

August 3, 2008  
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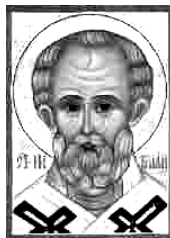
## St. Nicholas Orthodox Church

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### Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

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

### Schedule of Services and Activities

**Tuesday, August 5<sup>th</sup> – 7:00 PM**

**Great Vespers with Litiya**

**Wednesday, August 6<sup>th</sup> – 9:30 AM**

**Divine Liturgy with blessing of Fruit**

Feast of the Transfiguration of our Lord

**No Great Vespers on Saturday**

**Sunday, August 10<sup>th</sup> – 9:30 AM**

**Divine Liturgy**

**Congratulations and God's blessings** to Linnea Jensen who has become a catechumen (learner) today, taking her first formal steps to become an Orthodox Christian.



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

**Vacation Church School** will be held on Monday through Wednesday, August 11-13<sup>th</sup> 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 inform 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!)



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

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

**The Archdiocese of Pittsburgh and Western PA will sponsor their annual Family Day** outing on Sunday, August 17<sup>th</sup> 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 14<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 AM** to prepare the pavilion. Your help would be greatly appreciated. If you can help, please see Michelle Bittner.

**Vigil Light Donations** (Please remember the following people in your prayers): **From Carol Kowalcheck** for God's grace and mercy. **From John Kowalcheck** for the health of Carol Kowalcheck. **From John and Carol Kowalcheck** for the health of daughter Rachel on her 24<sup>th</sup> birthday (8/1). **From Tom Robes** for the departed servants Johanna and Beverly Porvaznik, and Victor Robes; for the health of Marion, Georgiann, and Teresa George; thank to you everyone for cards and prayers. **From Alexandria Tirpak** for the departed servants, John & Amelia, Nicholas & Marie, Frank & Ann, Nicholas & Nicholas; for the health of Michael, Kuck, Villella and Tempalski families, the community of St. Nicholas, the men and women serving our country, Daniel; special intentions. **From Helen Cobb** for the departed servants, Ray Cobb, Mat. Olga, Fr Vladimir, Richard Shancey, Darius, Joseph Kovacs, Ann Hruc, Ann Tovcimak; for the health of George, Ruth, Vic, Todd, Alycia, Dick, Jared, Kowal family, Tichy family, Fuller family, Kasnot family, Peter Kerchum, Barsom family, Speth family, Wasilko Family, Helen M. Shancey family, Bittner family, Hruch family, Dr Chris Baxter and family, Michael Soroka Fr. Thomas, Dn. Joseph Mell and their families and all parishioners. God bless Michael Soroka. God bless all our service men and women. **From Charles A. Wasilko** for the health of sisters Doris and Marsha, Reader Michael Soroka; many years to John and Carol Kowalcheck on their birthdays. **From Donya Yewisiak** for the health of Reader Michael Soroka, and Pete Kerchum. **From Pete and Garnette Kerchum** for the departed servant, Mat. Olga Soroka; for the health of grandson Michael Lopez Jr.; david Zeronzki, Michael Soroka, and Peter Kerchum. **From Susan Sipes Stroehlen** for the departed servant, husband, Jon. **From Marsha Wasilko** for the health of the Wasilko family. Happy Birthday and Many Years to Mat. Joni! **From Doris M. Wasilko** for the departed servants (parents) Charles & Mary; for the health of the Wasilko 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, 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.

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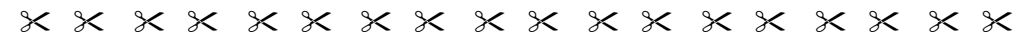
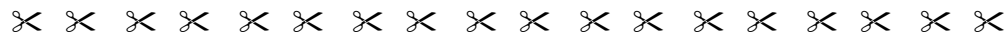
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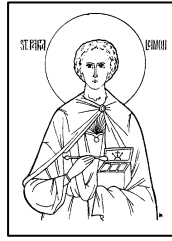
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## Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

### Tone 6

### Troparion of the Resurrection

The angelic powers were at Thy tomb;  
the guards became as dead men.  
Mary stood by Thy grave,  
seeking Thy most pure Body.  
Thou didst capture hell,  
not being tempted by it.  
Thou didst come to the Virgin granting life.  
O Lord who didst rise from the dead, glory to Thee!

### Tone 6

### Kontakion of the Resurrection

When Christ God the Giver of Life  
raised all the dead from the valleys of misery with His mighty hand,  
He bestowed resurrection on the human race.  
He is the Savior of All, the Resurrection, the Life, and the God of all.

### 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 6

### Prokeimenon (Psalm 27:9)

O Lord, save Thy people and bless Thine inheritance.

### Epistle (Romans 15:1-7)

We then who are strong ought to bear with the scruples of the weak, and not to please ourselves. Let each of us please his neighbor for his good, leading to edification. For even Christ did not please Himself; but as it is written, "The reproaches of those who reproached You fell on Me." For whatever things were written before were written for our learning, that we through the patience and comfort

of the Scriptures might have hope. Now may the God of patience and comfort grant you to be like-minded toward one another, according to Christ Jesus, that you may with one mind and one mouth glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore receive one another, just as Christ also received us, to the glory of God.

### Gospel (Matthew 9:27-35)

When Jesus departed from there, two blind men followed Him, crying out and saying, "Son of David, have mercy on us!" And when He had come into the house, the blind men came to Him. And Jesus said to them, "Do you believe that I am able to do this?" They said to Him, "Yes, Lord."

Then He touched their eyes, saying, "According to your faith let it be to you." And their eyes were opened. And Jesus sternly warned them, saying, "See that no one knows it." But when they had departed, they spread the news about Him in all that country.

As they went out, behold, they brought to Him a man, mute and demon-possessed. 33 And when the demon was cast out, the mute spoke. And the multitudes marveled, saying, "It was never seen like this in Israel!" But the Pharisees said, "He casts out demons by the ruler of the demons."

Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every sickness and every disease among the people.

### 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.*