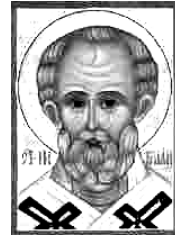


October 26, 2008
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Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Schedule of Services and Activities

Saturday, November 1st – 1:00 to 5:30 PM	Church School
Saturday, November 1st – 5:00 PM	Great Vespers
Sunday, November 2nd – 10:00 AM	Divine Liturgy

Everyone is reminded to turn their clocks **back** one hour before they go to bed next Saturday night, November 1st. Daylight Savings Time ends at 2:00 AM Sunday morning, November 2nd.



Our prosphora (holy bread) bakers (Dn Joe and Mat. Nancy Mell, Marsha Wasilko, Kristie Mertz, Melissa Graff, and Helene Krenitsky) have been assisting Fr Tom in baking the prosphora on an occasional basis (today's prosphora is also made by one of our bakers). **We encourage anyone** who feels called to bake the prosphora to contact Fr Tom or any of the bakers for more information. It is an especially wonderful task for many who are home during the day and want to more fully participate in the life of the Church, but anyone who is able is asked to consider helping. This is a very meaningful way to offer your gifts to God, Who in turn, gives them back to us in the form of Himself. Thank you to everyone who has offered these important gifts to God and to everyone in our parish. May God richly bless you.

Our Christmas Stocking fundraiser to help orphaned children in need ends today! This is your last chance to purchase tickets to win either the Steelers Basket (including 2 tickets to the Nov 20th game vs the Bengals and an autographed football from Rocky Bleier!) or the Autumn Home basket. Many thanks to Helen and Sasha Henry for providing these wonderful baskets and leading this effort. Please see them to support this worthy effort. \$5 donation is requested for each ticket.



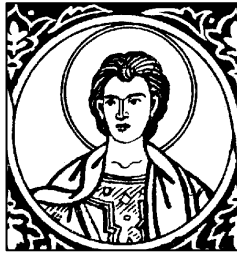
Christmas Candy! The "R" Club is once again selling Sarris Candy for Christmas. The deadline for orders is next Sunday, November 2.

Christmas Card Project: Once again we are hoping everyone will participate in our parish's Christmas Card Project. Please see Marsha Wasilko to sign up your/your family's name to be listed on the card for a \$10 donation. We are asking all church organizations to also sponsor their club's name on the card. Sign-up deadline is November 30.

