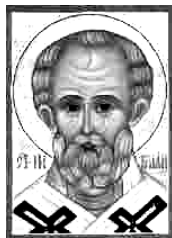


August 17, 2008  
Post-feast of the Dormition

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### Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

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

### Schedule of Services and Activities

<b>Wednesday, August 20<sup>th</sup> – 6:30 PM</b>	<b>Daily Vespers</b>
<b>Wednesday, August 20<sup>th</sup> – 7:00 PM</b>	<b>Bible Study</b>
<b>Saturday, August 23<sup>rd</sup> – 5:00 PM</b>	<b>Great Vespers</b>
<b>Sunday, August 24<sup>th</sup> – 9:30 AM</b>	<b>Divine Liturgy</b>

**The Archdiocese of Pittsburgh and Western PA will sponsor their annual Family Day** outing today beginning at 3:30 PM at the Archdiocesan Center in Cranberry Township. Food sales, youth activities, live music and more!

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

**Our Hoagie/Wrap Sale** for August will be held on Wednesday/Thursday, August 27/28. Order forms is at the kiosk for your convenience. Orders can be called in to Michelle Bittner 412 771-0176, faxed to 412 771-2444 or emailed to [m.bittner@comcast.net](mailto:m.bittner@comcast.net) by 7 p.m. on Monday evening, August 25. Thank you for your support.

**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.

**Vacation Church School 2008** was a great success! Our children studied the theme "God's Great Creation" through worship, stories, crafts and activities, along with a lot of fun! Thank you to Matushka Joni, who organized and led the VCS, with the help from Sandi Tirpak, Nadia Eckert, Melissa Westling and several other parents who care very much about the Christian education of our children. May God richly bless you! See the latest newsletter, and our website for pictures of the event.

### Thank you to our July donors!

Altar Candles (\$65) from Charles Wasilko in memory of Uncle Bill and Aunt Julia Falick.  
Holy Bread (\$50) from Helen March Shancey for the health of Dr Chris Baxter and Family, and the Shancey and Halajcio families.

### Thank you to our August donors!

Altar Candles (\$65) from the Yewisiak Family in memory of Fr Vladimir Soroka.  
Holy Bread (\$50) from Sandi Tirpak in memory of parents Amelia and John Hanich, Mary and Nicholas, Frank and Ann.  
Communion Wine (\$40) from Donya Yewisiak for the health of Tatiana Yewisiak and Natalie Soroka on the occasion of their birthdays.  
Incense (\$10) from Fr Thomas and Matushka Joni Soroka for the health of Natalie Soroka on the occasion of her 7<sup>th</sup> birthday.

**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, Steve Gulewicz, Ann Tovcimak 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, Kovacs family, Tichy family, Fuller family, Hruch family, Michael Soroka, Peter Kerchum, Fr. Soroka, Dn. Joseph Mell and their families and all parishioners. God bless all our service men & women and God bless America! **From George & Nancy Shaytar** for the departed servant, (brother) John M. Kraynak; for the health of Donna Shaytar. **From Tatyana Sechler** for the departed servants, Polina, Maria, Maria, Maxsim, Valentina and Victor; for the health of Tatyana, Tatyana, Roman, Dasha and Heydy. **From Anastasiya Levandosky** for the departed servants, Slava, Ludmila and Valentina; for the health of Elizabeth, Anastasiya, Tatiana and Maria. **From George Porvaznik** for the departed servants, (wife) Johanna and (daughter) Beverly; for the health of Tom & Georgiann Robes. **From Marsha Wasilko** for the health of the Wasilko family, Anita Wasilko; Happy Birthday & Many Years to Nancy Pravlochak. **From Charles A. Wasilko** for the departed servants, parents, Charles & Mary; for the health of sisters, Doris & Marsha, Tom Robes and Pete Kerchum. **From Doris M. Wasilko** for the departed servants (parents) Charles & Mary; for the health of the Wasilko family; for Nancy Pravlochak on her birthday~Many Years! **From Carol Kowalcheck** for God's 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, 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. **From Raisa Burd** for the departed servants, Vassili, Stepan, Agrippina, Ivan, Anna and Denis; for the health of Yevgeny and all our relatives & friends. **From Donya Yewisiak** for the health of Michael Soroka, Carol Kowalcheck and Tom Robes. **From David Namisnak** for the departed servant, Melissa; for the health of Marsha Namisnak, Helen Shancey, Charles W. Wasilko, Michael Soroka and Carol Kowalcheck. **From Peter & Garnette Kerchum** for the departed servant, Mat. Olga Soroka; for the health of Grandson, Michael Lopez, Jr., Reader Michael Soroka, David Zeronki and Tom Robes.

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### Tone 8

#### Troparion of the Resurrection

Thou didst descend from on high, O Merciful One!  
Thou didst accept the three day burial to free us from our sufferings!  
O Lord, our Life and Resurrection: Glory to Thee.

### Tone 1

#### Troparion of the Feast

In giving birth, you preserved your virginity.  
In failing asleep you did not forsake the world, O Theotokos.  
You were translated to life, O Mother of Life,  
and by your prayers, you deliver our souls from death.

### Tone 8

#### Kontakion of the Resurrection

By rising from the tomb Thou didst raise the dead and resurrect Adam.  
Eve exults in Thy resurrection,  
And the world celebrates Thy rising from the dead, O greatly Merciful One.

### Tone 2

#### Kontakion of the Feast

Neither the tomb, nor death, could hold the Theotokos,  
who is constant in prayer and our firm hope in her intercessions.  
For being the Mother of Life,  
she was translated to life,  
by the One who dwelt in her virginal womb.

### Tone 8

#### Prokeimenon of the Sunday (Psalm 76)

Pray and make your vows before the Lord our God!

#### Epistle (I Corinthians 3:9-17)

For we are God's fellow workers; you are God's field, you are God's building. According to the grace of God which was given to me, as a wise master builder I have laid the foundation, and another builds on it. But let each one take heed how he builds on it. For no other foundation can anyone lay than

that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ. Now if anyone builds on this foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw, each one's work will become clear; for the Day will declare it, because it will be revealed by fire; and the fire will test each one's work, of what sort it is. If anyone's work which he has built on it endures, he will receive a reward. If anyone's work is burned, he will suffer loss; but he himself will be saved, yet so as through fire.

Do you not know that you are the temple of God and that the Spirit of God dwells in you? If anyone defiles the temple of God, God will destroy him. For the temple of God is holy, which temple you are.

#### Gospel (Matthew 14:22-34)

Immediately Jesus made His disciples get into the boat and go before Him to the other side, while He sent the multitudes away. And when He had sent the multitudes away, He went up on the mountain by Himself to pray. Now when evening came, He was alone there. But the boat was now in the middle of the sea, tossed by the waves, for the wind was contrary.

Now in the fourth watch of the night Jesus went to them, walking on the sea. And when the disciples saw Him walking on the sea, they were troubled, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out for fear.

But immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying, "Be of good cheer! It is I; do not be afraid."  
And Peter answered Him and said, "Lord, if it is You, command me to come to You on the water."

So He said, "Come." And when Peter had come down out of the boat, he walked on the water to go to Jesus. But when he saw that the wind was boisterous, he was afraid; and beginning to sink he cried out, saying, "Lord, save me!"

And immediately Jesus stretched out His hand and caught him, and said to him, "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?" And when they got into the boat, the wind ceased.  
Then those who were in the boat came and worshiped Him, saying, "Truly You are the Son of God."

#### 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.*