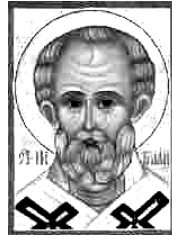


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Sunday of the Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council

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Schedule of Services and Activities

Wednesday, June 3rd – 6:30 PM

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Saturday, June 6th – 5:00 PM

Sunday, June 7th – 9:30 AM

Great Feast of the Descent of the Holy Spirit (Pentecost)

Daily Vespers

Bible Study

Great Vespers with Litiya

Festal Divine Liturgy

Your generous financial donations are imperative during the summer months. Please make sure to give regularly and consistently to the Church to allow us to meet expenses and keep our plans to grow in the future. May God richly bless you for your generosity.

The **Episcopal Consecration** of Archimandrite Melchisedek (Pleska) to be Bishop of the Archdiocese of Pittsburgh and Western Pennsylvania will be held on **Saturday, June 27, 2009** at St Alexander Nevsky Cathedral. In conjunction with this event, beyond your prayers and attendance at the consecration, there are two ways you can participate:

- **A Grand Banquet** will be held at the Hilton Hotel in downtown Pittsburgh beginning at 2:00 PM, with a Social Hour at 1:30 PM. Banquet tickets are \$40 per person with a choice of fish (orange roughy) or vegetable lasagna. **Deadline for reservations is Sunday, June 14th.**

Deadline Today ! 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 today! 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 **2nd Anniversary of the Repose of Archbishop Kyrill** will be held on Wednesday, June 17th at Holy Transfiguration Monastery. Divine Liturgy begins at 10:00 AM.

A Youth Day Retreat (ages 6-18) will be held at Holy Transfiguration Monastery in Elwood City on Monday, June 29th from 10 AM (Liturgy) to closing prayer at 3:30 PM. Theme will be the Holy Angels. Lunch is included. There is no fee for the retreat but donations may be made to support the work of the Monastery. If you are planning to attend, please call the monastery at (724) 758-4002 or send an email message to omt1@losch.net by Thursday, June 25.

FOCA Pittsburgh District Meeting and Picnic will be held at St Nicholas Church in Weirton on Sunday, July 12th at 3:00 PM.

Thank you to our May donors!

Holy Bread (\$50) from Marsha Wasilko on the occasion of her birthday.

Communion Wine (\$40) from Paul, Lois, and Katharine Fuller for the health and safety of the soldier Justin who is serving in Iraq.

Altar Candles (\$25) from the Wasilko Family in memory of mother, Mary.

Incense (\$10) from Fr Tom and Matushka Joni for the health of daughter, Jacqueline, on the occasion of her 10th birthday.

FOCA Family Night Out – Wild Things Baseball at Consul Energy Park, Washinton, PA, August 20th. Game begins at 7:05 PM. For more information, contact Patty Lear at pnlear@verizon.net.

The Annual Archdiocesan Family Day will be held on Sunday August 16th beginning at 3:00 PM at the Archdiocesan Center in Cranberry Township.

We are in need of coffee hour sponsors this Summer! Please see Melissa Graff if you can help!

*****McKees Rocks Bridge Westbound Lane to Close Tuesday, June 2nd*****

The lane from Route 65 (Ohio River Boulevard) going toward Island Avenue will be closed for most of the summer. This includes the Helen Street Exit on that side. The Eastbound lane (heading from Island Avenue to Route 65) will remain open



For those coming to Church from the Route 65 Side: *If you come through downtown, cross the West End Bridge, then turn right and take the exit into McKees Rocks. If you're closer to the Sewickley area, you can cross the river by taking I-79 South and exiting at Neville Island, then take Neville Road into McKees Rocks.*

Don't let road construction detour your spiritual life this summer!

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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 4 *Troparion of the Ascension*

O Christ God, Thou hast ascended in glory,
granting joy to Thy disciples by the promise of the Holy Spirit.
Through the blessing, they were assured
that Thou art the Son of God,
the Redeemer of the world.

Tone 8 *Troparion of the Holy Fathers*

Most glorious art Thou, O Christ our God!
Thou hast established the Holy Fathers as lights on the earth!
Through them Thou hast guided us to the true faith!
O greatly Compassionate One, glory to Thee!

Tone 8 *Kontakion of the Holy Fathers*

The apostle's preaching and the father's doctrines have established one faith for the Church.
Adorned with the robe of truth, woven from heavenly theology,
it defines and glorifies the great mystery of Orthodoxy.

Vigil Light Donations (Please keep the following people in your prayers:) **From Marsha Wasilko** for the departed servants, (mother) Mary (5/26/69) and all departed veterans; for the health of Doris, Carol Kowalcheck and our Armed Forces. **From Doris M. Wasilko** for the departed servants (parents), Charles & Mary (40 yrs. 5/26/69), (uncle) Ed Hollenbach (5/19), (aunt) Ann Panik (5/21) and (grandfather) Andrew Wasilko (5/22); for the health of the Wasilko family and Carol Kowalcheck. **From Charles A. Wasilko** for the departed servants, (mother) Mary (5/26/69) and Ken Pritchard (5/20/09); for the health of Doris. **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, Barb, Kathy & Mike—give them your will. **From Helen M. Shancey** for the departed servants, her husband, Richard Shancey, Norma Jean Evans, Joyce Duster, Ray Cobb, Ann Hruch, Mat. Olga, Fr. Vladimir 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, Doris Wasilko & family, the Bittner, Hruch, Wasilko, Kasnot, Namisnak, Barsom, Kovacs and Robes families, Carol Kowalcheck & family, Steve Meno, Reader Michael, Fr. Thomas, Rev. Dn. Joseph Mell and their families and all parishioners. God bless Marion Geysio & family, Stephanie Kowal and all our service men & women! **From Carol Kowalcheck** in thanksgiving; health & salvation. **From John & Carol Kowalcheck** for the health of Nora Kowalcheck & baby. **From John Kowalcheck** for the health of Carol Ann Kowalcheck. **From John Tirpak** for the departed servants, John & Anna Tirpak; for the health of Alexandria Tirpak; special intentions. **From Peter & Garnette Kerchum** for the departed servant, Mat. Olga; for the health of grandson, Michael Lopez, Jr., Reader Michael Soroka, David Zeroniski, Joseph Nance and Pete Kerchum on his birthday (5/31). **From Marina Petrov** for all departed family & friends. **From George & Nancy Shaytar** for the health of Garnette Kerchum. **From Alexandria Tirpak** for the departed servants, Amelia & John, Marie & Nicholas, Ann & Frank, Nicholas & Nicholas—Memory Eternal!; for the health of children, Amelia, Andrea, Richard & their families, John, Theodore, Fr. Tom & Mat. Joni on their Anniversary, Mildred, Violet, Alexandra (safe travels), community of St. Nicholas; men & women serving our county; God Bless America; special intentions.