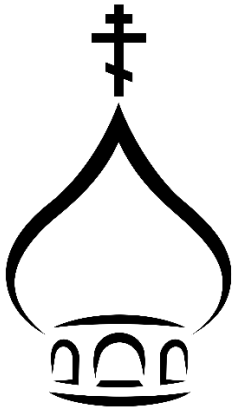




An Ancient Mosaic of the Last Judgment.
Christ is enthroned, separating the sheep from the goats.

MEATFARE SUNDAY

Take this time to reflect
on the ways you are serving the less fortunate
mentioned by Jesus in the Gospel



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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)

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Schedule for the Week of February 23, 2020

SUNDAY OF MEATFARE – Tone 3. Sunday of the Last Judgment.

Hieromartyr Polycarp, Bishop of Smyrna (167). Ven. Polycarp of Briansk (1620-1621). Ven. John, Antiochus, Antoninus, Moses, Zebinas, Polychronius, Moses, and Damian, Ascetics, of the Syrian deserts (5th c.). Ven. Alexander, founder of the Monastery of the “Unsleeping Ones” (ca. 430). Ven. Damian of Esphigmenou (Mt. Athos–1280). Monastic Martyr Damian of Philotheou (1568).

Coffee Hour Hosted By: Karen, Denise & Carmen

Father Matthew’s Office Hours This Week

Tuesday 12:00 pm – 6:00 pm

Friday 9:00 am – 1:00 pm

Weekly Calendar

Pierogi:

Monday 6:30 am – 11:00 am

Tuesday 6:30 am – 9:00 am

Wednesday 6:30 am – 11:30 am

Saturday, February 29, 2020 - 5:00 pm – Confessions
6:00 pm – Vespers

Sunday, March 1, 2020 - Sunday of Cheesefare, Forgiveness Sunday
9:10 am – Hours
9:30 am – Divine Liturgy
Church School after Communion
Forgiveness Vespers after Coffee Hour

Upcoming Events and Services

- Monday, March 2, 2020**----- 7:00 pm Great Canon of St. Andrew of Crete
- Tuesday, March 3, 2020**-----7:00 pm Great Canon of St. Andrew of Crete
- Wednesday, March 4, 2020**-----6:00 pm Presanctified Liturgy
- Thursday, March 5, 2020**-----7:00 pm Great Canon of St. Andrew of Crete
- Friday, March 6, 2020**----- 9:00 am to 3:00 pm Paska Bread Baking
7:00 pm Great Canon of St. Andrew of Crete
- Saturday, March 7, 2020**----- 9:00 am Divine Liturgy St. Theodore the Recruit
5:15 pm - Monthly Panikhida
6:00 pm - Vespers (Confessions to follow)
- Sunday, March 8, 2020**----- The Sunday of Orthodoxy, with procession around the Church with the Icons
9:10 am - Hours
9:30 am - Divine Liturgy (Church School after Communion
4:00 pm Sunday of Orthodoxy Service at St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Cathedral, Bethlehem
- Tuesday, March 10, 2020**----- 7:00 pm Communication Group Meeting
- Wednesday, March 11, 2020**-----6:00 pm Presanctified Liturgy
- Friday, March 13, 2020**----- 7:00 pm Akathist
- Saturday, March 14, 2020**----- 9:00 am Memorial Saturday Divine Liturgy
5:00 pm - Confessions
6:00 pm - Vespers

Sunday, March 15, 2020----- 9:30 am Divine Liturgy St. Gregory Palamas
4:00 pm St. Gregory Palamas Pan-Orthodox
Lenten Vespers at St. Philip (Antiochian)
Orthodox Church, Souderton

Tuesday, March 17, 2020----- 7:00 pm Christian Education Meeting

Wednesday, March 18, 2020---6:00 pm Presanctified Liturgy

Friday, March 20, 2020----- 7:00 pm Akathist

Saturday, March 21, 2020----- 9:00 am Memorial Saturday Divine Liturgy
5:00 pm - Confessions
6:00 pm - Vespers

Sunday, March 22, 2020----- 9:30 am Divine Liturgy Veneration of the
Cross
4:00 pm Veneration of Precious Cross Pan-
Orthodox Lenten Vespers at St. Mary's
Ukrainian Orthodox Church, Allentown

Tuesday, March 24, 2020----- 7:00 pm Active Service Meeting

Wednesday, March 25, 2020---6:00 pm Vespersal Divine Liturgy Annunciation

Friday, March 27, 2020----- 7:00 pm Akathist

Saturday, March 28, 2020----- 9:00 am Memorial Saturday Divine Liturgy
5:00 pm - Confessions
6:00 pm - Vespers

Sunday, March 29, 2020----- Deadline for Paska Bread & Pierogi Sale
orders
9:30 am Divine Liturgy St. John Climacus
4:00 pm St. John Climacus Pan-Orthodox
Lenten Vespers at St. Nicholas Russian
Orthodox Church, Bethlehem

