

# **Divine Liturgy**

Sunday, October 11, 2020

**Commemoration of the Holy Fathers of the 7th Ecumenical Council**



**SAINT NICHOLAS**  
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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 11, 2020

**18th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – Tone 1. Fathers of the 7th Ecumenical Council.** Holy Apostle Philip of the Seventy, one of the Seven Deacons (1st c.). St. Theophanes the Confessor and Hymnographer, Bishop of Nicæa (ca. 850). Ven. Theophanes, Faster, of the Kiev Caves (Near Caves–12th c.). Ven. Leo of Optina (1841). Synaxis of the Optina elders. Martyrs Zenaïs (Zinaída) and Philonilla, of Tarsus in Cilicia (1st c.).

## Weekly Calendar

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

**Wednesday, October 14, 2020**

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

**Thursday, October 15, 2020**

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

**Saturday, October 17, 2020**

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

**Sunday, October 18, 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

## Prayers for Archbishop David's Health

Parish Faithful,

Of your charity please keep in prayer our beloved former rector, His Eminence, Archbishop David. His Eminence has been diagnosed with renal cancer and will be undergoing treatment in Indiana. Below please find an official statement from the Diocese of Alaska regarding Archbishop David's health. You may also read the statement here: <https://www.doaoca.org/ourarchbishopshealth>

October 5, 2020 Prophet Jonah (9th c. B.C.).

Dearly beloved Monastics, Clergy and Faithful of this God-protected Diocese of Alaska,

I have been diagnosed with renal cancer and will be receiving care in Indiana in the coming weeks. I want to assure you of my love and arch-pastoral prayers on your behalf even as I have to leave Alaska. I ask for you to remember me in your daily prayers. We will post regular updates on this page to keep you informed of my progress.

As I face this diagnosis I'm inspired by the admonishment of our heavenly intercessor and protector Saint Herman of Alaska:

"From this day, from this hour, from this moment; let us love God and do His Holy Will."

My dearly beloved, pray for me, that I live these words as I fight the good fight and keep the faith!

+ Archbishop DAVID

Please keep His Eminence in your God pleasing prayers.

Fr. Matthew Joyner

# **Announcements**

## **Directory Update**

Mr. and Mrs. Michael and Amber Metz  
7070 Hunt Drive  
Macungie, PA 18062

## **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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# 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.**





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Dear to God,

September 29, 2020

Christ is in our midst! He is and ever shall be! By the grace of God, we have another seminarian this year, Dn. John Black and Matushka Alexandra. Dn. John served Holy Trinity in Pottstown and his parents worked with St. Tikhon's Summer Camp for years. He is attending St. Vladimir's Orthodox Theological Seminary in New York. Dn. John and Matushka Alexandra have four children, Evyn, 22; Lydia, 18; Joshua, 11 and Noah, 9.

Seminarians are responsible for raising half their tuition money each semester, approximately \$3,000, as well as cover costs of books, supplies, rent, utilities, groceries, etc. As Evyn is in college, Dn. John also has that expense as well.

Our parishes and faithful have been very generous in supporting our seminarians and I pray you will continue to do so. If you would like to assist Dn. John and Matushka Alexandra and their family as they prepare for parish ministry, you may send a check directly to them at:

Dn. John M. Black  
St Vladimir's Seminary  
575 Scarsdale Rd  
Yonkers, NY 10707-1699

Once again thank you for your generosity and support of our seminarians.

Yours in Christ,

+ Mark

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**Tone 1      Troparion      *(Resurrection)***

When the stone had been sealed by the Jews, while the soldiers were guarding Thy most pure body, Thou didst rise on the third day, O Savior, granting life to the world. The powers of heaven therefore cried to Thee, O Giver of Life: "Glory to Thy Resurrection, O Christ! Glory to Thy Kingdom! Glory to Thy dispensation, O Thou who lovest mankind!"

**Tone 8      Troparion      *(Fathers)***

Thou art most glorious, O Christ our God, Who hast established the Holy Fathers as lights on the earth. Through them Thou hast guided us to the True Faith. O greatly compassionate One, glory to Thee!

**Tone 1      Kontakion      *(Resurrection)***

As God, Thou didst rise from the tomb in glory, raising the world with Thyself. Human nature praises Thee as God, for death has vanished. Adam exults, O Master! Eve rejoices, for she is freed from bondage and cries to Thee: "Thou art the Giver of Resurrection to all, O Christ!"

