

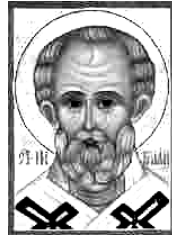
February 21, 2010

St. Nicholas Orthodox Church

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Sunday of Orthodoxy

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

Schedule of Services and Activities

Sunday, February 21st – 3:00 PM

All Saints Greek Orthodox Church, Canonsburg, PA

Monday, February 22nd – 5:00 PM

Tuesday, February 23rd – 5:00 PM

Wednesday, February 24th – 9:00 AM

Wednesday, February 24th – 6:00 PM

Thursday, February 25th – 5:00 PM

Friday, February 26th – 7:00 PM

Saturday, February 27th – 5:00 PM

Saturday Confession at 4:30 PM

Sunday, February 28th – 10:00 AM

Sunday Confession at 9:15 AM

Sunday, February 28th – 5:00 PM

St John the Baptist Orthodox Church, Canonsburg, PA

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Daily Vespers (Church)

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Hoagie Sale Prep

Presanctified Divine Liturgy

Daily Vespers (Church)

Panikhida for the Departed

Great Vespers

Divine Liturgy

Deanery Mission Service



The Church prescribes that we refrain from eating meat (including fish, but not shellfish) and dairy products during Great Lent. While it is understood that some find the prescription challenging to attain (for this is indeed the very point – that we indulge too much in fleshly desires, and the challenge of the fast shows this!), everyone is strongly encouraged to do something, and not to ignore the fast completely, which is both unchristian and unorthodox. Most importantly, as the Fathers remind us, we are also to “fast from sin as we fast from food.” May God bless you in your Lenten journey.

Those who wish to receive communion during the Presanctified Liturgy on Wednesday evening should fast from after the lunch time, if they are able bodied. Those who are ill, elderly and ailing, pregnant or nursing should adjust their fasting accordingly.

Due to the snow storm, we rescheduled our Hoagie/Wrap Sale for Wednesday/Thursday, February 24/25, 2009. The prices remain the same...\$5 for an Italian Hoagie or Wrap and \$5.50 for a Turkey Hoagie or Wrap. Orders can be placed calling 412 771-0176, faxing 412 771-2111 or emailing mbittner109@verizon.net by 7 p.m. on Monday, February 22. Orders can be picked up between noon and

1:30 p.m. on Wednesday, February 24. An order form is attached for your convenience. Assembly usually begins by 9 a.m. and we normally finish before noon. If you are available earlier, around 8 a.m., we can use your help in preparing the condiments. Thank you for supporting our monthly hoagie/wrap fundraiser.

Our annual Lenten collection “Easter Baskets for Needy Families” is now underway. Please look for the insert in today’s bulletin for needed items; however, monetary donations are also accepted for perishable items and for gifts for children. Please see Donya Yewisiak, project coordinator, for more information. Deadline is Sunday, March 28th.

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! We also need hosts for the Wednesday evening Lenten fellowships!

Thank you to all those who helped prepare the Blini Dinner last Sunday. As usual, everything was delicious and enjoyed by all! Thank you especially to Marina Petrov for chairing the event.

Please note that the daily vespers will not be held this week in the Monastery Chapel. All services will be held in the St Nicholas Church.

