

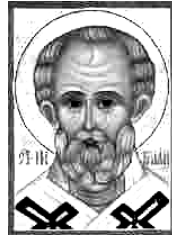
November 22, 2009
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Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost
Christ is in our midst! He is and always shall be!

Schedule of Services and Activities

Today after the Divine Liturgy

In memory of Joseph and Anita Hrimnock from Claudia Hrimnock

No Great Vespers this coming Saturday

Sunday, November 29th – 10:00 AM

Trisagion for the Departed

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 are on sale now until next Sunday. **Please see Melissa Westling** before Liturgy and during Coffee Hour to purchase your tickets. Don't miss this special occasion!!!

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 next Sunday, November 29. Please make checks payable to "St. Nicholas Orthodox Church".



Once again this year we will be collecting gifts for underprivileged children ages 10-18 in the McKees Rocks area and distributing them through the auspices of the Holy Family Institute. Additionally this year, these pre-teens and teens are in need of pillows, blankets, and comforters. All gifts (including the bedding) must be UNWRAPPED and NEW. You may place your gifts

under the icon of St Nicholas for the next two Sundays. Deadline is Sunday, December 6th. Please see Donya Yewisiak with any questions. Thank you for your generosity!



Please support our Christmas Stocking Project to benefit orphans by purchasing a chance to win one of two beautiful baskets prepared and donated by Helen Billak and Sasha Henry. All the proceeds will be sent directly to the orphanage. Deadline is Sunday, December 6th. Please see Helen or Sasha for tickets!

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 Saturday to help clean the church to prepare for the visit of our bishop on the occasion of St Nicholas day and to those who finished painting the church hall and stage yesterday. May God richly bless you for your love of and dedication to God's Holy Church.

Fr Thomas will be heard on 101.5 WORD-FM tomorrow (Monday) on the John and Kathy Show at 5:10 PM discussing the topic of gratitude and thankfulness. Tune in on your radios or listen online at <http://wordfm.com> and click on Listen Live.

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 & Mona 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 and our service men in Texas. **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** for the departed servant, Godmother, Mary Hollenbach. **From Donya Yewisiak** for the health of Carol Kowalcheck, Tom Robes, Fr. Igor Soroka (50th Anniversary of being a Priest); special intentions. **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. **From David Namisnak** for the departed servants, Melissa and Frank & Anna; for the health of Marsha, Helen Shancey and St. Nicholas Church. **From John & Nancy Pravlochak** for the health of Stephanie Fedora, Tanya Stark, Pravlochak family, well being of St. Nicholas Church. **From Alexandria Tirpak** for the departed servants, (parents & grandparents) Amelia & John, Marie & Nicholas, Ann & Frank, (brother & nephew), Nicholas & Nicholas, Martin, Helen; 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 Susan, Samantha and Jon, Jr. Stroehlen** for the departed servant (husband/father) Jon. **From Carol Kowalcheck** for special intention. **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 departed servant, Aunt Mary Hollenbach; for the health of sisters, Doris & Marsha.

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Tone 7

Troparion of the Resurrection

By Thy cross, Thou didst destroy death!
To the thief, Thou didst open paradise!
For the myrrh-bearers, Thou didst change weeping into joy!
And Thou didst command Thy disciples, O Christ God
to proclaim that Thou art risen,
granting the world great mercy.

Tone 4

Troparion of the Feast

Today is the preview of the good will of God,
of the preaching of the salvation of mankind.
The Virgin appears in the Temple of God in anticipation, proclaiming Christ to all.
Let us rejoice and sing to her:
Rejoice, O Divine Fulfillment
of the Creator's dispensation!

Tone 7

Kontakion of the Resurrection

The dominion of death
can no longer hold men captive,
for Christ descended, shattering and destroying its powers!
Hell is bound, while the prophets rejoice and cry:
The Savior has come to those in faith,
Enter, you faithful, into the Resurrection!

Tone 6

Kontakion of the Feast

The most pure Temple of the Savior;
the precious Chamber and Virgin;
the sacred Treasure of the Glory of God
is presented today to the House of the Lord.
She brings with her the grace of the Spirit,
which the angels of God do praise.
Truly this woman is the abode of heaven!

Tone 7

Prokeimenon (Psalm 29)

The Lord shall give strength to His people! The Lord shall bless His people with peace!

Epistle (Ephesians 2:14-22)

For He Himself is our peace, who has made both one, and has broken down the middle wall of separation, having abolished in His flesh the enmity, that is, the law of commandments contained in ordinances, so as to create in Himself one new man from the two, thus making peace, and that He might reconcile them both to God in one body through the cross, thereby putting to death the enmity. And He came and preached peace to you who were afar off and to those who were near. For through Him we both have access by one Spirit to the Father.

Now, therefore, you are no longer strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief cornerstone, in whom the whole building, being fitted together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord, in whom you also are being built together for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit.

Gospel (Luke 12:16-21)

Then He spoke a parable to them, saying: "The ground of a certain rich man yielded plentifully. And he thought within himself, saying, 'What shall I do, since I have no room to store my crops?' So he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build greater, and there I will store all my crops and my goods. And I will say to my soul, "Soul, you have many goods laid up for many years; take your ease; eat, drink, and be merry.'" But God said to him, 'Fool! This night your soul will be required of you; then whose will those things be which you have provided?'

"So is he who lays up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God."

Hymn to the Theotokos of the Feast

The angels beheld the entrance of the Pure one and were amazed!
How has the Virgin entered into the holy of holies?
As you are a living Temple of God,
let no impure hand touch you, O Theotokos.
But let the lips of all believers sing,
constantly magnifying you in joy with the angelic salutation:
Truly you are above all creatures, O Pure One!

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.*