



# 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

## Today

**After the Liturgy** Trisagion for the Departed  
In memory of Joseph and Anita Hrimnock  
from Claudia Hrimnock  
In memory of Anatoly (40<sup>th</sup> day)  
from John and Olga Kowalcheck

## Tuesday, November 5 **\*\*date change**

**6:30 pm** Vespers  
**7:00 pm** Basic Orthodoxy (4 of 5)

## Saturday, November 9

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

## Sunday, November 10

**10:00 am** Divine Liturgy  
**After Services** 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*

## Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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# Announcements

➤ All women of our parish are invited to participate in the **St Nicholas Sisterhood** meeting today after the Divine Liturgy.

➤ After the Divine Liturgy **next Sunday** we will have a **special presentation by parishioners John and Deborah Burgess** who will tell us about their year in Russia doing research, teaching, and assisting the Church. Please join us at coffee hour!

➤ **Schedule Change:** The next session of **Basic Orthodoxy** (4 of 5) will be held this Tuesday (not Wednesday), November 5 at 7:00 pm. Please let all of our attendees know. We apologize for any inconvenience.

➤ The next **Bible Study** will be held on Wednesday, November 13. We will begin studying St Paul's Letter to the Romans. (Second and fourth Wednesdays of the month.)

➤ **Mark your calendars:** Archdiocesan Advent Retreat on Saturday, Nov 16 at St John Orthodox Church in New Kensington beginning at 11am. Fr Thomas will be the presenter.

➤ **Beginning on Tuesday, November 12, we'll hold an abridged Matins (morning) service every Tuesday and Thursday.** Additionally, our Church will be open **every Tuesday and Thursday from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm** beginning with the Matins service at 9:00 am. Parishioners who are able to are encouraged to come to the church to light and candle, pray, and meditate in the quiet beauty of our church during those hours. After the service, Fr Thomas will be available in the parish office until noon.

# Prayers

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

➤ **Vigil Light From Mat. Nancy K. Mell and Gregory Mell** for the departed servant, Dn. Joseph Mell; for the health of family and Michelle Bittner. **From Charles A. Wasilko** for the health of (sisters), Doris & Marsha and Michelle Bittner. **From Doris Wasilko** for the health of Michelle Bittner and the Wasilko family. **From Marsha Wasilko** for the health of (godchild) Keely on her 18<sup>th</sup> birthday; special thanks. **From Donya Yewisiak** for the health of Helen & Paul Henry and Michelle Bittner; special intention. **From John & Olga** for the departed servant, Anatoly Vilkov; for Luke Biede Heuer on his birthday. **From George & Nancy Shaytar** for the health of Michelle Bittner. **From Alina** for the departed servant, Gennadii; for the health of Victoria. **From Alexandria Tirpak** for the health of the Hanich, Tirpak and Tempalski families; special intentions. **From Michelle Bittner** for the health of Helen & Paul Henry, Greg and Douglas.

# Thank You

➤ to our **November donors, Matushka Nancy Mell and Gregory Mell** for all categories (Bulletin \$60, Holy Bread \$50, Communion Wine \$40, Altar Candles \$25, Incense \$10) May God richly bless them!

**Hoagies** this month will be on **Wednesday, November 20**. See Bob Madalinsky with orders!

**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.**

# The Way to Holiness

“If you would be simple-hearted like the Apostles, would not conceal your human shortcomings, would not pretend to be especially pious, if you would walk free from hypocrisy, then that is the path. While it is easy, not everyone can find it or understand it. This path is the shortest way to salvation and attracts the grace of God. Unpretentiousness, guilelessness, frankness of soul – this is what is pleasing to the Lord, Who is lowly of heart. Except ye become like children, ye shall not enter into the Kingdom of God (Matt. 18:13).” + **Elder Leonid of Optina**



“The grace of the Holy Spirit which is given mystically to every Christian when he is baptized acts and is manifested in proportion to our obedience to the commandments of the Lord. That is, if a Christian obeys the commandments of the Lord more, grace acts with him more, while if he obeys them less, grace acts within him less. Just as a spark, when covered in the ashes of fire becomes increasingly manifest as one removes the ashes, and the more fire wood you put the more the fire burns, so the grace that has been given to every Christian through Holy Baptism is hidden in the heart and covered up by the passions and sins, and the more a man acts in accordance with the commandments of Christ, the more he is cleansed of the passions and the more the fire of Divine grace lights in his heart, illumines and deifies him.” + **St. Nikodemos of the Holy Mountain**

# Hymns and Readings for Today

## **Troparion of the Resurrection Tone 3**

Let the heavens rejoice!  
Let the earth be glad!  
For the Lord has shown strength with His arm!  
He has trampled down death by death!  
He has become the first born of the dead!  
He has delivered us from the depths of hell,  
and has granted to 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 3**

On this day Thou didst rise from the tomb, O Merciful One,  
leading us from the gates of death.  
On this day Adam exults as Eve rejoices;  
with the prophets and patriarchs  
they unceasingly praise the divine majesty of Thy power!

