



## 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, October 2**

**6:30 pm** Daily Vespers

**7:00 pm** Basic Orthodoxy: Session 2 of 5

**Saturday, October 5**

**5:00 pm** Great Vespers with Cathedral Vigil

**Sunday, October 6**

**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*

### Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

McKees Rocks/Pittsburgh, PA  
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## Announcements

➤ We warmly **welcome our student visitors** from St Tikhon's University in Moscow today. May God richly bless you during your visit!

➤ **Slavic Food Fest News:** This week, why not pick up a Gift Card from your favorite store and donate it to the Basket Auction? Any and all varieties are acceptable and once again, we thank those who have so generously given already!. Thank you!

➤ The women of our parish are invited to attend the Ancient Faith Women's Retreat, Thursday, November 14 to Sunday, November 17 at Antiochian Village Conference Center in Bolivar PA. Speakers this year to include: Dr. Jeannie Constantinou, Dr. Roxanne Louh, Molly Maddex Sabourin, and Mother Christophora of Holy Transfiguration Monastery. For more information, visit [ancientfaith.com/events](http://ancientfaith.com/events) or talk to Mat. Ashley Loboda. Registration closes on 10/15/19.

➤ Our five-part series, "**Basic Orthodoxy**" will continue this Wednesday 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.

## Prayers

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

➤ **Vigil Lights rom Mat. Nancy K. Mell and Gregory Mell** for the departed servant, Dn. Joseph Mell; for the health of family and Michelle Bittner. **From Doris Wasilko** for the departed servants from the Wasilko & Dyczko families; for the health of the Wasilko family. **From Charles A. Wasilko** for the health of (sisters) Doris & Marsha and Michelle Bittner. **From Marsha Wasilko** for the health of the Wasilko family. **From George & Nancy Shaytar** for the health of Eleanor Kovacs and Michelle Bittner. **From Lindy Hamilton** for the health of Elaine and Michelle. **From Michelle Bittner** for the health of Eleanor Kovacs, Helen Billak Henry, Jack Saban and Greg. **From John & Olga** for the newly departed servant, Anatoly Vilkov; for the health of Galina Vilkov, Rachel Heuer & her child to be born and Basil Kowalcheck on his birthday.

## 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.



**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.**

## 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!

We're only two weeks away from our Slavic Food Fest! This is a parish-wide outreach event and we need everyone's help and support.

There are many things you can do to help:

- Make a financial donation to defray costs
- Donate a raffle basket
- Work shifts during the festival day
- Help with clean-up at the end
- Post yard signs in strategic locations
- Post fliers in strategic locations
- Give our fliers to your friends and family
- Share the event on social media
- Bring guests to the event and treat them to lunch or dinner
- Invite people to tour our beautiful church after they eat our delicious food

# Hymns and Readings for Today

## **Troparion of the Resurrection Tone 6**

The angelic powers were at Thy tomb; the guards became as dead men. Mary stood by Thy grave, seeking Thy most pure body. Thou didst capture hell, not being tempted by it. Thou didst come to the Virgin granting life. O Lord who didst rise from the dead, glory to Thee!

## **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 6**

When Christ God the Giver of Life raised all the dead from the valleys of misery with His mighty hand, He bestowed resurrection on the human race. He is the Savior of All, the Resurrection, the Life, and the God of all.

## **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 27:9) Tone 6**

O Lord, save Thy people and bless Thine inheritance.

## **Epistle (II Corinthians 4:6-15)**

For it is the God who commanded light to shine out of darkness, who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellence of the power may be of God and not of us. We are hard-pressed on every side, yet not crushed; we are perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed— always carrying about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus, that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our body. For we who live are always delivered to death for Jesus' sake, that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our mortal flesh. So then death is working in us, but life in you.

And since we have the same spirit of faith, according to what is written, "I believed and therefore I spoke," we also believe and therefore speak, knowing that He who raised up the Lord Jesus will also raise us up with Jesus, and will present us with you. For all things are for your sakes, that grace, having spread through the many, may cause thanksgiving to abound to the glory of God.

## **Gospel of the Sunday (Luke 6:31-36)**

And just as you want men to do to you, you also do to them likewise.

But if you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. And if you lend to those from whom you hope to receive back, what

credit is that to you? For even sinners lend to sinners to receive as much back. But love your enemies, do good, and lend, hoping for nothing in return; and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High. For He is kind to the unthankful and evil. Therefore be merciful, just as your Father also is merciful.

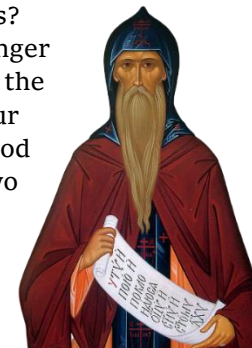
## **Communion Hymns of the Sunday**

Praise the Lord from the heavens. Praise Him in the highest. Alleluia!

# Love Your Enemies

61. 'But I say to you,' says the Lord, 'love your enemies ... do good to those who hate you, and pray for those who mistreat you' (Matt. 5:44). Why did He command this? To free you from hatred, irritation, anger and rancor, and to make you worthy of the supreme gift of perfect love. And you cannot attain such love if you do not imitate God and love all men equally. For God loves all men equally and wishes them 'to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth' ( 1 Tim. 2:4).

62. 'But I say to you, do not resist evil; but if someone hits you on the right cheek, turn to him the other cheek as well. And if anyone sues you in the courts, and takes away your coat, let him have your cloak also. And if anyone forces you to go a mile, go with him for two miles' (Matt. 5:39-41). Why did He say this? Both to keep you free from anger and irritation, and to correct the other person by means of your forbearance, so that like a good Father He might bring the two of you under the yoke of love.



**St Maximos the Confessor,**  
*400 Texts on Love*

# Today in Church School

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

**Verse** (younger classes): Do you not know that those who run in a race all run, but one receives the prize? Run in such a way that you may obtain it. (*I Cor 9:24*) or Love... does not seek its own. (*I Cor 13: 5*)

**Questions to ask/review** (younger classes): How is our life similar to a race? What is our "prize"? What can help us to win the race? What do we need? What does it mean to "not seek your own"? What can you do this week to practice not seeking your own?

**Verse** (older classes): For in fact the body is not one member, but many. (*I Cor 12:14*)

**Questions to ask/review** (older classes): In what way can the Church be called the body of Christ? How does Jesus work in the world today? (through us) Do we all have the same talents? What are your talents? What part(s) of the body are you most like?

## **Suggested Activities at home:**

Read and discuss this week's Scripture verse. Run relay race in the backyard with family or friends. Discuss how life is similar to the race. Follow through on your child's action plan to share this week. Prayer: Lord, give me strength and health to run the race of life as did thy saints. Prayer: Lord, let me love my neighbor today, as You love me.