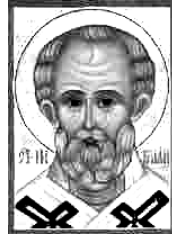


August 30, 2009
Relics of St Alexander Nevsky

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Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

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

Schedule of Services and Activities

Today after the Divine Liturgy

In memory of Johanna Porvaznik from Georgiann Robes

Saturday, September 5th – 5:00 PM

Sunday, September 6th – 9:30 AM

Trisagion for the Departed

Great Vespers

Divine Liturgy

Thank you to John Kowalcheck for leading the choir in singing today while Doris and the Wasilko family are on vacation. May God richly bless him for his efforts!

Our St Nicholas Picnic will be held on Sunday, September 20, 2009, at the Rotary Pavilion, Clever Park, Robinson Township. Please look on the bulletin board in the vestibule of the church to see items are needed for the church picnic. The picnic is less than a month away. Please see Donya Yewisiak or Michelle Bittner if you would like to donate any of those items. (Liturgy will be held at the park that day.)

The next Bible Study will be on September 9th where we will begin a new series on the Gospel of St John the Theologian. Please join us!

Our Fall schedule will begin on Sunday, September 13th. Divine Liturgy will begin at 10:00 AM.

Fr Tom will be heard on 101.5 WORD-FM at 5:00 PM this Tuesday. Tune in!

Our prosphora (holy bread) bakers (Dn Joe and Mat. Nancy Mell, Marsha Wasilko, Kristie Mertz, and Melissa Graff) have been assisting Fr Tom in baking the prosphora on an occasional basis. **We encourage anyone** who feels called to bake the prosphora to contact Fr Tom or any of the bakers for more information. It is an especially wonderful task for many who are home during the day and want to more fully participate in the life of the Church, but anyone who is able is asked to consider helping. This is a very meaningful way to offer your gifts to God, Who in turn, gives them back to us in the form of Himself. Thank you to everyone who has offered these important gifts to God and to everyone in our parish. May God richly bless you.



More Birth Announcements! * Congratulations to Whitney Hughes and Jim Sanfilippo** on the birth of their son, Alexander Thomas, born on Saturday, August 1st. Alexander weighed in at 9 lbs 13 oz! Big sister Caroline is loving her new baby brother, Mom is now doing well at home, and Dad is busy taking care of things at home and work! May God richly bless them! *** **Congratulations to Melissa and Nathan Graff** on the birth of their daughter, Lilliann Marie, born on Tuesday, August 25th at 1:22 PM. Lilliann was 6 lbs 8 oz and 20 inches long at birth. Mom and Dad are looking forward to a new and exciting life! May God bless and keep them!

