



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

Saturday, June 20

10:00 am Divine Liturgy

5:00 pm Great Vespers with Cathedral Vigil

Sunday, June 21

10:00 am Divine Liturgy

Tuesday, June 23

9:00 am Matins (Morning Service)

9:30 am-12:00 pm Office Hours/Church Open

Wednesday, June 24

7:00 Bible Study (online)

Thursday, June 25

9:00 am Matins (Morning Service)

9:30 am-12:00 pm Office Hours/Church Open

Saturday, June 27

10:00 am Divine Liturgy

5:00 pm Vespers with Cathedral Vigil

Sunday, June 28

10:00 am Divine Liturgy

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*

Second Saturday/Sunday after Pentecost

McKees Rocks/Pittsburgh, PA

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Announcements

➤ Congratulations to Aaron and Alexandra Summers on the **baptism of their son, Patrick Ignatius**. May God bless the newly illumined Patrick, his family, and sponsors, for many blessed years!

➤ **Eleanor Kovacs will be celebrating her 96th birthday on June 22**. We would like to shower her with birthday cards, maybe even 96 of them! Please help her to celebrate by sending a card to the following address:

30 Heckel Rd
Room 117
McKees Rocks PA 15136

➤ As we continue to operate under social distancing and masking guidelines, at this point we have not received permission from the Bishop to have indoor Coffee Hour, so we have been holding them outside. We would like to continue to do that, weather permitting until our situation changes for indoor coffee hour. Until then **we want to ask for sponsors for coffee hour** which would include either individually wrapped items for both Saturday and Sunday or someone to serve drinks and snacks while wearing gloves. **Please see Susan Porter if you can sponsor an upcoming weekend.**

➤ Our **monthly Community Dinners** continue to be held as take out until further notice. Please see Mat. Ashley Loboda or anyone on the team if you can help sponsor an upcoming dinner.

Prayers

➤ **Ill and infirm: Known to be hospitalized:** (none) **Home:** Jenifer Rune (*pregnant*); Geroge Shaytar, Paul Yewisiak, *. Shut in, Rehabilitation, or Nursing Home:* Garnette Kerchum, Eleanor Kovacs, Olga Tryszyn.

➤ **Vigil Lights from Doris Wasilko** for the departed handmaiden of God Mary Zapp; for the health of Larry and Suzy Polny on their wedding anniversary. **From the John Mahalchak Family** for the departed servants, family and friends, and Dimitri, Anna, John, and Veronica; for the health of friends and family and of John, Cheryl, and John. **From Mat. Nancy and Gregory Mell** for the departed servant of God Deacon Joseph Mell; for the newly departed handmaiden of God Mary Zapp; for the health of family. **From Charles A Wasilko** for the departed servant of God Uncle Bill Falick; Happy Anniversary to Larry and Suzy Polny. **From Marsha Wasilko**, Happy Anniversary and Many Years to Larry and Suzy! **From Alexandra Tirpak** for the health and salvation of my family; for peace for our country; for special intentions.

Thank You

➤ to our June donors, **Matushka Nancy Mell and Gregory Mell**, for donating all the categories (Bulletin \$60, Holy Bread \$50, Communion Wine \$40, Altar Candles \$25, Incense \$10) in loving memory of Deacon Joseph Mell (husband, father) and departed members of the Karavlan family, and for the health of Matushka Nancy Mell.



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.

American Saints

- **Alexander Hotovitzky**, hieromartyr, Missionary of America
- **Alexis of Wilkes-Barre**, Missionary, leader of ex-Uniates into Orthodoxy
- **Herman of Alaska**, first missionary to Alaska
- **Innocent of Alaska**, missionary bishop to Alaska
- **Jacob Netsvetov**, native of the Aleutian Islands who became a priest
- **John Kochurov**, first hieromartyr in 1917
- **John Maximovitch**, ROCOR bishop of Shanghai and San Francisco, wonderworker
- **Juvenaly of Alaska**, Protomartyr of America
- **Mardarije Uskoković**, Serbian bishop of North America; founder of St. Sava's Monastery in Libertyville, Illinois
- **Nikolaj Velimirović**, influential theological writer and a highly gifted orator, rector of St. Tikhon's Seminary
- **Peter the Aleut**, protomartyr of America
- **Raphael of Brooklyn**, founder of the Antiochian Orthodox Mission in America
- **Sebastian Dabović**, first American-born Orthodox priest
- **Tikhon of Moscow**, was bishop of the Aleutians and Alaska, missionary, then Patriarch of Moscow
- **Varnava Nastić**, the New Confessor, born in Gary, Indiana
- **Basil Martysz**, Polish Orthodox priest who served parishes in Alaska, Canada, and Pennsylvania

Hymns and Readings for Saturday, June 20

Tone 2 Troparion of Saturday

Apostles, martyrs, and prophets,
Holy hierarchs, saints, and righteous ones,
Having fought the good fight and kept the faith,
Ye have boldness towards the Saviour.
Intercede for us with Him, for He is good. //
and pray that He may save our souls.

