

November 30, 2008

St. Nicholas Orthodox Church

St Andrew, First Called of the Apostles 320 Munson Avenue

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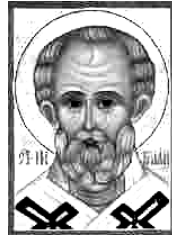
Rev. Thomas Soroka, *Rector*
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Rev. Dn. Joseph Mell, *Attached*

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Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Schedule of Services and Activities

Today after the Divine Liturgy

In memory of Helen (Belosky) Oschip from the Soroka and Yewisiak families

Wednesday, December 3rd – 6:30 PM

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No Great Vespers on Friday eveing

Saturday, December 6th – 9:30 AM

Saturday, December 6th – 1:00 PM – 5:00 PM

No Great Vespers on Saturday evening

Sunday, December 7th – 10:00 AM

Trisagion for the Departed

Daily Vespers

Bible Study

Divine Liturgy (St Nicholas Day)

Church School

Obednitsa (No communion at this service)

Next Weekend Fr Tom will be in Minneapolis, MN speaking at St Mary's Cathedral on "The Purpose of Christian Community" and "Servant Leadership." Please note the schedule above regarding the Divine Liturgy for the feast of St Nicholas. Unfortunately, there was no substitute priest available for serving the Divine Liturgy next Sunday, however, everyone is encouraged to attend the Obednitsa service on Sunday to mark the Lord's Day.

At Church School this Saturday, each child is asked to bring an unwrapped toy for a child in need to be donated to the Holy Family Institute for distribution this year. **We are also in need** of a family to provide snacks (no meat) for this session on December 6th. Please see Matushka Joni with any questions.

Our Christmas Gifts for Families in Need project will continue again this year. All gifts must be received by next **Sunday, December 7th**. Please put the gifts under the icon of St Nicholas as you bring them to Church. Gifts should be for children ages 6 - 18 and should be **unwrapped**. Please contact Donya Yewisiak with any questions. Gifts will be distributed by the Holy Family Institute of McKees Rocks. Thanks for your support!

Please remember that we are now in the Christmas Fast. Please make every effort to keep the fast and attend Church as we prepare for the celebration of the Nativity of Christ. This season is an excellent time to prepare ourselves by receiving the sacraments of confession and communion.

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 today!

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.

The Soroka and Yewisiak families would like to thank everyone for their kindness and prayers during Michael Soroka's extended illness with pneumonia. Michael has finally been discharged after his five-and-a-half month stay in various hospitals and is continuing his recuperation. May God richly bless you.



Vigil Light Donations (Please remember the following people in your prayers): **From Marsha Wasilko** special thanks for all God's blessings. **From Charles A. Wasilko** for the departed servant, (grandfather) Theodore Dyczko and Val Prescop; special thanksgiving for all God's blessings. **From Doris M. Wasilko** for the departed servants (parents), Charles & Mary and (grandfather) Theodore Dyczko and Val Prescop; 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, Ray Cobb, Joseph Kovacs, 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 Kowalcheck family, Garnett & Peter Kerchum, Michael Lopez, Jr., Robes family, Pravlochak family, Kowal family, Reader Michael Soroka, Fr. Thomas, Rev. Dn. Joseph Mell and all their families and all parishioners. God bless all our service men & women. God bless America. **From David Namisnak** for the departed servants, Melissa, Frank & Anna Namisnak and John & Julia Grabach; for the health of Helen Shancey and Marsha. **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, Steve Gulewicz and Ann Tovcimak; for the health of George, Ruth, Vic, Todd, Aleisha, Dick, Jared, Kowal family, Tichy family, Fuller family, Kasnot family, Wasilko family, Barsom family, Speth family, Bittner family, Hruch family, Kovacs family, Helen M. Shancey & family, Kowalcheck family, Fr. Soroka, Dn. Joseph Mell and their families and all parishioners. God bless all our service men and women. **From Pravlochaks** for the newly departed servant, (brother-in-law) Val Prescop; for the health of the Pravlochak family, Helen Shancey and Andrew & Olga Kasnot. **From Georgiann Robes** for the departed servants, Johanna & Beverly Porvzanik; for the health of Tom Robes, Reader Michael and Carol Kowalcheck; for our 41st Wedding Anniversary. **From Raisa Burd** for the departed servants, Agrippina, Stepan, Anan, Denis, Vassili, Vladimir, Mat. Olga & Fr. Vladimir; for the health of Tatyana, Roman, Polina, Marina, Vladimir, Yevgeniy, Raisa, Alexandra, Ludmila and Valentina. **From Alexandria Tirpak** for the departed servants, (parents & grandparents) Amelia & John, Marie & Nicholas, Ann & Frank, (brother & nephew) Nicholas & Nicholas and Ann & John; for the health of (children) Amelia, Andrea and Richard & their families; parish community of St. Nicholas, Michael and Carol and the men & women serving our country-fighting for our freedom; special intentions. **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 Linda McKittrick. **From Donya Yewisiak** for the health of Carol Kowalcheck, Tom Robes, Michael Soroka, Stephanie Kowal and Dolly Lyle.

