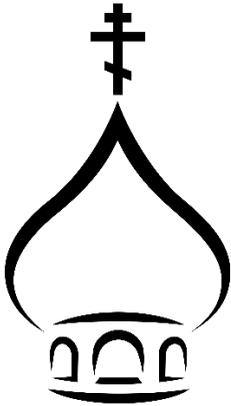


# **Divine Liturgy**

Sunday, October 4, 2020

**Hieromartyr Hierotheus, Bishop of Athens**



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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 Sunday's bulletin must be submitted by noon on Thursday. Thank you! ~ Jennifer N. Bzik)*

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# Schedule for the Week of October 4, 2020

**17th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – Tone 8.** Hieromartyr Hierotheus, Bishop of Athens (1st c.). Uncovering of the Relics of St. Gurias, first Archbishop of Kazan, and St. Varsonúphy (Barsanuphius), Bishop of Tver' (1595). Synaxis of the Hierarchs of Kazan' (1976). Rt. Blv. Prince Vladimir Yaroslavich, Prince of Novgorod (1052). Ven. Helladius and Onesimus of the Kiev Caves (Near Caves–12th-13th c.). Ven. Ammon, Recluse, of the Kiev Caves (Far Caves–13th c.). Martyrs Gaius, Faustus, Eusebius, and Chæremon, of Alexandria (3rd c.). Martyr Peter of Capetolis (3rd-4th c.). Martyrs Domnina and her daughters Berenice and Prosdoce of Syria (305-306). Ven. Ammon (ca. 350) and Paul the Simple (4th c.), of Egypt. St. Stephen Stiljjanovich of Serbia (1515).

## Weekly Calendar

*(All Parishioners must review and follow the St. Nicholas Church Reopening Guidance when attending services in person.)*

**Wednesday, October 7, 2020**

7:00 pm – Readers Vespers (Live Stream will also be available)

**Thursday, October 8, 2020**

12:00 pm – Deadline for RSVP for Saturday Vespers and/or Sunday Liturgy

**Saturday, October 10, 2020**

6:00 pm – Great Vespers (Live Stream will also be available)

**Sunday, October 11, 2020**

9:30 am – Divine Liturgy (Live Stream will also be available)  
10:45 am – Communion for Parish Children (Wait outside the main Church Doors)  
Outdoor Fellowship Gathering to follow the Divine Liturgy (weather permitting)

# **Announcements**

## **Wedding Banns**

**Julianne Marie Metz**, of the Orthodox Faith and **Kyle Jordan Kahl**, of the Lutheran Faith desire to enter into the sacred union of Holy Matrimony at St. Nicholas Russian Orthodox Church, Bethlehem on Sunday, October 25, 2020. Should there be any reason(s) these person should not be united in Holy Matrimony according to the Rites of the Holy Eastern Orthodox Church, the rector should be notified.

~Fr. Matthew Joyner

## **Thank You from Mother Karitina**

It touches my heart to know that your parishioners continue to bring their cards. God bless each one for doing so. Your parish has been exceptionally faithful. I will send you some cards in a few days to give to the parishioners-- a tiny thank you to all of you. I appreciate your faithfulness and effort.

By the way, I have one ABC icon book ready to go to a home. If there is a little one under five, maybe a grandmother would like to give it as a Christmas gift. It has 15 pages and costs \$22.50, plus about \$4.00 for shipping.

(Inquiries may be directed to Mother Karitina, Transfiguration Orthodox Monastery, 321 Monastery Lane, Ellwood City PA 16117, or ph. 724-758-4002)



*The Orthodox Church in America*  
DIOCESE OF PHILADELPHIA AND EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA  
*The Most Rev. Mark, Archbishop of Philadelphia*

October 1, 2020

## *October is Clergy Appreciation Month*

Dear to God,

Christ is in our midst! October is clergy appreciation month and the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday, October 11 is nationally recognized as Pastor Appreciation Day. Our clergy are available 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Clergy often have family events interrupted, including vacation time to minister to one of their flock.

Sadly, clergy are more likely to hear when someone is unhappy, but like the Ten Lepers in the Gospel, those who are pleased with their pastor often say nothing. The rate of clergy burnout is astounding (<https://www.pastoralcareinc.com/statistics/>), with around 1500 clergy a month leaving active ministry. In a recent article published on line the author lists six reasons why some clergy are ready to quit (<https://churchanswers.com/blog/six-reasons-your-pastor-is-about-to-quit/?fbclid=IwAR24hYx6exl1Zdqfvk7xw74xva3T3bqM8MGeZ3mgRhA69DYj7X5dYB-OHRw>). Much of the article has to do with trying to navigate through the Coronavirus requirements and related parishioners' conflicting demands and complaints about how to do so.

