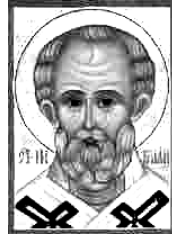


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Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

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

Schedule of Services and Activities

Today after the Divine Liturgy

Trisagion in memory of Ilya and Aleksandra Korolev from Natasha and Charles Tichy

Sunday, October 17th – 5:00 PM

Sunday, October 18th – 10:00 AM

Trisagion for the Departed

Great Vespers

Divine Liturgy

A special parish meeting will be held today for the purpose of discussing the acquisition of the St Mark's Catholic Church properties (next door to our church) which are being offered to us. The properties include the rectory, church, convent and school. Several of the properties will be open to take a quick walk through immediately after church – a more thorough inspection was already done by members of the parish council and property acquisition committee. Reports on the condition of the property and carrying costs will be given at the meeting.

In preparation for the visit of His Grace, Bishop Melchisedek to our parish (see announcement below) we will be having several work days to prepare our church property. On Saturday, November 14th, we're asking all those who can to come and help us paint all areas of the Church basement and come ready (and dressed!) to paint. No experience necessary! Our regular "Church Clean-up Day" will be on Saturday, November 21st, and that day will also be a work day for the men and women who want to do some heavier tasks. It is imperative that we have as much help as possible. If you've never contributed to the work days, please make this the year that you begin. There is much to be done and we need every able bodied person that can help out. See you then!

Mark your calendars! His Grace, Bishop Melchisedek will be visiting our parish on the feast of St Nicholas, our heavenly patron, Sunday, December 6th, to celebrate the 95th anniversary of our community with us. His Grace will be with us for the Divine Liturgy on Sunday and the dinner immediately following. It would be appropriate for us to make **every effort** to be in Church on that day and to attend the dinner, with every member of our entire family, and to meet our new bishop. Let's make this a memorable day!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS! On Sunday, December 6th, the Saint Nicholas Sisterhood will be hosting the annual St. Nicholas Day Dinner immediately following Liturgy. The festive occasion will be catered by Janice's and will feature many delicious "Fast-Friendly" favorites. To our great joy, the Bishop will be joining us that day, so make your plans to attend now! Adult tickets are \$14.00 and children 12 & under

are \$7.00 and will be on sale beginning Sunday, Nov. 1st. Please see Melissa Westling before Liturgy and during Coffee Hour to purchase your tickets. Don't miss this special occasion!!!

St. Nick's Sisterhood kindly requests your generous donations for drinks and desserts for the St. Nicholas Day dinner! Please see the sign up sheets in the Church Hall for soda, water, wine and dairy-free desserts. Please see Melissa Westling with any questions or if you wish to contribute monetarily to the event. Thank you!!!

Thank you to everyone who supported the Hoagie/Wrap Sale for October. We made a profit of \$484.62 and sold 196 items this month. Next month's Hoagie/Wrap Sale will fall on Wednesday, November 18, 2009.

Christmas Card Project: Once again we are hoping everyone will participate in our parish's Christmas Card Project. Please see Marsha Wasilko to sign-up your/your family's name to be listed on the card for a \$10 donation. Sign-up deadline is November 29. Please make checks payable to "St. Nicholas Orthodox Church".

It's Christmas Candy time! The "R" Club is selling Sarris Candy for Christmas. Deadline for orders is Sunday, November 8. See Doris or Chuck.

St. Nick's Corner News: We have a new supply of Christmas cards in various designs available at St. Nick's showcase in the hall. Get your cards while supplies last!

