



Welcome!

Whether you are searching for a new church home or just visiting, we are 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, September 25

6:30 pm Daily Vespers

7:00 pm Bible Study

Saturday, September 28

5:00 pm Great Vespers with Cathedral Vigil

Sunday, September 29

10:00 am Divine Liturgy

After 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*
Mat. Janet Mihalick, *Choir Director*

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

McKees Rocks/Pittsburgh, PA
OrthodoxPittsburgh.org September 22, 2019

Announcements

➤ **Slavic Food Fest News:** Do you have a favorite restaurant, theater, golf course or grocery store? A gift card from any of these would be an excellent donation to the Slavic Food Festival Basket Auction! Please consider it! Your donations are greatly appreciated!. REMEMBER, TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE! We request completed baskets be brought in by Sunday, Sept. 29th. Thank you! Your Basket Auction Committee Lindy Hamilton, Marsha Wasilko and Suzy Polny.

➤ Our five-part series, “**Basic Orthodoxy**” will begin on Wednesday, September 18 at 7:00 pm, covering the basic beliefs and practices of the Orthodox Faith. This class is perfect for those seeking to enter the Orthodox Faith or anyone wanting to learn more about Orthodoxy. Join us!

➤ Sunday morning **Adult Education** will be held on the **first and third Sundays of the month** at 9:15 am in the Parish House meeting room. Everyone is welcomed and encouraged to attend. Next session is October 6.

➤ Our **September hoagie sale** will be held on Wednesday, September 25. 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@verizion.net. Orders are due on Sunday evening, September 22. Orders can be picked up between noon and 1 pm September 25 at the church hall.

Prayers

➤ **Ill and infirm:** *Known to be hospitalized* (none) . *Home:* Helen Billak, Georgiann Robes Jack Saban *Shut in, Rehabilitation, or Nursing Home:* Olga Bednar, Garnette Kerchum, Eleanor Kovacs, Olga Tryszyn, Mary Zapp.

➤ **Vigil Lights fr From Mat. Nancy K. Mell and Gregory Mell** for the departed servant, Dn. Joseph Mell; for the health of family and Michelle Bittner. **From Tatyana Sechler** for the departed servants, Polina, Galina, Slava, Marina, Bruce and Lida; for the health of Veronika, Andreia, Diana, Michel, Oksana and Adick. **From Doris Wasilko** for the health of the Michelle Bittner and Eleanor Kovacs. **From Charles A. Wasilko** for the departed servant, (mother) Mary; for the health of (sisters) Doris & Marsha, Helen Billak, Michelle Bittner and Eleanor Kovacs. **From Marsha Wasilko** for the departed servant, Andrew Kasnot (9/20/15); for the health of Michelle Bittner, Helen & Paul Henry and Eleanor Kovacs. **From Alexandria Tirpak** for the departed servants from 9/11/01; special intentions. **From Lindy Hamilton** for the health of Victoria Scott, Elaine Hamilton and Elizabeth Hamilton. **From Donya Yewisiak** for the health of Eleanor Kovacs. **From Michelle Bittner** for the health of Helen, Jack and Greg. **From Raisa Burd** for the departed servants, Agrippina, Stepan, Anna, Denis, Alexandra, Vassili, Vladimir, Raisa, Peter, Larissa and Luba; for the health of Polina, Roman, Marina, Vladimir, Yevegeniy, Ludmila, Valentina, Tatyana, Boris, Sergei, Alla, Lena, Diana and all our relatives and friends.

Thank You

➤ to **Sandi Tirpak** for donating all of the monthly categories for September, for the health of her family and in memory of her departed family members.

Slavic Food Fest 2019

We are seeking financial donors and supporters for our upcoming Slavic Food Fest on October 12. Please consider sponsoring one of these Festival items:

- **Advertising:** \$300
 - **Halupki:** \$300
 - **Kolbassi and Kraut:** \$200
 - **Chicken Shashlik:** \$150
 - **Noodle Halushki:** \$75
 - **Soups** (made by Food Committee): \$100
 - **Beverages:** (soda, water, ice): \$100
 - **Purchase of outdoor portable grill:** \$300
 - **Miscellaneous donations** will also be deeply appreciated
- Please see Donya Yewisiak today to see how you can help. Thank you!**

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

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 (II Corinthians 1:21-2:4)

Now He who establishes us with you in Christ
and has anointed us is God, who also has sealed
us and given us the Spirit in our hearts as a
guarantee.

Moreover I call God as witness against my soul,
that to spare you I came no more to Corinth. Not
that we have dominion over your faith, but are
fellow workers for your joy; for by faith you
stand.

But I determined this within myself, that I
would not come again to you in sorrow. For if I
make you sorrowful, then who is he who makes
me glad but the one who is made sorrowful by
me?

And I wrote this very thing to you, lest, when I
came, I should have sorrow over those from
whom I ought to have joy, having confidence in
you all that my joy is the joy of you all. For out
of much affliction and anguish of heart I wrote
to you, with many tears, not that you should be
grieved, but that you might know the love which
I have so abundantly for you.

Gospel of the Sunday (Luke 5:1-10)

So it was, as the multitude pressed about Him to
hear the word of God, that He stood by the Lake
of Gennesaret, and saw two boats standing by
the lake; but the fishermen had gone from them
and were washing their nets. Then He got into
one of the boats, which was Simon's, and asked
him to put out a little from the land. And He sat
down and taught the multitudes from the boat.

When He had stopped speaking, He said to
Simon, "Launch out into the deep and let down
your nets for a catch."

But Simon answered and said to Him, "Master,
we have toiled all night and caught nothing;
nevertheless at Your word I will let down the
net." And when they had done this, they caught
a great number of fish, and their net was
breaking. So they signaled to their partners in
the other boat to come and help them. And they
came and filled both the boats, so that they
began to sink. When Simon Peter saw it, he fell
down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Depart from me,
for I am a sinful man, O Lord!" For he and all
who were with him were astonished at the catch
of fish which they had taken; and so also were
James and John, the sons of Zebedee, who were
partners with Simon. And Jesus said to Simon,
"Do not be afraid. From now on you will catch
men." So when they had brought their boats to
land, they forsook all and followed Him.

Communion Hymns of the Sunday and Feast

Praise the Lord from the heavens. Praise Him in
the highest. The light of Thy countenance has
shown on us, O Lord. Alleluia!

Today in Church School

Today's lesson: St. Paul's First Letter to the
Corinthians

Verse: "For I am determined not to know
anything among you except Jesus Christ and
Him crucified." (I Cor 2:2)

Questions to ask/review:

- What challenges were the people of Corinth facing at the time of Paul's letter?
- What is sin? When have we sinned?
- What do our parents do when we sin?
- Did Jesus ever sin?
- What did God do because of our sins?
- Why is Jesus called the "Lamb of God"?
- Why is the cross the symbol of our faith?

Suggested activities at home:

- Read and discuss this week's Scripture verse.
- If your child is of confession age, encourage them to consider their sins and plan to attend confession.
- When children make mistakes at home, model God's love and forgiveness to them.

"When you sit down to eat, pray. When you eat bread, do so thanking Him for being so generous to you. If you drink wine, be mindful of Him who has given it to you for your pleasure and as a relief in sickness. When you dress, thank Him for His kindness in providing you with clothes. When you look at the sky and the beauty of the stars, throw yourself at God's feet and adore Him who in His wisdom has arranged things in this way. Similarly, when the sun goes down and when it rises, when you are asleep or awake, give thanks to God, who created and arranged all things for your benefit, to have you know, love and praise their Creator." *St. Basil the Great*