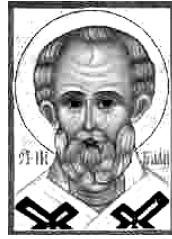


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### First Sunday after Pentecost – Sunday of All Saints

#### Schedule of Services and Activities

Wednesday, June 2<sup>nd</sup> – 6:30 PM

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Saturday, June 5<sup>th</sup> – 5:00 PM

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Sunday, June 6<sup>th</sup> – 9:30 AM

Daily Vespers

Bible Study

Great Vespers

Konevets Quartet Concert

Divine Liturgy

**Welcome** to those who are visiting with us today! If you would like more information about the Orthodox faith or would like to speak with the priest, please let our ushers know. We invite you to fill out a visitor card and drop it into the offering basket as your offering today. Please join us for coffee hour after the service!

**We warmly welcome** Fr Evgeni Peykov and his wife, Matushka Silviya to our parish today while Fr Thomas is with his family in Louisville, KY. Fr Evgeni is a newly ordained priest and is currently attached to St Mary's Church in the Southside while awaiting assignment. We are very thankful that that they are here with us!. Many years! Axios!

**A note on kneeling:** While it is the custom of some to kneel on Sundays (and they are not forbidden to do so in this parish) all are reminded of the ruling given to the entire Church by the Holy Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council in 325 AD which states: ***“Forasmuch as there are certain persons who kneel on the Lord's Day (Sunday) and in the days of Pentecost (the 50 days after Pascha), therefore, to the intent that all things may be uniformly observed everywhere (in every parish), it seems good to the holy Synod that prayer be made to God standing.”*** The reasons for standing on Sunday are clear: Because it is the Lord's Day and every Sunday is a little celebration of the Resurrection. Therefore it is appropriate that the faithful do not kneel on Sundays, because kneeling is a penitential act and is not appropriate for such a joyous day (in other words, there are six days which we ought to kneel, but not on Sundays). So, to be clear, those who grew up in the Church and were taught from a young age to kneel on Sundays, and who wish for personal reasons of conscience to maintain the practice of kneeling on Sundays, are not forbidden to do so in this parish. **However, new Orthodox Christians and those who wish to follow the more Traditional practice, are encouraged to stand on Sundays in deference to the Resurrection of Christ.**

**We are in need** of coffee hour sponsors this Summer! Please see Melissa Graff if you can help!

**Konevets Quartet Concert is rescheduled for this Saturday, June 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM.** This concert will be held in St Nicholas Church and will feature the Konevets Quartet. A free will offering will be taken (suggested donation \$10). Refreshments will be served. This concert is a Pittsburgh exclusive and will be the final concert of their US Tour.

**Our parish is sponsoring** a \$1,000 July 4<sup>th</sup> Holiday Raffle. Please see Margie Speth if you would like tickets to purchase or to sell.

**Sign up for a Standing Committee!** Can you help in the areas of finance, maintenance, membership and long-range planning? There is a sign up sheet on the Bulletin Board in the Church Hall for Standing Committee volunteers. Please sign up to use your God-given talents and help our Church community grow!

**The OCA will sponsor two concurrent events** at Baldwin Wallace College near Cleveland, OH from Sunday, June 27<sup>th</sup> to Wednesday, June 30<sup>th</sup> – the **Equipping the Saints Parish Ministries Conference** and **Orthodox Young Adult Rally**. Registration deadline is June 11<sup>th</sup>. Go to <http://oca.org> and click on the link for details.

**An Pan-Orthodox Men's Retreat** will be held at the Antiochian Village June 11<sup>th</sup> through 13<sup>th</sup> on the theme, “Exploring the Passions that Drive Us and the Virtues that Save Us.” The retreat master will be Paul Karos of Minneapolis, MN. Call 724.238.3677 x425 for more details.

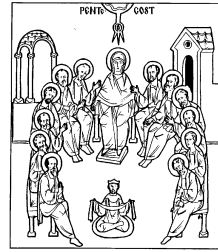
**Looking ahead:** Our parish picnic will be held at Robinson Park on Sunday, August 22<sup>nd</sup>.

