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Note to our Guests and Friends Visiting St. Nicholas:

We offer a most sincere and heart-felt welcome to St. Nicholas Church! Please be advised that according to the ancient traditions of the Orthodox Church, the Sacrament of Holy Communion is to be administered only to Orthodox Christians who have prepared themselves to receive the Holy Sacrament.

(Please note - Information to be included in next week's bulletin must be submitted by noon on Thursday. Thank you! ~ Jennifer N. Bzik)

Schedule for the Week of February 2, 2020

33rd SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – Tone 8. The Meeting of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, in the Temple . Sunday of Zacchaeus.

Coffee Hour Hosted By: Guliana Holobeny

Father Matthew's Office Hours This Week

Office Hours during house blessing season will be irregular. Please call if you would like to schedule an appointment to see Fr. Matthew.

Weekly Calendar

Pierogi:

Monday 6:30 am – 11:00 am

Tuesday 6:30 am – 9:00 am

Wednesday 6:30 am – 11:30 am

Friday, February 7, 2020

9:00 am to 3:00 pm – Paska Bread Baking

Saturday, February 8, 2020

5:00 pm - Confessions

6:00 pm - Vespers

Sunday, February 9, 2020 – Sunday of the Publican and the Pharisee,

Orthodox Scouting Sunday

9:10 am – Hours

9:30 am – Divine Liturgy (Church School after Communion)

Upcoming Events:

Tuesday, February 11, 2020

7:00 pm Orthodoxy on Tap

Sunday, February 16, 2020

Annual Parish Meeting after Liturgy

Friday, February 21, 2020

9:00 am to 3:00 pm Paska Bread Baking

Friday, February 28, 2020

9:00 am to 3:00 pm Paska Bread Baking

Sunday, March 29, 2020

Deadline for Paska Bread & Pierogi Sale orders

Saturday, April 11, 2020

11:00 am to 2:00 pm Paska Bread & Pierogi Sale Pick Up Day

Sunday Hymns from the Octoechos, Tone 8

Entrance Verse

The Lord hath made known His salvation; He hath revealed His righteousness before the nations.

Tone 8 Troparion (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 1 Troparion (Feast)

Rejoice, O Virgin Theotokos, Full of Grace! From thee shone the Sun of Righteousness, Christ our God, enlightening those who sat in darkness. Rejoice and be glad, O righteous Elder, thou didst accept in thine arms the Redeemer of our souls, Who grants us the Resurrection!

Tone 8 Kontakion (Resurrection)

By rising from the tomb, Thou didst raise the dead and resurrected Adam. Eve exults in Thy Resurrection, and the world celebrates Thy rising from the dead, O greatly Merciful One!

Tone 1 Kontakion (Feast)

By Thy Nativity Thou didst sanctify the Virgin's womb and didst bless Simeon's hands, O Christ God. Now Thou hast come and saved us through love. Grant peace to all Orthodox Christians, O only Lover of Man!

Tone 8 Prokeimenon (Resurrection)

~~Pray and make your vows before the Lord, our God! (Ps 75/76:11)

~~In Judah God is known; His name is great in Israel. (Ps 75/76:1)

Tone 3 Prokeimenon (Song of the Theotokos)

~~My soul doth magnify the Lord, and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Savior. (Lk 1:46-47)

Epistle Lesson for Today: 1 Timothy 4:9-15

Read by: Reader Nicholas Lezinsky

This is a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptance. For to this end we both labor and suffer reproach, because we trust in the living God, who is the Savior of all men, especially of those who believe. These things command and teach. Let no one despise your youth, but be an example to the believers in word, in conduct, in love, in spirit, in faith, in purity. Till I come, give attention to reading, to exhortation, to doctrine. Do not neglect the gift that is in you, which was given to you by prophecy with the laying on of the hands of the eldership. Meditate on these things; give yourself entirely to them, that your progress may be evident to all.