Unfortunately, some people believe the role of the clergy is to make them happy! Yet, the role of the priest is not to make people happy, it is to make them Holy! When I went to my second parish the council chairman greeted me and said, Fr. Mark your only role here is to make people happy. Without skipping a beat, I responded, "Our Lord, took on our Humanity, opened the eyes of the blind, the ears of the deaf, healed the withered hand, cleansed the lepers, raised up the lame and raised the dead, and they nailed Him to a tree! Why would I expect to be treated differently?" As far as pleasing the faithful, there are always a few who will never be happy with any priest. Anyone in a leadership position who talks behind the priest back should resign immediately for the good of the parish and his or her own salvation. A house divided cannot stand.

Our clergy are entrusted with a stewardship by the Lord for which they will answer. Let us pray that our clergy will always rise above seeking the praise of men, and seek to be faithful to their high calling and seek to please the Lord in all things.

For Clergy Appreciation Month, I would ask our Parish Councils to request the faithful of their parish to consider showing their appreciation in a few ways:

1. Attend the services regularly and all classes intended to enrich our faith.
2. Send a card and state five things you sincerely appreciate about your priest, as well as his matushka and family.
3. Consider either jointly or personally giving gift card(s) for the clergy's favorite coffee shop or restaurant.
4. Check out this list of possible gifts (<https://thepurposefulmom.com/15-gift-ideas-for-your-pastor.html>).

Finally, telling your pastor and his family you appreciate them should not just be limited to the month of October. Years ago, I remember hearing from a priest, *for every negative comment, we need to offer a hundred 'atta boys.'* Let us always seek to build one another up.

Your unworthy father in Christ,

+ Mark

+ MARK, Archbishop of Philadelphia and the Diocese of Eastern Pennsylvania



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"Thou hast made us for Thyself, O Lord, and our heart is restless until it finds its rest in Thee." August

# Announcements

## Announcements are back!!!

If you have something that you would like to have included in the bulletin for next Sunday, please provide the information to Jennifer Bzik by noon on Thursday. Thank you all for your patience and understanding as we figure out new ways to do things during this challenging time.



## 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.)

**Grocery Gift Cards are still available during social distancing. Please contact Stephanie Pasquel for details.**

# Divine Liturgy

Sunday, October 4, 2020

**Hieromartyr Hierotheus, Bishop of Athens**

**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**      *(Hieromartyr Hierotheus)*

We the faithful all praise Hierótheus, the disciple of Paul, Hierarch of Athens, the world's teacher and a preacher of the Faith, who revealed to us Christ's Mysteries and poured forth streams of godly doctrine. His life was well-pleasing to God, Who is greatly merciful.

**Tone 8      Kontakion**      *(Resurrection)*

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

**Tone 8      Kontakion**      *(Hieromartyr Hierotheus)*

Hierarch of Athens, we praise thee for thou hast instructed us in awesome and ineffable things, and thou wast revealed to be a divinely-inspired writer of hymns. Pray that we be delivered from every kind of sin, so that we may cry to thee: Rejoice, divinely-wise Father Hierotheus!

**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)*

## **Epistle**

(2 Corinthians 6:16-7:1) And what agreement has the temple of God with idols? For you are the temple of the living God. As God has said: "I will dwell in them and walk among them. I will be their God, and they shall be My people." Therefore "Come out from among them and be separate, says the Lord. Do not touch what is unclean, and I will receive you." "I will be a Father to you, and you shall be My sons and daughters, says the LORD Almighty." Therefore, having these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.

## **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)*

## **Gospel**

(Luke 6:31-36) And just as you want men to do to you, you also do to them likewise. But if you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. And if you lend to those from whom you hope to receive back, what credit is that to you? For even sinners lend to sinners to receive as much back. But love your enemies, do good, and lend, hoping for nothing in return; and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High. For He is kind to the unthankful and evil. Therefore be merciful, just as your Father also is merciful.

## **Communion Hymn**

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

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:**

**Metropolitan Theodosios**

**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, Maryann Oselinsky, Priscilla Shipley, Katia Vansuch, Lisa Weremedic

**Servants:** Bethany Bruder, Mary Brzuchalski, Helen Cotirgasanu, Roberta Cusick, Val Danchenko, Christopher Felix, Olga Frimenko, Patricia G. Fu, David Gowarty, Patricia Grammes, Walter Grigoruk, Rachel Hardesty, Nicholas Hazzard, Jonathan Hontz, Michael H. Isbansky, Sarah Jubinski, Pauline Kasick, Mary K. Koretski, Stephanie Koretski, David Lezinsky, Judy Lezinsky, Olga Maksimova, Peter Marsh, Lanelle Mikolaitis, Catherine Miller, Mary Orzolek, Kylie Pinho, 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 Witaneck

**Child of God:** Emily Estrin

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