

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

Today

After the Liturgy – Trisagion for the Departed
In memory of Joseph and Anita Hrimnock
from daughter, Claudia

Thursday, November 1

7:00 pm Pan-Orthodox Choir Rehearsal

Saturday, November 3

5:00pm Vespers and Cathedral Vigil

Sunday, November 4

9:15 am Adult Education

10:00 am Divine Liturgy

Church School after Communion

**Saturday
Night!**



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*

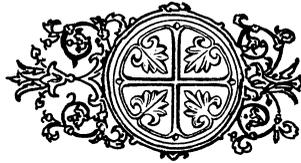
Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost

McKees Rocks/Pittsburgh, PA
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October 28, 2018

Announcements

➤ **Our October hoagie sale** is being held on Wednesday, October 31. Italian Hoagies and wraps are \$6.50 each and the Turkey hoagies and wraps are \$7.00 each. Orders can be placed by calling 412-974-9912, faxing 724-926-4052 or emailing rjmbmsam1@verizon.net. Orders are due on Sunday evening, October 28. Orders can be picked up between noon and 1 pm October 31 at the church hall.



Why is there Evil?

Therefore also on this account Christ has left the wicked to be in the world, in order that the good may shine the brighter. Do you see how great is the gain? But the gain is not owing to the wicked, but owing to the courage of the good. On this account also we admire Noah, not because he was righteous nor yet because he was perfect alone, but because in that perverse and wicked generation he preserved his virtue, when he had no pattern of virtue, when all men invited him to wickedness; and he went his whole way contrary to them, like some traveller, pursuing his way while the great multitude is being borne along vehemently. On this account he did not simply say Noah was just, perfect, but added in his generation in that perverse, that desperate generation, when there was no acquisition of virtue. To the good indeed then this was the gain from the wicked. Thus at all events, also trees tossed about by contrary winds, become stronger. **(St John Chrysostom)**

Prayers

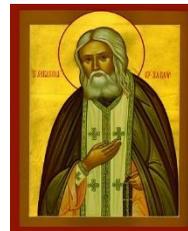
➤ **Ill and infirm:** *Known to be Hospitalized; (None).*
Home: Georgiann Robes. Heidi Lewis (40 days). *Shut in, Rehabilitation, or Nursing Home:* Olga Bednar, Garnette Kerchum, Olga Tryszyn, Mary Zapp.

➤ **From From Mat. Nancy K. Mell and Gregory Mell** for the departed servant, Dn. Joseph Mell; for the health of family. **From Charles A. Wasilko** for the departed servants, (Uncles) John Wasilko and Steve Panik. **From Irene Kulchock** for the departed servant, Richard Kulchock. **From Lindy Hamilton** for the health of (sister) Elaine Hamilton. **From Doris Wasilko** for the departed servants, (Uncles) John Wasilko and Steve Panik; Happy Anniversary to John & Nancy Pravlochak-Many Years! **From John & Olga** for the health of Anatoly & Galina Vilkov and Luke Bede Heuer on his birthday. **From John & Nancy Pravlochak** for the health of our grandchildren, for us on our anniversary and a belated a Happy Birthday to Doris Wasilko. **From Marsha Wasilko** for the departed servants, (Uncles) John Wasilko and Steve Panik (10/21/00). **For the departed servant, Laura Kennedy.**

Thank you

➤ to **Michelle Bittner** for donating the October monthly Bulletin (\$60) in memory of Michael and Helen Hruch.

“When a man receives something Divine, in his heart he rejoices; but when he receives something diabolic, he is disturbed. The Christian heart, when it has received something Divine, does not demand anything else in order to convince it that this is precisely from the Lord; but by that very effect it is convinced that this is heavenly, for it senses within itself spiritual fruits: love, joy, peace, and the rest (cf. Gal. 5:22).” **(St Seraphim of Sarov)**



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.

Today in Church School

Today's lesson: The Apostle Paul's Journeys

Questions to ask/review:

- How many journey's did Paul take?
- What was the purpose of his journeys?
- Describe some of Paul's experiences.
- Give examples of how Paul shared the Gospel with people.
- Give examples of miracles done by Paul.
- Who were some of Paul's companions? What roles did they play?
- When did Paul write many of his epistles? To whom?

Suggested Activities at home:

- Read bedtime stories from Paul's journeys in Acts 13-14 & 16-28.
- Follow his journeys on your world map or globe.
- Make a small sailboat out of popsicle sticks and shipwreck it in a puddle or creek. -Paul was, by trade, a tentmaker; make a tent from a sheet and spend the night (indoor tent!).
- Prayer: Lord, let me live my whole life and every minute for You, as Paul did.

“The land of the Gadarenes was a place favored by the legion of darkness. The people disobeyed the law of Moses, if not by using as food the flesh of swine, then by keeping swine for commerce. These people were ungrateful, malicious, and mercenary. When the Lord Jesus Christ delivered the two possessed with devils, and the people lost their herd of many swine, they did not think of the sin of breaking the law, nor did they even wonder at the pity shown by the great Miracle-Worker, but they came out, in a matter of fact way, and besought Jesus that he would depart from their borders. My dear brethren and sisters, let us look to ourselves, that for the appetites of the flesh, the pleasures of frivolous society and false philosophy, and that for gain and business, we lose not Jesus, our Savior, and fall a prey to the adversary of our eternal salvation. Amen.” **(St Sebastian Dabovich)**

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 of the Sunday (Galatians 6:11-18)

See with what large letters I have written to you with my own hand! As many as desire to make a good showing in the flesh, these would compel you to be circumcised, only that they may not suffer persecution for the cross of Christ. For not even those who are circumcised keep the law, but they desire to have you circumcised that they may boast in your flesh. But God forbid that I should boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world has been crucified to me, and I to the

world. For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision avails anything, but a new creation.

And as many as walk according to this rule peace and mercy be upon them, and upon the Israel of God. From now on let no one trouble me, for I bear in my body the marks of the Lord Jesus. Brethren, the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit. Amen

Gospel of the Sunday (Luke 8:26-39)

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.

**ALL SAINTS
CONCERT**

FEATURING THE

PAN-ORTHODOX CHOIR OF PITTSBURGH

under the direction of
FATHER THOMAS SOROKA

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