

September 20, 2009

# St. Nicholas Orthodox Church

Sunday after the Elevation of the Cross

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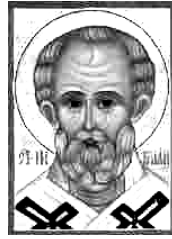
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## Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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

**Note:** Due to our location today, it is permissible to do a small bow (*poklon*) by touching your fingers to the floor instead of a prostration (*zemnoy poklon*) at the Cross.

### Schedule of Services and Activities

Change	<b>Tuesday, September 22<sup>nd</sup> – 6:30 PM</b>	<b>Daily Vespers</b>
	<b>Tuesday, September 22<sup>nd</sup> – 7:00 PM</b>	<b>Bible Study</b> (Gospel of St John)
	<b>Sunday, September 26<sup>th</sup> – 5:00 PM</b>	<b>Great Vespers</b>
	<b>Sunday, September 27<sup>th</sup> – 10:00 AM</b>	<b>Divine Liturgy</b>

**Church School** begins on Saturday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> at 1:00 PM. Please see Matushka Joni for registration forms. We are in need of teachers! Please see Fr Tom if you would like to teach!

**Three Hierarchs Eastern Orthodox School presents** Madre Ivonne of the Hogar Rafael Ayau in Guatemala. Saturday, September 26th from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM. "Healing in Christ: From Orphans to Children of God." At the THEOS School Auditorium, 1819 Ellsworth Avenue, Heidelberg, PA 15106. Cost is \$20 which includes lunch. For reservations call THEOS at 412-278-3333.

**Thank you** to John & June Schiralli for their donation of \$25 in memory of George Lychkoff, son of Helen Cobb.

### Tone 6 Troparion of the Resurrection

The angelic powers were at Thy tomb;  
the guards became as dead men.  
Mary stood by Thy grave,  
seeking Thy most pure Body.  
Thou didst capture hell,  
not being tempted by it.  
Thou didst come to the Virgin granting life.  
O Lord who didst rise from the dead, glory to Thee!

### Tone 1 Troparion of the Feast

O Lord, save Thy people,  
and bless Thine inheritance.

Grant victories to the Orthodox Christians  
over their adversaries;  
and by virtue of Thy Cross,  
preserve Thy habitation.

**Tone 7 Prokeimenon of the Feast** (Psalm 99)  
Extol the Lord our God; worship at His footstool for it is holy!

### Epistle of the Feast

 (Galatians 2:16-20)

Knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law but by faith in Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Christ Jesus, that we might be justified by faith in Christ and not by the works of the law; for by the works of the law no flesh shall be justified.

But if, while we seek to be justified by Christ, we ourselves also are found sinners, is Christ therefore a minister of sin? Certainly not! For if I build again those things which I destroyed, I make myself a transgressor. For I through the law died to the law that I might live to God. I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.

### Gospel of the Feast

 (Mark 8:34- 9:1)

When He had called the people to Himself, with His disciples also, He said to them, "Whoever desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me. For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake and the gospel's will save it. For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul? For whoever is ashamed of Me and My words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him the Son of Man also will be ashamed when He comes in the glory of His Father with the holy angels."

And He said to them, "Assuredly, I say to you that there are some standing here who will not taste death till they see the kingdom of God present with power."

### Hymn to the Theotokos of the Feast

Magnify, O my soul, the most precious cross of the Lord.  
You are the mystical paradise, O Theotokos,  
in which Christ blossomed.  
Through Him, the life-bearing wood of the cross was planted on earth.  
Now at its elevation,  
as we bow in worship before it,  
we magnify you.

### Communion Hymns

Praise the Lord from the heavens! Praise Him in the highest!  
The light of Thy countenance has shown on us, O Lord. Alleluia.

**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 family. **From John Kowalcheck** for the health of Carol Ann Kowalcheck. **From Carol Kowalcheck** in thanksgiving to our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. **From Tom & Georgiann Robes** for the departed servants, Victor Robes, George, Johanna & Beverly Porvaznik; for the health of Tom Robes. **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 Geysler & 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 Peter Kerchum** for the departed servant, Mat. Olga; for the health of grandson, Michael Lopez, Peter & Garnette Kerchum and George Shaytar. **From Marsha Wasilko** for the health of the Wasilko family; in remembrance of 9/11. **From John & Nancy Pravlochak** for the departed servant, Fr. Vladimir; for the health of granddaughter, Christina on her 18<sup>th</sup> birthday and the Pravlochak family. **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 (9-11-92), Aunt Ann and Francis; for the health of (children) Amelia, Andrea and Richard & their families, John, Theodore, community of St. Nicholas parish; men & women serving our country; God Bless America; special intentions. **From George & Nancy Shaytar** for the health of Garnette and Peter Kerchum. **From Daria and Czar** for the health of (Mom/Bubba) Dolores Galvin. **From Tatyana Sechlar** for the departed servants, Polina, Bruce, Valentina, Marina, Maria, Tamara and Victor; for the health of Tatyana, Dasha, Alex, Slava and Galina. **From Susan, Samantha and Jon, Jr. Stroehlen** for the departed servant (husband/father) Jon. **From Doris M. Wasilko** for the departed servants, (parents) Charles & Mary; for the health of the Wasilko family, Carol Kowalcheck and Tom Robes.