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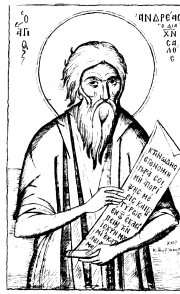
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Tone 7

Troparion of the Resurrection

By Thy cross, Thou didst destroy death!
To the thief, Thou didst open paradise!
For the myrrh-bearers, Thou didst change weeping into joy!
And Thou didst command Thy disciples, O Christ God
to proclaim that Thou art risen,
granting the world great mercy.

Tone 4

Troparion of St Andrew

O Andrew, the first-called of the Apostles
and brother of Peter, the foremost disciple.
Entreat the Master of All
to grant peace to the word
and to our souls great mercy!

Tone 7

Kontakion of the Resurrection

The dominion of death
can no longer hold men captive,
for Christ descended, shattering and destroying its powers!
Hell is bound, while the prophets rejoice and cry:
The Savior has come to those in faith,
Enter, you faithful, into the Resurrection!

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 7

Prokeimenon (Psalm 29)

The Lord shall give strength to His people! The Lord shall bless His people with peace!

Epistle (Ephesians 2:14-22)

For He Himself is our peace, who has made both one, and has broken down the middle wall of separation, having abolished in His flesh the enmity, that is, the law of commandments contained in ordinances, so as to create in Himself one new man from the two, thus making peace, and that He might reconcile them both to God in one body through the cross, thereby putting to death the enmity. And He came and preached peace to you who were afar off and to those who were near. For through Him we both have access by one Spirit to the Father.

Now, therefore, you are no longer strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief cornerstone, in whom the whole building, being fitted together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord, in whom you also are being built together for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit.

Gospel (Luke 13:10-17)

Now He was teaching in one of the synagogues on the Sabbath. And behold, there was a woman who had a spirit of infirmity eighteen years, and was bent over and could in no way raise herself up. But when Jesus saw her, He called her to Him and said to her, "Woman, you are loosed from your infirmity." And He laid His hands on her, and immediately she was made straight, and glorified God.

But the ruler of the synagogue answered with indignation, because Jesus had healed on the Sabbath; and he said to the crowd, "There are six days on which men ought to work; therefore come and be healed on them, and not on the Sabbath day." The Lord then answered him and said, "Hypocrite! Does not each one of you on the Sabbath loose his ox or donkey from the stall, and lead it away to water it? So ought not this woman, being a daughter of Abraham, whom Satan has bound—think of it—for eighteen years, be loosed from this bond on the Sabbath?" And when He said these things, all His adversaries were put to shame; and all the multitude rejoiced for all the glorious things that were done by 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.*