

November 1, 2009

St. Nicholas Orthodox Church

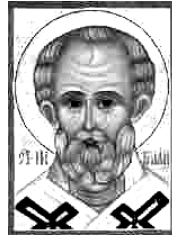
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Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost

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

Schedule of Services and Activities

Wednesday, November 4th – 6:30 PM

Daily Vespers

Wednesday, November 4th – 7:00 PM

Bible Study

No Great Vespers on Saturday due to the Archdiocesan Assembly in Charleroi

Sunday, November 8th – 10:00 AM

Divine Liturgy

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!!!



In preparation for our celebration of the Feast of St Nicholas, our heavenly patron, (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 celebrate our patronal feast. Let's make this a memorable day!



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!!!

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.

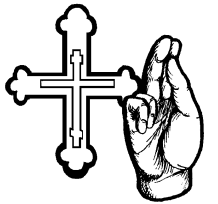
St. Nick's Corner News: We have a new supply of Christmas cards in various designs available at St. Nick's showcase in the hall. Get your cards while supplies last!



Thank you to our November donors! **Altar Candles** (\$25) from John and Carol Kowalcheck for the health of our family. **Holy Bread** (\$50) from David and Marsha Namisnak in memory of Fr Vladimir and Matuhska Olga Soroka. **Altar Wine** (\$40) and **Incense** (\$10) from Paul, Lois and Katherine Fuller for the health and safety of the soldier, Justin.

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 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 health of the Wasilko family; Happy 8th Birthday & Many Years to my godchild, Keely! **From Nancy Shaytar** for the health of husband, George and son, George on his birthday. **From Charles A. Wasilko** for the health of Doris & Marsha, Tom Robes and Carol Kowalcheck. **From Natasha & Charlie Tichy** for the departed servants, Ilya, Aleksandra, Praskovia, Anna and Vladimir. **From Marina Petrov** for the departed servants, Nina and Galina. **From Doris M. Wasilko** for the departed servants, (parents) Charles & Mary; for the health of the Wasilko family and Carol Kowalcheck. **From Susan, Samantha and Jon, Jr. Stroehlen** for the departed servant (husband/father) Jon. **From David Namisnak** for the departed servant, Melissa; for the health of Michelle & Aaron Torok, Helen Shancey and Marsha. **From Tom Robes** for the health of Marion and GeorgiAnn Robes; for Teresa on her birthday and Rob & Teresa on their anniversary! **From Carol Kowalcheck** in thanksgiving to God for all. **From John & Carol Kowalcheck** for the health and salvation of our family. **From John Kowalcheck** for the health of Carol Ann Kowalcheck. **From Alexandria Tirpak** for the departed servants, (parents & grandparents) Amelia & John, Marie & Nicholas, Ann & Frank, (brother & nephew), Nicholas & Nicholas, Ann and Francis; Anne~Memory Eternal; for the health of Amelia, Andrea, Richard & their families, John, Theodore, grandsons, Owen and Wyatt and the community of St. Nicholas Parish; Blessed Birthday Alexis and John; God Bless America; special intentions. **From John Tirpak** for the health of Alexandria & John Tirpak and families.



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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 (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 (Luke 8:26-39)

Then they sailed to the country of the Gadarenes, which is opposite Galilee. And when He stepped out on the land, there met Him a certain man from the city who had demons for a long time. And he wore no clothes, nor did he live in a house but in the tombs. When he saw Jesus, he cried out, fell down before Him, and with a loud voice said, “What have I to do with You, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg You, do not torment me!” For He had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. For it had often seized him, and he was kept under guard, bound with chains and shackles; and he broke the bonds and was driven by the demon into the wilderness.

Jesus asked him, saying, “What is your name?” And he said, “Legion,” because many demons had entered him. And they begged Him that He would not command them to go out into the abyss. Now a herd of many swine was feeding there on the mountain. So they begged Him that He would permit them to enter them. And He permitted them. Then the demons went out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd ran violently down the steep place into the lake and drowned.

When those who fed them saw what had happened, they fled and told it in the city and in the country. Then they went out to see what had happened, and came to Jesus, and found the man from whom the demons had departed, sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. And they were afraid. They also who had seen it told them by what means he who had been demon-possessed was healed. Then the whole multitude of the surrounding region of the Gadarenes asked Him to depart from them, for they were seized with great fear. And He got into the boat and returned.

Now the man from whom the demons had departed begged Him that he might be with Him. But Jesus sent him away, saying, “Return to your own house, and tell what great things God has done for you.” And he went his way and proclaimed throughout the whole city what great things Jesus had done for him.

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.*