

May 10, 2009

St. Nicholas Orthodox Church

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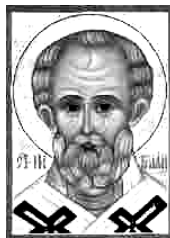
Rev. Thomas Soroka, *Rector*
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Sunday of the Healing of the Paralytic (Fourth Sunday of Pascha)

Schedule of Services and Activities

Saturday, May 16th – 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM	Church School Picnic
Moon Park, Saturn Pavillion	
Saturday, May 16th – 5:00 PM	Great Vespers
Sunday, May 17th – 10:00 AM	Divine Liturgy

Everyone is invited to join us downstairs after the Divine Liturgy for a special brunch served by the men of the parish in honor of all of the women of the parish on this Mother's Day. May God bless all those who have nurtured us throughout our lives!

Church School Parents: Please check your email for a message from Matushka Joni regarding the Church School Picnic this Saturday. Please see her today or contact her as possible to let her know what you can bring.

Our next Hoagie/Wrap Sale will be May 20/21. Orders can be placed up through Monday, May 18, by 7 p.m. by calling 412 771-0176, faxing 412 771-2444 or emailing m.bittner@comcast.net. Thank you.

Help Stuff a Bus for the Military Serving Overseas! Our parish will be contributing to a larger effort to send needed items to our soldiers serving overseas. Needed items include toiletries such as toothbrushes, toothpaste, floss, chapstick, razors, shaving cream, powder, sunblock lotion, etc; food items such as beef jerky, slim jims, trail mix, granola, breakfast bars, hard candy, pretzels, cheese crackers, gum, etc. Other items are also needed such as batteries, paper and envelopes, white cotton socks, zip lock bags, wash cloths, playing cards, and prepaid phone cards (ATT International preferred). Deadline is Sunday, May 31st. Donya Yewisiak will lead this effort and can answer your questions (412-848-7513). **Note We will also be gathering a special package for Justin Fuller who is serving in Iraq and will send this separately.**

The Holy Ghost Church Ladies Altar Society is sponsoring a Tea and Basket Party this Saturday, May 16th at the Holy Ghost Youth Center, 405 Maplewood Avenue, Ambridge, ,from Noon to 4:00 PM. Admission is \$15 and includes lunch and 10 raffle tickets. A wonderful assortment of theme baskets will be available for raffle. Contact Mary Wagner at 724-375-8952 for reservations (until Friday).

The Slavjane Folk Ensemble will give their annual concert on Saturday, May 30th at 1:00 PM at the Sto-Rox High School Auditorium, Valley Street, in McKees Rocks. Admission is \$7 in advance (\$8 at the door), Students \$4, and children under 5 are free. Come hear and see the music and dance of Eastern Europe. Advance ticket sales at 412-33-3124.

Our Summer Schedule will begin on Sunday, May 31st. Divine Liturgy will begin at 9:30 AM.

Send your children to an Orthodox camp this summer! There are many wonderful Orthodox Christian camping programs for children from elementary school through high school. Popular camps include Antiochian Village near Ligoneer, PA (<http://antiochianvillage.org>), St Andrew's Camp near Syracuse, NY (<http://standrewscamp.com>), Camp Nazareth near Mercer, PA (<http://campnazareth.org>), and St Seraphim Russian Orthodox Camp in the Pocono Mountains, PA (<http://stseraphimcamp.com>). Camping provides an essential formative experience for Orthodox children and is strongly encouraged. For more information, contact Fr Tom.