**Tone 6      Kontakion      *(Fathers)***

The Son Who shone forth from the Father was ineffably born, two-fold in nature, of a woman. Having beheld Him, we do not deny the image of His form, but depict it piously and revere it faithfully. Thus, keeping the True Faith, the Church venerates the icon of Christ Incarnate.

**Tone 1      Prokeimenon      (*Resurrection*)**

Let Thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us / as we have set our hope on Thee! (*Ps 32/33:22*)

*Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous! Praise befits the just! (Ps 32/33:1)*

**Tone 4      Prokeimenon      (*Song of the Fathers*)**

Blessed art Thou, O Lord God of our fathers, / and praised and glorified is Thy name forever! (*Song of the Three Holy Children, v. 3*)

**Epistle**

(2 Corinthians 9:6-11) But this I say: "He who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully." So let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound toward you, that you, always having all sufficiency in all things, may have an abundance for every good work. As it is written: "He has dispersed abroad, He has given to the poor; His righteousness endures forever." Now may He who supplies seed to the sower, and bread for food, supply and multiply the seed you have sown and increase the fruits of your righteousness, while you are enriched in everything for all liberality, which causes thanksgiving through us to God.

(Hebrews 13:7-16 (*Fathers*)) Remember those who rule over you, who have spoken the word of God to you, whose faith follow, considering the outcome of their conduct. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever. Do not be carried about with various and strange doctrines. For it is good that the heart be established by grace, not with foods which have not profited those who have

been occupied with them. We have an altar from which those who serve the tabernacle have no right to eat. For the bodies of those animals, whose blood is brought into the sanctuary by the high priest for sin, are burned outside the camp. Therefore Jesus also, that He might sanctify the people with His own blood, suffered outside the gate. Therefore let us go forth to Him, outside the camp, bearing His reproach. For here we have no continuing city, but we seek the one to come. Therefore by Him let us continually offer the sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of our lips, giving thanks to His name. But do not forget to do good and to share, for with such sacrifices God is well pleased.

### **Tone 1**

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

*God gives vengeance unto me, and subdues people under me. (Ps 17/18:47)*

*He magnifies the salvation of the King and deals mercifully with David, His anointed, and his seed forever. (Ps 17/18:50)*

### **Tone 1**

*The Lord, the God of gods, speaks and summons the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting. (Ps 49/50:1)*

## **Gospel**

(Luke 7:11-16) Now it happened, the day after, that He went into a city called Nain; and many of His disciples went with Him, and a large crowd. And when He came near the gate of the city, behold, a dead man was being carried out, the only son of his mother; and she was a widow. And a large crowd from the city was with her. When the Lord saw her, He had compassion on her and said to her, "Do not weep." Then He came and touched the open coffin, and those who carried him stood still. And He said, "Young man, I say to you, arise." So he who was dead sat up and began to speak. And He presented him to his mother. Then fear came upon all, and they glorified God, saying, "A great prophet has risen up among us"; and, "God has visited His people."

(John 17:1-13 (*Fathers*)) Jesus spoke these words, lifted up His eyes to heaven, and said: "Father, the hour has come. Glorify Your Son, that Your Son also may glorify You, as You have given Him authority over all flesh, that He should give eternal life to as many as You have given Him. And this is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent. I have glorified You on the earth. I have finished the work which You have given Me to do. And now, O Father, glorify Me together with Yourself, with the glory which I had with You before the world was. I have manifested Your name to the men whom You have given Me out of the world. They were Yours, You gave them to Me, and they have kept Your word. Now they have known that all things which You have given Me are from You. For I have given to them the words which You have given Me; and they have received them, and have known surely that I came forth from You; and they have believed that You sent Me. I pray for them. I do

not pray for the world but for those whom You have given Me, for they are Yours. And all Mine are Yours, and Yours are Mine, and I am glorified in them. Now I am no longer in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to You. Holy Father, keep through Your name those whom You have given Me, that they may be one as We are. While I was with them in the world, I kept them in Your name. Those whom You gave Me I have kept; and none of them is lost except the son of perdition, that the Scripture might be fulfilled. But now I come to You, and these things I speak in the world, that they may have My joy fulfilled in themselves.

### **Communion Hymn**

Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest! (*Ps 148:1*)  
Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous; praise befits the just! (*Ps 32/33:1*)  
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 Herman**

**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.**