



## 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 9**

**6:30 pm** Daily Vespers

**7:00 pm** Bible Study: Acts 25 and 26

**Saturday, October 12**

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

**Sunday, October 13**

**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*

### Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

McKees Rocks/Pittsburgh, PA

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## Announcements

➤ Aleksandr and Olga Noskov cordially invite the entire parish to join in the celebration of the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony of their son Ilya and his new wife Kara! The service will be held this Friday, October 11th, 2019 at 6pm followed by Russian styled tea room, served in the Parish house.

➤ **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 October hoagie sale** will be held on Wednesday, September 23. 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](mailto:rjmbmsam1@verizon.net). Orders are due on Sunday evening, October 20. Orders can be picked up between noon and 1 pm October 23 at the church hall.

## 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 Light From Mat. Nancy K. Mell and Gregory Mell** for the newly departed servant, Mary Humenn and for 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 (sister) Doris on her birthday. **From Marsha Wasilko** for special thanks. **From George & Nancy Shaytar** for the health of Eleanor Kovacs and Michelle Bittner. **From Lindy Hamilton** for the health of Elaine Hamilton and Jan Widel. **From Michelle Bittner** for the health of Helen, Jack, Claudia and Greg. **From John & Olga** for the departed servant, Anatoly Vilkov; for the health of Rachel Heuer & her child to be born. **From John Kowalcheck** for the health of Galina Vilkov and her son & daughters, Nicolai, Olga & Elena; for the protection of (wife) Olga during her travels. **From Cathy Namisnak** for the departed servant, Anna Namisnak; for the health of Michelle Bittner. **From Alina** for the departed servant, Gennadii. **From Alexandria Tirpak** for the health of Michelle, Eleanor, Helen, Very Rev. Basil and Mat. Julie Ann on their anniversary; special intentions.

## Thank You

➤ **to our October donors! The Robes Family** (Bulletin \$60, Holy Bread \$50, Communion Wine \$40); **Donya Yewisiak** (Altar Candles \$25) in memory of Matushka Olga Soroka; **the Soroka family** (Incense \$10) for the health of Melanie.

## 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 six days 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

***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 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.

## **Troparion of St Innocent Tone 4**

O Holy Father Innocent,  
in obedience to the will of God,  
thou didst accept dangers and tribulations,  
bringing many peoples to the knowledge of truth.  
Thou didst show us the way;  
now by thy prayers help lead us//  
into the Kingdom of Heaven!

## **Kontakion of the Resurrection Tone 6**

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 St Innocent Tone 2**

Thy life, O holy Father Innocent, apostle to our land,  
proclaims the dispensation and grace of God!  
For, laboring in dangers and hardships for the Gospel of Christ,  
thou wast kept unharmed and exalted in humility.//  
Pray that He may guide our steps in the way we should go!

## **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 (II Corinthians 6:1-10)**

We then, as workers together with Him also plead with you not to receive the grace of God in vain. For He says:

“In an acceptable time I have heard you, and in the day of salvation I have helped you.” Behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation.

We give no offense in anything, that our ministry may not be blamed. But in all things we commend ourselves as ministers of God: in much patience, in tribulations, in needs, in distresses, in stripes, in imprisonments, in tumults, in labors, in sleeplessness, in fastings; by purity, by knowledge, by longsuffering, by kindness, by the Holy Spirit, by sincere love, by

the word of truth, by the power of God, by the armor of righteousness on the right hand and on the left, by honor and dishonor, by evil report and good report; as deceivers, and yet true; as unknown, and yet well known; as dying, and behold we live; as chastened, and yet not killed; as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing all things.

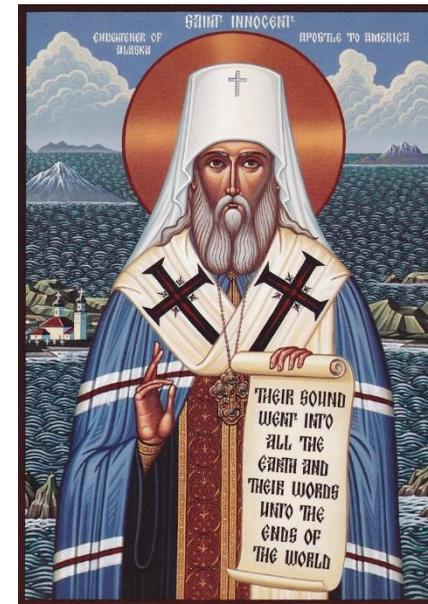
## **Gospel of the Sunday (Luke 7:11-16)**

Now it happened, the day after, that He went into a city called Nain; and many of His disciples went with Him, and a large crowd. And when He came near the gate of the city, behold, a dead man was being carried out, the only son of his mother; and she was a widow. And a large crowd from the city was with her. When the Lord saw her, He had compassion on her and said to her, “Do not weep.” Then He came and touched the open coffin, and those who carried him stood still. And He said, “Young man, I say to you, arise.” So he who was dead sat up and began to speak. And He presented him to his mother.

Then fear came upon all, and they glorified God, saying, “A great prophet has risen up among us”; and, “God has visited His people.”

## **Communion Hymns of the Sunday**

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



# Today in Church School

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

**Verse** (younger classes): “For it is God Who commanded light to shine out of darkness, Who has shone in our hearts.” (II Cor 4:6)

**Questions to ask/review** (younger classes):  
Why do we dislike darkness?  
Why is Jesus called the light of the world?  
How can we share His light?

**Verse** (older classes): “So let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver.” (II Cor 9:7)

**Questions to ask/review** (older classes):  
Have you ever promised to give to something and then never followed through?  
How much of our lives do we owe to God?  
How much does God ask us to give back to Him?  
Do we have to be rich to give?  
With what attitude does God want us to approach giving – grudgingly or willingly?  
Is that how we usually feel when we give?

## **Suggested Activities at home:**

Use the child's candle made in class, or another candle, every evening at your prayers. Remind them that Jesus is the light of the world. Look at physical sources of light: the sun, moon, stars, lamps, candles, etc. Sing “This Little Light of Mine”. Set money aside for God or earn money at home and give a portion back to God. Prayer: Let my light shine in the world with your holy light.