Vigil Light Donations (Please remember the following people in your prayers): **From Marsha Wasilko** for the departed servants, (cousin) Susie Wasilko and Ann Polny; for the health of the Wasilko family and all parishioners battling cancer; Happy Birthday & Many Years to Fr. Tom! **From Doris M. Wasilko** for the departed servants (parents), Charles & Mary, (cousin) Susan Wasilko and Ann Polny; for the health Carol Kowalcheck; Many Years & Happy Birthday to Marsha & Fr. Tom! **From Charles A. Wasilko** for the departed servants, (cousin) Susan Wasilko and Ann Polny; for the health of sisters, Doris & Marsha and Fr. Tom on his birthday! **From Helen Cobb** for the departed servants, Ray Cobb, Fr. Vladimir & Mat. Olga, Darius Walat; for the health of George, Ruth, Vic, Todd, Aleisha, Dick, Jared, Helen March Shancey, Stephanie Kowal, the Tichy, Fuller, Kasnot, Speth, Wasilko, Barsom, Soroka and Mell families. **From Chuck Conrad** for the health of Eva, Cindy, Mike & Barb~have mercy on them. **From Alexandria Tirpak** for the departed servants, (parents & grandparents) Amelia & John, Marie & Nicholas, Ann & Frank, (brother & nephew) Nicholas & Nicholas; for the health of children, Amelia, Andrea, Richard & families, Theodore, John, St. Nicholas Church community; men & women serving our country; special intentions. **From Helen M. Shancey** for the departed servants, her husband, Richard Shancey, Norma Jean Evans, Joyce Duster, Ray Cobb, Ann Hruch, Mat. Olga and all deceased members of the Halajcio & Shancey families; for the health of Dr. Chris Baxter & family, Halajcio & Shancey families, Dale Halajcio, Danny Parsons, Jim & Leslie Wokutch, Helen Cobb, Olga Novak & son, the Bittner, Hruch, Wasilko, Kasnot, Namisnak, Barsom, Kovacs and Robes families, Carol Kowalcheck, Steve Meno, Reader Michael, Fr. Thomas, Rev. Dn. Joseph Mell and their families and all parishioners. God Bless America. **From Peter & Garnette Kerchum** for the departed servant, Mat. Olga Soroka; for the health grandson, Michael Lopez, Jr., Reader Michael Soroka, David Zeronski and Joe Mare. **From John & Nancy Pravlochak** for the departed servants, (grandparents) Michael & Helen Pravlochak and Steve & Anastasia Micochin; for the health of the Pravlochak family and Marsha Wasilko—Happy Birthday! **From Raisa Burd** for the departed servants, Agrippina, Stepan, Lena, Ivan, Vladimir, Vassili, Mat. Olga & Fr. Vladimir; for the health of Vladimir, Marina, Roman, Polina, Alexandra, Tatyana, Natalia & all our relatives & friends. **From Tom Robes** for the departed servants, George, Johanna & Beverly Porvaznik and Victor Robes; for the health of Ron, Marion and Georgiann Robes; Happy Mother's Day to Mom, Georgiann, Teresa Robes, Mary Jane Delverne and all the beautiful women of St. Nicholas. **From Rob Robes** for the departed servants of the Robes & Delverne families; for the health of Anna & Nicholas Robes, Mike & Mary Jane Delverne and Tom & Georgiann Robes; Happy Mother's Day Granny, Mom, Teresa Robes and Mary Jane Delverne.

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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 Sunday

By Thy divine intercession, O Lord,
as Thou didst raise up the paralytic of old,
so raise up my soul paralyzed by sins and thoughtless acts;
so that being saved I may sing to Thee:
Glory to Thy majesty, O Boutiful Christ!

Tone 8

Kontakion of Pascha

Thou didst descend into the tomb, O Immortal,
Thou didst destroy the power of death.
In victory didst Thou arise, O Christ God,
proclaiming: "Rejoice!" to the Myrrhbearing Women,
granting peace to Thine Apostles, and bestowing Resurrection on the fallen.

Tone 1

Prokeimenon (Psalm 33)

Let Thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us as we have set our hope on Thee!

Epistle (Acts 9:32-42)

Now it came to pass, as Peter went through all parts of the country, that he also came down to the saints who dwelt in Lydda. There he found a certain man named Aeneas, who had been bedridden eight years and was paralyzed. And Peter said to him, "Aeneas, Jesus the Christ heals you. Arise and make your bed." Then he arose immediately. So all who dwelt at Lydda and Sharon saw him and turned to the Lord.

At Joppa there was a certain disciple named Tabitha, which is translated Dorcas. This woman was full of good works and charitable deeds which she did. But it happened in those days that she became sick and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in an upper room. And since Lydda was near Joppa, and the disciples had heard that Peter was there, they sent two men to him, imploring him not to delay in coming to them. Then Peter arose and went with them. When he had come, they brought him to the upper room. And all the widows stood by him weeping, showing the tunics and garments which Dorcas had made while she was with them. But Peter put them all out, and knelt down and prayed. And turning to the body he said, "Tabitha, arise." And she opened her eyes, and when she saw Peter she sat up. Then he gave her his hand and lifted her up; and when he had called the saints and widows, he presented her alive. And it became known throughout all Joppa, and many believed on the Lord.

Gospel (John 5:1-15)

After this there was a feast of the Jews, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. Now there is in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate a pool, which is called in Hebrew, Bethesda, having five porches. In these lay a great multitude of sick people, blind, lame, paralyzed, waiting for the moving of the water. For an angel went down at a certain time into the pool and stirred up the water; then whoever stepped in first, after the stirring of the water, was made well of whatever disease he had. Now a certain man was there who had an infirmity thirty-eight years. When Jesus saw him lying there, and knew that he already had been in that condition a long time, He said to him, "Do you want to be made well?"

The sick man answered Him, "Sir, I have no man to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up; but while I am coming, another steps down before me." Jesus said to him, "Rise, take up your bed and walk." And immediately the man was made well, took up his bed, and walked. And that day was the Sabbath.

The Jews therefore said to him who was cured, "It is the Sabbath; it is not lawful for you to carry your bed."

He answered them, "He who made me well said to me, 'Take up your bed and walk.'" Then they asked him, "Who is the Man who said to you, 'Take up your bed and walk?'" But the one who was healed did not know who it was, for Jesus had withdrawn, a multitude being in that place. Afterward Jesus found him in the temple, and said to him, "See, you have been made well. Sin no more, lest a worse thing come upon you."

The man departed and told the Jews that it was Jesus who had made him well.

Communion Hymn of the Sunday

Receive the Body of Christ! Taste the Fountain of Immortality!
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 a special Mother's Day brunch following the Divine Liturgy.*