

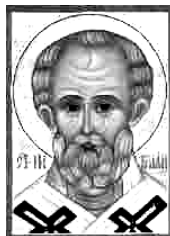
January 18, 2009
St Athanasius the Great and Cyril

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Thirty-first Sunday after Pentecost

Schedule of Services and Activities

No Great Vespers this Saturday

Sunday, January 25th – 10:00 AM

Divine Liturgy

Welcome and a gracious thank you to Fr John Kluchko, formerly of Holy Resurrection Church in Belle Vernon, who is leading the Divine Liturgy today in Fr Tom's absence. May God richly bless Fr John and his family!

The 2009 Calendars and Envelopes are now available at the candle kiosk.

Our next Hoagie/Wrap Sale will be January 21/22, 2009. Order forms can be obtained at the Candle Kiosk.

Our Annual Meeting will be held on Sunday, January 25, 2009, following Divine Liturgy. Anyone who is interested in serving on Church Council should contact Nathan Graff, John Kowalcheck or Michelle Bittner.

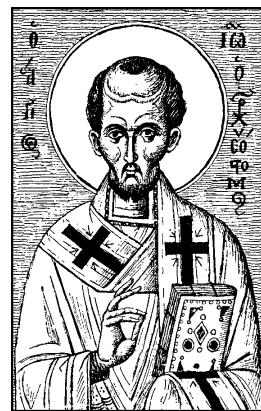
It's time again to update the Church directory! Please see Kristie Mertz if any changes have been made to your contact information. Additionally, we would like everyone to have their picture taken so that we can publish a new church directory for 2009. Photographs will be taken soon.

Anyone who wishes to have their home blessed should see Fr Tom to schedule an appointment.

The next Bible Study will be Wednesday, January 28th.

The next Church School will be held on Saturday, February 7th.

Vigil Light Donations (Please remember the following people in your prayers): **From Marsha Wasilko** for the departed servants, (Baba) Susan Wasilko and (parents) Charles & Mary; for the health of the Wasilko family and Carol Kowalcheck. **From Charles A. Wasilko** for the departed servant, (grandmother) Susan Wasilko; for the health of Carol Kowalcheck. **From Doris M. Wasilko** for the departed servants (parents), Charles & Mary and (grandmother) Susan Wasilko; for the health of the Wasilko family and Carol Kowalcheck. **From Donya Yewisiak** for the health of Justin Fuller, Carol Kowalcheck, Tom Robes and Dolly Lyle; special intention. **From Helen Cobb** for the departed servants, Ray Cobb, Fr. Vladimir & Mat. Olga, Richard Shancey; for the health of George, Ruth, Vic, Todd, Aleisha, Dick, Jared, Helen Shancey, Stephanie Kowal, the Tichy, Fuller, Kasnot, Speth, Wasilko, Barsom, Soroka and Mell families. **From Peter & Garnette Kerchum** for the departed servant, Mat. Olga Soroka; for the health of Michael Lopez, Jr., Reader Michael Soroka, Diane Zeroniski and David Zeroniski. **From Chuck Conrad** for the health of Barb Fitzgerald, heal her cancer. **From David Namisnak** for the departed servants, Melissa, Frank & Anna, John & Julia; for the health of Marsha, Aaron and Helen Shancey. **From Charles & Natalya Tichy** for the departed servants, Vladimir, Michael, Aleksandra, Anna, Proskovia, Ilya; for the health of all relatives, friends and parishioners. **From Alexandria Tirpak** for the departed servants, (parents & grandparents) Amelia & John, Marie & Nicholas, Ann & Frank, (brother & nephew) Nicholas, Nicholas and Waslow; for the health of Amelia, Andrea, Richard & families, Carol, Reader Michael, John; community of St. Nicholas Parish; men & women serving our country; special intentions.



The right confession of dogmas should be combined with righteousness of life and deeds so that we do not achieve our salvation only by halves. Nothing can so facilitate righteousness of conduct and purity of life as being here, in church, and sincere attentiveness. As the body needs food, so the soul needs the study of divine Scriptures, for "man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God" (Matt. 4:4). For this reason those who do not participate in this meal (liturgy) usually suffer hunger. Hear how God threatens such hunger and places it alongside punishment and torture: "Behold, the days come, saith the Lord God, that I will send forth a famine in the land, not a famine of bread, nor a thirst for water, but a famine of hearing the word of the Lord..." (Amos 8:11). Is it not madness to do everything and take all measures to avoid bodily hunger but willingly to incur spiritual hunger? No, I beg and entreat you, let us not be so badly disposed toward ourselves....

St John Chrysostom

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Tone 6 *Troparion of the Resurrection*

The angelic powers were at Thy tomb;
the guards became as dead men.
Mary stood by Thy grave,
seeking Thy most pure Body.
Thou didst capture hell,
not being tempted by it.
Thou didst come to the Virgin granting life.
O Lord who didst rise from the dead, glory to Thee!

Tone 6 *Kontakion of the Resurrection*

When Christ God the Giver of Life
raised all the dead from the valleys of misery with His mighty hand,
He bestowed resurrection on the human race.
He is the Savior of All, the Resurrection, the Life, and the God of all.

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 6 *Prokeimenon (Psalm 27:9)*

O Lord, save Thy people and bless Thine inheritance.

Epistle (I Timothy 1:15-17)

This is a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am chief. However, for this reason I obtained mercy, that in me first Jesus Christ might show all longsuffering, as a pattern to those who are going to believe on Him for everlasting life. Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, to God who alone is wise, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

Gospel (Luke 18:18-27)

Now a certain ruler asked Him, saying, "Good Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?"

So Jesus said to him, "Why do you call Me good? No one is good but One, that is, God. You know the commandments: 'Do not commit adultery,' 'Do not murder,' 'Do not steal,' 'Do not bear false witness,' 'Honor your father and your mother.'" "

And he said, "All these things I have kept from my youth."

So when Jesus heard these things, He said to him, "You still lack one thing. Sell all that you have and distribute to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow Me."

But when he heard this, he became very sorrowful, for he was very rich. And when Jesus saw that he became very sorrowful, He said, "How hard it is for those who have riches to enter the kingdom of God! 25 For it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God."

And those who heard it said, "Who then can be saved?"

But He said, "The things which are impossible with men are possible with God."

Communion Hymn (Psalm 148)

Praise the Lord from the heavens! Praise Him in the highest!

Welcome to our visitors!

*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.*