

September 6, 2009

St. Nicholas Orthodox Church

Miracle of Archangel Michael at Collosae

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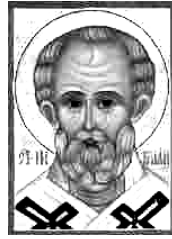
Rev. Thomas Soroka, *Rector*
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Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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

Schedule of Services and Activities

Tuesday, September 8th – 9:00 (note time change) **Festal Divine Liturgy**

Feast of the Nativity of the Theotokos

Wednesday, September 9th – 6:30 PM

Daily Vespers

Wednesday, September 9th – 7:00 PM

Bible Study

The Gospel According to St John – new series – all are welcome!

No Great Vespers on Saturday, September 12th

Sunday, September 13th – 10:00 AM

Divine Liturgy

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 beginning at 10:00 AM.)

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 next Sunday, September 13th. Divine Liturgy will begin at 10:00 AM.

Please note that there will be no liturgical services for the feast of the Exaltation of the Precious Cross in our parish this year. Fr Tom will be out of town.



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 a 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 ia 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.

A notice appeared on the McKees Rocks website that the entire McKees Rocks bridge would be closed from 7 PM on Friday, September 11th through 6:00 AM Monday, September 13th. If this is the case, the only entrance into “the Bottoms” is River Road (over by the Chartiers Shopping Center where Aldi’s and Big Lots is). After Monday, both directions will be opened on the bridge.

Our gracious thanks to Andrew and Olga Kasnot for their donation of \$1,000 to the building fund in commemoration of their 62nd wedding anniversary. May God richly bless them!

A Thank You note from Mother Christophora of Holy Transfiguration Monastery:

Fr Thomas and Faithful of St Nicholas Church:

We were deeply touched by your generous and kind gift of \$300 in honor of the new Sister Helene. Thank you for this kindness and especially for being such a loving parish family to her. Sister Helene is a blessed addition to our sisterhood in so many ways. I am sure she is missed at the parish, but please know she brought a piece of each of you here with her. We hope that the monastic sisterhood and the parish family will be able to pray together soon. In the meantime, we ask your prayers. Thank you again for your love.

In Christ,

Mother Christophora

Abbess

Helen Cobb wishes to send her gratitude to everyone who gave expressions of sympathy to her on the loss of her son, George. May God bless you for your compassion.

Vigil Light Donations (Please pray for the following people) **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 John & Carol Kowalcheck** for the health and salvation of our children and grandson. **From John Kowalcheck** for the health of Carol Ann Kowalcheck. **From Paul & Lois Fuller** for the health of Soldier Justin. **From Carol Kowalcheck** in Thanksgiving for God’s tender mercy. **From Georgiann Robes** for the departed servants, Victor Robes, George, Johanna and Beverly Porvaznik; for the health of Ron & Jackie Robes, Tom Robes; of our loving & forgiving God almighty. **From Helen March Shancey** for the departed servants, her husband, Richard Shancey, Norma Jean Evans, Joyce Duster, Ray Cobb, Ann Hruch, Mat. Olga, Melissa Torok 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 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, Reader Michael Soroka, Fr. Thomas, Rev. Dn. Joseph Mell and their families and all parishioners. God bless America! **From David Namisnak** for the departed servants, Melissa, Frank & Anna; for the health of Marsha and Helen Shancey; for safe travels for Chuck, Doris and Marsha. **From Peter & Garnette Kerchum** for the departed servant, Mat. Olga; for the health of grandson, Michael Lopez, Michael Soroka and Diane Zeronki; special intention.

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Tone 4

Troparion of the Resurrection

When the women Disciples of the Lord learned from the Angel
the joyous message of the Resurrection,
they cast away the ancestral curse
and elatedly told the Apostles:
“Death is overthrown!
Christ God is risen,
granting the world great mercy!”

Tone 4

Kontakion of the Resurrection

My Savior and Redeemer as God
rose from the tomb and delivered the earthborn from their chains.
He has shattered the gates of hell,
and as Master
He has risen on the third day!

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 4

Prokeimenon (Psalm 104)

O Lord, how manifold are Thy works! In wisdom hast Thou made them all.

Epistle (I Corinthians 16:13-24)

Watch, stand fast in the faith, be brave, be strong. Let all that you do be done with love.
I urge you, brethren—you know the household of Stephanas, that it is the firstfruits of Achaia, and
that they have devoted themselves to the ministry of the saints— that you also submit to such, and
to everyone who works and labors with us.

I am glad about the coming of Stephanas, Fortunatus, and Achaicus, for what was lacking on your
part they supplied. For they refreshed my spirit and yours. Therefore acknowledge such men.

The churches of Asia greet you. Aquila and Priscilla greet you heartily in the Lord, with the church
that is in their house. All the brethren greet you.
Greet one another with a holy kiss.

The salutation with my own hand—Paul’s.

If anyone does not love the Lord Jesus Christ, let him be accursed. O Lord, come!
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. My love be with you all in Christ Jesus. Amen.

Gospel (Matthew 21:33-42)

“Hear another parable: There was a certain landowner who planted a vineyard and set a hedge
around it, dug a winepress in it and built a tower. And he leased it to vinedressers and went into a far
country. Now when vintage-time drew near, he sent his servants to the vinedressers, that they might
receive its fruit. And the vinedressers took his servants, beat one, killed one, and stoned another.
Again he sent other servants, more than the first, and they did likewise to them. Then last of all he
sent his son to them, saying, ‘They will respect my son.’ But when the vinedressers saw the son, they
said among themselves, ‘This is the heir. Come, let us kill him and seize his inheritance.’ So they took
him and cast him out of the vineyard and killed him.

Therefore, when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those vinedressers?”

They said to Him, “He will destroy those wicked men miserably, and lease his vineyard to other
vinedressers who will render to him the fruits in their seasons.”

Jesus said to them, “Have you never read in the Scriptures: ‘The stone which the builders rejected has
become the chief cornerstone. This was the LORD’s doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes?’”

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.*