

Welcome!

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 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!

This Week

Monday-Thursday, July 9-12

10:00 am to 1:00 pm

Vacation Church School (in the Church Hall)

Pool Day on Friday

Saturday, July 14

NO GREAT VESPERS

Sunday, July 15

10:00 am Divine Liturgy



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*
Mat. Janet Mihalick, *Choir Director*

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

McKees Rocks/Pittsburgh, PA
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July 8, 2018

Announcements

➤ **During the summer months**, let us continue to offer worship and praise to God in thanksgiving for the continued blessings He richly pours out on us. In this way, God is glorified, we sustain our faith, and we become an example to others. **Traveling this summer?** Seek out a church to visit at orthodoxyinamerica.com.

➤ **Community Outreach Opportunity: Welcome to the Table**, Wednesday, July 11th @ 5:30-7:00 pm. Saint Nicholas Church sponsors, prepares, and serves a meal to the surrounding McKees Rocks community on the second Wednesday of each month. The meal is served at Christ Community Church, 900 Chartiers Ave, McKees Rocks, 15136. Help is needed with food preparations, serving the meal, and in greeting the community. Please contact Mat. Ashley (412-715-2163, Ashley.loboda@gmail.com) or Sasha Gajewski (814-341-6827, Alexandra.mihalick@gmail.com) if you would like to help with this ministry.

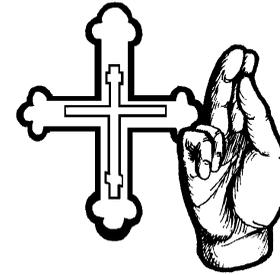
➤ **The Sisterhood will have their Pelmeni Fundraiser** on July 22nd during coffee hour. Please place your order by July 15th. See Flyer for more info. We will need volunteers to help make the pelmeni. No experience necessary. A sign-up sheet will be posted on the bulletin board in the church hall. Please see Sasha Gajewski with any questions.

➤ **St. Nicholas will now have a "Bus Fund" to support members of the community that need small amounts of cash for bus fare or other basic necessities.** If someone is seeking assistance that you are unable to provide, please direct them to a parish council member or Kate Skowron. Likewise, please see a parish council member or Kate Skowron if you would like to make a small monetary donation to this worthy cause. Thank you for your assistance with this new ministry of our parish!

Prayers

➤ **Ill and infirm: Known to be Hospitalized; (None).** Home: Valentina Barsom, Bob Madalinsky, Sandi Tirpak, Georgiann Robes, George Shaytar. Doris Wasilko. Shut in, Rehabilitation, or Nursing Home: Olga Bednar, Olga Tryszyn, Mary Zapp.

➤ **From Mat. Nancy K. Mell and Gregory Mell** for the departed servant, Dn. Joseph Mell; for the health of family. **From Tatyana Sechler** for the departed servants, Polina, Slava, Galina, Valentina, Bruce, Marina, Victor, Genya, Andrei and Lida; for the health of Roma, Andreana, Daina, Tatyana, Sergei, Veronika, Kristofer, Ray and David. **From Lindy Hamilton** for the health of Elaine Hamilton. **From Iryna** for the departed servants, Ada, Anna, Olga; for the health of William, Maryna, Artur, Andrei, Elena, Alex, Vitalyi and Alexei. **From Marsha Wasilko** for the health of the Wasilko family; God Bless America! **From Charles A. Wasilko** for the health of (sisters) Doris & Marsha and Valentina Barsom. **From Doris M. Wasilko** for the health of Valentina Barsom and Eleanor Kovacs on her birthday--Many Years. **From John & Olga** for the health & salvation of our family and Anatoly & Galina Vilkov.



Thank you

➤ to **Paul and Lois Fuller** for donating all categories [Bulletin (\$60), Holy Bread (\$50), Communion Wine (\$40), Altar Candles (\$25). Incense (\$10)] for the health of family.

Use Your Talents!

Everyone is given at least one talent. We should never think or believe that God our Master has forgotten about us and left us with no talents. We all can contribute something.

God has given more talents to some than others each according to his ability. We should not be look at other people's talents with envy or judge those who have less than we do. God has given us exactly what we need and certainly no more than we can handle.

