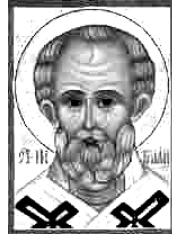


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Sunday of the Prodigal Son

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

Schedule of Services and Activities

Today – Immediately After the Divine Liturgy

In memory of Martin Kowal (40 days)

Monday, February 1st – 6:00 PM

Great Feast of the Presentation of Christ into the Temple / Blessing of Candles

Saturday, February 6th – 1:00 PM-5:30 PM

Saturday, February 6th – 5:00 PM

Sunday, February 7th – 10:00 AM

Trisagion for the Departed

Evening Divine Liturgy

Church School

Great Vespers

Divine Liturgy

Our annual parish meeting will be held today 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.

Our Annual Blini Luncheon will be held on Cheesefare Sunday, February 14th, immediately following the Divine Liturgy. Cost is Adults \$5 / Children 12 and under \$2. **There will be no advanced ticket sales** – cash or checks accepted at the door! Everyone is welcomed to this wonderful annual event. Please make every effort to attend. Thank you to Marina Petrov for organizing the luncheon and to the many people who are preparing the food for the *maslenitsa*.



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 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!

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.

IOCC is sponsoring a Haiti Disaster Relief Fundraiser! Minimum \$20 Donation at the door on Friday, February 5, 2010 from 7pm - 12am. Includes food, music, drinks and dancing! Khalil's II Restaurant, 4757 Baum Blvd, Pittsburgh, PA. 412-683-4757 or for details: www.hellos.com/haiti.

The Lenten Schedule is printed in today's bulletin. It is subject to change. Please visit our website at www.stnicholas-oca.org for the latest schedule.

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.

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 Georgiann Robes** for the departed servants, George, Johanna & Beverly Porvaznik and Victor Robes; for the health of the entire Robes family, Carol Kowalcheck and the people of Haiti. **From Marsha Wasilko** for the departed servant, Godfather, Michael Dyczko; for the health of Carol Kowalcheck and the Wasilko family; special intention. **From Doris Wasilko** for the departed servants, (parents) Charles & Mary and Uncle Mike Dyczko; 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 and Helen March Shancey. **From Alexandria Tirpak** for the departed servants (parents & grandparents) Amelia & John, Marie & Nicholas, Ann & Frank and (brother & nephew) Nicholas & Nicholas, Waslaw, Martin and Martin-Memory Eternal; for the health of Amelia, Andrea, Richard & their families, Patricia, Carol, John, Theodore, Mildred, Violet, Fr. Dn. Joseph, Donya; Community of St. Nicholas; men & women serving our country; special intentions. **From John A. Tirpak** for the health and security of Alexandria and John & our families. **From Michelle Bittner** for the health of Helen Shancey. **From Raisa Burd** for the departed servants, Agrippina, Stepan, Vladimir, Vassili, Peter, Nina, Zinovi, Christi, Larissa, Ivan and Lena; for the health of Alexandra, Tatyana, Raisa, Boris, Ludmilia and all our relatives & friends. **From David Namisnak** for the departed servant, Melissa; for the health of Marsha, Helen Shancey and Baby Ella. **From Roman Petrov** for the departed servant, Doosya. **From George & Nancy Shaytar** for the health of George Shaytar, Pete Kerchum and Carol Kowalcheck. **From Tatiana Sechler** for the departed servants, Polina, Valentina, Maxsim, Bruce, Victor, Maria, Maria, Nicolay, Marina and Nicolay; for the health of Dasha, Slava, Galina, Tatyana, Roma and Domenic. **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, Wayne Miller, Margaret Ruprecht and George Shaytar.

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.

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

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Sunday of the Prodigal Son

Tone 1 *Troparion of the Resurrection*

When the stone had been sealed by the Jews,
while the soldiers were guarding Thy most pure body,
Thou didst rise on the third day, O Savior,
granting life to the world.
The powers of heaven therefore cried to Thee, O Giver of Life:
Glory to Thy Resurrection, O Christ!
Glory to Thy Kingdom!
Glory to Thy dispensation, O Thou who lovest mankind!

Tone 1 *Kontakion of the Resurrection*

As God, Thou didst rise from the tomb in glory,
raising the world with Thyself.
Human nature praises Thee as God for death has vanished,
Adam exults, O Master!
Eve rejoices, for she is freed from bondage, and cries to Thee:
Thou art the giver of resurrection to all, O Christ!

Tone 3 *Kontakion of the Triodion*

I have recklessly forgotten Thy glory, O Father,
and among sinners I have scattered the riches which Thou gavest me.
And now I cry to Thee as the Prodigal:
I have sinned before Thee, O Merciful Father:
Receive me a penitent and make me as one of Thy hired servants.

Tone 1 *Prokeimenon of the Sunday (Psalm 33)*

Let Thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us as we have set our hope on Thee!

Epistle (I Cor 6:12-20)

All things are lawful for me, but all things are not helpful. All things are lawful for me, but I will not be brought under the power of any. Foods for the stomach and the stomach for foods, but God will destroy both it and them. Now the body is not for sexual immorality but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. And God both raised up the Lord and will also raise us up by His power.

Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Shall I then take the members of Christ and make them members of a harlot? Certainly not! Or do you not know that he who is joined to a harlot is one body

with her? For “the two,” He says, “shall become one flesh.” But he who is joined to the Lord is one spirit with Him.

Flee sexual immorality. Every sin that a man does is outside the body, but he who commits sexual immorality sins against his own body. Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own? For you were bought at a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God’s.

Gospel (Luke 15:11-32)



Then He said: “A certain man had two sons. And the younger of them said to his father, ‘Father, give me the portion of goods that falls to me.’ So he divided to them his livelihood. And not many days after, the younger son gathered all together, journeyed to a far country, and there wasted his possessions with prodigal living. But when he had spent all, there arose a severe famine in that land, and he began to be in want. Then he went and joined himself to a citizen of that country, and he sent him into his fields to feed swine. And he would gladly have filled his stomach with the pods that the swine ate, and no one gave him anything.

“But when he came to himself, he said, ‘How many of my father’s hired servants have bread enough and to spare, and I perish with hunger! I will arise and go to my father, and will say to him, “Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you, and I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Make me like one of your hired servants.”’

“And he arose and came to his father. But when he was still a great way off, his father saw him and had compassion, and ran and fell on his neck and kissed him. And the son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and in your sight, and am no longer worthy to be called your son.’

“But the father said to his servants, ‘Bring out the best robe and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand and sandals on his feet. And bring the fatted calf here and kill it, and let us eat and be merry; for this my son was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.’ And they began to be merry.

“Now his older son was in the field. And as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing. So he called one of the servants and asked what these things meant. And he said to him, ‘Your brother has come, and because he has received him safe and sound, your father has killed the fatted calf.’

“But he was angry and would not go in. Therefore his father came out and pleaded with him. So he answered and said to his father, ‘Lo, these many years I have been serving you; I never transgressed your commandment at any time; and yet you never gave me a young goat, that I might make merry with my friends. But as soon as this son of yours came, who has devoured your livelihood with harlots, you killed the fatted calf for him.’

“And he said to him, ‘Son, you are always with me, and all that I have is yours. It was right that we should make merry and be glad, for your brother was dead and is alive again, and was lost and is found.’”

Communion Hymn (Psalm 148)

Praise the Lord from the heavens! Praise Him in the highest!