Vigil Light Donations (Please remember the following people in your prayers): **From Marsha Wasilko** for the departed servants, Uncle John Wasilko and Uncle Steve Panik; for the health of the Wasilko family; Happy Anniversary & Many Years to John & Nancy Pravlochak and John & Carol Kowalcheck! **From Charles A. Wasilko** for the departed servants, Uncle John Wasilko and Uncle Steve Panik. **From Doris M. Wasilko** for the departed servants (parents) Charles & Mary, Uncle John Wasilko and Uncle Steve Panik (10/21/00); for the health of the Wasilko family; Many Years to Helen Shancey on her birthday; Nancy & John Pravlochak and John & Carol Kowalcheck on their anniversaries. **From Helen M. Shancey** for the departed servants, her beloved husband, Richard Shancey, Norma Jean Evans, Joyce Duster, Ray Cobb, Ann Hruch, Steve Gulewicz & wife, Mat. Olga, Melissa Torok, Aleksandra Koroleva 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, Pravlochak family, Kowal family, Rusty Geysler, Steve Meno, Michael Soroka, Jim Garvin, Fr. Thomas, Rev. Dn. Joseph Mell and all their families and all parishioners. God bless all our service men & women. God bless America. **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. **From John & Nancy Pravlochak** for the departed servants, (grandparents) Michael & Helen Pravlochak; for the health of the Pravlochak family and Reader Michael Soroka. **From Donya Yewisiak** for the departed servant, Mat. Olga Soroka in remembrance of her birthday; for the health of Reader Michael Soroka and Carol Kowalcheck. **From Susan Sipes Stroehlen** for the departed servant, husband, Jon. **From Carol Kowalcheck** for the health of husband, John on our 32nd Wedding Anniversary (10/23); for God's mercy & grace. **From John A. Kowalcheck** for the health of Carol Ann Kowalcheck. **From Helen Cobb** for the departed servants, Ray Cobb, Mat. Olga, Richard Shancey, Darius, Melissa Torok, Joseph Kovacs, Ann Hruch and Steve Gulewicz; for the health of George, Ruth, Vic, Todd, Aleisha, Dick, Jared, Kasnot family, Helen M. Shancey & family, Dr. Chris Baxter & family, Barsom family, Kowal family, Wasilko family, Speth family, Tichy family, Fuller family, Bittner family, Kowalcheck family, Hruch family, Robes family, Steve Meno, Fr. Soroka, Dn. Joseph Mell and their families and all parishioners. God bless Michael Soroka. God bless all our service men & women. **From Tatiana Sechler** for the departed servants Victor, Polina, Valentina, Marina, Maria, Maria, Bruce and Maxsin; for the health of Tatyana, Tatyana, Tatyana, Roman, Veronika and Dasha. **From Raisa Burd** for the departed servants Agrippina, Anna, Denis, Stepan, Mat. Olga & Fr. Vladimir; for the health of all our relatives & friends. **From Anosova Larisa** for the health of all our relatives and friends. **From George Porvaznik** for the departed servants, wife, Johanna and daughter, Beverly; for the health of Tom & Georgiann Robes. **From Kristie Mertz** for the health of Juliann Young, Carol Kowalcheck & Nancy Thompson. **From Georgiann Robes** for the departed servants, Johanna & Beverly Porvaznik and Victor Robes; for the health of Tom Robes on his birthday. **From Charles & Natasha Tichy** for the departed servants, Charles, John, Aleksandra and Ilya; for the health of all parishioners.

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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 (II Corinthians 11:31-12:9)

The God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who is blessed forever, knows that I am not lying. In Damascus the governor, under Aretas the king, was guarding the city of the Damascenes with a garrison, desiring to arrest me; but I was let down in a basket through a window in the wall, and escaped from his hands.

It is doubtless not profitable for me to boast. I will come to visions and revelations of the Lord: I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago—whether in the body I do not know, or whether out of the body I

do not know, God knows—such a one was caught up to the third heaven. And I know such a man—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows— how he was caught up into Paradise and heard inexpressible words, which it is not lawful for a man to utter. Of such a one I will boast; yet of myself I will not boast, except in my infirmities. For though I might desire to boast, I will not be a fool; for I will speak the truth. But I refrain, lest anyone should think of me above what he sees me to be or hears from me.

And lest I should be exalted above measure by the abundance of the revelations, a thorn in the flesh was given to me, a messenger of Satan to buffet me, lest I be exalted above measure. Concerning this thing I pleaded with the Lord three times that it might depart from me. And He said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness.” Therefore most gladly I will rather boast in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

Gospel (Luke 16:19-31)

The Lord said this parable: There was a certain rich man who was clothed in purple and fine linen and fared sumptuously every day. But there was a certain beggar named Lazarus, full of sores, who was laid at his gate, desiring to be fed with the crumbs which fell from the rich man’s table. Moreover the dogs came and licked his sores. So it was that the beggar died, and was carried by the angels to Abraham’s bosom. The rich man also died and was buried. And being in torments in Hades, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom.

Then he cried and said, ‘Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus that he may dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am tormented in this flame.’ But Abraham said, ‘Son, remember that in your lifetime you received your good things, and likewise Lazarus evil things; but now he is comforted and you are tormented. And besides all this, between us and you there is a great gulf fixed, so that those who want to pass from here to you cannot, nor can those from there pass to us.’

Then he said, ‘I beg you therefore, father, that you would send him to my father’s house, for I have five brothers, that he may testify to them, lest they also come to this place of torment.’ Abraham said to him, ‘They have Moses and the prophets; let them hear them.’ And he said, ‘No, father Abraham; but if one goes to them from the dead, they will repent.’ But he said to him, ‘If they do not hear Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded though one rise from the dead.’

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.*