

November 15, 2009

St. Nicholas Orthodox Church

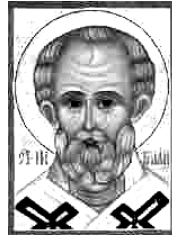
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Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost

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

Schedule of Services and Activities

Today - Immediately after the Divine Liturgy

In memory Valentina Tikhonovich and Polina Tischenko from Sergei Tikhonovich and Tatyana Sechler

Wednesday, November 18th – 6:30 PM

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Friday, November 20th – 6:00 PM

Great Feast of the Presentation of the Theotokos in the Temple

Saturday, November 21st – 9:00 AM

We will also finish the painting in the church hall and other clean up tasks

Saturday, November 21st – 5:00 PM

Sunday, November 22nd – 10:00 AM

Trisagion for the Departed

Daily Vespers

Bible Study

Evening Divine Liturgy

Semi-Annual Church Clean up Day

Great Vespers

Divine Liturgy

Our semi-annual “Church Clean-up Day” will be this Saturday, November 21st, and that day will also be a work day for the men and women who want to do some heavier tasks (we will also be finishing the remaining painting 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!

Our Hoagie/Wrap Sale for November will be held this 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.

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!!!

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 all those who took the time out of their Saturdays to help the church in repainting the church hall yesterday. May God richly bless you for your love of and dedication to God’s Holy Church.

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, Jeff, Heather & Jordan, Halajcio & Shancey families, Dale Halajcio, Danny Parsons & Mona Parsons, Linda Halajcio, Larry Halajcio, Dick Hassenmiller & family, Marion Geysler & 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 Jr., Reader Michael Soroka, Peter Kerchum and George Shaytar. **From Marsha Wasilko** Happy 25th Anniversary & Many Years to Dn. Joe & Mat. Nancy. **From Natalie Soroka** for the health of Uncle Michael. **From Raisa Burd** for the departed servants, Agrippina, Stepan, Vassili, Galina, Vladimir, Peter, Christina, Lena and Ivan; for the health of Polina, Vladimir, Larissa, Marina, Roman, Tatyana, Alexandra, Ludmila, Valentina and Yevgeniy **From John Tirpak** for the health of Alexandria & John Tirpak and family. **From Doris M. Wasilko** for the departed servants, (parents) Charles & Mary; for the health of the Wasilko family and Many Years to Dn. Joe & Mat. Nancy on their 25th Wedding Anniversary. **From Georgian Robes** for the health of Tom Robes and Teresa Robes. **From David Namisnak** for the departed servants, Melissa and Frank & Anna; for the health of Marsha, William Belfiore and Helen Shancey. **From John & Nancy Pravlochak** for the health of Tanya Stark, well being of St. Nicholas Church and the Pravlochak family. **From Alexandria Tirpak** for the departed servants, (parents & grandparents) Amelia & John, Marie & Nicholas, Ann & Frank, (brother & nephew), Nicholas & Nicholas and for the veterans who have lost their lives in service to our country; 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 Daria & Czar** for the health of Mom/Bubba-Delores Galvin and Happy 78th Birthday! **From Michelle Bittner** for the departed servant, Pauline Enick; for the health of Ann Storoschuck and Mary Strilka. **From Susan, Samantha and Jon, Jr. Stroehlen** for the departed servant (husband/father) Jon. **From Carol Kowalcheck** for God’s mercy. **From John & Carol Kowalcheck** for the health and salvation of our family. **From John Kowalcheck** for the health of Carol Ann Kowalcheck. **From Charles A. Wasilko** for the health of Dn. Joseph & Mast. Nancy Mell on their 25th Wedding Anniversary and for Steve & Lynn Yurkowski on their Wedding Anniversary.



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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 6

Kontakion of the Resurrection

When Christ God the Giver of Life
raised all the dead from the valleys of misery with His mighty hand,
He bestowed resurrection on the human race.
He is the Savior of All, the Resurrection, the Life, and the God of all.

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 6

Prokeimenon (Psalm 27:9)

O Lord, save Thy people and bless Thine inheritance.

Epistle (Ephesians 2:4-10)

But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), and raised us up together, and made us sit together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, that in the ages to come He might show the exceeding riches of His grace in His kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by

grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast. For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.

Gospel (Luke 10:25-37)

And behold, a certain lawyer stood up and tested Him, saying, "Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" He said to him, "What is written in the law? What is your reading of it?"

So he answered and said, " 'You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind,' and 'your neighbor as yourself.'" And He said to him, "You have answered rightly; do this and you will live."

But he, wanting to justify himself, said to Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?"

Then Jesus answered and said: "A certain man went down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell among thieves, who stripped him of his clothing, wounded him, and departed, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a certain priest came down that road. And when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. Likewise a Levite, when he arrived at the place, came and looked, and passed by on the other side. But a certain Samaritan, as he journeyed, came where he was. And when he saw him, he had compassion. So he went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine; and he set him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. On the next day, when he departed, he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said to him, 'Take care of him; and whatever more you spend, when I come again, I will repay you.' So which of these three do you think was neighbor to him who fell among the thieves?"

And he said, "He who showed mercy on him."

Then Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

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.*

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".