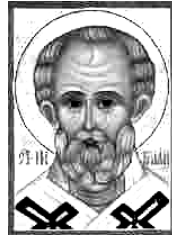


November 16, 2008
Evangelist Matthew

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Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost

Schedule of Services and Activities

Wednesday, November 19th – 6:30 PM

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Thursday, November 20th – 7:00 PM

Friday, November 21st – 9:30 AM

Entrance of the Theotokos into the Temple

Saturday, November 22nd – 5:00 PM

Sunday, November 23rd – 10:00 AM

Daily Vespers

Bible Study

Great Vespers with Litiya

Festal Divine Liturgy

Great Vespers

Divine Liturgy



Metropolitan Jonah (Paufhausen) was nominated by the All-American Council this week at the Pittsburgh Hilton Hotel and elected by the Holy Synod of Bishops of the Orthodox Church in America. Metropolitan Jonah, consecrated only two weeks ago as the auxiliary bishop of Ft Worth, TX, will now be the first hierarch of the Church and the Archbishop of Washington and New York. He is 49 years old and the first convert to Orthodoxy to be elected as Metropolitan. Met. Jonah

attended St Vladimir's Seminary and later entered the monastic life at the famed Valaam Monastery in Russia. His enthronement will take place in Washington DC at the OCA Cathedral during the last week in December. May God grant His Beatitude Many Years!

Archimandrite Melchizedek (Pleska) was nominated yesterday on the first ballot by an extraordinary Diocesan Assembly held at St Alexander Nevsky Cathedral in Allison Park. His name will be forwarded to the Holy Synod of the Orthodox Church in America for canonical election as the bishop of Pittsburgh. Arch. Melchizedek currently lives in a monastery in Greece, although for several years he served OCA parishes in the northeast as a priest. He attended St Vladimir's Seminary and later became a professor at St Tikhon's Seminary. He is in his late 50s.



Our November Hoagie/Wrap Sale is this Wednesday/Thursday, November 19/20. Orders need to be called in by 7 p.m. on Monday, November 17. Prices remain at \$5 for an Italian Hoagie or Wrap and \$5.50 for a Turkey Hoagie or Wrap. We can also use your help with assembly. We meet in the Church Hall on Wednesday, November 19 at 9 a.m. and normally finish up by noon. Orders can be picked up after noon on Wednesday until around 1:30 p.m. Thank you.

The Sisterhood will be hosting the annual St. Nicholas Day Dinner on Sunday, December 14th immediately following Liturgy. The Lenten meal will be catered by Janice's and ticket prices are as follows: Adults are \$12.00; Children ages 3-12 are \$6.00 and children 2 and under are free! See Melissa Westling or Matushka Joni after Liturgy in the vestibule or during coffee hour. Please support our Parish and purchase tickets in advance! Remember to invite family and friends to join us!

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.

Thank you to all those who supported Missionary Candidate Christina Semon to help finance her work in Romania. With your prayerful and financial support, as a parish we raised \$2,325! Thank you to all those who showed their support of Orthodox missions around the world. God bless you!

St. Nick's Corner News: Our showcase is overflowing with new merchandise! Please stop by and check out the dozens of beautiful ornaments, glass tealight holders and assorted wooden boxes, dolls, eggs, icons, and much more. Also available are several boxes of Christmas cards. See Michelle Bittner or Marsha Wasilko for assistance.

