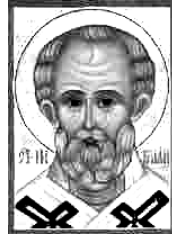


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Relics of St Seraphim of Sarov

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Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

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

Schedule of Services and Activities

Sunday, July 26th – 9:30 AM

Divine Liturgy

Our sincere thanks and welcome to Fr John Gido, a retired protopresbyter of the Carpatho-Russian diocese. Fr John is leading the Divine Liturgy today in Fr Tom's absence while he is on vacation with his family. May God grant Fr John many blessed years! Mnohaya Lyeta!

Next Sunday after the Divine Liturgy, a beloved young adult parishioner of our parish, Helene Krenitsky, will be leaving her pursuits in the world to enter into monastic life at the Holy Transfiguration Monastery in Elwood City, PA, as a novice. While we are sad to know that she will be leaving us, we are overjoyed that she will be devoting her life to living in holy community as a monastic. The choir has already taken a collection among themselves and sent a substantial gift to Holy Transfiguration Monastery in honor of Helene. However, it would be appropriate for the parish at large to participate in sending such a gift to the monastery. If you wish to give a monetary donation (if a check, made out to our Church) please mark it specifically as "Holy Transfiguration Monastery". Your gift will go directly to the monastery. May God richly bless Helene as she begins her new life.

Our Hoagie/Wrap Sale for July will be held on Wednesday/Thursday, July 22/23, 2009. Prices remain the same for our products...\$5 for an Italian Hoagie or Wrap and \$5.50 for a Turkey Hoagie or Wrap. Orders can be placed by calling 412 771-0176, faxing 412 771-2444 or emailing m.bittner@comcast.net by 7 p.m. Monday, July 20. An order form is attached for your convenience in obtaining orders. Orders can be picked up between noon and 1:30 on Wednesday, July 22. If you can spare a couple of hours on Wednesday, July 22, we can use your help on the assembly line. We start at 9 a.m. and usually finish up around noon. Thank you for supporting our hoagie/wrap fundraiser!

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.

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. Contact Fr Tom for forms.

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.

There are several light repair and maintenance tasks that need to be completed around the church and we need your help! We'll be getting together on **Saturday, August 15th immediately after Divine Liturgy** for the feast of the Dormition of the Mother of God. We'll start with breakfast and then get to work! Among other tasks, a major activity will be to repair the front steps. If you can bring a trowel and other tools suitable for such work, this will be a big help. See John Kowalcheck or Paul Fuller for more info or to pledge your support!

Vacation Church School is almost here! Tuesday, August 18th through Thursday, August 20th from 6:00 PM to 8:30 PM. Please see Matushka Joni if you can bring your children, and if you can help! Assistance is needed! More information next week and via email.

Mark your Calendar – St Nicholas Picnic is back! Sunday, September 20th at Robinson Park. More information is forthcoming. We are seeking leaders to help chair various aspects of the picnic. Please see Michelle Bittner if you can help, as soon as possible!

Upcoming Services: Lesser Blessing of Water, Saturday, August 1st at 4:30 PM, Vespers at 5:00 PM. Feast of the Transfiguration, Wednesday, August 5th at Great Vespers with Litiya at 7:00 PM, Divine Liturgy on Thursday August 6th at 9:00 AM (tentative) with blessing of grapes, fruit and vegetables.

Vigil Light Donations (Please keep the following people in your prayers) **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 George & Nancy Shaytar** for the health of the Shaytar family; safe trip. **From Michelle Bittner** for the departed servant, Dorothy Zyroll; for the health of Helen Shancey. **From David Namisnak** for the departed servants, Richard Shancey; for the health of Helen Shancey, Marsha, Wasilko family. **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, Dale Halajcio, Danny Parsons, 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, Marion Geyser & family, Peter & Garnette, Reader Michael Soroka, Fr. Thomas, Rev. Dn. Joseph Mell and their families and all parishioners. God bless America! **From John A. Tirpak** for the departed servants, John & Anna Tirpak; for the health of John & Alexandria Tirpak. **From John Kowalcheck** for the health of Carol Ann Kowalcheck. **From John & Carol Kowalcheck** for the health & protection of our family. **From Carol Kowalcheck** in thanksgiving and for health & salvation. **From Raisa Burd** for the departed servants, Agrippina, Anna, Denis, Alexandra, Vassili and Luba; for the health of Marina, Yury, Tatyana, Emma, Vlad, Roman, Polina, Evegeniy and all our relatives & friends.

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Tone 5 *Troparion of the Resurrection*

Let us, the faithful, praise and worship the Word,
Co-eternal with the Father and the Spirit,
born for our salvation from the Virgin.
For He willed to be lifted up on the cross in the flesh
to endure death
and to raise the dead,
by His glorious resurrection.

Tone 5 *Kontakion of the Resurrection*

Thou didst descend into hell, O my Savior,
shattering its gates as almighty,
resurrecting the dead as Creator
and destroying the sting of death.
Thou hast delivered Adam from the curse, O Lover of Man
and we all cry to Thee, O Lord, save us!

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 5 *Prokeimenon* (Psalm 12)

Thou, O Lord, shalt protect us and preserve us from this generation forever.

Epistle (Rom 12:6-14)

Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, let us prophesy in proportion to our faith; or ministry, let us use it in our ministering; he who teaches, in teaching; he who exhorts, in exhortation; he who gives, with liberality; he who leads, with diligence; he who shows mercy, with cheerfulness.

Let love be without hypocrisy. Abhor what is evil. Cling to what is good. Be kindly affectionate to one another with brotherly love, in honor giving preference to one another; not lagging in diligence, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord; rejoicing in hope, patient in tribulation, continuing steadfastly in prayer; distributing to the needs of the saints, given to hospitality. Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse.

Gospel (Matthew 9:1-8)

So He got into a boat, crossed over, and came to His own city. Then behold, they brought to Him a paralytic lying on a bed. When Jesus saw their faith, He said to the paralytic, "Son, be of good cheer; your sins are forgiven you."

And at once some of the scribes said within themselves, "This Man blasphemes!"

But Jesus, knowing their thoughts, said, "Why do you think evil in your hearts? For which is easier, to say, 'Your sins are forgiven you,' or to say, 'Arise and walk'? But that you may know that the Son of Man has power on earth to forgive sins"—then He said to the paralytic, "Arise, take up your bed, and go to your house." And he arose and departed to his house.

Now when the multitudes saw it, they marveled and glorified God, who had given such power to men.

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.