Epistle Lesson for Today: Hebrews 7:7-17

(The Meeting of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, in the Temple)

Now beyond all contradiction the lesser is blessed by the better. Here mortal men receive tithes, but there he receives them, of whom it is witnessed that he lives. Even Levi, who receives tithes, paid tithes through Abraham, so to speak, for he was still in the loins of his father when Melchizedek met him. Therefore, if perfection were through the Levitical priesthood (for under it the people received the law), what further need was there that another priest should rise according to the order of Melchizedek, and not be called according to the order of Aaron For the priesthood being changed, of necessity there is also a change of the law. For He of whom these things are spoken belongs to another tribe, from which no man has officiated at the altar. For it is evident that our Lord arose from Judah, of which tribe Moses spoke nothing concerning priesthood. And it is yet far more evident if, in the likeness of Melchizedek, there arises another priest who has come, not according to the law of a fleshly commandment, but according to the power of an endless life. For He testifies: "You are a priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek."

Alleluia Verses - Tone 8

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

~~Come, let us rejoice in the Lord! Let us make a joyful noise to God our Savior!
(Ps 94/95:1)

~~Let us come before His face with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to
Him with songs of praise! (Ps 94/95:2)

Tone 8

~~Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace, according to Thy word!
(Lk 2:29)

Gospel Lesson for Today: Luke 19:1-10

Then Jesus entered and passed through Jericho. Now behold, there was a man named Zacchaeus who was a chief tax collector, and he was rich. And he sought to see who Jesus was, but could not because of the crowd, for he was of short stature. So he ran ahead and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see Him, for He was going to pass that way. And when Jesus came to the place, He looked up and saw him, and said to him, "Zacchaeus, make haste and come down, for today I must stay at your house." So he made haste and came down, and received Him joyfully. But when they saw it, they all complained, saying, "He has gone to be a guest with a man who is a sinner." Then Zacchaeus stood and said to the Lord, "Look, Lord, I give half of my goods to the poor; and if I have taken anything from anyone by false accusation, I restore fourfold." And Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, because he also is a son of Abraham; for the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost."

Gospel Lesson for Today: Luke 2:22-40

(The Meeting of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, in the Temple)

Now when the days of her purification according to the law of Moses were completed, they brought Him to Jerusalem to present Him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, "Every male who opens the womb shall be called holy to the LORD"), and to offer a sacrifice according to what is said in the law of the Lord, "A pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons." And behold, there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon, and this man was just and devout, waiting for the Consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Christ. So he came by the Spirit into the temple. And when the parents brought in the Child Jesus, to do for Him according to the custom of the law, he took Him up in his arms and blessed God and said: "Lord, now You are letting Your servant depart in peace, according to Your word; for my eyes have seen Your salvation which You have prepared before the face of all peoples, a light to bring revelation to the Gentiles, and the glory of Your people Israel." And Joseph and His mother marveled at those things which were spoken of Him. Then Simeon blessed them, and said to Mary His mother, "Behold, this Child is destined for the fall and rising of many in Israel, and for a sign which will be spoken against (yes, a sword will pierce through your own soul also), that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed." Now there was one, Anna, a prophetess, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, and had lived with a husband seven years from her virginity; and this woman was a widow of about eighty-four years, who did not depart from the temple, but served God with fastings and prayers night and day. And coming in that instant she gave thanks to the Lord, and spoke of Him to all those who looked for redemption in Jerusalem. So when they had performed all things according to the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own city, Nazareth. And the Child grew and became strong in spirit, filled with wisdom; and the grace of God was upon Him.

Communion Hymn

~~Praise the Lord from the heavens! Praise Him in the highest! (Ps 148:1)

~~I will receive the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord. (Ps 115/116:13)

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Hymn to the Theotokos

Tone 3

O Virgin Theotokos, hope of all Christians, protect, preserve, and save those who hope in thee! In the shadow and letter of the Law, let us the faithful discern a figure: every male [child] that opens the womb is holy to God. Therefore we magnify the firstborn Word of the Father Who has no beginning, the Son firstborn of a Mother who had not known man.

