

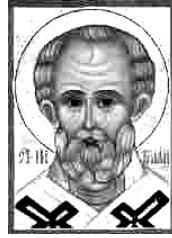
August 2, 2009
Relics of Protomartyr Stephen

St. Nicholas Orthodox Church

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Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

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

Schedule of Services and Activities

Wednesday, August 5th – 7:00 PM

Thursday, August 6th – 9:30 AM

Great Feast of the Transfiguration of Christ (with blessing of fruits and vegetables)

Saturday, August 8th – 5:00 PM

Sunday, August 9th – 9:30 AM

Great Vespers with Litiya

Festal Divine Liturgy

Great Vespers

Divine Liturgy

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!

Our Annual Wal-Mart Bake Sale will be held on Sunday, August 16, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Robinson Township Wal-Mart. Baked goods should be wrapped and priced for sale and may be brought to church that morning by 9:30 a.m. or dropped off at our stand at Wal-Mart that morning by 11 a.m. Parishioners are encouraged to visit our stand at Wal-Mart to purchase baked goods.

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! See the registration form in today's bulletin.

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.

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!

The Annual Archdiocesan Family Day will be held on Sunday, August 16th beginning at 3:30 PM at the Archdiocesan Center in Cranberry Township. (See flier in today's bulletin.) Help is needed for setup on Friday, August 14th at 10:00 AM for breakdown Sunday after the picnic and for donating baked goods. Contact Lory Nescott (412-367-8264 or lorynescott@gmail.com) for more information. There are also tickets available for a drawing to be held on Sunday, August 16th (\$2 per ticket or 3 for \$5.)

The Pennsylvania Labor History Society will hold a commemoration of the 100th anniversary of the Pressed Steel Car Strike on Friday, August 21st and Saturday, August 22nd. A program of events has been posted on the bulletin boards both upstairs and downstairs. An ecumenical commemoration service will be held at St Mary Ukrainian Orthodox Church (one block away on Ella Street) at 10:00 AM on Saturday. For more information please see Jack Saban.

Vigil Light Donations for the week of July 19th (Please keep the following people in your prayers) **from Charles A Wasilko** for the health of John and Carol Kowalcheck on their birthdays, and for Helen Krenitsky as she enters the monastery. **From David Namisnak** for the health of Marsha, and Helen Shancey; for the departed servants, Melissa, Frank and Anna Namisnak. **From Marsha Wasilko** for the health of the Wasilko family, John and Carol Kowalcheck on their birthdays, and love and best wishes to Helene as she enters Holy Transfiguration Monastery! **From Alexandria Tirpak** for the health of children Amelia, Andrea and their families, John, Theodore, Carol, Steve, Nancy, Michale, the Community of St Nicholas Parish, the men and women serving our country. God bless America; and for special intentions; for the departed servants, grandparents, parents Amelia and John, Marie, Nicholas, Ann and Frank, brother, nephew Nicholas, Nicholas. **From Helen March Shancey** for the health of Dr Chris Baxter and Family. Dale Halajcio, Danny Parsons, and all Halajcio and Shancey families, Jim and Leslie Wokutch, Helen Cobb, Olga Novak and son, Bittner, Hruch, Wasilko, Kasnot, Namisnak, Barsom, Kovacs, Carol Kowalcheck, Robes, Steve Meno, Fr Thomas and Dn Mell and all their families and all the families. God bless our service men and women. God Bless Michael Soroka; for the departed servants, husband, Richard Shancey, Norma Jean Evans, Joyce Duster, Melissa Torok, Ray Cobb, Anne Hruch, Matushka Olga, Fr Vladimir, and all deceased members of the Halajcio and Shancey families. **From Carol A. Kowalcheck** for the health of husband John on his birthday (7/20), parents John and Mary on their anniversary (59th on 7/22), and for children and grandson, Aadam. **From John Kowalcheck** for the health of Carol Ann Kowalcheck. **From John and Carol Kowalcheck** for the protection and salvation of our family. **From Helen Cobb** for the health of George, Ruth, Vic, Todd, Aleisha, Dick, Jared, Helen March Shancey, Stephanie Kowal, the Tichy, Fuller, Kasnot, Speth, Wasilko, Mell, Barsom, and Soroka families; for the departed servants Ray Cobb, Fr Vladimir, Mat. Olga, and Darius Walat.

Vigil Light Donations for the week of July 26th (Please keep the following people in your prayers) **From Sergei Tixonovich** for the health of Dasha, Koma, Alison, Nalo, Galina, Tatyana; for the departed servants Victor, Polina, Maria, Valentina, Bruce, Marina, Tamara. **From Matushka Joni Soroka** for the health of Helen Krenitsky; and for the departed servant, grandfather Anise (45 years).