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 Doris Wasilko** for the departed servants, (parents) Charles & Mary; for the health of the Wasilko family, Helen Shancey and Carol Kowalcheck. **From Charles A. Wasilko** for the departed servants, (parents) Charles & Mary; for the health of (sisters) Doris & Marsha, Gina Pravlochak, Carol Kowalchek, Tom Robes and Helen March Shancey. **From Alexandria Tirpak** for the departed servants (parents & grandparents) Amelia & John, Marie & Nicholas, Ann & Frank and Very Rev. Paul Sawchak; for the health of Amelia, Andrea, Richard & their families, Patricia, Carol, John, Theodore, Joann, Mildred, Violet; Community of St. Nicholas; men & women serving our country; God Bless America; special intentions. **From John A. Tirpak** for the departed servants, John & Ann Tirpak; for the health and security of Alexandria & John and their families. **From Raisa Burd** for the health of Alexandra, Tatyana and Yevgeniy. **From Peter & Garnette Kerchum** for the departed servants, Mat. Olga and Very Rev. Fr. Vladimir Soroka; for the health of grandson, Michael Lopez Jr., (2 mo. old) Timmy Waller Jr., Reader Michael Soroka, Wayne Miller, Margaret Ruprecht, George Shaytar. **From Rick Porter** for the health of Alexandra LaMela. **From George & Nancy Shaytar** for the departed servant, (mother) Sophia Kraynak; for the health of (sister) Esther Tylavsky on her 90th birthday, Donna Shaytar, Pete Kerchum, Carol Kowalcheck and Carol Lugin. **From Nancy Shaytar** for the health of George Shaytar. **From Michelle Bittner** for the health of Helen Shancey. **From Marsha Wasilko** for the health of the Wasilko family and Carol Kowalcheck; special intention.

This bulletin is offered in memory of Rose, Steve, and Uncle Ted Puskar from Janet Widel.

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Tone 4

Troparion of the Resurrection

When the women Disciples of the Lord learned from the Angel the joyous message of the Resurrection, they cast away the ancestral curse and elatedly told the Apostles: "Death is overthrown! Christ God is risen, granting the world great mercy!"

Tone 2

Troparion of the Triodion

We venerate Thy most pure image, O Good One, and ask forgiveness of our transgressions, O Christ our God. Of Thy good will Thou was pleased to ascend the cross in the flesh and deliver Thy creatures from bondage to the enemy. Therefore with thankfulness we cry aloud to Thee: Thou hast filled all with joy, O our Savior, for Thou didst come to save the world.

Tone 4

Prokeimenon of the Fathers (Song of the Three Youths)

Blessed art Thou, O Lord God of our Fathers and praised and glorified is Thy name forever!

Epistle (Hebrews 11:24-26, 32-12:2a)

By faith Moses, when he became of age, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter, choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God than to enjoy the passing pleasures of sin, esteeming the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures in Egypt; for he looked to the reward.

And what more shall I say? For the time would fail me to tell of Gideon and Barak and Samson and Jephthah, also of David and Samuel and the prophets: who through faith subdued kingdoms, worked righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched the violence of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, out of weakness were made strong, became valiant in battle, turned to flight the armies of the aliens. Women received their dead raised to life again.

Others were tortured, not accepting deliverance, that they might obtain a better resurrection. Still others had trial of mockings and scourgings, yes, and of chains and imprisonment. They were stoned, they were sawn in two, were tempted, were slain with the sword. They wandered about in sheepskins and goatskins, being destitute, afflicted, tormented— of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, in dens and caves of the earth.

And all these, having obtained a good testimony through faith, did not receive the promise, God having provided something better for us, that they should not be made perfect apart from us.

Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith...

Gospel (John 1:43-51)

The following day Jesus wanted to go to Galilee, and He found Philip and said to him, "Follow Me." Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found Him of whom Moses in the law, and also the prophets, wrote—Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph." And Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see."

Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward Him, and said of him, "Behold, an Israelite indeed, in whom is no deceit!" Nathanael said to Him, "How do You know me?" Jesus answered and said to him, "Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you." Nathanael answered and said to Him, "Rabbi, You are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!"

Jesus answered and said to him, "Because I said to you, 'I saw you under the fig tree,' do you believe? You will see greater things than these." And He said to him, "Most assuredly, I say to you, hereafter you shall see heaven open, and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man."

Communion Hymns (Psalm 148)

Praise the Lord from the heavens! Praise Him in the highest!
Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous! Praise befits the just!

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 our Blini Dinner following the Divine Liturgy.

If you have been to confession recently (during the Nativity season) it will not be necessary to take confession again, unless you feel compelled to come. Pascha is very early this year. However, those who have not received confession during the Nativity season should come **early** in the Lenten season.