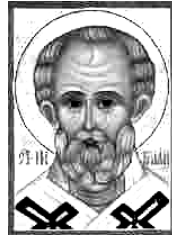


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Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost

Schedule of Services and Activities

Saturday, November 15 th – 5:00 PM	Great Vespers
Sunday, November 16 th – 10:00 AM	Divine Liturgy

The St Nicholas Sisterhood will meet today after the Divine Liturgy during coffee hour. All women of the parish are kindly asked to be present and participate.



This past Saturday after Vespers, we were honored to hear a 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 prayerful and financial support**. 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 Christina.*)

The All-American Council of the Orthodox Church in America will be held this week (Monday through Thursday) at the Hilton Hotel in downtown Pittsburgh. Clergy and Lay delegates from across North America will gather to discuss the future of the OCA as well as elect a new Metropolitan on Wednesday morning. Pray that God would guide the council's deliberations in a spirit of peace and cooperation. The lay delegate from our parish is Deacon Joe Mell. You can listen to daily reports from the council on Ancient Faith Radio at <http://ancientfaith.com/specials/oca15aac>. Prayers and petitions will be included in today's Liturgy for the success of the council.

The Archdiocese of Pittsburgh and Western Pennsylvania will hold an extraordinary assembly this Saturday, November 15th at St Alexander Nevsky Cathedral in Allison Park for the purpose of nominating a new bishop for the Archdiocese. Please pray that God's will be done. The lay delegates

are John Westling and Nathan Graff. Prayers and petitions will be included in today's Liturgy for the success of the assembly.

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 health of the Wasilko family and Carol Kowalcheck; Happy Birthday & Many Years to Helene! **From Charles A. Wasilko** for the health of Carol Kowalcheck and Tom Robes. **From Doris M. Wasilko** for the departed servants (parents), Charles & Mary and Peter Polny; for the health of the Wasilko family and Carol Kowalcheck.



From Helen M. Shancey for the departed servants, her beloved husband, Richard Shancey, Norma Jean Evans, Joyce Duster, Joseph Kovacs, Ray Cobb, Ann Hruch, Steve Gulewicz & wife, 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, Marion 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 Helen Hoover. **From Susan Sipes Stroehlen** for her departed husband, Jon. **From Carol Kowalcheck** for God's mercy & grace on all who are ill. **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, Joseph Kovacs, Ann Hruch and Steve Gulewicz & wife; 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, Marion Geysler, Fr. Soroka, Dn. Joseph Mell and their families and all parishioners. God bless Michael Soroka. God bless all our service men & women. **From John & Nancy Pravlochak** for the departed servants, grandparents, Steve & Anastasia Micochin; for the health of the Sipes family (from Florida), Pravlochak family and Helen Shancey. **From Raisa Burd** for the departed servant, Galina; for the health of Marina, Vladimir, Roman, Polina, Yevgeniy, Raisa and Tatyana. **From David Namisnak** for the departed servants, Melissa, Richard Shancey and Fr. Vladimir Soroka; for the health of Charles A. Wasilko, Marsha, Helen Shancey, Michael Soroka and Carol Kowalcheck. **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 my children, Kuck, Villella & Tempalski families, Carol, Steve, Rick, community of St. Nicholas parish; men & women serving our country; special intentions. **From Chuck Conrad** for the health of Barb Fitzgerald.

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Tone 4

Troparion of the Resurrection

When the women Disciples of the Lord learned from the Angel the joyous message of the Resurrection, they cast away the ancestral curse and elatedly told the Apostles: "Death is overthrown! Christ God is risen, granting the world great mercy!"

Tone 4

Kontakion of the Resurrection

My Savior and Redeemer as God rose from the tomb and delivered the earthborn from their chains. He has shattered the gates of hell, and as Master He has risen on the third day!

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 4

Prokeimenon (Psalm 104)

O Lord, how manifold are Thy works! In wisdom hast Thou made them all.

Epistle (Galatians 2:16-20)

Knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law but by faith in Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Christ Jesus, that we might be justified by faith in Christ and not by the works of the law; for by the works of the law no flesh shall be justified. But if, while we seek to be justified by Christ, we ourselves also are found sinners, is Christ therefore a minister of sin? Certainly not!

For if I build again those things which I destroyed, I make myself a transgressor. For I through the law died to the law that I might live to God. I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.

Gospel (Luke 8:41-56)

And behold, there came a man named Jairus, and he was a ruler of the synagogue. And he fell down at Jesus' feet and begged Him to come to his house, for he had an only daughter about twelve years of age, and she was dying.

But as He went, the multitudes thronged Him. Now a woman, having a flow of blood for twelve years, who had spent all her livelihood on physicians and could not be healed by any, came from behind and touched the border of His garment. And immediately her flow of blood stopped. And Jesus said, "Who touched Me?" When all denied it, Peter and those with him said, "Master, the multitudes throng and press You, and You say, 'Who touched Me?'" But Jesus said, "Somebody touched Me, for I perceived power going out from Me."

Now when the woman saw that she was not hidden, she came trembling; and falling down before Him, she declared to Him in the presence of all the people the reason she had touched Him and how she was healed immediately. And He said to her, "Daughter, be of good cheer; your faith has made you well. Go in peace."

While He was still speaking, someone came from the ruler of the synagogue's house, saying to him, "Your daughter is dead. Do not trouble the Teacher." But when Jesus heard it, He answered him, saying, "Do not be afraid; only believe, and she will be made well." When He came into the house, He permitted no one to go in except Peter, James, and John, and the father and mother of the girl. Now all wept and mourned for her; but He said, "Do not weep; she is not dead, but sleeping." And they ridiculed Him, knowing that she was dead. But He put them all outside, took her by the hand and called, saying, "Little girl, arise." Then her spirit returned, and she arose immediately. And He commanded that she be given something to eat. And her parents were astonished, but He charged them to tell no one what had happened.

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.