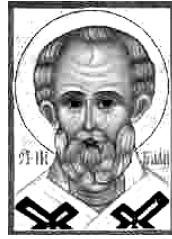


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Sunday Before the Theopany (Baptism of Christ)

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

Schedule of Services and Activities

Today after the Divine Liturgy

In memory of Matushka Olga Soroka

Tuesday, January 5th – 7:00 PM

Wednesday, January 6th – 9:30 AM

Please bring a container suitable for Holy Water

Saturday, January 9th – 1:00 -5:30 PM

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Sunday, January 10th – 10:00 AM

Next Sunday after the Divine Liturgy

In memory of Nicholas Yurkowski from the Yurkowski family

Trisagion for the Departed

Great Compline with Litiya

Divine Liturgy with Blessing of Water

Church School

Great Vespers

Divine Liturgy

Trisagion for the Departed

The 2010 Calendars are now available at the candle kiosk. 2010 Envelopes are also available.

The 2010 donation schedule is available for sign up at the candle kiosk. A new sponsorship that is available is the sponsorship of the weekly bulletin for the entire month.

The next Church School will be Saturday, January 9th. Please support Church School!

The next Bible Study will be held on Wednesday, January 13th at 7:00 PM. Vespers at 6:30 PM.

Anyone who wishes to have their home blessed should contact Fr Tom to schedule an appointment.

Looking ahead: Forgiveness Sunday – February 14th. Pascha - April 4th.

The 2010 March for Life will be held on Friday, January 22nd in Washington DC. A large group of Orthodox Christians gather every year to proclaim the Orthodox plea to our government to end abortion on demand and support innocent life in the womb. The bus will leave from the Pittsburgh area early that day and return late that same day. If interested, you must contact Jim Tsikouris **immediately** at (330) 519-1122 or jamestsikouris@live.com for reservations on the bus.

Welcome to Tijana Timatyos and her children Elijah and Mirijana, friends from Chicago of the Soroka family. We are grateful to Tijana for her donation of new ceiling tiles for the Church Hall. God bless you for your love of God's holy Church!

(from the December 12th bulletin) **Thank you to everyone who donated** to the gifts for underprivileged children in the McKees Rocks area. The Holy Family Institute was very grateful for the large amount of bedding and gifts that were donated by our parishioners. A donation of 20 winter coats was also donated by an anonymous donor. Thank you to Donya Yewisiak for organizing this worthy project again this year. May God bless everyone who donated.

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 Donya Yewisiak** for the departed servants, (mother & Baba) Mat. Olga Soroka and Martin Kowal; for the health of Carol Kowalcheck and Vaughn Joshua on his 1st birthday from Baba and Grandpa Yewisiak; special intention. **From Peter & Garnette Kerchum** for the departed servants, Mat. Olga and Very Rev. Fr. Vladimir Soroka; for the health of grandson, Michael Lopez Jr., Reader Michael Soroka, Peter Kerchum, George Shaytar, Margaret Ruprecht, newborn, Timothy Waller, Jr. (12/9/09) and all St. Nicholas Parishioners. **From Marsha Wasilko** for the departed servant, Mat. Olga; for the health of the Wasilko family; Happy 2010 to all! **From Mat. Joni Soroka** for the departed servant, Mat. Olga Soroka; for the health of (great nephews) Vaughn Hollowood and Eli Dunn on their 1st birthdays (12/29). **From Doris Wasilko** for the departed servants, (parents) Charles & Mary; for the health of the Wasilko family. **From Carol Kowalcheck** for God's protection & mercy on my family. **From John & Carol Kowalcheck** for the health & salvation of our family. **From John Kowalcheck** for the health of Carol Ann Kowalcheck. **From Charles A. Wasilko** for the departed servants, (parents) Charles & Mary; for the health of Rev. Dn. Joseph Mell, Helen March Shancey, Joseph Hrebenak, Andrew & Olga Kasnot, Tom Robes and (sisters) Doris & Marsha. **From Charles & Natasha Tichy** for the departed servants, Aleksandra, Ilya, Anna, Vladimir and Praskovia; for the health of Michail; safe travels. **From Nancy Shaytar** for the health of husband, George Shaytar; special intentions. **From Michelle Bittner** for the departed servants, Martin Kowal, Thelma Hruch, Anne Hruch and Pauline Enick; for the health of Helen Shancey. **From Adriane & Ronald Rizzo** for the departed servant, Mat. Olga Soroka. **From David Namisnak** for the departed servants, Melissa, Frank & Anna Namisnak and Richard Shancey; for the health for Marsha and Helen Shancey. **From Alexandria Tirpak** for the departed servants, (parents & grandparents) Amelia & John, Marie & Nicholas, Ann & Frank, (brother & nephew) Nicholas & Nicholas; for the health of John, Theodore, (children) Amelia, Andrea, Richard & their families, Mildred, Violet, Community of St. Nicholas, men & women serving our country; Christ is Born! Glorify Him! special intentions.

Thank you to our January donors! Holy Bread (\$50) from the Laboda family in thanksgiving for Luke Laboda's baptism one year ago. Altar Candles (\$25) from the Yurkowski family in memory of Nicholas Yurkowski and all deceased members of the Yurkowski and Marmura families.

This bulletin is offered in memory of Charles and Mary Wasilko (parents) from Marsha Wasilko.

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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 Forefeast*

Prepare O Zebulon, be beautiful O Nephtali,
Stop your flow O River Jordan, receive the Master with Joy,
Rejoice with Eve O Adam, do not hide as of old in paradise;
For the One who beheld you naked, has now appeared to enrobe you anew;
Christ has come desiring to renew all of creation.

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 4 *Kontakion of the Forefeast*

Today hath the Lord appeared in the courses of the Jordan,
Crying to John and saying,
Do not be dismayed at my baptism,
For I have come to save Adam the first to be created.

Tone 6

Prokeimenon of the Forefeast (Psalm 27:9)

O Lord, save Thy people and bless Thine inheritance.

Epistle of the Sunday Before the Theophany (2 Tim 4:5-8)

But you be watchful in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry.

For I am already being poured out as a drink offering, and the time of my departure is at hand. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Finally, there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give to me on that Day, and not to me only but also to all who have loved His appearing.

Gospel of the Sunday Before the Theophany (Mark 1:1-8)

The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. As it is written in the Prophets: "Behold, I send My messenger before Your face, Who will prepare Your way before You. The voice of one crying in the wilderness: Prepare the way of the LORD; Make His paths straight."

John came baptizing in the wilderness and preaching a baptism of repentance for the remission of sins. Then all the land of Judea, and those from Jerusalem, went out to him and were all baptized by him in the Jordan River, confessing their sins.

Now John was clothed with camel's hair and with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. And he preached, saying, "There comes One after me who is mightier than I, whose sandal strap I am not worthy to stoop down and loose. I indeed baptized you with water, but He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

Communion Hymn (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.*