



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

Wednesday, November 14

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

Saturday, November 17

4:00 pm "The Unity of the Orthodox Church" Talk

5:00 pm Great Vespers with Cathedral Vigil

Sunday, November 18

9:15 am Adult Education

10:00 am Divine Liturgy

Church School after Communion

➤ **Prayers for the 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.

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.

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.

Archpriest Thomas Soroka, *Rector*
Deacon Luke Loboda, *Attached*
Mat. Janet Mihalick, *Choir Director*

Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost

McKees Rocks/Pittsburgh, PA
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November 11, 2018

Announcements

➤ **We warmly welcome Fr David Vernak** who is leading us in the Divine Liturgy today. May God richly bless him and his family for many years!

➤ **Parish Christmas Card Project:** This year's project will run from now until Noon on December 2. We are asking everyone to participate by making a \$10 donation to have your/your family's name listed on the card. Cards will be mailed to parishioners and sister parishes in early December. **100% of this year's proceeds will benefit the new St Nicholas community meal ministry to be held at our parish on the last Saturday of the month beginning in January 2019.** See Jan Widel or Marsha Wasilko today!

➤ **Christmas Cards:** Lovely boxed Orthodox Christmas cards are now available for sale. See Jan Widel or Marsha Wasilko.

➤ On Saturday, November 17 at 4:00 pm, Fr Thomas will make a presentation for our parishioners entitled, **"The Unity of the Orthodox Church and the Ukrainian Dispute."** In it, he will review the structure and principles of unity in Orthodoxy and the current crisis between the Churches of Constantinople and Russia over the issue of the Church in Ukraine. The presentation will be held in the church and all are welcome.

This and last week's vigils will appear in next week's bulletin.



Hymns and Readings for Today

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Troparion of the Resurrection Tone 7

By Thy cross, Thou didst destroy death!
To the thief, Thou didst open paradise!
For the myrrh-bearers, Thou didst change weeping into joy!
And Thou didst command Thy disciples, O Christ God to proclaim that Thou art risen, granting the world great mercy.

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 7

The dominion of death can no longer hold men captive, for Christ descended, shattering and destroying its powers!
Hell is bound, while the prophets rejoice and cry:
The Savior has come to those in faith,
Enter, you faithful, into the Resurrection!

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 29) Tone 7

The Lord shall give strength to His people! The Lord shall bless His people with peace!

Epistle of the Sunday (Eph 2:14-22)

For He Himself is our peace, who has made both one, and has broken down the middle wall of separation, having abolished in His flesh the enmity, that is, the law of commandments contained in ordinances, so as to create in Himself one new man from the two, thus making peace, and that He might reconcile them both to God in one body through the cross, thereby putting to death the enmity. And He came and preached

peace to you who were afar off and to those who were near. For through Him we both have access by one Spirit to the Father.

Gospel of the Sunday (Luke 10:25-37)

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 Hymns (Ps 148:1)

Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest! Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Thank you to Matushka Nancy Mell and Greg Mell for donating all November donor categories in loving memory of Deacon Joseph Mell.

Today in Church School

Today's lesson: The Apostle Paul's Journeys

Questions to ask/review:

- Who was the apostle John?
- Describe John's role in the early Church.
- What scriptures were written by John?
- How is his Gospel unique?
- What does the book of Revelation describe?
- Where did John write the book of Revelation?
Why?

Suggested Activities at home:

- Read a few of these passages at bedtime.
Discuss John's experiences: Luke 5:7-11, Mark 5:35-42, Mark 6:7-13, Luke 9:28-32, John 13:21-26, John 19:25-27, John 20:1-8, Acts 3:1-6, I John 1:1-3, Revelation 1:9-11
- Make paper angels or dress as angels. Discuss references to angels in the liturgy or the book of Revelation.
- Prayer: Lord, send my guardian angel to keep watch over me.