

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!

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