

September 13, 2009

## St. Nicholas Orthodox Church

Sunday before the Elevation of the Cross

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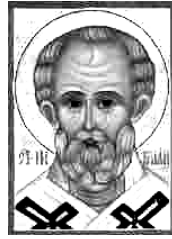
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### Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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

#### Schedule of Services and Activities

**Sunday, September 19<sup>th</sup> – 5:00 PM**

**Great Vespers**

**Sunday, September 20<sup>th</sup> – 10:00 AM**

**Divine Liturgy** at Clever Park

**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.

**Next Sunday, our St Nicholas Picnic** will be held 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. 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.)

**This Friday, September 18**, will determine our \$1,000 Cash Award Picnic Raffle winner. All ticket stubs and moneys should be turned in to Margie Speth today. If you haven't turned in your ticket stubs and money, please see or call Margie Speth to make arrangements.

**There are a couple of spots open on our Picnic Schedule** for volunteers to help serve food items, collect food orders, and sell Chinese Auction tickets. Please see Donya Yewisiak or Michelle Bittner if you can work an hour or two.

**Thank you to everyone** who supported the Wal-Mart Bake Sale. Additional monetary donations brought the total raised to \$372 for the Sisterhood.

**The Parish Council meeting** for September will be held today following Divine Liturgy.

**The next Bible Study** will be on September 23<sup>rd</sup> where we will continue a new series on the Gospel of St John the Theologian. Please join us! It's not too late!

**Thank you** to Hilda Oswald for her donation of \$100 and Joan Torok for her donation of \$100 in memory of George Lychkoff, son of Helen Cobb.

**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 of our children and grandson; son, Daniel on his birthday. **From John Kowalcheck** for the health of Carol Ann Kowalcheck. **From Carol Kowalcheck** in thanksgiving to God for His grace and mercy. **From Paul & Lois Fuller** for the health of Soldier Justin. **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, 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 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, Peter & Garnette, 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 Namisnak; for the health of Marsha and Helen Shancey. **From Peter & Garnette Kerchum** for the departed servant, Mat. Olga; for the health of grandson, Michael Lopez, Michael Soroka and George Shaytar; private intention. **From Marsha Wasilko** for the departed servant (mother), Mary; for the health of the Wasilko family. **From Mat. Joni Soroka** for the health of all our children as they begin a new school year; for Luke Joshua Potteiger on the occasion of his baptism (9/12). **From Raisa Burd** for the departed servants, Agrippina, Stepan, Vladimir, Vassili, Peter, Nina, Zinovi, Galina, Larissa and Luba; for the health of Roman, Polina, Marina, Vladimir, Yevgeniy, Alexandra and all our relatives & friends. **From Peter Kerchum** for the health of Garnette. **From Charles A. Wasilko** in Thanksgiving to God for his earthly blessing. **From Alexandria Tirpak** Memory Eternal (parents/grandparents) Amelia & John, Marie & Nicholas, Ann & Frank, (brother & nephew) Nicholas & Nicholas; for the health of John, Theodore, (children) Amelia, Andrea and Richard & their families, Lillian Marie and her parents, Nate & Melissa, Carol, community of St. Nicholas parish; men & women serving our country; safe travels, Violet; special intentions. **From Dr. John Tirpak** for the departed servants, John & Anna; for the health of Alexandria & John; for the recovery of John Alexander. **From Nancy Shaytar** for the health of husband, George and Garnette Kerchum.

*Rejoice, O Life-bearing Cross,  
the invincible trophy of godliness,  
door to Paradise, firm support of the faithful,  
a wall that encompasses the Church!*

*Through you corruption has been destroyed and abolished.  
The power of death has been swallowed up, and we are raised from earth to Heaven.  
You are a weapon that cannot be vanquished,  
the adversary of demons,  
the glory of the martyrs, the true adornment of saints,  
and the haven of salvation  
who grant the world great mercy.*

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**Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost**  
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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 4** *Troparion of the Forefeast*

We offer in supplication  
the life-creating Cross of Your goodness, O Lord,  
which You have granted to us  
although we are unworthy.  
Through the Theotokos, save all Orthodox Christians, O only  
Lover of mankind!

**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** *Prokeimenon of the Sunday* (Psalm 27:9)

O Lord, save Thy people and bless Thine inheritance.

**Epistle** (Galatians 6:11-18)

See with what large letters I have written to you with my own hand! As many as desire to make a good showing in the flesh, these would compel you to be circumcised, only that they may not suffer persecution for the cross of Christ. For not even those who are circumcised keep the law, but they desire to have you circumcised that they may boast in your flesh. But God forbid that I should boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision avails anything, but a new creation.

And as many as walk according to this rule, peace and mercy be upon them, and upon the Israel of God. From now on let no one trouble me, for I bear in my body the marks of the Lord Jesus. Brethren, the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit. Amen.

**Gospel** (John 3:13-17)

No one has ascended to heaven but He who came down from heaven, that is, the Son of Man who is in heaven. And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved.

**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.*

*Rejoice, O Cross of the Lord,  
through which mankind has been delivered from the curse!  
You are a sign of true joy,  
you that shatter our enemies by your Elevation.  
O Cross, worthy of all honor,  
you are our help, You are the strength of rulers.  
You are the power of the righteous.  
You are the majesty of priests.  
All who sign themselves with you are freed from danger.  
O rod of strength, under which we like sheep are tended,  
you are a weapon of peace around which the Angels stand in fear.  
You are the divine glory of Christ,  
Who grants the world great mercy.*