

Welcome!

Whether you are searching for a new church home or just visiting, we are glad you're with us today. If you have a prayer request, are looking for more information about the Orthodox Faith, would like to join our parish, or would like to speak with Fr Thomas, we invite you to fill out a visitor's card and drop it in the offering basket as your offering today. We want to get to know you! God bless you!

Schedule This Week

Sunday, October 30

10:00 am Divine Liturgy
Church School Following Divine Liturgy

Tuesday, November 1

9:00 am Daily Matins
9:30 am to 12:00 pm Office Hours

Thursday, November 3

9:00 am Daily Matins
9:30 am to 12:00 pm Office Hours

Saturday, November 5

4:00 pm Choir Rehearsal
4:30 pm Confessions
5:00 am Great Vespers/Cathedral Vigil

Sunday, November 6

10:00 am Divine Liturgy/Church School

To our Visitors: 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.

Archpriest Thomas Soroka, Rector
Deacon Luke Loboda, Attached
Deacon John Skowron, Attached
Rdr James Wargo and Danielle Bartko, Choir Dirs

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

McKees Rocks/Pittsburgh, PA
OrthodoxPittsburgh.org October 30, 2022

Announcements

➤ **Attention all women!** St. Nicholas women's group will be gathering for dinner and fellowship at Buca di Beppo in Robinson Township on Friday Nov. 4 at 6:30pm. All women are welcome. Rides will be provided if needed. Please RSVP by phone or text to Jessica at 412-290-3526 by Thursday Nov. 3.

➤ **Attention all men!** SAVE THE DATE! The Men's Group has a major event in the works. A LAMB ROAST is being planned for November 10th (before the Nativity Fast begins on the 15th). More details are to come but we'd love to have a big night of brotherhood at Bob Bartko's home.

➤ **Project Mexico 2023:** Teens and adults are invited to join a mission trip to Mexico to build a home for a family in need. Come to an information session during coffee hour on Sunday, November 13th. Please contact Mat. Ashley Loboda with questions (ashley.loboda@gmail.com, #412-715-2163).

➤ **Annual Parish Christmas Card:** It's time once again for this parish project which benefits our monthly community food pantry. We ask each parishioner/family to generously donate \$10 to have their name(s) listed on the card which will be sent to all parishioners in early December. Please see Jan Widell or Marsha Wasilko to participate. **Deadline is Sunday, November 27, 2022.** Thank you!

Clocks go back one hour before bed next Saturday!

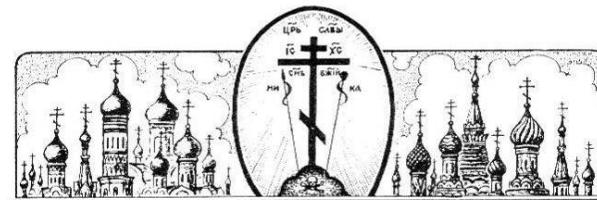
Prayers

➤ **Ill and infirm:** *Known to be hospitalized;* (none). *Home:* George Shaytar. Natalie Toooh. *Shut in, Rehabilitation, or Nursing Home:* Eleanor Kovacs, Natalie Popovich, Michael Soroka

➤ **Vigil Lights** From **Mat. Nancy K. Mell & Gregory Mell** for the departed servant, for Dn. Joseph Mell; for the health of family. From **Doris M. Wasilko** for the departed servant, Aunt Johanna Dyczko; for the health of the Wasilko family. From **Marsha Wasilko** for the newly departed servant, Aunt Johanna Dyczko; for the health of the Wasilko family. From **Charles A. Wasilko** for the health of sisters, Doris & Marsha. From **Richard & Sonia Blaha** for the newly departed servant, brother, Robert. From **Donya Yewisiak** for special intention. From **Lindy Hamilton** for the health of Elaine Hamilton.

Thank You

➤ Thank you to our **October** donors: (Bulletin \$60) from **Alexandria Tirpak**, for the health of family and in memory of Amelia Kuck; (Holy Bread \$50) from **Robert Robes** for the health of Teresa on her birthday and their anniversary; (Altar Candles \$25) from **Donya Yewisiak** in memory of Matushka Olga Soroka; (Communion Wine \$40) from **the Robes Family** in memory of Thomas Robes Sr on his birthday; (Incense \$10) from **Fr Thomas and Matushka Joni** for the health of daughter, Melanie, on her birthday.



St Nicholas Church will strive to glorify God through Orthodox Christian worship, sincere love and care for one another, and service to those in need around us.

Church School This Week

Today's Lesson: St Peter

Questions to ask/review:

- Peter was one of the Lord's greatest disciples and apostles. How are the terms "disciple" and "apostle" different?
- Give examples of Peter's role in spreading the Gospel in the early Church.
- What are some miracles done by Peter in the book of Acts?
- Why was Peter put into prison? How did he escape?
- Peter was the first bishop of what city? Why is this significant?
- Christ told Peter that "I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven". What did Christ mean?
- How did Peter die? Why?

Suggested Activities at home:

- Tell as bedtime stories or make a picture book of Peter's many stories in the Gospels: -the calling of the fishermen (Matthew 4), the healing of Peter's mother-in-law (Matthew 8), walking on water (Matthew 14), the Transfiguration (Matthew 17), the Last Supper (John 13), the denial (Matthew 26), the Resurrection (Luke 24).
- Point out crosses and remind your child that Peter died on an upside-down cross.