We are expected to be productive and use our talents to multiply them. If we want to have more gifts and talents, we must use the talent God has entrusted to us. Consider this exhortation in monetary terms. Trading and investing money to build assets involves risk. So too the development and application of our talents involves risk that may include rejection, persecution and loss of intangible characteristics like the esteem of others for the sake of the Gospel. Fear of failure or rejection is not a sufficient reason to bury our talent.

At some point we must give an account for what's been placed in our care. We will be asked by God what did we did with our gifts. This accounting will take place after we die. Did we feed the poor, clothe the naked, comfort the afflicted? Did we use our talents to help others or bury them in self-indulgent excess? Here the words of St. John Chrysostom ring clear: the rightful owners of our possessions are those who need it most.

Our perception and attitude towards God affects how we live. Do we see God as harsh and ruthless or as generous and loving? Are we afraid of God so that our life is inhibited and stilted rather than courageously fulfilling our potential

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 Today

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Troparion of the Resurrection Tone 5

Let us, the faithful, praise and worship the Word,
Co-eternal with the Father and the Spirit,
born for our salvation from the Virgin.
For He willed to be lifted up on the cross in the
flesh
to endure death
and to raise the dead,
by His glorious resurrection.

Troparion of St Nicholas Tone 4

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.

Kontakion of the Resurrection Tone 5

Thou didst descend into hell, O my Savior,
shattering its gates as almighty,
resurrecting the dead as Creator
and destroying the sting of death.
Thou hast delivered Adam from the curse, O Lover
of Man
and we all cry to Thee, O Lord, save us!

Kontakion of the Theotokos Tone 6

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.

Prokeimenon (Psalm 12) Tone 5

Thou, O Lord, shalt protect us and preserve us
from this generation forever.

Epistle (Rom 12:6-14)

Having then gifts differing according to the grace
that is given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, let
us prophesy in proportion to our faith; or ministry,
let us use it in our ministering; he who teaches, in
teaching; he who exhorts, in exhortation; he who
gives, with liberality; he who leads, with diligence;
he who shows mercy, with cheerfulness.

Let love be without hypocrisy. Abhor what is evil.
Cling to what is good. Be kindly affectionate to one
another with brotherly love, in honor giving
preference to one another; not lagging in diligence,
fervent in spirit, serving the Lord; rejoicing in hope,
patient in tribulation, continuing steadfastly in
prayer; distributing to the needs of the saints, given
to hospitality. Bless those who persecute you; bless
and do not curse.

Gospel (Matthew 9:1-8)

So He got into a boat, crossed over, and came to
His own city. Then behold, they brought to Him a
paralytic lying on a bed. When Jesus saw their
faith, He said to the paralytic, "Son, be of good
cheer; your sins are forgiven you."

And at once some of the scribes said within
themselves, "This Man blasphemes!"

But Jesus, knowing their thoughts, said, "Why do
you think evil in your hearts? For which is easier, to
say, 'Your sins are forgiven you,' or to say, 'Arise
and walk'? But that you may know that the Son of
Man has power on earth to forgive sins"—then He
said to the paralytic, "Arise, take up your bed, and
go to your house." And he arose and departed to
his house.

Now when the multitudes saw it, they marveled and
glorified God, who had given such power to men.

"**Somebody asked Abba Anthony**, 'What shall I do in
order to please God?' He replied, 'Do what I tell you,
which is this: wherever you go, keep God in mind;
whatever you do, follow the example of Holy Scripture;
wherever you are, stay there and do not move away in
a hurry. If you keep to these guide-lines, you will be
saved.'"



*Pelmeni are bite-size Russian dumplings that are filled, and
wrapped in thin unleavened dough.
Think pierogis, but smaller!*

Savory

- **Traditional-** beef & onion \$6/Dozen
- **Loaded Baked Potato-** potato, cheese, caramelized onion,
chives, & bacon \$6/Dozen

Sweet

- **Apple Pie-** apple, sugar, cinnamon, & nutmeg \$6/Dozen

*1 serving is approximately 1 dozen. All pelmeni will be made from scratch in our
church kitchen, and will be sold frozen. *

Place order in advance by Sunday, July 15th to ensure availability. There will be a
limited supply available the day of the sale. Email stnicholassisterhood@gmail.com or
call 814-341-6827.

Pick-up Sunday, July 22nd 11:30am -1pm in the church hall. Saint Nicholas Orthodox
Church, 320 Munson Ave. McKees Rocks, PA 15136.