Vigil Light Donations (Please keep the following people in your prayers) **From Helen Cobb** for the departed servants, George, Ray Cobb, Fr. Vladimir & Mat. Olga, Darius Walat; for the health of Ruth, Vic, Todd, Aleisha, Dick, Jared, Helen March Shancey, Stephanie Kowal, the Tichy, Fuller, Kasnot, Speth, Wasilko, Barsom, Soroka and Mell families. **From Alexandria Tirpak** for the departed servants, (mother & father) Amelia (54 years, Aug. 26) & John, Marie & Nicholas, Ann & Frank, Nicholas & Nicholas; for the health of (children) Amelia, Andrea & Richard and their families, John, Theodore, Carol, Michael, Nancy, Mildred, Violet, community of St. Nicholas, men & women serving our country; special intentions. **From John & Carol Kowalcheck** for the health of grandson, Adam on his Baptism Day. **From Marsha Wasilko** for the health of the Wasilko family; safe travel. **From Charles A. Wasilko** for the health of Serge & Carolyn Daniels-Happy 50th Anniversary! **From Doris M. Wasilko** for the departed servants, (parents) Charles & Mary; for the health of the Wasilko family, Carol Kowalcheck; Many Years to Serge & Carol Wasilko Daniels on their 50th Wedding Anniversary and to Andy & Olga Kasnot on their 62nd Wedding Anniversary. **From Daria & Czar** for the health of Mom/Bubba, Dolores Galvin. **From Paul & Lois Fuller** for the health of Soldier Justin. **From Raisa Burd** for the departed servants, Agrippina, Stepan, Vladimir, Vassili, Mat. Olga and Fr. Vladimir; for the health of Vlad, Marina, Roman, Polina & all our relatives & friends; safe travel. **From Marina Petrov** for the health of Roman on his birthday. **From George & Nancy Shaytar** for the departed servants, Dorothy Zyroll and George Lychkoff. **From Georgiann Robes** for the departed servants, Johanna Porvaznik (16 years); for the health of Ron & Jackie Robes, Tom Robes, Carol Kowalcheck and Reader Michael Soroka; for Nicholas Robes for another straight A year in school. **From Helen March Shancey** for the departed servants, her husband, Richard Shancey, Norma Jean Evans, Joyce Duster, Ray Cobb, Ann Hruch, Mat. Olga, Joseph Kovacs and all deceased members of the Halajcio & Shancey families; for the health of Dr. Chris Baxter & family, Halajcio & Shancey families, Dale Halajcio, Danny Parsons, Linda Lee Halajcio, Larry Halajcio, Marion Geyser & family, 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! **From Donya Yewisiak** for the departed servants, Paul Yewisiak, Sr.; for the health of Carol Kowalcheck, Tom Robes, Baby Adelaide. **From David Namisnak** for the departed servants, Melissa, Fr. Vladimir & Mat. Olga, Richard Shancey; for the health of Marsha, Helen Shancey, Fr. Tom Soroka, Aaron, Rihn, Michelle Torok. **From Susan, Samantha & Jon Jr. Stroehlen** for the departed servant, (husband & father) Jon. **From Tod George Lychkoff** for the departed servants, George Lychkoff. **From Joan Torok** for the departed servant, George Lychkoff. **From the Yakovac family** for the departed servants, George Lychkoff, Ray Cobb and Bubba; for the health of Auntie, Eric, Justin, Joel, Maggie, Dolly and the Lychkoff family. **From Carolyn Simkovich** for the departed servant, George Lychkoff; for the health of children & grandchildren. **From Dr. Charles Simkovich** for the departed servants, (parents & brother) Alex, Barbara, Dr. George and (cousin) George Lychkoff; for the health of Dr. John, Caroline, Eric, Carolyn and Mary Simkovich.

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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 3

Prokeimenon (Psalm 118)

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

Epistle (I Corinthians 15:1-11)

Moreover, brethren, I declare to you the gospel which I preached to you, which also you received and in which you stand, by which also you are saved, if you hold fast that word which I preached to you— unless you believed in vain.

For I delivered to you first of all that which I also received: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures, and that He was seen by Cephas, then by the twelve. After that He was seen by over five hundred brethren at once, of whom the greater part remain to the present, but some have fallen asleep. After that He was seen by James, then by all the apostles. Then last of all He was seen by me also, as by one born out of due time.

For I am the least of the apostles, who am not worthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and His grace toward me was not in vain; but I labored more abundantly than they all, yet not I, but the grace of God which was with me. Therefore, whether it was I or they, so we preach and so you believed.

Gospel (Matthew 19:16-26)

Now behold, one came and said to Him, “Good Teacher, what good thing shall I do that I may have eternal life?”

So He said to him, “Why do you call Me good? No one is good but One, that is, God. But if you want to enter into life, keep the commandments.”

He said to Him, “Which ones?”

Jesus said, “ ‘You shall not murder,’ ‘You shall not commit adultery,’ ‘You shall not steal,’ ‘You shall not bear false witness,’ ‘Honor your father and your mother,’ and, ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ ”

The young man said to Him, “All these things I have kept from my youth. What do I still lack?”

Jesus said to him, “If you want to be perfect, go, sell what you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow Me.”

But when the young man heard that saying, he went away sorrowful, for he had great possessions.

Then Jesus said to His disciples, “Assuredly, I say to you that it is hard for a rich man to enter the kingdom of heaven. And again I say to you, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God.”

When His disciples heard it, they were greatly astonished, saying, “Who then can be saved?”

But Jesus looked at them and said to them, “With men this is impossible, but with God all things are possible.”

Communion Hymns (Psalm 148)

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.*