

August 31, 2008

St. Nicholas Orthodox Church

Placing the Sash of the Mother of God 320 Munson Avenue

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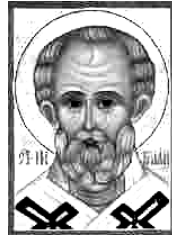
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Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

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

Schedule of Services and Activities

Saturday, September 6th – 5:00 PM

Great Vespers

Sunday, September 7th – 10:00 AM

Divine Liturgy

Church School is right around the corner and we need your help! Do you have a desire to see the children of the parish grow in the faith? You can make it happen, and we can't do it without your help. **Teachers are needed for our monthly Church School sessions** who are willing to commit four hours a month, plus preparation time. Church School is usually held on the first Saturday of every month, but is sometimes changed due to other events. What makes a good Church School teacher? Someone who has a love for children, who can engage them and can present material in an enjoyable and yet challenging matter. See Fr Tom if you're interested! **Church School begins on Saturday, October 4th!**

Important Church School Meeting: Teachers and parents will meet after the Divine Liturgy on Sunday, September 7th to discuss the 2008-2009 Church School year. Please attend and support your children!

The next Bible Study will be on Wednesday, September 10th (*not the 3rd as previously announced*) at 7:00 PM. Daily Vespers at 6:30 PM. Everyone is welcomed to attend.

The next monthly parish council meeting will be held on Sunday, September 14, 2008 following Divine Liturgy.

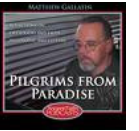
Greeters are needed to help greet parishioners and visitors as they arrive at church for Divine Liturgy on Sunday. Remember, you only get one chance to make a good first impression! Please see Nathan or Melissa Graff if you can help with this important ministry.

The \$1,000 Fall Raffle Tickets are now available. Please see Margie Speth for your tickets. Tickets are \$2 each. The winning number will be based on the daily (evening) PA Lottery Number drawn on

Friday, October 17, 2008. Ticket money and completed ticket stubs need to be returned to Margie Speth. Thanks for your help with this major fundraiser for our parish.

We want to thank everyone who supported the Hoagie/Wrap Sale for August. Our profit this month was \$431.15.

Orthodox author and speaker, Matthew Gallatin, author of "Searching for God in a Land of Shallow Wells" and Ancient Faith Radio podcaster **will be speaking at our parish on Wednesday, October 8th** at 7 PM! More information and fliers to follow next Sunday. Tell your friends and family!



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, Kasnot family, Helen M. Shancey & family, Barsom family, Kowal family, Speth family, Kovacs family, Tichy family, Fuller family, Kowalcheck family, Robes Family, Steve Meno, Michael Soroka, Fr. Soroka, Dn. Joseph Mell and their families and all parishioners. God bless all our service men & women and God bless America! **From Tim Waller** for Granny & Pap Kerchum on their Anniversary! **From Marsha Wasilko** for the health of the Wasilko family; Happy Anniversary & Many Years to Olga & Andy Kasnot! **From Charles A. Wasilko** for the health of sisters, Doris & Marsha, Jack Saban, Pete Kerchum, Helen Shancey and Michael Lopez, Jr. **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. 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 Peter & Garnette Kerchum** for the departed servant, Mat. Olga Soroka; for the health of Grandson, Michael Lopez, Jr., Reader Michael Soroka, David Zeronksi and Tom Robes. **From Alexandria Tirpak** for the departed servants, John, Amelia (8/26), Nicholas, Marie, Frank, Ann, Nicholas & Nicholas; for the health of Reader Michael Soroka, Carol, Kuck, Villella & Tempalski families; special intentions. **From Susan Sipes Stroehlen** for the departed servant, husband, Jon (1 year—8/29). **From Donya Yewisiak** for the departed servant, Paul Yewisiak, Sr.; for the health of Reader Michael Soroka and Mary Anne Yewisiak. **From Raisa Burd** for the departed servants, Agrippina, Stepan, Nina, Zinovi, Vladimir, Vassili, Peter, Lena, Ivan, Mat. Olga and Fr. Vladimir; for the health of Roman, Polina, Marina, Vladimir, Yevgeniy and all our relatives & friends. **From Georgiann Robes** for the departed servants, Bonnie, Johanna & Beverly Porvaznik; for the health of Tom & Ronnie Robes and Reader Michael Soroka. **From George Porvaznik** for the departed servants, wife, Johanna and daughter, Beverly; for the health of Tom & Georgiann Robes. **From Polina Petrov** for the health of Roman in honor of his birthday. **From David Namisnak** for the departed servants, Melissa, Frank & Anna Namisnak; for the health of Helen Shancey, Charles A. Wasilko, Joseph Mell and Marsha Namisnak.

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Tone 2 *Troparion of the Resurrection*

When Thou didst descend to death, O Life Immortal,
Thou didst slay hell with the splendor of Thy Godhead!
And when from the depths Thou didst raise the dead,
all the powers of heaven cried out:
O Giver of Life, Christ our God, glory to Thee!

Tone 2 *Kontakion of the Resurrection*

Hell became afraid, O almighty Savior,
seeing the miracle of Thy resurrection from the tomb!
The dead arose! Creation, with Adam, beheld this and rejoiced with Thee!
And the world, O my Savior, praises Thee forever!

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 2 *Prokeimenon* (Psalm 118)

The Lord is my strength and my song. He has become my salvation!

Epistle (1 Corinthians 9:2-12)

If I am not an apostle to others, yet doubtless I am to you. For you are the seal of my apostleship in the Lord.

My defense to those who examine me is this: Do we have no right to eat and drink? Do we have no right to take along a believing wife, as do also the other apostles, the brothers of the Lord, and Cephas? Or is it only Barnabas and I who have no right to refrain from working? Who ever goes to

war at his own expense? Who plants a vineyard and does not eat of its fruit? Or who tends a flock and does not drink of the milk of the flock?

Do I say these things as a mere man? Or does not the law say the same also? For it is written in the law of Moses, "You shall not muzzle an ox while it treads out the grain." Is it oxen God is concerned about? Or does He say it altogether for our sakes? For our sakes, no doubt, this is written, that he who plows should plow in hope, and he who threshes in hope should be partaker of his hope. If we have sown spiritual things for you, is it a great thing if we reap your material things? If others are partakers of this right over you, are we not even more?

Nevertheless we have not used this right, but endure all things lest we hinder the gospel of Christ.

Gospel (Matthew 18:23-35)

Therefore the kingdom of heaven is like a certain king who wanted to settle accounts with his servants. And when he had begun to settle accounts, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents. But as he was not able to pay, his master commanded that he be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and that payment be made. The servant therefore fell down before him, saying, 'Master, have patience with me, and I will pay you all.' Then the master of that servant was moved with compassion, released him, and forgave him the debt.

"But that servant went out and found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii; and he laid hands on him and took him by the throat, saying, 'Pay me what you owe!' So his fellow servant fell down at his feet and begged him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you all.' And he would not, but went and threw him into prison till he should pay the debt. So when his fellow servants saw what had been done, they were very grieved, and came and told their master all that had been done. Then his master, after he had called him, said to him, 'You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you begged me. Should you not also have had compassion on your fellow servant, just as I had pity on you?' And his master was angry, and delivered him to the torturers until he should pay all that was due to him.

"So My heavenly Father also will do to you if each of you, from his heart, does not forgive his brother his trespasses."

Communion Hymns (Psalm 148)

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.*