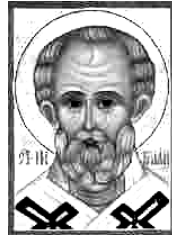


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Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

Schedule of Services and Activities

Wednesday, November 5th – 6:30 PM **Daily Vespers**

Wednesday, November 5th – 7:00 PM **Bible Study**

Saturday, November 8th – 5:00 PM **Great Vespers**
Talk by Christina Semon, OCMC Missionary Candidate to Romainia to follow

Sunday, November 9th – 10:00 AM **Divine Liturgy**



This Saturday after Vespers, we will be honored to hear a short presentation by **Christina Semon**, a missionary candidate to Romania through the auspices of the Orthodox Christian Mission Center. While in Romania, Christina will be working with other missionaries in the St Demetrie program which assists those who struggle with alcoholism, and the Protection of the Theotokos Family Center which gives aid to unwed mothers. This is a **very worthy effort that is in need of your support**. We encourage you to attend Vespers on Saturday to hear the presentation of this outstanding young woman who is dedicating her life to Christ's great commission. Additionally, **your financial support is sorely needed**. Whether you can attend on Saturday night or not, would you please consider giving a gift of support? Please make your checks payable to our parish, and we will issue one gift from the parish to OCMC, to be used to support Christina's work. God bless you for your faithfulness! (*Please see the insert in today's bulletin for a special message from Chrstina.*)

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 a occasional basis. **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 ia 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.

Christmas Candy! The "R" Club is once again selling Sarris Candy for Christmas. Today is the deadline for orders!



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 onrganizations 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 health of the Wasilko family; Happy 7th Birthday & Many Years to my Godchild, Keely Ann! **From Charles A. Wasilko** for the health of sisters, Doris & Marsha. **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, Melissa Torok 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, Valentina Barsom and Tom Robes. **From Olga Noskov** for the departed servant, Alexei. **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, Ann, 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; for the health of Slava, Tatyana, Galina, Veronika and Dasha. **From Burd & Petrov families** for the departed servants Agrippina and other family members; for the health of Galina and all our relatives & friends. **From Cathy Namisnak** for birthday blessing to David Namisnak. **From Alexandria Tirpak** for the departed servants, (parents & grandparents) Amelia & John, Ann & Frank, Marie Nicholas, (brother & nephew) Nicholas & Nicholas and John & Ann; for the health of Kuck, Villella & Tempalski families, community of St. Nicholas parish; men & women serving our parish; special intentions. **From Georgiann Robes** for the departed servants, Johanna & Beverly Porvaznik and Victor Robes; for the health of Tom Robes and Michael Soroka; Teresa & Robbie Robes on their 2nd anniversary.

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Tone 3

Troparion of the Resurrection

Let the heavens rejoice!
Let the earth be glad!
For the Lord has shown strength with His arm!
He has trampled down death by death!
He has become the first born of the dead!
He has delivered us from the depths of hell,
and has granted to the world great mercy.

Tone 3

Kontakion of the Resurrection

On this day Thou didst rise from the tomb,
O Merciful One,
leading us from the gates of death.
On this day Adam exults as Eve rejoices;
with the prophets and patriarchs they unceasingly praise
the divine majesty of Thy power!

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 3

Prokeimenon (Psalm 118)

Sing praises to our God, sing praises! Sing praises to our King, sing praises!

Epistle (Galatians 1:11-19)

But I make known to you, brethren, that the gospel which was preached by me is not according to man.
For I neither received it from man, nor was I taught it, but it came through the revelation of Jesus Christ.

For you have heard of my former conduct in Judaism, how I persecuted the church of God beyond measure and tried to destroy it. And I advanced in Judaism beyond many of my contemporaries in my own nation, being more exceedingly zealous for the traditions of my fathers.

But when it pleased God, who separated me from my mother's womb and called me through His grace, to reveal His Son in me, that I might preach Him among the Gentiles, I did not immediately confer with flesh and blood, nor did I go up to Jerusalem to those who were apostles before me; but I went to Arabia, and returned again to Damascus. Then after three years I went up to Jerusalem to see Peter, and remained with him fifteen days. But I saw none of the other apostles except James, the Lord's brother.

Gospel (Luke 8:26-39)

Then they sailed to the country of the Gadarenes, which is opposite Galilee. And when He stepped out on the land, there met Him a certain man from the city who had demons for a long time. And he wore no clothes, nor did he live in a house but in the tombs. When he saw Jesus, he cried out, fell down before Him, and with a loud voice said, "What have I to do with You, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg You, do not torment me!" For He had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. For it had often seized him, and he was kept under guard, bound with chains and shackles; and he broke the bonds and was driven by the demon into the wilderness.

Jesus asked him, saying, "What is your name?" And he said, "Legion," because many demons had entered him. And they begged Him that He would not command them to go out into the abyss. Now a herd of many swine was feeding there on the mountain. So they begged Him that He would permit them to enter them. And He permitted them. Then the demons went out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd ran violently down the steep place into the lake and drowned.

When those who fed them saw what had happened, they fled and told it in the city and in the country. Then they went out to see what had happened, and came to Jesus, and found the man from whom the demons had departed, sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. And they were afraid. They also who had seen it told them by what means he who had been demon-possessed was healed. Then the whole multitude of the surrounding region of the Gadarenes asked Him to depart from them, for they were seized with great fear. And He got into the boat and returned.

Now the man from whom the demons had departed begged Him that he might be with Him. But Jesus sent him away, saying, "Return to your own house, and tell what great things God has done for you." And he went his way and proclaimed throughout the whole city what great things Jesus had done for him.

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.