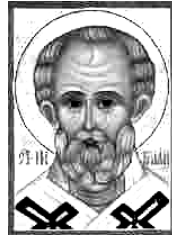


July 5, 2009
Grand Duchess Elizabeth and
Nun-Martyr Barbara

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Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

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

Schedule of Services and Activities

Sunday, July 12th – 9:30 AM

Divine Liturgy



His Grace, Bishop Melchisedek, will be heard on WORD-FM this Tuesday beginning at 4:00 PM on the John and Kathy show. He will be speaking about his new role as the bishop of Pittsburgh and Western PA.

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.

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.

St Mary's Ukrainian Orthodox Church (116 Ella St) in McKees Rocks will hold their annual Ukrainian Festival from July 22nd through the 25th. Live entertainment every night, Lamb roast, funnel cakes, Chinese auction and ethnic food. Food service 4:00 PM to close.

St Alexander Nevsky Women's Association will hold their 8th annual Golf Classic at the Pittsburgh North Golf Club. \$125 per player. Banquet only - \$30. Sponsorships available. Friday July 31st. See Fr Tom for forms.

Vigil Light Donations (Please keep the following people in your prayers) From **Marsha Wasilko** for the health of Wasilko family; God Bless America! From **Doris M. Wasilko** for the departed servants (parents), Charles & Mary and Fr. Alexander Varlachkin; for the health of the Wasilko

family and Carol Kowalcheck. From **Charles A. Wasilko** for the departed servant, (parents) Charles & Mary; for the health of sisters, Doris & Marsha, Adam Keith Kowalcheck; safe journey for Pete & Garnette Kerchum. 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 Zeronki and Reader Michael Soroka and Peter Kerchum; safe travel. 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, Jim & Leslie Wokutch, Helen Cobb, Olga Novak & son, the Bittner, Hruch, Wasilko, Kasnot, Namisnak, Barsom, Kovacs, Kowalcheck, Kowal and Robes families, Steve Meno, Reader Michael Soroka, Fr. Thomas, Rev. Dn. Joseph Mell and their families and all parishioners. God bless America! From **Carol Kowalcheck** in thanksgiving for blessings from God. From **John & Carol Kowalcheck** for the health of grandson, Adam Keith Kowalcheck. 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 **Marina Petrov** for the departed servant, (grandmother) Agrippina; for the health of Tatyana, Yevgeniy & Raisa; safe travels.. From **Dorothy Zyroll** for the departed servant, (husband) Mitch; for the health of Zyroll family.

Grand Duchess St Elizabeth or Russia (a convert from Protestantism) nursed sick and wounded soldiers in the hospitals and on the battle front. On Pascha of 1918, the Communists ordered her to leave Moscow, and join the royal family near Ekaterinburg. She left with a novice, Sister Barbara, and an escort of Latvian guards.

After arriving in Ekaterinburg, St Elizabeth was denied access to the Tsar's family. She was placed in a convent, where she was warmly received by the sisters.

At the end of May St Elizabeth was moved to nearby Alopevsk with the Grand Dukes Sergius, John, and Constantine, and the young Count Vladimir Paley. They were all housed in a schoolhouse on the edge of town. St Elizabeth was under guard, but was permitted to go to church and work in the garden.

On the night of July 5, they were all taken to a place twelve miles from Alopevsk, and executed. The Grand Duke Sergius was shot, but the others were thrown down a mineshaft, then grenades were tossed after them. St Elizabeth lived for several hours, and could be heard singing hymns.

The bodies of St Elizabeth and St Barbara were taken to Jerusalem in 1920, and buried in the church of St Mary Magdalene.

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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 Resurrection*

On this day Thou didst rise from the tomb,
O Merciful One,
leading us from the gates of death.
On this day Adam exults as Eve rejoices;
with the prophets and patriarchs they unceasingly praise
the divine majesty of Thy power!

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 3 *Prokeimenon* (Psalm 118)

Sing praises to our God, sing praises! Sing praises to our King, sing praises!

Epistle (Romans 6:18-23)

And having been set free from sin, you became slaves of righteousness.

I speak in human terms because of the weakness of your flesh. For just as you presented your members as slaves of uncleanness, and of lawlessness leading to more lawlessness, so now present your members as slaves of righteousness for holiness.

For when you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness.
What fruit did you have then in the things of which you are now ashamed? For the end of those things is death.

But now having been set free from sin, and having become slaves of God, you have your fruit to holiness, and the end, everlasting life.

For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Gospel (Matthew 8:5-13)

Now when Jesus had entered Capernaum, a centurion came to Him, pleading with Him, saying, "Lord, my servant is lying at home paralyzed, dreadfully tormented."
And Jesus said to him, "I will come and heal him."

The centurion answered and said, "Lord, I am not worthy that You should come under my roof. But only speak a word, and my servant will be healed. For I also am a man under authority, having soldiers under me. And I say to this one, 'Go,' and he goes; and to another, 'Come,' and he comes; and to my servant, 'Do this,' and he does it."

When Jesus heard it, He marveled, and said to those who followed, "Assuredly, I say to you, I have not found such great faith, not even in Israel! And I say to you that many will come from east and west, and sit down with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven. But the sons of the kingdom will be cast out into outer darkness. There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth." 13 Then Jesus said to the centurion, "Go your way; and as you have believed, so let it be done for you." And his servant was healed that same hour.

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.