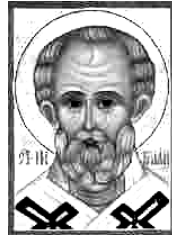


June 28, 2009
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Third Sunday after Pentecost

Christ is in our midst! He is and always shall be!

Schedule of Services and Activities

Sunday, July 5th – 9:30 AM

Divine Liturgy



Friday and Yesterday, many of our parishioners were blessed in attending the consecration of **our new bishop, +Melchisedek**, as the new ruling bishop of the Archdiocese of Pittsburgh and Western Pennsylvania. The services were very inspiring and it was good to witness the positive signs of hope and renewal among so many. Let us gather around our new bishop as a sign of the unity that we have in Christ through the Holy Spirit. Many years to you, Bishop Melchisedek!

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.

There will be no Great Vespers on Saturday or Bible Study on Wednesday during the month of July.

Thank you to all the members of the Sisterhood who supported the delicious Father's Day Dinner last Sunday. May God richly bless you for your dedication.

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.

Vigil Light Donations (Please keep the following people in your prayers) From **Marsha Wasilko** for the departed servant, (father) Charles, (godfather) Michael and (grandfathers) Andrew & Theodore; for the health of Doris. From **Doris M. Wasilko** for the departed servants (parents), Charles & Mary and grandfathers) Theodore Dyczko & Andrew Wasilko; for the health of the Wasilko family and Carol Kowalcheck. From **Charles A. Wasilko** for the departed servant, (father) Charles; for the health of sisters, Doris & Marsha, Carol Kowalcheck, Tom Robes, Andy & Olga Kasnot, Pete & Garnette Kerchum and Godfather, Joe Dichko. 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 **Peter & Garnette Kerchum** for the departed servants, Mat. Olga & Rev. Fr. Vladimir Soroka; for the health of Michael Lopez, Jr., David Zeronski and Reader Michael Soroka; private intention. From **Helen M. Shancey** for the departed servants, her husband, Richard Shancey, Anthony Halajcio, Norma Jean Evans, Joyce Duster, Ray Cobb, Ann Hruch, Mat. Olga, Fr. Vladimir, Melissa Torok and all deceased members of the Halajcio & Shancey families; for the health of Dr. Chris Baxter & family, Halajcio & Shancey families, Jim & Leslie Wokutch, Helen Cobb, Olga Novak & son, the Bittner, Hruch, Wasilko, Kasnot, Namisnak, Barsom, Kovacs, Kowalcheck and Robes families, Steve Meno, Reader Michael Soroka, Garnette & Pete, Fr. Thomas, Rev. Dn. Joseph Mell and their families and all parishioners. God bless America! God Bless the Kowal family and Marion Geyser & family. From **Carol Kowalcheck** for the health of John on Father's Day; in thanksgiving to God for His tender mercy & abounding love. From **John & Carol Kowalcheck** for the health of Nora Kowalcheck & baby. From **John Kowalcheck** for the health of Carol Ann Kowalcheck. From **Alexandria Tirpak** for the departed servants, (parents & grandparents) Amelia & John, Marie & Nicholas, Ann & Frank, (brother & nephew) Nicholas & Nicholas and Margaret; for the health of (children), Amelia, Andrea, Richard & their families, John, Theodore, Carol, Nancy, Reader Michael, Community of St. Nicholas, men & women serving our country; special intentions. From **Mat. Joni Soroka** for the safe travels of her family members. From **Tom Robes** for the departed servants, George Porvaznik and Victor Robes; for the health of Ron Robes; Happy Father's Day to Rob, Grandpap Mike & Big Pappy; Thank you to the church and all parishioners for all the prayers~please pray for Georgiann on her upcoming surgery. From **John & Nancy Pravlochak** for the departed servants, (fathers) John & Stephen; for the health of the Pravlochak family and blessed journey for Helene Krenitsky. From **Sergei Tixonovich** for the departed servants, Victor, Polina, Valentina, Bruce, Maria, Marina, Tamara and Maria; for the health of Dasha, Tatyana, Slava, Galina, Valero, Tatyana and Roma.

See that you all follow the bishop, even as Jesus Christ does the Father, and the presbytery as you would the apostles; and reverence the deacons, as being the institution of God. Let no man do anything connected with the Church without the bishop. Let that be deemed a proper Eucharist, which is [administered] either by the bishop, or by one to whom he has entrusted it. Wherever the bishop shall appear, there let the multitude [of the people] also be; even as, wherever Jesus Christ is, there is the Catholic Church. It is not lawful without the bishop either to baptize or to celebrate a love-feast; but whatsoever he shall approve of, that is also pleasing to God, so that everything that is done may be secure and valid.

Moreover, it is in accordance with reason that we should return to soberness [of conduct], and, while yet we have opportunity, exercise repentance towards God. It is well to reverence both God and the bishop. He who honors the bishop has been honored by God; he who does anything without the knowledge of the bishop, does [in reality] serve the devil. Let all things, then, abound to you through grace, for you are worthy. You have refreshed me in all things, and Jesus Christ [shall refresh] you. You have loved me when absent as well as when present. May God recompense you, for whose sake, while you endure all things, you shall attain unto Him.

St Ignatius of Antioch (c 110 AD) to the Church in Smyrna