Prayer: Lord, fill me with the same deep love for You that Peter had.

➤ Don't forget to visit, like, and share our **Social Media pages!**
On the web at orthodoxpittsburgh.org
Facebook at facebook.com/orthodoxpittsburgh
YouTube at youtube.com/orthodoxpittsburgh
Instagram at Instagram.com/orthodoxpittsburgh

Hymns and Readings for Sunday, October 30

Tone 3 Troparion (Resurrection)

Let the heavens rejoice!
Let the earth be glad!
For the Lord has shown strength with His arm.
He has trampled down death by death.
He has become the first born of the dead.
He has delivered us from the depths of hell,
and has granted to the world//
great mercy.

Tone 4 Troparion (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 4 Troparion (Martyrs)

As brother and sister united in godliness
together you struggled in contest Zenóbius and
Zenobía.
You received incorruptible crowns
and unending glory//
and shine forth with the grace of healing upon
those in the world.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

Tone 3 Kontakion (Resurrection)

On this day Thou didst rise from the tomb, O
Merciful One,
leading us from the gates of death.
On this day Adam exults as Eve rejoices;
with the Prophets and Patriarchs//
they unceasingly praise the divine majesty of
Thy power.

Now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

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 3 Prokeimenon (Resurrection)

Sing praises to our God, sing praises! / Sing
praises to our King, sing praises! (Ps. 46:6)

Epistle of the Sunday (Galatians 1:11-19)

But I make known to you, brethren, that the
gospel which was preached by me is not
according to man. For I neither received it from
man, nor was I taught it, but it came through
the revelation of Jesus Christ.

For you have heard of my former conduct in
Judaism, how I persecuted the church of God
beyond measure and tried to destroy it. And I
advanced in Judaism beyond many of my
contemporaries in my own nation, being more
exceedingly zealous for the traditions of my
fathers.

But when it pleased God, who separated me
from my mother's womb and called me through
His grace, to reveal His Son in me, that I might
preach Him among the Gentiles, I did not
immediately confer with flesh and blood, nor
did I go up to Jerusalem to those who were
apostles before me; but I went to Arabia, and
returned again to Damascus.

Then after three years I went up to Jerusalem to
see Peter, and remained with him fifteen days.
But I saw none of the other apostles except
James, the Lord's brother.

Gospel of the Sunday (Luke 8:26-39)

Then they sailed to the country of the
Gadarenes, which is opposite Galilee. And when
He stepped out on the land, there met Him a
certain man from the city who had demons for a
long time. And he wore no clothes, nor did he
live in a house but in the tombs. When he saw
Jesus, he cried out, fell down before Him, and
with a loud voice said, "What have I to do with
You, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg You,
do not torment me!" For He had commanded the
unclean spirit to come out of the man. For it had
often seized him, and he was kept under guard,
bound with chains and shackles; and he broke
the bonds and was driven by the demon into the
wilderness.

Jesus asked him, saying, "What is your name?"

And he said, "Legion," because many demons
had entered him. And they begged Him that He
would not command them to go out into the
abyss.

Now a herd of many swine was feeding there on
the mountain. So they begged Him that He
would permit them to enter them. And He
permitted them. Then the demons went out of
the man and entered the swine, and the herd ran
violently down the steep place into the lake and
drowned.

When those who fed them saw what had
happened, they fled and told it in the city and in
the country. Then they went out to see what had
happened, and came to Jesus, and found the man
from whom the demons had departed, sitting at
the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind.
And they were afraid. They also who had seen it
told them by what means he who had been
demon-possessed was healed. Then the whole
multitude of the surrounding region of the
Gadarenes asked Him to depart from them, for
they were seized with great fear. And He got
into the boat and returned.

Now the man from whom the demons had
departed begged Him that he might be with
Him. But Jesus sent him away, saying, "Return
to your own house, and tell what great things
God has done for you." And he went his way and
proclaimed throughout the whole city what
great things Jesus had done for him.

Communion Hymn

Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in
the highest! (Ps. 148:1) Alleluia, Alleluia,
Alleluia!

Prayer against demonic snares

Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God, having struck
down the ancient serpent and bound him in
Tartarus by bonds of darkness, protect me from
his snares. Through the
prayers of our Most Holy
Lady, the Theotokos and
Ever-virgin Mary, of the
holy Archangel Michael and
all the Heavenly hosts, of
the holy Prophet and Baptist
John, of the holy Evangelist
John the Theologian, of the
holy Martyr Cyprian and the
Martyr Justinia, of St.
Nicholas the wonderworker,
of St. Nikita of Novgorod, of
St. John of Shanghai and San
Francisco, the
wonderworker, and of all the Saints, by the
power of the life-giving Cross and by the
intercession of my Guardian Angel, deliver me
from evil spirits, from cunning people, from
sorcery, curses, the evil eye, and from any
slanders of the enemy. By Thine almighty power
preserve me from evil, so that I, enlightened by
Thy light, may safely reach the quiet anchorage
of the Heavenly Kingdom and there eternally
thank Thee, my Savior, together with Thine
unoriginate Father and Thy Most Holy and Life-
giving Spirit. Amen.