## **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 of the Sunday (Psalm 118) Tone 3**

Sing praises to our God, sing praises! Sing praises to our King, sing praises!

## **Epistle of the Sunday (Gal 1:11-19)**

But I make known to you, brethren, that the gospel which was preached by me is not according to man. For I neither received it from man, nor was I taught it, but it came through the revelation of Jesus Christ.

For you have heard of my former conduct in Judaism, how I persecuted the church of God beyond measure and tried to destroy it. And I advanced in Judaism beyond many of my contemporaries in my own nation, being more exceedingly zealous for the traditions of my fathers.

But when it pleased God, who separated me from my mother's womb and called me through His grace, to reveal His Son in me, that I might preach Him among the Gentiles, I did not immediately confer with flesh and blood, nor did I go up to Jerusalem to those who were apostles before me; but I went to Arabia, and returned again to Damascus. Then after three years I went up to Jerusalem to see Peter, and remained with him fifteen days. But I saw none of the other apostles except James, the Lord's brother.

## **Gospel of the Sunday (Luke 8:41-25)**

And behold, there came a man named Jairus, and he was a ruler of the synagogue. And he fell down at Jesus' feet and begged Him to come to his house, for he had an only daughter about twelve years of age, and she was dying.

But as He went, the multitudes thronged Him. Now a woman, having a flow of blood for twelve years, who had spent all her livelihood on physicians and could not be healed by any, came from behind and touched the border of His garment. And immediately her flow of blood stopped. And Jesus said, "Who touched Me?"

When all denied it, Peter and those with him said, "Master, the multitudes throng and press You, and You say, 'Who touched Me?'" But Jesus said, "Somebody touched Me, for I perceived power going out from Me."

Now when the woman saw that she was not hidden, she came trembling; and falling down before Him, she declared to Him in the presence of all the people the reason she had touched Him and how she was healed immediately. And He said to her, "Daughter, be of good cheer; your faith has made you well. Go in peace."

While He was still speaking, someone came from the ruler of the synagogue's house, saying to him, "Your daughter is dead. Do not trouble the Teacher." But when Jesus heard it, He answered him, saying, "Do not be afraid; only believe, and she will be made well." When He came into the house, He permitted no one to go in except Peter, James, and John, and the father and mother of the girl. Now all wept and mourned for her; but He said, "Do not weep; she is not dead, but sleeping." And they ridiculed Him, knowing that she was dead. But He put them all outside, took her by the hand and called, saying, "Little girl, arise." Then her spirit returned, and she arose immediately. And He commanded that she be given something to eat. And her parents were astonished, but He charged them to tell no one what had happened.



# Today in Church School

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

**Verse** (younger classes): "...forgiving one another, if anyone has a complaint against another; even as Christ forgave you, so you also must do." (Col 3:13)

**Questions to ask/review** (younger classes):

- Has anyone ever done anything mean or nasty to you?
- Have you ever done anything mean or nasty to others?
- Think of specific examples. Have you forgiven that person? Have you been forgiven?
- Have you said you are sorry when you do something that hurts someone?
- Why is it important to forgive?
- How many times should we forgive someone?

**Verse** (older classes): "And whatever you do, do it heartily, as to the Lord and not to men." (Col 3:23)

**Questions to ask/review** (older classes):

- What makes this letter unique for Paul?
- What are examples of humble and quiet service? In the Scriptures? In your life?
- Have you ever been frustrated because someone was recognized for a good deed but you were not? What does Jesus say about this situation?
- When we do a good deed, who are we serving? Why?

**Suggested Activities at home:**

- Pray the Lord's Prayer and discuss forgiveness.
- Each day, be sure your child has forgiven anyone he has been hurt by and is forgiven by anyone he has hurt.
- Using the forgiveness bouquets from Church School; the child should give a flower anytime he needs forgiveness this week.
- Look at other Bible stories of forgiveness, such as Joseph and his brothers.
- Do something kind and charitable, expecting nothing in return.
- Prayer: Lord, help me to forgive others. OR Lord, make me your humble servant. Amen.

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