Wednesday, April 1, 2020-----6:00 pm Presanctified Liturgy

Thursday, April 2, 2020----- 7:00 pm Great Canon of St. Andrew of Crete
with the Life of St. Mary of Egypt

Friday, April 3, 2020----- 7:00 pm Akathist

Saturday, April 4, 2020----- 9:00 am Divine Liturgy Most Holy Theotokos
5:15 pm - Monthly Panikhida
6:00 pm - Vespers (Confessions to follow)

Sunday, April 5, 2020----- 9:30 am Divine Liturgy St. Mary of Egypt
4:00 pm St. Mary of Egypt Pan-Orthodox
Lenten Vespers at St. Paul Antiochian
Orthodox Church, Emmaus

Wednesday, April 8, 2020-----6:00 pm Presanctified Liturgy

Friday, April 10, 2020----- 7:00 pm Matins for Lazarus Saturday

Saturday, April 11, 2020----- 9:00 am Divine Liturgy Lazarus Saturday
11:00 am to 2:00 pm Paska Bread & Pierogi
Sale Pick Up Day
5:00 pm - Confessions
6:00 pm - Vespers

Sunday, April 12, 2020----- 9:30 am Divine Liturgy Palm Sunday
4:00 pm Bridegroom Matins

Monday, April 13, 2020----- 9:00 am Presanctified Liturgy Holy Monday
7:00 pm Bridegroom Matins

Tuesday, April 14, 2020----- 9:00 am Presanctified Liturgy Holy Tuesday
7:00 pm Bridegroom Matins

Wednesday, April 15, 2020-----9:00 am Presanctified Liturgy Holy
Wednesday
7:00 Holy Unction

Thursday, April 16, 2020-----9:00 am Divine Liturgy of St. Basil Holy
Thursday
7:00 pm The 12 Passion Gospels

Friday, April 17, 2020-----9:00 am Royal Hours Holy Friday
4:00 pm Burial Vespers
6:30 pm Matins - Lamentations
All Night Watch

Saturday, April 18, 2020-----9:00 am Vesperal Divine Liturgy Holy
Saturday
11:30 pm Paschal Vigil and Divine Liturgy
Followed by the blessing of baskets and the
Agape meal

Sunday, April 19, 2020----- 11:00 am Agape Vespers PASCHA

Monday, April 20, 2020-----9:00 am Divine Liturgy Bright Monday

Saturday, April 25, 2020-----5:45 pm Ninth Hour
6:00 pm Great Vespers

Sunday, April 26, 2020-----9:30 am Divine Liturgy St. Thomas Sunday
2:00 pm Blessing of the Graves

Monday, May 18, 2020-----Pennsylvania March For Life (Harrisburg, PA)

Sunday Hymns from the Octoechos, Tone 3

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 1 Kontakion (from the Lenten Triodion)

When Thou, O God, shalt come to earth with glory, all things shall tremble, and the river of fire shall flow before Thy judgment seat; the books shall be opened, and the hidden things disclosed; then deliver me from the unquenchable fire, and make me worthy to stand at Thy right hand, O Righteous Judge!

Tone 3 Prokeimenon

Great is our Lord, and abundant in power, His understanding is beyond measure. (Ps 146/147:5)

Praise the Lord! For it is good to sing praises to our God! (Ps 146/147:1)

Epistle Lesson for Today: 1 Corinthians 8:8-9:2

Read by: Reader Michael Metz

But food does not commend us to God; for neither if we eat are we the better, nor if we do not eat are we the worse. But beware lest somehow this liberty of yours become a stumbling block to those who are weak. For if anyone sees you who have knowledge eating in an idol's temple, will not the conscience of him who is weak be emboldened to eat those things offered to idols? And because of your knowledge shall the weak brother perish, for whom Christ died? But

when you thus sin against the brethren, and wound their weak conscience, you sin against Christ. Therefore, if food makes my brother stumble, I will never again eat meat, lest I make my brother stumble. Am I not an apostle? Am I not free? Have I not seen Jesus Christ our Lord? Are you not my work in the Lord? If I am not an apostle to others, yet doubtless I am to you. For you are the seal of my apostleship in the Lord.

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 presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise. (Ps 94/95:2)

Gospel Lesson for Today: Matthew 25:31-46

When the Son of Man comes in His glory, and all the holy angels with Him, then He will sit on the throne of His glory. All the nations will be gathered before Him, and He will separate them one from another, as a shepherd divides his sheep from the goats. And He will set the sheep on His right hand, but the goats on the left. Then the King will say to those on His right hand, 'Come, you blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world: for I was hungry and you gave Me food; I was thirsty and you gave Me drink; I was a stranger and you took Me in; I was naked and you clothed Me; I was sick and you visited Me; I was in prison and you came to Me.' Then the

righteous will answer Him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see You hungry and feed You, or thirsty and give You drink? When did we see You a stranger and take You in, or naked and clothe You? Or when did we see You sick, or in prison, and come to You?' And the King will answer and say to them, 'Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did it to one of the least of these My brethren, you did it to Me.' Then He will also say to those on the left hand, 'Depart from Me, you cursed, into the everlasting fire prepared for the devil and his angels: for I was hungry and you gave Me no food; I was thirsty and you gave Me no drink; I was a stranger and you did not take Me in, naked and you did not clothe Me, sick and in prison and you did not visit Me.' Then they also will answer Him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see You hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to You?' Then He will answer them, saying, 'Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to Me.' And these will go away into everlasting punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

Communion Hymn

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

Hymn to the Theotokos

It is truly meet to bless you, O Theotokos, ever-blessed and most pure, and the Mother of our God. More honorable than the Cherubim, and more glorious beyond compare than the Seraphim; without defilement you gave birth to God the Word; true Theotokos, we magnify you.