Magnification

We magnify You, O Christ, the Giver of life; and we venerate Your most pure Mother, who this day according to the Law has brought You into the Temple of the Lord

Megalynaria of the 9th Ode Meeting of the Lord

(to be sung before communion)

O pure Virgin mother that which came to pass in you, is beyond thee understanding of angels and men.

Desiring to save Adam the creator took up abode in your pure and spotless womb, O virgin Mother of God.

All creation blesses you, O pure Virgin. And in faith glorifies you as the Theotokos.

O Mary Theotokos you are the mystic tongs, who conceived in your pure womb Christ Who is the Living Coal

O Virgin Theotokos, hope of all Christians protect, preserve and aid, all who put their hope in you.

Candle Offerings for Sunday, February 2, 2020

Vigils on the Tetrapod

In Memory Of Alexander Radchuk 35 years, Offered by Bill & Sandi Keysock

Vigils - Icon of the Virgin Mary

In Memory Of Anna Kanerva, Offered by Barb, Kyra, and Gregory

Votives - Icon of the Virgin Mary

In Memory Of Anna Kanerva, Offered by Barb, Kyra, and Gregory

Vigils - Icon of St. John the Baptist

In Honor of Gabriel Gowarty for his 16th Birthday
Love, Mom & Dad

Votives - Icon of St. John the Baptist

In Honor of Gabriel Gowarty for his 16th Birthday
Love, Grandma

IMO Donations Received

In Memory Of Elizabeth Ojaghian, Offered by Helen Acopian

In Memory Of Theodore Fedora, Offered by Subdeacon Michael & Michele

In Memory Of Ted Fedora, Offered by Patricia S. Grammes

In Memory Of Ted Fedora, Offered by Stephanie Pasquel

In Memory Of Ted Fedora, Offered by Catherine Miller

In Memory Of Ted Fedora, Offered by Greg & Rosalie Radio

In Memory Of Theodore Fedora, Offered by Peter & Patricia Metz

In Memory Of Ted Fedora, Offered by Mr. & Mrs. John Mikita

In Memory Of Ted Fedora, Offered by Michael & Mary Dorosh

In Memory Of Theodore Fedora, Offered by Michael & Francine Slivka

In Memory Of Ted Fedora, Offered by Lorraine Chromiak

In Memory Of Ted Fedora, Offered by Nancy Kohudic

Announcements

Candle Prices

- Decorated Candles \$10 each
- Beeswax Tapers \$1 each
- Shorter 1" dia. Beeswax Candles \$2 each
- Vigils in Colored Glass \$3 each
- 6 hr votives \$.50 each

Benefit for St. Michael's Cathedral in Sitka, AK

Thank you. Thank you. Thank you!

We are truly blessed to have such a wonderful church family to celebrate our 90th birthdays. Your generosity is overwhelming. May God Bless each and everyone for your generous donations.

Thank you for a delicious meal and all the hard work putting this spectacular coffee hour together.

Also, the beautiful pictures. Thank you Barry!

Presently, donations collected total over \$ 7000.00. We will be sending the money to Alaska after this Sunday. If anyone still would like to contribute please see Judy Lezinsky.

This is the Day which the Lord has made. Let Us Rejoice!

Paul and Dorothy Havrilko

Announcements

Thank You

To my wonderful parish family, thank you so much for your love and support during this difficult time. Your prayers, cards and calls have been very much appreciated. A special thank you to our wonderful Choir who sounded beautiful as they always do.

~Betty Fedora~

Annual Parish Meeting Reports Available

The Annual Parish Meeting will be held on Sunday, February 16, 2020. Please be advised that the agenda and reports are now available at the candle desk for review prior to the meeting. Please stop by to pick up a copy at your convenience.

Upcoming Scout Sunday Information Request

Next Sunday is Orthodox Scouting Sunday, and we would like to recognize all of our current and former scouts. If you know of anyone who is new to scouting or had not been listed in the past, please let Jennifer Bzik know (by Thursday morning) so that all of our scouts names can be included in the bulletin.