Tone 8 Kontakion of Saturday

The universe offers thee the God-bearing
martyrs,
As the first fruits of creation, O Lord and
Creator, //
Through the Theotokos and their prayers
establish Thy Church in peace.

Instead of Holy God

As many as have been baptized into Christ have
put on Christ. Alleluia!

Tone 8 Prokeimenon of Saturday (Psalm 31/32)

Be glad in the Lord and rejoice, O ye righteous.

Tone 3 Prokeimenon of Baptism (Psalm 27)

The Lord is my light and my salvation. Whom
then shall I fear?

Epistle of the Saturday (Romans 3:19-26)

Now we know that whatever the law says, it
says to those who are under the law, that every
mouth may be stopped, and all the world may
become guilty before God. Therefore by the
deeds of the law no flesh will be justified in His
sight, for by the law is the knowledge of sin.

But now the righteousness of God apart from the
law is revealed, being witnessed by the Law and
the Prophets, even the righteousness of God,
through faith in Jesus Christ, to all and on all
who believe. For there is no difference; for all
have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,
being justified freely by His grace through the
redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God

set forth as a propitiation by His blood, through
faith, to demonstrate His righteousness, because
in His forbearance God had passed over the sins
that were previously committed, to demonstrate
at the present time His righteousness, that He
might be just and the justifier of the one who
has faith in Jesus.

Epistle of Baptism (Romans 6:3-11)

Or do you not know that as many of us as were
baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His
death? Therefore we were buried with Him
through baptism into death, that just as Christ
was raised from the dead by the glory of the
Father, even so we also should walk in newness
of life.

For if we have been united together in the
likeness of His death, certainly we also shall be
in the likeness of His resurrection, knowing this,
that our old man was crucified with Him, that
the body of sin might be done away with, that
we should no longer be slaves of sin. For he who
has died has been freed from sin. Now if we died
with Christ, we believe that we shall also live
with Him, knowing that Christ, having been
raised from the dead, dies no more. Death no
longer has dominion over Him. For the death
that He died, He died to sin once for all; but the
life that He lives, He lives to God. Likewise you
also, reckon yourselves to be dead indeed to sin,
but alive to God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Gospel of the Saturday (Mt 7:1-8)

“Judge not, that you be not judged. For with
what judgment you judge, you will be judged;
and with the measure you use, it will be
measured back to you. And why do you look at
the speck in your brother’s eye, but do not
consider the plank in your own eye? Or how can
you say to your brother, ‘Let me remove the
speck from your eye’; and look, a plank is in
your own eye? Hypocrite! First remove the

plank from your own eye, and then you will see
clearly to remove the speck from your brother’s
eye.

“Do not give what is holy to the dogs; nor cast
your pearls before swine, lest they trample them
under their feet, and turn and tear you in pieces.

“Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you
will find; knock, and it will be opened to you.
For everyone who asks receives, and he who
seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be
opened.

Gospel of Baptism (Mt 28:16-20)

Then the eleven disciples went away into
Galilee, to the mountain which Jesus had
appointed for them. When they saw Him, they
worshiped Him; but some doubted.

And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, “All
authority has been given to Me in heaven and on
earth. Go therefore and make disciples of all the
nations, baptizing them in the name of the
Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,
teaching them to observe all things that I have
commanded you; and lo, I am with you always,
even to the end of the age.” Amen.

Communion Hymn of Pentecost

Rejoice in the Lord, O ye righteous. Praise befits
the just. Alleluia (3x).

On Baptism

“After the foregoing instructions, baptize in the
name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy
Spirit, in living [running] water. If you have no
living water, then baptize in other water, and if
you are not able in cold, then in warm. If you have
neither, pour water three times on the head, in the
name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy
Spirit.” —Didache 7:1 Date: 70 A.D.

“Regarding [baptism], we have the evidence of
Scripture that Israel would refuse to accept the
washing which confers the remission of sins and
would set up a substitution of their own instead
[Ps. 1:3–6]. Observe there how he describes both
the water and the cross in the same figure. His
meaning is, ‘Blessed are those who go down into
the water with their hopes set on the cross.’ Here
he is saying that after we have stepped down into
the water, burdened with sin and defilement, we
come up out of it bearing fruit, with reverence in
our hearts and the hope of Jesus in our souls” —
Barnabas, Letter of Barnabas 11:1–10 Date: 74 A.D.

“I have heard, sir,’ said I [to the Shepherd], ‘from
some teacher, that there is no other repentance
except that which took place when we went down
into the water and obtained the remission of our
former sins.’ He said to me, ‘You have heard
rightly, for so it is’ —Hermas, The Shepherd
4:3:1–2 Date: 80 A.D.

“As many as are persuaded and believe that what
we [Christians] teach and say is true, and
undertake to be able to live accordingly, and
instructed to pray and to entreat God with fasting,
for the remission of their sins that are past, we
pray and fast with them. Then they are brought by
us where there is water and are regenerated in the
same manner in which we were ourselves
regenerated. For, in the name of God, the Father . .
. and of our Savior Jesus Christ, and of the Holy
Spirit, they then receive the washing with water.
For Christ also said, ‘Unless you are born again,
you shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven’—
Justin Martr, First Apology 61 Date: 151 A.D.