(July 26 vigils cont.) **From Marsha Wasilko** for the health of the Wasilko family, Carol Kowalcheck, Happy Birthday and Many Years to Mat. Joni; for the departed servants, Dorothy Zyroll and Mary Paoletti. **From Doris Wasilko** for the health of the Wasilko family, and Carol Kowalcheck; for the departed servants, parents, Charles and Mary, Dorothy Zyroll, and Evanthea Petro Scandary. **From Chuck Conrad** for the health of Barb, Eva and Mike. **From Donya Yewisiak** for the health of aunt Kathryn Orlowski on the occasion of her 96th birthday, and for Carol Kowalcheck; for the departed servant, Fr Vladimir Soroka. **From John and Carol Kowalcheck** for the health and protection of our family, and for daughter, Rachel, on her 25th birthday (Aug 1). **From John Kowalcheck** for the health of Carol Ann Kowalcheck. **From Carol Kowalcheck** in thanksgiving to God for all his goodness. **From Helen March Shancey** for the health of Dr Chris Baxter and Family. Dale Halajcio, Danny Parsons, and all Halajcio and Shancey families, Jim and Leslie Wokutch, Helen Cobb, Olga Novak and son, Bittner, Hruch, Wasilko, Kasnot, Namisnak, Barsom, Kovacs, Carol Kowalcheck, Marion Geysler, Georgianne Robes, Peter and Garnette, Reader Michael Soroka, Fr Thomas and Dn Mell and all their families and all the parishioners. God bless America; for the departed servants, husband, Richard Shancey, Norma Jean Evans, Joyce Duster, Melissa Torok, Ray Cobb, Anne Hruch, Matushka Olga, Fr Vladimir, and all deceased members of the Halajcio and Shancey families. **From Olesya Noskov** in memory of dear mother, Zoe, and brother, Alexei. **From Helen Cobb** for the health of George, Ruth, Vic, Todd, Aleisha, Dick, Jared, Helen March Shancey, Stephanie Kowal, the Tichy, Fuller, Kasnot, Speth, Wasilko, Mell, Barsom, and Soroka families, and Sheena Sands; for the departed servants Ray Cobb, Fr Vladimir, Mat. Olga, and Darius Walat. **From Charles A Wasilko** for the health of Andy and Olga Kasnot; for the departed servant, Dorothy Zyroll. **From the Robes Family** for the health of Tom and Georgiann Robes, Michael Soroka and Carol Kowalcheck, and in thanks to God for our beautiful grandchildren; for the departed servants Beverly, Johanna and George Porvaznik.

Thanks to our July donors!

Holy Bread (\$50) **from the Halajcio and Shancey Families** for the health of Dr Chris Baxter and family and for the health of Carol Kowalcheck.

Communion Wine (\$40) **from Paul, Lois, and Katie Fuller** for the health and safety of our son and brother, soldier Justin.

Altar Candles (\$25) **from George and Ruth Porvaznik** for the birth of Anna Elizabeth Robes, and in memory of George, Sr.

Incense (\$10) **from Paul, Lois, and Katie Fuller** for the health and safety of our son and brother, soldier Justin.

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Holy Bread (\$50) **from David Namisnak**.

Communion Wine (\$40) **from Paul, Lois, and Katie Fuller** for the health and safety of our son and brother, soldier Justin.

Altar Candles (\$25) **from Donya Yewisiak** in memory of Fr Vladimir Soroka.

Incense (\$10) **from Fr Tom and Mat Joni Soroka** for the health of Natalie on her 8th birthday.

Come to **Vacation Church School 2009**
and celebrate

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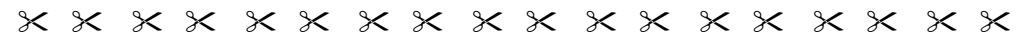
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Learning! Activities! Arts and Crafts! Games! Prayer! Fun!
for students from Pre-School to Grade 6

from Tuesday, August 18th to Thursday, August 20th, 2009
6:00 PM to 8:30 PM

Cost \$10 per student



Student Name _____ Age _____ Grade _____ Shirt Size _____

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Parent/Guardian Name _____

Phone number during VCS hours _____ Email address _____

Yes! I can volunteer to help with VCS! ___crafts ___food ___games ___anything

(circle days available) Tuesday Wednesday Thursday

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Tone 7

Troparion of the Resurrection

By Thy cross, Thou didst destroy death!
To the thief, Thou didst open paradise!
For the myrrh-bearers, Thou didst change weeping into joy!
And Thou didst command Thy disciples, O Christ God
to proclaim that Thou art risen,
granting the world great mercy.

Tone 7

Kontakion of the Resurrection

The dominion of death
can no longer hold men captive,
for Christ descended, shattering and destroying its powers!
Hell is bound, while the prophets rejoice and cry:
The Savior has come to those in faith,
Enter, you faithful, into the Resurrection!

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 7

Prokeimenon (Psalm 29)

The Lord shall give strength to His people! The Lord shall bless His people with peace!

Epistle (I Cor 1:10-18)

Now I plead with you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment. For it has been declared to me concerning you, my brethren, by those of Chloe's household, that there are contentions among you. Now I say this, that each of you says, "I am of Paul," or "I am of Apollos," or "I am of Cephas," or "I am of Christ." Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul?

I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, lest anyone should say that I had baptized in my own name. Yes, I also baptized the household of Stephanas. Besides, I do not know whether I baptized any other. For Christ did not send me to baptize, but to preach the gospel, not with wisdom of words, lest the cross of Christ should be made of no effect. For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

Gospel (Matthew 14:14-22)

And when Jesus went out He saw a great multitude; and He was moved with compassion for them, and healed their sick. When it was evening, His disciples came to Him, saying, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is already late. Send the multitudes away, that they may go into the villages and buy themselves food."

But Jesus said to them, "They do not need to go away. You give them something to eat." And they said to Him, "We have here only five loaves and two fish."

He said, "Bring them here to Me." Then He commanded the multitudes to sit down on the grass. And He took the five loaves and the two fish, and looking up to heaven, He blessed and broke and gave the loaves to the disciples; and the disciples gave to the multitudes. So they all ate and were filled, and they took up twelve baskets full of the fragments that remained. Now those who had eaten were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

Immediately Jesus made His disciples get into the boat and go before Him to the other side, while He sent the multitudes away.

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.*