Announcements

Annual Church Office Elections

What you need to know to vote in the Annual Parish Meeting being held on February 16, 2020 and to run for Church Office: According to our By-Laws in order to vote and participate in the discussions you must be a member at least 18 years of age and in good standing (both financially and sacramentally) for one (1) year. In order to run for Church Office you must be a member in good standing for two (2) years, same as above.

If you are interested in running for Church Office please contact Father Matthew Joyner or any one of the Nominating Committee members who are Bryan Distefano, Moses Hodson and Guliana Holobenly.

Please note the Parish Council Vice President and Secretary are chosen by and from the newly elected Parish Council to serve for one (1) year terms.

Parish Council Officer Positions:

Parish Council President (one year)

Treasurer (one year)

Financial Secretary (one year)

Parish Council Positions:

Three (3) three year terms

One (1) one year term

Auditor Positions:

Four (4) one year terms

New St. Nicholas Ministry!

We are seeking volunteers to develop a Property Care Ministry for the parish. In general, volunteers will routinely check the property and grounds 1x a month and identify areas that require attention or repair. Volunteers will report monthly findings to the parish administrative assistant so it can be determined if repairs will be contracted "out" or if they can be done by "in-house" volunteers with handy abilities. If you are interested in leading the monthly property checks and/or would like to be called upon for your handy services, please sign-up at the candle desk. If you have any questions, please contact Denise Distefano or Jennifer Bzik.

Announcements

House Blessing Schedule

The House Blessing Schedule is posted on the bulletin board. If you are not listed but would like to have your house blessed, please contact Fr. Matthew.

Paska Bread & Pierogi Sale

Please contact Maxine Marsh to place orders for the Paska Bread & Pierogi Sale. Orders must be placed by noon on Sunday, March 29, 2020 and picked up on Saturday, April 11, 2020 between 11:00 am and 2:00 pm.

Orthodoxy on Tap February 11, 2020

Come join us at Orthodoxy on Tap for an evening of fellowship and discussion. Guest speaker Zach Sokol will present on the topic "The Intersection between Faith and Science." Fegley's Brew Works in Bethlehem, Feb. 11th at 7:00pm. Email metz.mike747@gmail.com for questions.

Upcoming Events Information Request

If your church ministry or group will be having any event or using the church facilities in any way, please notify Jennifer Bzik so that she may reflect the information on our internal calendar. You may also indicate if the event should be posted on the church website for the public. Thank you!

Please Help Me Be Accurate!

When you're signing up for things at the candle desk, please print clearly so that I can use accurate information with correct spellings. I am human, so mistakes will happen, but your neatness is a big help in getting things right as much as possible. Thank you!!! ~~~ Jennifer Bzik

Announcements

In the Beginning: A Study of the Book of Genesis

Presented by Father Matthew

Sundays after Coffee Hour

All parishioners are welcome and encouraged to attend!



Looking for a gift for someone?

We've got a perfect way to say "Thanks!"
or "I'm Thinking of You".

Grocery Gift Cards are the ideal gift that everyone can use. When you purchase a gift card from our parish, you are helping our parish earn 5% income every time on each card. Last year alone, your card purchases helped raise \$2,000 for our church.

Participating stores are: Giant, Valley Farm, and Weis Markets. Card denominations are \$10, \$20, \$25, \$50, and \$100. Special value cards for \$200 and \$300 may be ordered upon request with advance notice. Cards do not expire, so please consider purchasing a Grocery Gift Card the next time you need to buy a gift for someone. Better yet, why not get yourself a grocery gift card to use for your weekly shopping purchases and help earn some money for our parish!

See Stephanie Pasquel for Grocery Gift Cards. (Cash or checks please.)

Heavenly Father...