**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 M. Wasilko** for the departed servants, (parents) Charles & Mary (41 years 5/26/69), Carol Lugin; for the health of the Wasilko family, Carol Kowalcheck, Rachel Robes and Janet Widel. **From Charles A. Wasilko** for the departed servants, (mother) Mary and Carol Lugin; for the health of sisters, Doris & Marsha, Janet Widel and Carol Kowalcheck. **From Alexandria Tirpak** for the departed servants (parents & grandparents) Amelia & John, Marie & Nicholas, Ann & Frank, (brother & nephew) Nicholas & Nicholas; for the health of John, Theodore, (my children), Amelia, Andrea, Richard & their families, Mildred, Violet, JoAnn; Community of St. Nicholas Parish; men & women serving our country; special intentions. **From Marsha Wasilko** for the departed servant, (mother) Mary (5/26/69); for the health of the Wasilko family, Jan Widel and Carol Kowalcheck. **From John & Nancy Pravlochak** for the departed servant, Carol Lugin; for the health of Gina Pravlochak, Julianna Hollowood & Rhys and the Pravlochak family. **From Susan Sipes Stroehlen** for the departed servant, husband, Jon. **From Bob & Mary Beth Madalinsky** for the health of our friend, Louis. **For Peter & Garnette Kerchum** for the departed servants, V. Rev. Fr. Vladimir and Mat. Olga Soroka; for the health of grandson, Michael Lopez, Jr., and Peter Kerchum, on his birthday. **From Tom & Georgiann Robes** for the health of Rachel Grace Robes. **From Donya Yewisiak** for the health of Carol Kowalcheck; for the birth of our new grandson-Rhys Hollowood; for John & Barbara Naiser on the occasion of their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. **From Tatiana Sechler** for the departed servants, Slava, Polina, Maria, Valentina, Victor, Sergei, Maxsim, Bruce, Marina, Nicolay, Tonia, Tamara; for the health of Dasha, Galina, Tatyana, Veronika, Valentina and Kristofer.

*This bulletin is offered by Marsha Wasilko in memory of all deceased family members.*

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

### **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 All Saints*

As with fine porphyry and royal purple,  
Thy Church has been adorned with Thy martyr's blood shed throughout all the world.  
She cries to Thee, O Christ God:  
Send down Thy bounties on Thy people.  
Grant peace to Thy habitation and great mercy to our souls.

### **Tone 8** *Kontakion of All Saints*

The universe offers Thee the God-bearing martyrs  
as the first fruits of creation, O Lord and Creator.  
Through the Theotokos, and their prayers, establish Thy Church in peace.

### **Tone 8** *Prokeimenon of the Sunday (Psalm 76)*

Pray and make your vows before the Lord our God!

### **Tone 4** *Prokeimenon of All Saints (Psalm 67)*

God is wonderful in His saints, the God of Israel!

### **Epistle (Heb 11:33-12:1)**

...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, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

### **Gospel (Matthew 10:32-33, 37-38; 19:27-30)**

Therefore whoever confesses Me before men, him I will also confess before My Father who is in heaven. But whoever denies Me before men, him I will also deny before My Father who is in heaven.

He who loves father or mother more than Me is not worthy of Me. And he who loves son or daughter more than Me is not worthy of Me. And he who does not take his cross and follow after Me is not worthy of Me.

Then Peter answered and said to Him, "See, we have left all and followed You. Therefore what shall we have?" So Jesus said to them, "Assuredly I say to you, that in the regeneration, when the Son of Man sits on the throne of His glory, you who have followed Me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. And everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or wife or children or lands, for My name's sake, shall receive a hundredfold, and inherit eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and the last first.

### **Communion Hymns**

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

*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.*

**Visit St. Nick's Corner!** We have a great selection of music boxes and other trinkets (generously donated by Garnette Kerchum) priced for sale! Also, all books are on sale for 20% off with an added bonus of a St. Nicholas 90th anniversary pen, Christmas CD or St. Nicholas ornament thrown in! Our T-Shirts are also discounted 20% so that you can stock up for those hot summer days! Please see Marsha Wasilko or Michelle Bittner if you would like to browse our showcase or make a purchase. Thank you.

**The Apostle's Fast** begins tomorrow (Monday) and ends on the feast of Sts Peter and Paul (June 29<sup>th</sup>).