Vigil Light Donations (Please remember 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 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, Dick Hassenmiller & family, Marion Geyser & family, Jim & Leslie Wokutch, Helen Cobb, Olga Novak & son, Marsha Namisnak & family, the Bittner, Hruch, Wasilko, Kasnot, 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 and his family on his operations. God bless America! **From Peter & Garnette Kerchum** for the departed servant, Mat. Olga; for the health of grandson, Michael Lopez, Reader Michael Soroka, Peter Kerchum and George Shaytar. **From Marsha Wasilko** for the departed servant, Uncle John Wasilko and Uncle Steve Panik (10/21/00); for the health of the Wasilko family; Happy Birthday & Many Years to Helen Shancey; Happy Anniversary & Many Years to John & Nancy Pravlochak and John & Carol Kowalcheck. **From Irene Kulchock** for the departed servants, George & Marie Pravlochak and Stephen & Mary Pravlochak. **From Charles A. Wasilko** for the departed servant, Uncle John Wasilko and Uncle Steve Panik; for the health of Helen March Shancey on her birthday. **From Natasha & Charlie Tichy** for the departed servants, Ilya, Aleksandra, Praskovia, Anna, Vladimir and Ivan. **From Nancy Shaytar** for the health of husband, George. **From Doris M. Wasilko** for the departed servants, (parents) Charles & Mary, Uncle Steve Panik and Uncle John Wasilko; for the health of the Wasilko family, Helen Shancey on her birthday, Nancy & John Pravlochak and Carol & John Kowalcheck on their wedding anniversaries. **From Susan, Samantha and Jon, Jr. Stroehlen** for the departed servant (husband/father) Jon. **From Cathy Namisnak** for birthday blessings to David Namisnak. **From Raisa Burd** for the departed servants, Agrippina, Anna and Denis; for the health of Polina, Marina, Vlad, Roman, Diana, Lena, Yevginiy and all our relatives and friends.

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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 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 3

Prokeimenon (Psalm 118)

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

Epistle (Galatians 1:11-19)

But I make known to you, brethren, that the gospel which was preached by me is not according to man.
For I neither received it from man, nor was I taught it, but it came through the revelation of Jesus Christ.

For you have heard of my former conduct in Judaism, how I persecuted the church of God beyond measure and tried to destroy it. And I advanced in Judaism beyond many of my contemporaries in my own nation, being more exceedingly zealous for the traditions of my fathers.

But when it pleased God, who separated me from my mother's womb and called me through His grace, to reveal His Son in me, that I might preach Him among the Gentiles, I did not immediately confer with flesh and blood, nor did I go up to Jerusalem to those who were apostles before me; but I went to Arabia, and returned again to Damascus. Then after three years I went up to Jerusalem to see Peter, and remained with him fifteen days. But I saw none of the other apostles except James, the Lord's brother.

Gospel (Luke 16:19-31)

The Lord said this parable: There was a certain rich man who was clothed in purple and fine linen and fared sumptuously every day. But there was a certain beggar named Lazarus, full of sores, who was laid at his gate, desiring to be fed with the crumbs which fell from the rich man's table. Moreover the dogs came and licked his sores. So it was that the beggar died, and was carried by the angels to Abraham's bosom. The rich man also died and was buried. And being in torments in Hades, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom.

Then he cried and said, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus that he may dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am tormented in this flame.' But Abraham said, 'Son, remember that in your lifetime you received your good things, and likewise Lazarus evil things; but now he is comforted and you are tormented. And besides all this, between us and you there is a great gulf fixed, so that those who want to pass from here to you cannot, nor can those from there pass to us.'

Then he said, 'I beg you therefore, father, that you would send him to my father's house, for I have five brothers, that he may testify to them, lest they also come to this place of torment.' Abraham said to him, 'They have Moses and the prophets; let them hear them.' And he said, 'No, father Abraham; but if one goes to them from the dead, they will repent.' But he said to him, 'If they do not hear Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded though one rise from the dead.'

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.*

Holy Ghost Orthodox Church in Ambridge will be holding its major annual fund raiser on Saturday, October 31, at the Holy Ghost Youth Center (405 Maplewood Ave, Ambridge) from 11 AM until 6 PM. A variety of ethnic foods and baked goods will be available, plus outstanding entertainment! For take-out Orders Call (724) 266-7744. Please support our sister parish in Ambridge!