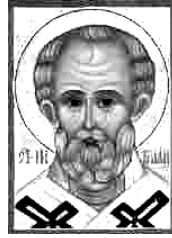


January 17, 2010
St Anthony the Great

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32nd Sunday after Pentecost (Zacchaeus Sunday)

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

Schedule of Services and Activities

Wednesday, January 20th – 9:00 AM

Saturday, January 23rd – 5:00 PM

Sunday, January 24th – 10:00 AM

Hoagie Assembly

Great Vespers

Divine Liturgy

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.

Monthly parish council meeting will be today after the Divine Liturgy.

The St Nicholas Sisterhood will be having meeting after Liturgy to elect officers, committee chairs and discuss upcoming spring events. All women of the parish are cordially invited to attend.

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

Our annual parish meeting will be held on Sunday, January 31st after the Divine Liturgy. Only members in good standing (spiritually and financially) may participate. An agenda item is slated regarding proposed renovations to St Nicholas Church building. The plan for the overall project will be presented, including a new kitchen, new restrooms, air conditioning, internal stairs and an elevator, space for a 'cry-room' and new outside entrance stairs. Options for project phases will be discussed and a vote will be called for.

If anyone wishes to serve on the parish council for the 2010 year, please see Nathan Graff or Michelle Bittner. Please bear in mind that parish council members should be exemplary in church attendance, spiritual life, and financial support of the church. By being a parish council member, you make a commitment of time and energy to assist the parish priest in the administrative and organizational duties beyond monthly meetings essential to running the parish.



The first Hoagie/Wrap Sale for the new year will be this coming Wednesday/Thursday, January 20/21, 2010. Prices remain the same for this

month...\$5 for Italian Hoagies or Wraps and \$5.50 for Turkey Hoagies or Wraps. Orders need to be placed by Monday evening, January 18, by 7 p.m. and can be placed by calling 412 771-0176, emailing mbittner109@verizon.net or faxing 412 771-2111. You can also leave a message on my cell phone at 412 310-6455. An order form is attached for your convenience. Assembly will begin at 9 a.m. (or earlier if you can make it), and we normally finish up by noon. Orders can be picked up between noon and 1 p.m. Thank you for supporting this fundraiser. We are also in need of good boxes suitable for carrying hoagie orders. If you have any, please bring them to the stage. Thanks!



Coffee Hour hosts are needed! Help create a year a fellowship at St. Nicholas by hosting or sponsoring a coffee hour. Hosts are needed for the remainder of January, February and March. To reserve your date, please contact Melissa Graff at melissamgraff@yahoo.com or at 412-882-2975 or sign up down stairs near the kitchen. Thank you for your help!

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

Duquesne University Tamburitians Live on Stage! Net proceeds to benefit International Orthodox Christian Charities. Saturday, January 23, 2010 at 3:00 PM - Doors Open 2:15 PM. For Reservations 1) Go online to www.iocc.org/pittsburgh (this is the preferred method - credit card only) or 2) Call IOCC at 877-803-4622 (credit card and checks). Tickets range from \$15 to \$30. Performance at Upper St. Clair High School Theater, 1825 McLaughlin Run Road, Upper St. Clair, PA 15241.

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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 health and recovery of Patty Conley; health of her daughters, Hugh Conley and Carol Kowalcheck. **From Marsha Wasilko** for the departed servant (father) Charles (born 1/14/1910) and (Baba) Susan Wasilko (30 years 1/15/1980); for the health of the Wasilko family and Carol Kowalcheck. **From Mat. Joni Soroka** for the health of Patty Conley. **From Doris Wasilko** for the departed servants, (parents) Charles & Mary and (grandmother) Susan Wasilko; for the health of the Wasilko family, Helen Shancey and Carol Kowalcheck. **From Charles A. Wasilko** for the departed servant, (father) Charles; for the health of Helen March Shancey and Carol Kowalcheck. **From Alexandria Tirpak** for the departed servants (parents & grandparents) Amelia & John, Marie & Nicholas and Ann & Frank; for the health of Amelia, Andrea, Richard & their families, Patricia, Carol, John, Theodore, Community of St. Nicholas; Happy Birthday Sonia; special intentions. **From John A. Tirpak** for the departed servants, John & Anna Tirpak; for the health of Alexandria and John & our families. **From Michelle Bittner** for the health of Helen Shancey.

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

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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 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 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 7 *Prokeimenon* (Psalm 29)

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

Epistle of the Sunday (I Timothy 4:9-15)

This is a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptance. For to this end we both labor and suffer reproach, because we trust in the living God, who is the Savior of all men, especially of those who believe. These things command and teach.

Let no one despise your youth, but be an example to the believers in word, in conduct, in love, in spirit, in faith, in purity. Till I come, give attention to reading, to exhortation, to doctrine. Do not neglect the gift that is in you, which was given to you by prophecy with the laying on of the hands of the eldership. Meditate on these things; give yourself entirely to them, that your progress may be evident to all.

Gospel of the Sunday (Luke 19:1-10)

Then Jesus entered and passed through Jericho. Now behold, there was a man named Zacchaeus who was a chief tax collector, and he was rich. And he sought to see who Jesus was, but could not because of the crowd, for he was of short stature. So he ran ahead and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see Him, for He was going to pass that way. And when Jesus came to the place, He looked up and saw him, and said to him, "Zacchaeus, make haste and come down, for today I must stay at your house." So he made haste and came down, and received Him joyfully. But when they saw it, they all complained, saying, "He has gone to be a guest with a man who is a sinner."

Then Zacchaeus stood and said to the Lord, "Look, Lord, I give half of my goods to the poor; and if I have taken anything from anyone by false accusation, I restore fourfold." And Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, because he also is a son of Abraham; for the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost."

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.



Saint Anthony the Great is known as the Father of monasticism. He spent twenty years in complete isolation and constant struggle with the demons, and he finally achieved perfect calm. The saint's friends removed the stones from the entrance, and they went to St Anthony and besought him to take them under his guidance. Soon St Anthony's cell was surrounded by several monasteries, and the saint acted as a father and guide to their inhabitants, giving spiritual instruction to all who came into the desert seeking salvation. He increased the zeal of those who were already monks, and inspired others with a love for the ascetical life. He told them to strive to please the Lord, and not to become faint-hearted in their labors. He also urged them not to fear demonic assaults, but to repel the Enemy by the power of the Life-Creating Cross of the Lord.