

### The Way to the Kingdom of God

"Enter by the narrow gate; for the gate is wide and the way is easy that leads to destruction, and those who enter by it are many. But the gate is narrow and the way is difficult that leads to 'LIFE,' and those who find it are few." (Matthew 7:13-14)

### Decorum in the Church

In the Holy Temple we must maintain a deep piety and reverence, for the Lord is here invisibly present with us. Consequently, we should fix our thoughts on Him at all times.

It is important that a quiet, peaceful, and prayerful atmosphere always be preserved in God's Holy House.

"The Lord is in His Holy Temple: let all the earth keep silence before Him." (Hab. 2:20)

### Communion Prayer

I believe, O Lord, and I confess that Thou art truly the Christ, the Son of the Living God, Who camest into the world to save sinners, of whom I am first. I believe also that this is truly Thine own pure Body, and that this is truly Thine own precious Blood. Therefore I pray Thee: have mercy upon me and forgive my transgressions both voluntary and involuntary, of word and of deed, of knowledge and of ignorance. And make me worthy to partake without condemnation of Thy most pure Mysteries, for the remission of my sins, and unto life everlasting. Amen.

Of Thy Mystical Supper, O Son of God, accept me today as a communicant; for I will not speak of Thy Mystery to Thine enemies, neither like Judas will I give Thee a kiss; but like the thief will I confess Thee: Remember me, O Lord in Thy Kingdom.

May the communion of Thy Holy Mysteries be neither to my judgment, nor to my condemnation, O Lord, but to the healing of soul and body. Amen.



### *Prayer on Entering the Church*

I will come into Thy House in the multitude of Thy mercy and in Thy fear I will worship Thy Holy Temple. Lead me, O Lord, in Thy righteousness because of mine enemies; make Thy way straight before me, that with a clear mind I may glorify Thee forever, One Divine Power worshipped in three Persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

## St. Nicholas Orthodox Church

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**Sunday: Divine Liturgy 10:00 am**  
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## ST. NICHOLAS BULLETIN

Sunday, September 3, 2023

Tone 4. Epistle, 1 Cor. 16:13-24; Gospel, Matt. 21:33-42

Hieromartyr Anthimus / Ven. Theoctistus / St. Phoebe the Deaconess

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### SERVICES

THURSDAY 6 p.m. Vespers, Nativity of the Theotokos  
(St. John the Divine Church, Monessen)

FRIDAY 10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy, Nativity of the Theotokos  
(St. John the Divine Church, Monessen).

SATURDAY 6:00 p.m. Vespers (Holy Resurrection Church, Belle Vernon)

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COFFEE FELLOWSHIP HOUR will be held today following the Divine Liturgy

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FALL SCHEDULE WILL BEGIN next Sunday at 10:00 a.m.

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ST. NICHOLAS ETHNIC FOOD FAIR will take place on Saturday, September 30, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. (Take-out orders only.) Please spread the word to your friends and relatives.

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WORK SCHEDULE before the St. Nicholas Church Ethnic Food Fair:

- Tuesday, Sept. 26, 9 a.m. Steaming of cabbage
- Wednesday, Sept. 27, 9 a.m., Making of halupki and halushki
- Thursday, Sept. 28, 9 a.m., Decoration of church hall
- Saturday, Sept. 30, 8 a.m. Workers should start arriving at the church hall

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GIFT BASKETS ARE NEEDED for our upcoming Ethnic Food Fair. Please see Mat. Sandy if you would like to donate a gift basket.

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THE ARCHDIOCESE of PITTSBURGH and WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA is sponsoring a bus trip to Harrisburg, Pa. on October 16 for the Pennsylvania March for Life. More information is available at [www.ocadwpa.org](http://www.ocadwpa.org).

## VIGIL OFFERINGS – Sunday, September 3, 2023

MARY BEHANNA (Virgin Mary Kiot) – In memory of parents, Andy and Patrina Gernat (2)

GINNY and DAVE CASCIANI – For health of son, Eric

SANDY KLIZAS – In memory of Stephen and Helen Drake / In memory of Frank and June Drake / Birthday blessings for husband, Jim / Safe travel for family

SANDY CARROLL – In memory of parents, Mae and Pete Ruev

INA PRYSTASH – In memory of husband, Ralph / For health of family

RODNEY PRYSTASH – In memory of dad, Ralph / For health of family

VLAD KASH – In memory of Fr. Igor / Birthday blessings for son, David

GERALDINE ROZIK – For health of brother, Gerald / In memory of parents, Joseph and Helen Rozik / For health and welfare of our church

DR. DIMITRI and PAULINE PETRO – God's blessings upon grandson, Nicholas on his 12<sup>th</sup> birthday / For health of Christine and Alex (2) / For health of Tom and Russell (2) / For health of Ted and Joceline (2) / For health of Natalie and Rob (2) / For health of Adam, Kyra, and Luke (3)

PAULINE PETRO – For health of husband, Dimitri

SANDY AITKEN – In memory of brother, Ethan / In memory of dad, Lee / For health of mother, Pauline / For health of Aunt Bunnie / Birthday blessings for brother, Bart / Special intentions / Birthday remembrance of Aunt Rosemary

M/M NICK MILCHOVICH – Birthday blessings for son, Nicholas

MARK SOROKA – In blessed memory of father, Fr. Igor / In blessed memory of mother, Matushka Irene

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The feast of the Nativity of the Theotokos is a glorification of Mary's birth, of Mary herself and of her righteous parents. It is a celebration as well of the very first preparation of the salvation of the world. For the "Vessel of Light," the "Book of the Word of Life," the "Door to the Orient," the "Throne of Wisdom" is being prepared on earth by God Himself in the birth of the holy girl-child Mary.

Thus, on the feast of the Nativity of the Theotokos, as on all liturgical celebrations of Christ's Mother, we proclaim and celebrate that through God's graciousness to mankind every Christian receives what the Theotokos receives, the "great mercy" which is given to human persons because of Christ's birth from the Virgin.

*Your nativity, O Virgin, has proclaimed joy to the whole universe. The Sun of Righteousness, Christ our God, has shone from you, O Theotokos. By annulling the curse he bestowed a blessing. By destroying death he has granted us eternal life (Troparion).*