Physician of our souls and bodies, Who has sent Your only-begotten Son to heal every sickness and infirmity, visit and heal us, Your Servants, from all physical and spiritual ailments, through the grace of Your Son, Jesus Christ. Grant to us patience in this sickness, strength of body, and recovery of health. Lord, You have taught us through Your Word to pray for each other that we may be healed. For You are the source of healing, and to You we give glory; Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

Prayers at the Divine Liturgy for the Health of the Servants of God:

Igumen David Lewis

Archbishop David Mahaffey

Archpriests: Thomas Edwards, John Perich, Rodion Pfeifer, James Mason, Claude Vinyard, Dimitri Oselinsky, David Shewczyk, Dennis Swenki, James Weremedic

Priests: Matthew Joyner, Ian Shipley, John Nightingale

Matushki: Ashley Joyner, Marie Mason, Johanna Bohush, Evelyn Edwards, Paraskeva Vansuch, Myra Kovalak, Gloria Martin, Irene Rachko, Maryann Oselinsky, Priscilla Shipley, Katia Vansuch, Lisa Weremedic

Servants: Bethany Bruder, Mary Brzuchalski, Jean Butrymowicz, Helen & George Cotirgasanu, Roberta Cusick, Val Danchenko, Christopher Felix, Olga Frimenko, Patricia G. Fu, Barbara Horsky, David Gowarty, Walter Grigoruk, Rachel Hardesty, Nicholas Hazzard, Jonathan Hontz, Michael H. Isbansky, Doris Johnson, Sarah Jubinski, Pauline Kasick, Greg Konsevitch, Mary K. Koretski, Stephanie Koretski, David Lezinsky, Judy Lezinsky, Olga Maksimova, Peter Marsh, Lanelle Mikolaitis, Catherine Miller, Mary Orzolek, Ryan Pinkowicz, Kiera Pheiffer, Gordon Roberts, Clara Roman, Victoria Ross, Mary Ruzila, Nancy A. Sabol, Robert Schainfeld, Pauline Senick, Cate Shea, Julia Smith, Julia G. Smolenski, Mary Strohecker, Ola Tatusko, John Uzick, Irene Witanek

Child of God: Emily Estrin, The newborn Liliana Roberts

Handmaidens of God: Mat. Ashley Joyner, Jamee Bresee-Slivka, Emily Guiducci, Leona Roberts & their unborn children

Please remember them and all our homebound and nursing home parishioners in your daily intercessory prayers.

CHRISTIANS ARE MARKED PEOPLE

St. Paul once said, "From now on let no man trouble me, for I bear on my body the marks of the Lord Jesus." This is a fascinating statement. Keep in mind it was the custom in those days to brand upon the body of a slave a mark of ownership. The burning by a brand was also used in cases of theft or great crime. So that, in St. Paul's time, anyone who was branded with a mark, was identified, either as a slave or criminal.

Yet St. Paul was not ashamed to apply this idea to himself and his Master, Christ. He said, "I am a slave, the slave of Christ, and I am not ashamed to carry with me this mark which identifies me as Christ's man."

Numerous whippings and stonings had left their scars on St. Paul, signifying the suffering that he bore for Christ. Fortunately, Christians are not subjected to such physical tortures in America today. Still, there should be some marks of our love for Christ, something about us that proudly identifies us as followers of Him. Through the mysteries of Baptism and of Chrismation, in which we are "sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit," there is placed an indelible mark upon us.

As we live our lives, the ownership of us by Christ should be obvious to the world. Our lives could be marked by kindness and love to others. There could be the mark of honesty, of worship, of service. There could be the mark of learning and loving God's Word.

One did not have to ask martyrs, confessors or saints their faith - it was crystal clear to all with whom they came into contact. Their way of living reflected Christ. Christians are marked people. Let all see the indelible seal of the cross that is upon us.

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Daily Scripture Readings

Week of January 27, 2020

Monday	James 2:14-26	Mark 10:46-52
Tuesday	James 3:1-10	Mark 11:11-23
Wednesday	James 3:11-4:6	Mark 11:22-26
Thursday	James 4:7-5:9	Mark 11:27-33
Friday	1 Peter 1:1-2, 10-12, 2:6-10	Mark 12:1-12
Saturday	1 Thessalonians 5:14-23	Luke 17:3-10
Sunday	1 Timothy 4:9-15	Luke 19:1-10
	Hebrews 7:7-17	Luke 2:22-40