



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 10

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

Tuesday, November 12

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

Wednesday, November 13

6:30 pm Daily Vespers
7:00 pm Bible Study

Thursday, November 14

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

Saturday, November 16

4:30 pm Confessions
5:00 pm Great Vespers

Sunday, November 17

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

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

McKees Rocks/Pittsburgh, PA
OrthodoxPittsburgh.org November 10, 2024

Announcements

➤ **Today after the Divine Liturgy we will have a Chili Cookoff!** Who will be named the Champion of Chili? Culinary artists from across the parish will bring their chili creations for your sampling! Because this is a fundraiser for our monthly Community Food Pantry, we encourage you to "vote" by donating as much money as you want for your favorites. The winner is the chili that collects the most money!

➤ **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 this **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.

➤ Thursday, November 21 is the great feast of the **Entrance of the Theotokos into the Temple**. Divine Liturgy will be served at 9:30 am. A festal vigil will be served on Wednesday, November 20 at **6:00 pm** (due to Bible Study at 7:00 pm)

➤ **The Sacrament of Holy Unction** (anointing for the healing of the sick) will be held on Sunday, December 8 at 6:00 pm at St Alexander Nevsky Cathedral in Allison Park.

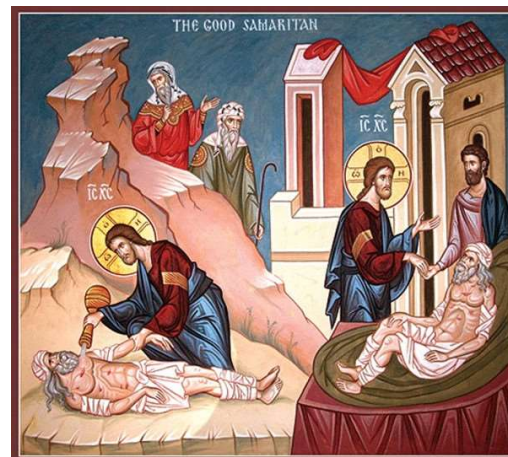
Prayers

➤ **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, parents, Charles & Mary; for the health of the Wasilko family. From **Marsha Wasilko** for the health of the Wasilko family. From **Charles A. Wasilko** for the health of sisters, Doris & Marsha. From **John & Olga** for the health of Glina Vilkova; birthday blessings for Dmitri Kowalcheck and Alexandra Kowalcheck. From **Lindy Hamilton** for the health of the Hamilton & Scott families; special intention.

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.



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 10

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 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 (Apostles)

Holy Apostles, Erástus, Olýmpas, Ródion,

Sosipáter, Qúartus and Tértius,

entreat the merciful God, //

to grant our souls forgiveness of transgressions!

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.

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

Tone 2 Kontakion (Apostles)

Illumined by divine light, O holy Apostles,

you wisely destroyed the works of idolatry.

When you caught all the pagans you brought

them to the Master //

and taught them to glorify the Trinity.

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 3 Prokeimenon (Resurrection)

Sing praises to our God, sing praises! / Sing

praises to our King, sing praises! (Ps. 46:6)

Epistle Galatians 1:11-19 (Sunday)

But I make known to you, brethren, that the gospel which was preached by me is not according to man. For I neither received it from man, nor was I taught it, but it came through the revelation of Jesus Christ.

For you have heard of my former conduct in Judaism, how I persecuted the church of God beyond measure and tried to destroy it. And I advanced in Judaism beyond many of my contemporaries in my own nation, being more exceedingly zealous for the traditions of my fathers.

But when it pleased God, who separated me from my mother's womb and called me through His grace, to reveal His Son in me, that I might preach Him among the Gentiles, I did not immediately confer with flesh and blood, nor did I go up to Jerusalem to those who were apostles before me; but I went to Arabia, and returned again to Damascus.

Then after three years I went up to Jerusalem to see Peter, and remained with him fifteen days.

But I saw none of the other apostles except James, the Lord's brother.

Gospel Luke 10:25-37 (Sunday)

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) Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

The road from Jerusalem to Jericho, where the beaten man had been mugged, had a reputation among locals as being an extremely dangerous one. Some historians refer to it as the "road of blood," upon which unscrupulous robbers hid, waiting to pounce on new victims. So the story of the good Samaritan would've been a "non-story" had some compassionate neighbor told the traveler, "You're risking your life if you go that way!" Instead of being called "the good Samaritan," he could've been called "the foolish traveler!"

If we see people following dangerous paths in their lives, if we really love them, isn't one of the best ways to show them our love to warn them of danger? As parents, we show compassion to our children in exactly this way—"don't run into the street, don't touch a hot stove, don't get into a car with strangers, don't hang around with bad people, don't do drugs, etc." Many roads in life are full of danger. Yet how often do we see neighbors following such grievous paths and remain silent or pass them by? Perhaps we ourselves are, knowingly or unknowingly, on such paths, and only the compassion of another can save us from being wounded, beaten or destroyed, or at least incite us to consider an alternate, safer route.

In this sense, the Church must intentionally strive to fulfill the role of Christ as the good Samaritan. The Church is to be a lighthouse that guides lost and wandering souls to the Kingdom of God—"a haven of peace in a tortured world." Thus, the Church is a life-saving station that nurtures that equips and dispatches good Samaritans to be neighbors to others, or a spiritual GPS that displays the preferred path to a desired destination and warns of the dangers inherent on other roads. (Fr Daniel Kovalak)