“And when we come to refute them [the gnostic],
we shall show in its fitting- place, that this class of
men have been instigated by Satan to a denial of
that baptism which is regeneration to God, and
thus to a renunciation of the whole [Christian]
faith...For the baptism instituted by the visible
Jesus was for the remission of sins” —Irenaeus,
Against Heresies 21:1-2 Date: 189 A.D.

Hymns and Readings for Sunday, June 21

Tone 1 Troparion (*Resurrection*)

When the stone had been sealed by the Jews, while the soldiers were guarding Thy most pure body, Thou didst rise on the third day, O Savior, granting life to the world. The powers of heaven therefore cried to Thee, O Giver of Life: “Glory to Thy Resurrection, O Christ! Glory to Thy Kingdom!// Glory to Thy dispensation, O Thou who lovest mankind!”

Tone 8 Troparion (*All Saints of America*)

As the bountiful harvest of Thy sowing of salvation, the lands of North America offer to Thee, O Lord, all the saints who have shone in them. By their prayers keep the Church and our land in abiding peace through the Theotokos, O most Merciful One!

Tone 1 Kontakion (*Resurrection*)

As God, Thou didst rise from the tomb in glory, raising the world with Thyself. Human nature praises Thee as God, for death has vanished. Adam exults, O Master! Eve rejoices, for she is freed from bondage and cries to Thee:// “Thou art the Giver of Resurrection to all, O Christ!”

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

Tone 3 Kontakion (*All Saints of North America*)

Today the choir of Saints who were pleasing to God in the lands of North America now stands before us in the Church and invisibly prays to God for us. With them the Angels glorify Him,

and all the Saints of the Church of Christ keep festival with them; // and together they all pray for us to the Pre-eternal God.

Now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Tone 6 Kontakion of the Theotokos

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.

Tone 1 Prokeimenon (*Resurrection*)

Let Thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us / as we have set our hope on Thee! (*Ps 32/33:22*)

Tone 7 Prokeimenon (*All Saints of America*)

Precious in the sight of the Lord / is the death of His saints. (*Ps 115/116:15*)

Epistle of the Sunday (*Romans 2:10-16*)

... but glory, honor, and peace to everyone who works what is good, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. For there is no partiality with God.

For as many as have sinned without law will also perish without law, and as many as have sinned in the law will be judged by the law (for not the hearers of the law are just in the sight of God, but the doers of the law will be justified; for when Gentiles, who do not have the law, by nature do the things in the law, these, although not having the law, are a law to themselves, who show the work of the law written in their hearts, their conscience also bearing witness, and between themselves their thoughts accusing or else excusing them) in the day when God will judge the secrets of men by Jesus Christ, according to my gospel.

Epistle of All Saints of NA (*Hebrews 11:33-12:2*)

who through faith subdued kingdoms, worked righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched the violence of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, out of weakness were made strong, became valiant in battle, turned to flight the armies of the aliens. Women received their dead raised to life again.

Others were tortured, not accepting deliverance, that they might obtain a better resurrection. Still others had trial of mockings and scourgings, yes, and of chains and imprisonment. They were stoned, they were sawn in two, were tempted, were slain with the sword. They wandered about in sheepskins and goatskins, being destitute, afflicted, tormented— of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, in dens and caves of the earth.

And all these, having obtained a good testimony through faith, did not receive the promise, God having provided something better for us, that they should not be made perfect apart from us.

Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

Gospel of the Sunday (*Matthew 4:18-23*)

And Jesus, walking by the Sea of Galilee, saw two brothers, Simon called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea; for they were fishermen. Then He said to them, “Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men.” They immediately left their nets and followed Him.

Going on from there, He saw two other brothers, James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother, in the boat with Zebedee their father, mending their nets. He called them, and immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed Him.

And Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing all kinds of sickness and all kinds of disease among the people.

Gospel of All Saints of NA (*Matthew 4:25-5:12*)

Great multitudes followed Him—from Galilee, and from Decapolis, Jerusalem, Judea, and beyond the Jordan.

And seeing the multitudes, He went up on a mountain, and when He was seated His disciples came to Him. Then He opened His mouth and taught them, saying:

“Blessed are the poor in spirit, For theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are those who mourn, For they shall be comforted. Blessed are the meek, For they shall inherit the earth. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, For they shall be filled. Blessed are the merciful, For they shall obtain mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart, For they shall see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, For they shall be called sons of God. Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, For theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are you when they revile and persecute you, and say all kinds of evil against you falsely for My sake. Rejoice and be exceedingly glad, for great is your reward in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

Communion Hymn

Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest! (*Ps 148:1*)
Rejoice in the Lord, O ye righteous; praise befits the just! (*Ps 32/33:1*)
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!