Vigil Light Donations (Please remember the following people in your prayers): **From Marsha Wasilko** for the health of the Wasilko family and Tom Robes. **From Charles A. Wasilko** Happy Wedding Anniversary—Dn. Joe & Mat. Nancy and Steve & Lynn Yurkowski; God bless our Veterans. **From Doris M. Wasilko** for the departed servants (parents), Charles & Mary; for the health of the Wasilko family; Many Years to Dn. Joe & Mat. Nancy on their Wedding Anniversary! **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, 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, Carol Ann Kowalcheck, Robes family, Pravlochak family, Kowal family, Peter & Garnette Kerchum, Michael Lopez Jr., Valentina Barsom, Steve Meno, Michael Soroka, Parsons family, Fr. Thomas, Rev. Dn. Joseph Mell and all their families and all parishioners. God bless all our service men & women. God bless America. **From Dn. Joseph, Mat. Nancy & Gregory Mell** for the departed servants, John Karavlan and all departed veterans—Memory Eternal! for the health of all family & friends; Happy (24th) Wedding Anniversary to Mom & Dad from Gregory N. Mell—Many Years! **From Susan Sipes Stroehlen** for her departed husband, Jon. **From Carol Kowalcheck** for God's grace & mercy. **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, Hruch family, Robes family, Fr. Soroka, Dn. Joseph Mell and their families and all parishioners. God bless all our service men & women. **From John & Nancy Pravlochak** for the health of Carol Kowalcheck and the Pravlochak family. **From Raisa Burd** for the departed servants, Galina, Agrippina, Stepan, Nina, Zinovi, Anna, Denis, Mat. Olga & Fr. Vladimir; for the health of Marina, Vladimir, Roman, Polina, Yevgeniy, Raisa and Tatyana and all our relatives & friends. **From David Namisnak** for the departed servants, Melissa and Frank & Anna; for the health of Marsha and Helen Shancey. **From Georgiann Robes** for the departed servants, Johanna Porvaznik and Beverly Hrabak; for the health of Tom Robes. **From Chuck Conrad** for the health of Barb Fitzgerald (that she will recover from cancer). **From George Porvaznik** for the departed servants, (wife) Johanna and (daughter) Beverly; for the health of Tom & Georgiann Robes.

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Tone 5

Troparion of the Resurrection

Let us, the faithful, praise and worship the Word,
Co-eternal with the Father and the Spirit,
born for our salvation from the Virgin.
For He willed to be lifted up on the cross in the flesh
to endure death
and to raise the dead,
by His glorious resurrection.

Tone 5

Kontakion of the Resurrection

Thou didst descend into hell, O my Savior,
shattering its gates as almighty,
resurrecting the dead as Creator
and destroying the sting of death.
Thou hast delivered Adam from the curse, O Lover of Man
and we all cry to Thee, O Lord, save us!

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 5

Prokeimenon (Psalm 12)

Thou, O Lord, shalt protect us and preserve us from this generation forever.

Epistle (Galatians 6:11-18)

See with what large letters I have written to you with my own hand! As many as desire to make a good showing in the flesh, these would compel you to be circumcised, only that they may not suffer persecution for the cross of Christ. For not even those who are circumcised keep the law, but they

desire to have you circumcised that they may boast in your flesh. But God forbid that I should boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision avails anything, but a new creation.

And as many as walk according to this rule, peace and mercy be upon them, and upon the Israel of God. From now on let no one trouble me, for I bear in my body the marks of the Lord Jesus. Brethren, the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit. Amen.

Gospel (Luke 10:25-37)

And behold, a certain lawyer stood up and tested Him, saying, "Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" He said to him, "What is written in the law? What is your reading of it?"

So he answered and said, " 'You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind,' and 'your neighbor as yourself.'" And He said to him, "You have answered rightly; do this and you will live."

But he, wanting to justify himself, said to Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?"

Then Jesus answered and said: "A certain man went down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell among thieves, who stripped him of his clothing, wounded him, and departed, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a certain priest came down that road. And when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. Likewise a Levite, when he arrived at the place, came and looked, and passed by on the other side. But a certain Samaritan, as he journeyed, came where he was. And when he saw him, he had compassion. So he went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine; and he set him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. On the next day, when he departed, he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said to him, 'Take care of him; and whatever more you spend, when I come again, I will repay you.' So which of these three do you think was neighbor to him who fell among the thieves?"

And he said, "He who showed mercy on him."

Then Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

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.*