

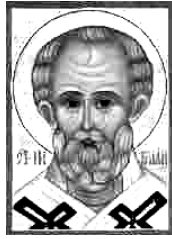
July 13, 2008
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Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Christ is in our midst! He is and always shall be!

Schedule of Services and Activities

Today after the Divine Liturgy

In memory of Ann Billak and other family members from Helen Billak Henry

Trisagion for the Departed

Sunday, July 20th – 9:30 AM

Divine Liturgy

There will be no Great Vespers on Saturday or Bible Study on Wednesday during July.

The next hoagie sale will be held on Wednesday/Thursday, July 23rd/24th. Forms are available at the candle desk. Please contact Michelle Bittner with orders and to help.

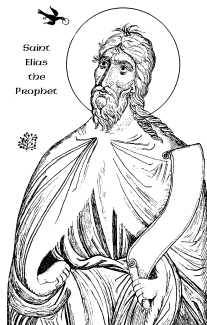
Orthodoxy Day at PNC Park will be held on Sunday, July 27th. Watch the Pirates play the San Diego Padres. Cost is \$21 and tickets must be ordered by **today**. Late orders will be charged a \$5 fee. Contact Dr John Shultz at 304-748-1223 or jpsvw@comcast.net.

Attention Young Adults! Let's get together and go to PNC Park as a group for Orthodoxy Day on July 27th! Read the announcement of above and then see Melissa and Nate Graff for more information!

Next Sunday we will celebrate the baptism of Theodor Mertz (son of Christoph and Kristie Mertz) at the Divine Liturgy. Next Sunday, July 20th, is also the commemoration of the Prophet Elijah – on this day we bless vehicles. After the Divine Liturgy we will bless automobiles.

A Special Thank You from Melissa Westling to Stephanie Kowal, Helen M. Shancey, and Julia Yurkowski for their generous donations to the St. Nicholas Sisterhood Bake Sale. Your thoughtfulness is greatly appreciated. May God Grant you many years!

Coffee Hour - Please consider hosting a coffee hour with another family. There are several Sundays left in the summer and fall months that remain nameless. Please do not hesitate to contact Melissa



Westling if you are interested or if you need any assistance. Please know that we now have a small crew of volunteers that will host the Coffee Hour on your behalf! Just make your donation to the St. Nicholas Sisterhood and we will do the rest! Call Melissa for details!!!

Episcopal Search Process: As the Archdiocesan Council continues its ongoing efforts to find worthy candidates for consideration for the post of Bishop of Pittsburgh and Western Pennsylvania. Four names have been highlighted, and these four men are being invited into our Archdiocese for a meet and greet with the faithful.

Archimandrite Melchizedek (Pleska) - was here June 20th

Archpriest David Mahaffey - was here July 11th

Archimandrite Juvenally (Repass) - Meet and Greet at St. Alexander Nevsky Cathedral, Allison Park, PA on July 25th at 7:00pm.

Archimandrite Vladimir (Wendling) - Meet and Greet at St. Alexander Nevsky Cathedral, Allison Park, PA on August 22nd at 7:00pm.

In an ongoing effort to reach out to anyone who wishes to be heard about events in the Orthodox Church in America, a Town Hall Meeting will be held on Thursday July 31st in Carnegie, PA at the Intercession of the Holy Virgin Church from 7-9 PM. His Grace Bishop TIKHON, Locum Tenens of the Archdiocese of Pittsburgh and Western PA and Fr. Alexander Garklavs, Chancellor of the OCA will be in attendance. Everyone is invited to attend.

The Archdiocese of Pittsburgh and Western PA will sponsor their annual Family Day outing on Sunday, August 17th beginning at 3:30 PM at the Archdiocesan Center in Cranberry Township. Food sales, aouth activities, live music and more!

Vigil Light Donations (Please remember the following people in your prayers): **From Helen Cobb** for the departed servants, Ray Cobb, Mat. Olga, Richard Shancey, Darius, Joseph Kovacs and Ann Hruch; for the health of George, Ruth, Vic, Todd, Aleisha, Jared, Dick, Kasnot family, Helen M. Shancey & family, Bittner family, Barsom family, Kowal family, Tichy family, Fuller family, Speth family, Michael Soroka, Hruch family, Fr. Soroka, Dn. Joseph Mell and their families and all parishioners. God bless all our service men & women. **From Alexandria Tirpak** for the departed servants, (parents) John & Amelia, Nicholas & Mary, Frank & Ann—Memory Eternal; for the health of Reader Michael Soroka, Carol, Mildred, the community of St. Nicholas Parish, our service men & women; special intentions. **From Donya Yewisiak** for the health of Reader Michael Soroka, Tom Robes and Carol Kowalcheck. **From Susan Sipes Stroehlen** for the departed servant, husband, Jon. **From Peter & Garnette Kerchum** for the departed servant, Mat. Olga Soroka; for the health of grandson, Michael Lopez, Jr., Peter Kerchum, David Zeronksi, Tom Robes and Michael Soroka. **From George & Nancy Shaytar** for the health of Pete Kerchum & Michael Soroka; safe trip. **From Mat. Joni Soroka** for the newly departed servant, Elizabeth Hill; for the health of Michael Soroka and Nancy Thompson; for the comfort of Jeff, Jenna, Ellie and Josh Hill. **From David Namisnak** for the departed servant, Melissa; for the health of Marsha, Michael Soroka, Fr. Thomas Soroka. **From Kristie Mertz** for the health of Barbara Janicko. **From Carol Kowalcheck** for God's mercy and grace. **From John Kowalcheck** for the health of Carol Kowalcheck.

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Tone 3

Troparion of the Resurrection

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.

Tone 3

Kontakion of the Resurrection

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!

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 3

Prokeimenon (Psalm 118)

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

Epistle (Romans 6:18-23)

And having been set free from sin, you became slaves of righteousness.

I speak in human terms because of the weakness of your flesh. For just as you presented your members as slaves of uncleanness, and of lawlessness leading to more lawlessness, so now present your members as slaves of righteousness for holiness.

For when you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. What fruit did you have then in the things of which you are now ashamed? For the end of those things is death.

But now having been set free from sin, and having become slaves of God, you have your fruit to holiness, and the end, everlasting life.

For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Gospel (Matthew 8:5-13)

Now when Jesus had entered Capernaum, a centurion came to Him, pleading with Him, saying, "Lord, my servant is lying at home paralyzed, dreadfully tormented."
And Jesus said to him, "I will come and heal him."

The centurion answered and said, "Lord, I am not worthy that You should come under my roof. But only speak a word, and my servant will be healed. For I also am a man under authority, having soldiers under me. And I say to this one, 'Go,' and he goes; and to another, 'Come,' and he comes; and to my servant, 'Do this,' and he does it."

When Jesus heard it, He marveled, and said to those who followed, "Assuredly, I say to you, I have not found such great faith, not even in Israel! And I say to you that many will come from east and west, and sit down with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven. But the sons of the kingdom will be cast out into outer darkness. There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth." 13 Then Jesus said to the centurion, "Go your way; and as you have believed, so let it be done for you." And his servant was healed that same hour.

Communion Hymns

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

*While 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.*

Please join us downstairs for coffee hour following the Divine Liturgy.