Candle Offerings for Sunday, February 23, 2020

Vigils in Altar

Happy Birthday Sarah Jubinski, Offered by Peter, Dan & Jean Jubinski

Vigils in Altar

In Memory Of Michael Uzick, Offered by Dorothy Stafiniak

Vigils in Altar

In Memory Of Elizabeth Uzick, Offered by Dorothy Stafiniak

Votives in Altar

In Memory Of Dmitry Guanowsky, Offered by the Guanowsky Family

Vigils on the Tetrapod

For Health Of Nadya Seifert, Offered by Bill & Sandi Keysock

Vigils - Icon of the Virgin Mary

In Memory Of Mary Keysock, Offered by Bill & Sandi Keysock

Vigils - Icon of St. John the Baptist

In Memory Of Michael J. Isbansky, Offered by Shirley & Mike Isbansky

Announcements

Reminder to all Revitalization Groups!

During Lent, all meetings will move to Tuesday evenings due to the Wednesday Pre-Sanctified Lenten services:

Communication Meeting Tuesday March 10, 7:00 pm

Christian Education Meeting Tuesday March 17, 7:00 pm

Active Service Meeting Tuesday March 24, 7:00

Contact Information Update

Over the next few weeks, we will be working to update the contact information that we have on file for each person, in the hopes that we can soon print an updated directory. Please see Jennifer Bzik during coffee hour to verify your information. Even if your information is correct in the most recent directory, please take a moment to confirm everything, as all information has been entered into a new system. There is a printed sheet for each individual (including children) that should be reviewed and returned to Jennifer Bzik. We are also collecting information about the ministries and church groups that you currently participate in or may be interested in learning about. Your help is greatly appreciated as we move towards modernizing our methods of communication!

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.

Announcements



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.)

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

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!

Announcements

**Throughout the year, please remember those
in our parish family who are homebound.**

Mrs. Jean Butrymowicz

Mr. Walter Grigoruk

Mr. Andrew Hasenecz

Mrs. Doris Johnson

Mrs. Helen Karel

Mrs. Pauline Kasick

Miss Mary K. Koretski

Mrs. Antoinette Lebeduik

Mrs. Theresa Nalepa

Mat. Irene Rachko

Ms. Nancy Sabol

Mrs. Julia Smolenski

Mrs. Ola Tatusko

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, Cate Shea, Julia Smith, Julia G. Smolenski, Mary Strohecker, Ola Tatusko, John Uzick, Irene Witanek

Child of God: Emily Estrin

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.

WHAT A MESSAGE FOR OUR TIME!



In this **MEATFARE SUNDAY**, we are presented with an inspiring message of profound importance. In the Gospel of St. Matthew, Jesus instructs us of His standard of judgment. He informs us: **"Whatsoever you did to the least of these My brothers and sisters, you did to Me."**

Who are these **"least brethren"** that we are to minister to? The Lord identifies them in the Gospel narrative: the hungry, the thirsty, the stranger (homeless), the naked, the sick, the imprisoned – folks in our neighborhood and in our world. How are we to minister to them? By meeting their needs – with food, water, shelter, by comforting, by visitation – in a word, by caring and doing what we can to alleviate their dire needs.

Helping such people is a satisfying work in itself. Such ministration to others leaves a warm feeling in our souls. But, there is much more to this activity. What we do to people in such circumstances, we do unto Christ Himself! Imagine the impact of that identification. Our Lord, in a way, identifies Himself with the poor, the homeless, the sick, the suffering. And, even more, the result of such a caring, praying life, is to be embraced by the Lord in eternity.

Christ is the One who set an example for us. We have been given our instructions: **"Love one another, as I have loved you."** Will we follow them?

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Daily Scripture Readings

Week of February 24, 2020

Monday	3 John 1:1-15	Luke 19:29-40, 22:7-39
Tuesday	Jude 1:1-10	Luke 22:39-42, 45-23:1
Wednesday	Joel 2:12-26	Joel 3:12-21
Thursday	Jude 1:11-25	Luke 23:2-34, 44-56
Friday	Zechariah 8:7-17	Zechariah 8:19-23
Saturday	Romans 14:19-23, 16:25-27	Matthew 6:1-13
Sunday	Romans 13:11-14:4	Matthew 6:14-21