

November 8, 2009

St. Nicholas Orthodox Church

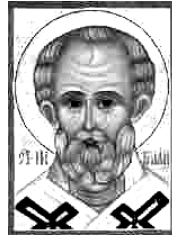
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Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost

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

Schedule of Services and Activities

Today - Immediately after the Divine Liturgy **Trisagion for the Departed**

In memory of Beverly Hraback from Georgiann and Tom Robes and Family

Saturday, November 14th – 9:00 AM **Painting Day**

Please bring painting gear and clothes to the Church

Saturday, November 14th – 1:00 PM – 5:30 PM **Church School**

Church School will be held in the parish house next to the Church

Saturday, November 14th – 5:00 PM **Great Vespers**

Sunday, November 15th – 10:00 AM **Divine Liturgy**



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! 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!!!

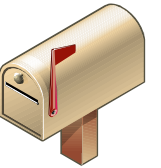
Mark your calendars! His Grace, Bishop Melchisedek will be visiting our parish on the feast of St Nicholas, our heavenly patron, Sunday, December 6th, to celebrate the 95th anniversary of our community with us. His Grace will be with us for the Divine Liturgy on Sunday and the dinner immediately following. 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!!!

Our Hoagie/Wrap Sale for November will be held on Wednesday, November 18. Prices remain the same \$5 for Italian Hoagies or Wraps and \$5.50 for Turkey Hoagies or Wraps. Orders need to be placed by 7 p.m. on Monday, November 16 and can be called in to 412 771-0176, emailed to mbittner109@verizon.net or faxed to 412 771-2111. Assembly line workers are needed for Wednesday morning beginning at 9 a.m. (8 a.m. if you are able to come down earlier). Products will be available for pick up around noon on Wednesday, November 18. 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!

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 Peter & Garnette Kerchum** for the departed servant, Mat. Olga; for the health of grandson, Michael Lopez, Reader Michael Soroka, Peter Kerchum, Sam Harrell and George Shaytar. **From Marsha Wasilko** for the health of the Wasilko family. **From Nancy & George Shaytar** for the health of nephew, Tony Bertram, husband, George and Peter Kerchum. **From Donya Yewisiak** for the departed servants, Mat. Mildred and Mat. Irene; for the health of Carol Kowalcheck and Tom Robes; special intention. **From Kristie Mertz** for the St. Nicholas parish, Bishop Melchizedek and Fr. Tom Soroka. **From Doris M. Wasilko** for the departed servants, (parents) Charles & Mary; for the health of the Wasilko. **From Tom & Georgian Robes** for the departed servants Beverly Hrabak, George & Johanna Porvaznik; for the health of Tom Robes. **From David Namisnak** for the departed servants, Melissa and Richard Shancey; for the health of Marsha, Cathy, Carol, Frank Namisnak and Helen Shancey. **From John & Melissa Westling** for the departed servants, John Slutiak, Susanne Roh and Emma Bowman; for the health of Cindy Zilner and Joan Crago; for the comfort of Slutiak and Cehelsky families. **From John & Nancy Pravlochak** for the departed servant, Val Prescop; for the health of Tanya Stark and the Pravlochak family. **From Alexandria Tirpak** for the departed servants, (parents & grandparents) Amelia & John, Marie & Nicholas, Ann & Frank, (brother & nephew), Nicholas & Nicholas; for the health of Amelia, Andrea, Richard & their families, John, Theodore and the community of St. Nicholas Parish; men & women serving our country; God Bless America; special intentions. **From H. R. Paclawski** for the departed servant, Joseph. **From Tatiana Sechler** for the departed servants, Victor, Bruce, Polina, Valentina, Marina, Tamara, Maria, Maksim; for the health of Dasha, Tatyana, Alex, Vivian, Roma, Slava, Galina.

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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 Holy Angels and Bodiless Hosts*

Commanders of the heavenly hosts,
we who are unworthy beseech you:
by your prayers encompass us beneath the wings of your immaterial glory,
and faithfully preserve us who fall down and cry to you:
“Deliver us from all harm, for you are the Commanders of the Powers on high!”

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 5 *Prokeimenon* (Psalm 12)

Thou, O Lord, shalt protect us and preserve us from this generation forever.

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 (Luke 8:41-56)

And behold, there came a man named Jairus, and he was a ruler of the synagogue. And he fell down at Jesus' feet and begged Him to come to his house, for he had an only daughter about twelve years of age, and she was dying.

But as He went, the multitudes thronged Him. Now a woman, having a flow of blood for twelve years, who had spent all her livelihood on physicians and could not be healed by any, came from behind and touched the border of His garment. And immediately her flow of blood stopped. And Jesus said, “Who touched Me?” When all denied it, Peter and those with him said, “Master, the multitudes throng and press You, and You say, ‘Who touched Me?’” But Jesus said, “Somebody touched Me, for I perceived power going out from Me.”

Now when the woman saw that she was not hidden, she came trembling; and falling down before Him, she declared to Him in the presence of all the people the reason she had touched Him and how she was healed immediately. And He said to her, “Daughter, be of good cheer; your faith has made you well. Go in peace.”

While He was still speaking, someone came from the ruler of the synagogue's house, saying to him, “Your daughter is dead. Do not trouble the Teacher.” But when Jesus heard it, He answered him, saying, “Do not be afraid; only believe, and she will be made well.” When He came into the house, He permitted no one to go in except Peter, James, and John, and the father and mother of the girl. Now all wept and mourned for her; but He said, “Do not weep; she is not dead, but sleeping.” And they ridiculed Him, knowing that she was dead. But He put them all outside, took her by the hand and called, saying, “Little girl, arise.” Then her spirit returned, and she arose immediately. And He commanded that she be given something to eat. And her parents were astonished, but He charged them to tell no one what had happened.

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.*