

July 27, 2008
St Panteleimon

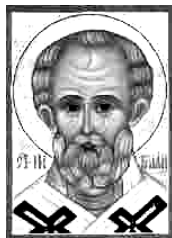
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Rev. Thomas Soroka, *Rector*
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Rev. Dn. Joseph Mell, *Attached*

Ms. Doris Wasilko, *Choir Director*

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

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

Schedule of Services and Activities

Friday, August 1st – 7:00 PM

Lesser Blessing of Water

Saturday, August 2nd – 5:00 PM

Great Vespers

Sunday, August 3rd – 9:30 AM

Divine Liturgy

Trisagion in memory of Archpriest Vladimir Soroka (3 years) and Priest Joseph Nakajima.

Everyone is invited to celebrate the Lesser Blessing of Water at the beginning of the Dormition Fast on Friday, August 1st at 7:00 PM. Please bring a suitable container for Holy Water.



Liturgical Services for the feast of the Transfiguration – Great Vespers with Litiya on Tuesday, August 5th at 7:00 PM. Divine Liturgy on Wednesday, August 6th at 9:30 AM with the blessing of fruits and vegetables.

Vacation Church School will be held on Monday through Wednesday, August 11-13th from 6:00 PM to 8:30 PM each evening. See the flyer in today's bulletin for registration information. All students are invited. We are also in need of teachers – please see Matushka Joni if you can help!

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!!! (Note: We'll need help with cleaning up today's coffee hour – please pitch in!)



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 Tuesday, July 29th at 7:00pm (note date change).

Archimandrite Vladimir (Wendling) - Meet and Greet at St. Alexander Nevsky Cathedral, Allison Park, PA on Friday, 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.

Holy Transfiguration Monastery in Ellwood City will host their annual pilgrimage on Tuesday and Wednesday, August 5th and 6th. Call 724-758-4002 for more information.

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, youth activities, live music and more! They are also in need of help on **Thursday, August 14th at 10:00 AM** to prepare the pavilion. Your help would be greatly appreciated. If you can help, please see Michelle Bittner.

We are very pleased to announce that this month's Hoagie/Wrap Sale Profit was \$605.72. Thank you to all of the hoagie heroes who made this possible.

The annual Wal-Mart Bake Sale was very successful. We were able to raise \$412 for the Sisterhood. Unfortunately, Wal-Mart did not make a matching contribution this year.

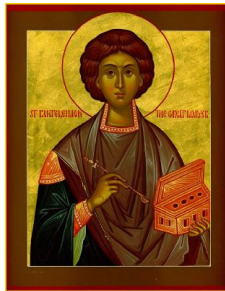
The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Parish Council will be on Sunday, August 10, 2008, following Divine Liturgy.

Vigil Light Donations (Please remember the following people in your prayers): **From Sergey Tikhonovich** for the departed servants Polina, Valentina, and Victor; for the health of Andrey, Galina, and Igor. **From Donya Yewisiak** for the health of Reader Michael Soroka, Carol Kowalcheck, and Aunt Cathryn Orłowski (95th birthday). **From David and Marsha Namisnak** for the departed servants Melissa Torok, and Frank and Anna Namisnak; for the health of Michael Soroka, Aaron and Michelle Torok, and Helen Shancey. **From Alexandria Tirpak** for the departed servants, (parents & grandparents) John & Amelia, Nicholas & Marie, Frank & Ann, Anne and John, and (brother & his son) Nicholas & Nicholas; for the health of Michael, Leslie, Kuck, Villella and Tempalski families, the community of St. Nicholas Parish, the men and women serving our country; special intentions. **From**

Susan Sipes Stroehlen for the departed servant, husband, Jon. **From Helen Cobb** for the departed servants, Ray Cobb, Mat. Olga, Fr Vladimir, Richard Shancey, Darius, Ann Hruch and all who passed away; for the health of George, Ruth, Vic, Todd, Alycia, Dick, Jared, Kasnot family, Helen M. Shancey & family, Bittner family, Barsom family, Kowal family, Tichy family, Fuller family, Speth family, Hruch family, Dr Chris Baxter and family, Michael Soroka Fr. Thomas, Dn. Joseph Mell and their families and all parishioners. Our boys and girls in the service. God bless the Kowalcheck family. **From Helen M. Shancey** for the departed servants, her beloved husband, Richard Shancey, Norma Jean Evans, Joyce Duster, Ray Cobb, Ann Hruch, Steve Gulewicz, Mat. Olga, Fr. Vladimir and all deceased members of the Halajcio & Shancey families; for the health of Dr. Chris Baxter & family, Shancey & Halajcio families, Jim & Leslie Wokutch, Helen Cobb, Olga Novak & son, Bittner family, Hruch family, Wasilko family, Kasnot family, Namisnak family, Barsom family, Kovacs family, Kowalcheck family, Robes family, Michael Soroka, Steve Meno, Fr. Thomas, Rev. Dn. Joseph Mell and all their families and all parishioners. God bless Michael Soroka. God bless all our service men & women. God bless America. **From Matushka Joni Soroka** for the health of Michael Soroka, and for Theodore Mertz on his baptism. **From Marsha Wasilko** for the departed servant, Anna Tovcimak; for the health of the Wasilko family. **From Doris M. Wasilko** for the departed servants (parents) Charles & Mary; for the health of the Wasilko family. Happy Birthday to Carol and John Kowalcheck – Many years! **From Carol Kowalcheck** for the departed servant, Baba Helen Bilovsky (24 years); for the health of husband John on his birthday, for God’s grace and mercy. **From John Kowalcheck** for the health of Carol Kowalcheck. **From Charles A. Wasilko** for the health of Reader Michael Soroka; many years to John and Carol Kowalcheck on their birthdays. **From Marina Petrov** for the departed servants Agrippina and Stepan; for the health of Raisa, Yevgeniy, Polina, Roman, Vladimir, and Nataliya.

