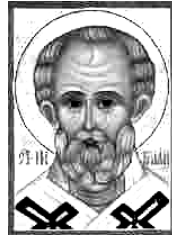


August 10, 2008
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Rev. Thomas Soroka, *Rector*
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Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

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

Schedule of Services and Activities

Thursday, August 14th – 7:00 PM	Great Vespers with Litiya
Friday, August 15th – 9:30 AM Feast of the Dormition (Falling Asleep) of the Mother of God	Divine Liturgy with blessing of Flowers
Saturday, August 16th – 5:00 PM	Great Vespers
Sunday, August 17th – 9:30 AM	Divine Liturgy

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Parish Council will be today following Divine Liturgy.



Liturgical Services for the feast of the Dormition of the Mother of God – Great Vespers with Litiya on Thursday, August 14th at 7:00 PM. Divine Liturgy on Friday, August 15th at 9:30 AM with the blessing of flowers and herbs.

Vacation Church School will be held this 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 inform Matushka Joni if you can help! Thank you to Matushka Joni for organizing our 8th annual VCS!

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.

The next Bible Study will be on Wednesday, August 20th at 7:00 PM. Daily Vespers at 6:30 PM.

The International Orthodox Christian Charities will sponsor a talk entitled "Food And Our Faith: A Practical Nutrition Discussion" presented by Rita Madden, a registered dietician, on Thursday, September 11, 2008 from 7:00 PM to 8:15 PM at St. George Antiochian Orthodox Cathedral 3400 Dawson Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15213. A donation of \$10.00 is requested. All proceeds will benefit IOCC.

Vigil Light Donations (Please remember the following people in your prayers): **From Helen Cobb** for the departed servants, Ray Cobb, Mat. Olga, Fr. Vladimir, 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, Hruch family, Fr. Soroka, Dn. Joseph Mell and their families and all parishioners. God bless Michael Soroka and Peter Kerchum. God bless all our service men & women and God bless America! **From Alexandria Tirpak** for the departed servants, (parents & grandparents) John & Amelia, Nicholas & Marie, Frank & Ann, (brother & his son) Nicholas & Nicholas and Mary Waslaw; for the health of Reader Michael Soroka, Kuck, Villella & Tempalski families, Mildred, Joseph, Alexandra, John, the community of St. Nicholas Parish, our service men & women; special intentions. **From Tatyana Sechler** for the departed servants, Polina, Bruce, Valentina and Victor; for the health of Tatyana, Tatyana, Roman, Dasha. **From Anastasiya** for the departed servants, Slava and Valentina; for the health of Elizabeth, Anastasiya, Tatiana and Maria. **From Georgiann Robes** for the departed servants, Johanna & Beverly Porvaznik; for the health of the Tom Robes, Ron Robes, Reader Michael and Carol Kowalcheck. **From George Porvaznik** for the departed servants, (wife) Johanna and (daughter) Beverly; for the health of Tom & Georgiann Robes. **From Marsha Wasilko** for the departed servants, Fr. Vladimir & Mat. Olga; for the health of the Wasilko family. **From Charles A. Wasilko** for the departed servants, Fr. Vladimir Soroka and Fr. Joseph Nakijima; for the health of sisters, Doris & Marsha, Reader Michael Soroka; for Anita Wasilko (surgery). **From Doris M. Wasilko** for the departed servants (parents) Charles & Mary, Ann Tovcimak, Fr. Vladimir & Fr. Joseph; for the health of the Wasilko family. **From Dn. Joseph, Mat. Nancy and Gregory Mell** for the departed servant from the Fedinko, Karavlan and Mell families; for the health of Mat. Mary Suda, Reader Michael, Richard Sismour, Florence Sismour, Leslie & James Wokutch, Carol Kowalcheck, Thomas Robes and Helen March Shancey. **From Carol Kowalcheck** in thanksgiving for God's blessings, mercy and grace. **From John Kowalcheck** for the health of Carol Kowalcheck. **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. Soroka 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, Michael Soroka, 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 & Peter Kerchum. God bless all our service men & women.

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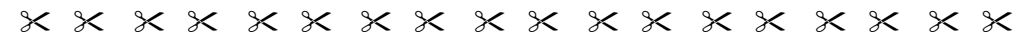
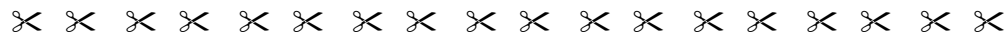
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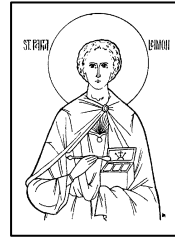
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Tone 7 Troparion of the Resurrection

By Thy cross, Thou didst destroy death!
To the thief, Thou didst open paradise!
For the myrrh-bearers, Thou didst change weeping into joy!
And Thou didst command Thy disciples, O Christ God
to proclaim that Thou art risen,
granting the world great mercy.

Tone 7 Troparion of the Feast

Thou wast transfigured on the mount, O Christ God,
Revealing Thy glory to Thy disciples as far as they could bear it.
Let Thine everlasting light shine upon us sinners!
Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Giver of Light, glory to Thee!

Tone 7 Kontakion of the Resurrection

The dominion of death
can no longer hold men captive,
for Christ descended, shattering and destroying its powers!
Hell is bound, while the prophets rejoice and cry:
The Savior has come to those in faith,
Enter, you faithful, into the Resurrection!

Tone 7 Kontakion of the Feast

On the mountain wast Thou transfigured, O Christ God,
and Thy disciples beheld Thy glory as far as they could see it;
so that when they would behold Thee crucified,
they would understand that Thy suffering was voluntary,
and would proclaim to the world,
that Thou art truly the Radiance of the Father!

Tone 7 Prokeimenon (Psalm 29)

The Lord shall give strength to His people! The Lord shall bless His people with peace!

Epistle (I Cor 1:10-18)

Now I plead with you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment. For it has been declared to me concerning you, my brethren, by those of Chloe's household, that there are contentions among you. Now I say this, that each of you says, "I am of Paul," or "I am of Apollos," or "I am of Cephas," or "I am of Christ." Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul?

I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, lest anyone should say that I had baptized in my own name. Yes, I also baptized the household of Stephanas. Besides, I do not know whether I baptized any other. For Christ did not send me to baptize, but to preach the gospel, not with wisdom of words, lest the cross of Christ should be made of no effect. For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

Gospel (Matthew 14:14-22)

And when Jesus went out He saw a great multitude; and He was moved with compassion for them, and healed their sick. When it was evening, His disciples came to Him, saying, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is already late. Send the multitudes away, that they may go into the villages and buy themselves food."

But Jesus said to them, "They do not need to go away. You give them something to eat." And they said to Him, "We have here only five loaves and two fish."

He said, "Bring them here to Me." Then He commanded the multitudes to sit down on the grass. And He took the five loaves and the two fish, and looking up to heaven, He blessed and broke and gave the loaves to the disciples; and the disciples gave to the multitudes. So they all ate and were filled, and they took up twelve baskets full of the fragments that remained. Now those who had eaten were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

Immediately Jesus made His disciples get into the boat and go before Him to the other side, while He sent the multitudes away.

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.