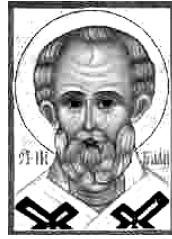


January 24, 2010
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Sunday of the Publican and Pharisee

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

Schedule of Services and Activities

Wednesday, January 27th – 6:30 PM

Wednesday, January 27th – 7:00 PM

Saturday, January 30th – 5:00 PM

Sunday, January 31st – 10:00 AM

Sunday, January 31st – After the Divine Liturgy

In memory of Martin Kowal (40 days)

Daily Vespers

Bible Study

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.

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

This week is entirely fast free, in preparation for the upcoming Great Fast, and in remembrance of the errors of the Pharisee whom we read about in today's gospel, teaching us that our righteous acts, if not done in humility and repentance, cannot bring us closer to God!

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.



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!

Our parish will host the **Deanery Mission Service** on Sunday evening, March 21st at 5:00 PM (St Mary of Egypt Sunday).

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

St. Nick's Corner Pre-Lenten Music Sale: From now until February 14, 2010, prices will be slashed on all our music cassette tapes and CD's. Tapes will be sold for \$3 each and CD's for \$6 each! The tapes make excellent gifts for elderly shut-ins or relatives who may not own a CD player. See Marsha or Michelle for assistance.

Thank you to everyone who supported January's Hoagie/Wrap Sale. We sold 203 items and had a profit of \$467.63. Our next Hoagie/Wrap Sale will be three weeks from now on February 10/11 due to Lent starting the following week.

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 Kristie Mertz** for the Thornton family in the loss of their son. **From Marsha Wasilko** for the health of Dn. Joe Mell, Carol Kowalcheck, George Shaytar, Helen Shancey and the Wasilko family. **From Mat. Joni Soroka** for the health and recovery of (father) John Naiser and Patty Conley. **From Doris Wasilko** for the departed servants, (parents) Charles & Mary; for the health of the Wasilko family and Carol Kowalcheck. **From Charles A. Wasilko** for the health of (sisters) Doris & Marsha, Carol Kowalchek, Dn. Joe Mell, Tom Robes and Helen March Shancey. **From Alexandria Tirpak** for the departed servants (parents & grandparents) Amelia & John, Marie & Nicholas, Ann & Frank and (brother & nephew) Nicholas & Nicholas; for the health of Amelia, Andrea, Richard & their families, Patricia, Carol, John, Theodore, Mildred, Violet, Community of St. Nicholas; Happy Birthday Andrea, Martin; men & women serving our country; special intentions. **From John A. Tirpak** for the health and continued happiness of Alexandria and John & our families. **From Michelle Bittner** for the health of Helen Shancey. **From John & Carol Kowalcheck** for the health & salvation of our family. **From John Kowalcheck** for the health of Carol Ann Kowalcheck. **From Raisa Burd** for the departed servants, Agrippina, Stepan, Galina, Vladimir, Vassili, Peter, Anna, Denis, Nina, Zinovi, Luba, Christina, Dmitri, Larissa, Mat. Olga & Fr. Vladimir; for the health of Marina, Vladimir, Roman, Polina, Alexandra, Tatyana, Ludmila, Yevgeniy, Valentina and all our relatives & friends. **From David Namisnak** for the departed servants, Mary Bell, Richard Shancey and Melissa; for the health of Marsha, Helen Shancey and Dn. Joe Mell. **From Dr. & Mrs. Robert Yakovac** for the departed servant, Bubba; for the health of Joel, Justin, Maggie, Eric, Mom, Helen Billak, John Mahalchak, Evelyn Paladini; special intentions.

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

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Tone 8

Troparion of the Resurrection

Thou didst descend from on high, O Merciful One!
Thou didst accept the three day burial to free us from our sufferings!
O Lord, our Life and Resurrection: Glory to Thee.

Tone 4

Troparion of St Nicholas

You appeared to your flock as a rule of faith,
an image of humility, and a teacher of abstinence.
Because of your lowliness heaven was opened to you!
Because of your poverty riches were granted to you!
O holy Bishop Nicholas,
pray to Christ our God to save our souls.

Tone 8

Kontakion of the Resurrection

By rising from the tomb Thou didst raise the dead and resurrect Adam.
Eve exults in Thy resurrection,
and the world celebrates Thy rising from the dead, O greatly Merciful One.

Tone 4

Kontakion of the Triodion

Let us flee from the pride of the Pharisee
And learn from the Publican's tears.
Let us cry out our Savior:
Have mercy on us,
O Only Merciful One.

Tone 8

Prokeimenon of the Sunday (Psalm 76)

Pray and make your vows before the Lord our God!

Epistle (II Tim 3:10-15)

But you have carefully followed my doctrine, manner of life, purpose, faith, longsuffering, love, perseverance, persecutions, afflictions, which happened to me at Antioch, at Iconium, at Lystra— what persecutions I endured. And out of them all the Lord delivered me. Yes, and all who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will suffer persecution. But evil men and impostors will grow worse and

worse, deceiving and being deceived. But you must continue in the things which you have learned and been assured of, knowing from whom you have learned them, and that from childhood you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.

Gospel (Luke 18:10-14)

“Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, ‘God, I thank You that I am not like other men—extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even as this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I possess.’ And the tax collector, standing afar off, would not so much as raise his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, ‘God, be merciful to me a sinner!’ I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other; for everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted.”

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.*

Can't get enough of winter? Come to a skating party! Sponsored by Pittsburgh District FOCA!

- * Date: Jan. 31
- * Time: 2 PM to (?)
- * Cost: \$13 per person (Includes admission, ice skate rental & food) - all ages are welcome
- * Location: PPG Place skating rink (Downtown Pittsburgh, near Market Square)
- * Payment: Check payable to "Pgh. District FOCA"
- * Mail to: Elizabeth Goehring, 135 Hillendale Road, Pgh. PA 15237
- * Contact for questions: Elizabeth Goehring (412-369-7098) or elizabethgoehring@gmail.com