From the life of St Panteleimon

Before he became a Christian, one day the saint found a dead child on the street. He had been bitten by a great snake, which was still beside the child's body. Pantoleon (his name before baptism) began to pray to the Lord Jesus Christ to revive the dead child and to destroy the venomous reptile. He firmly resolved that if his prayer were fulfilled, he would become a follower of Christ and receive Baptism. The child rose up alive, and the snake died before Pantoleon's eyes.



After this miracle, Pantoleon was baptized by St Hermolaus with the name Panteleimon (meaning "all-merciful"). Speaking with Eustorgius, St Panteleimon prepared him to accept Christianity. When the father saw how his son healed a blind man by invoking Jesus Christ, he then believed in Christ and was baptized by St Hermolaus together with the man whose sight was restored.

After the death of his father, St Panteleimon dedicated his life to the suffering, the sick, the unfortunate and the needy. He treated all those who turned to him without charge, healing them in the name of Jesus Christ. He visited those held captive in prison. These were usually Christians, and he healed them of their wounds. In a short time, reports of the charitable physician spread throughout the city. Forsaking the other doctors, the inhabitants began to turn only to St Panteleimon.

Come to **Vacation Church School 2008**
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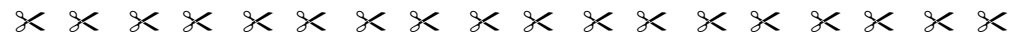
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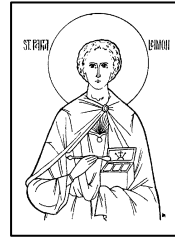
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Yes! I can volunteer to help with VCS! ___crafts ___food ___games ___anything

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Tone 5 *Troparion of the Resurrection*

Let us, the faithful, praise and worship the Word,
Co-eternal with the Father and the Spirit,
born for our salvation from the Virgin.
For He willed to be lifted up on the cross in the flesh
to endure death
and to raise the dead,
by His glorious resurrection.

Tone 5 *Kontakion of the Resurrection*

Thou didst descend into hell, O my Savior,
shattering its gates as almighty,
resurrecting the dead as Creator
and destroying the sting of death.
Thou hast delivered Adam from the curse, O Lover of Man
and we all cry to Thee, O Lord, save us!

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 5 *Prokeimenon* (Psalm 12)

Thou, O Lord, shalt protect us and preserve us from this generation forever.

Epistle (Rom 12:6-14)

Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, let us prophesy in proportion to our faith; or ministry, let us use it in our ministering; he who teaches, in teaching; he who exhorts, in exhortation; he who gives, with liberality; he who leads, with diligence; he who shows mercy, with cheerfulness.

Let love be without hypocrisy. Abhor what is evil. Cling to what is good. Be kindly affectionate to one another with brotherly love, in honor giving preference to one another; not lagging in diligence, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord; rejoicing in hope, patient in tribulation, continuing steadfastly in prayer; distributing to the needs of the saints, given to hospitality. Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse.

Gospel (Matthew 9:1-8)

So He got into a boat, crossed over, and came to His own city. Then behold, they brought to Him a paralytic lying on a bed. When Jesus saw their faith, He said to the paralytic, "Son, be of good cheer; your sins are forgiven you."

And at once some of the scribes said within themselves, "This Man blasphemes!"

But Jesus, knowing their thoughts, said, "Why do you think evil in your hearts? For which is easier, to say, 'Your sins are forgiven you,' or to say, 'Arise and walk'? But that you may know that the Son of Man has power on earth to forgive sins"—then He said to the paralytic, "Arise, take up your bed, and go to your house." And he arose and departed to his house.

Now when the multitudes saw it, they marveled and glorified God, who had given such power to men.

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.