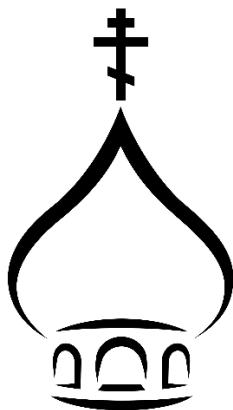


Divine Liturgy

Sunday, October 18, 2020

Holy Apostle and Evangelist Luke



SAINT NICHOLAS
RUSSIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH



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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 18, 2020

19th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – Tone 2. Holy Apostle and Evangelist Luke (1st c.). Martyr Marinus the Elder at Anazarbus (4th c.). Ven. Julian the Hermit, of Mesopotamia (4th c.). "Machairotissa" Icon of the Mother of God.

Weekly Calendar

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

Wednesday, October 21, 2020

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

Thursday, October 22, 2020

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

Saturday, October 24, 2020

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

Sunday, October 25, 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)

Monday, October 26, 2020

7:00 pm - Parish Council Meeting (Zoom)

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
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October 1, 2020

October is Clergy Appreciation Month

Dear to God,

Christ is in our midst! October is clergy appreciation month and the 2nd 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.



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

Yours in Christ,

+ Mark

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Tone 2 **Troparion** (*Resurrection*)

When Thou didst descend to death, O Life immortal, Thou didst slay hell with the splendor of Thy Godhead. And when from the depths Thou didst raise the dead, all the powers of heaven cried out: "O Giver of life, Christ our God, glory to Thee!"

Tone 5 **Troparion** (*St. Luke*)

Let us praise with sacred songs the holy Apostle Luke, the recorder of the joyous Gospel of Christ and the scribe of the Acts of the Apostles; for his writings are a testimony of the Church of Christ. He is the physician of human weaknesses and infirmities. He heals the wounds of our souls, and constantly intercedes for our salvation.

Tone 2 **Kontakion** (*Resurrection*)

Hell became afraid, O almighty Savior, seeing the miracle of Thy Resurrection from the tomb! The dead arose! Creation, with Adam, beheld this and rejoiced with Thee, and the world, my Savior, praises Thee forever.

Tone 2 **Kontakion** (*St. Luke*)

Let us praise the godly Luke; he is the true preacher of piety, the orator of ineffable mysteries and the star of the Church, for the Word, Who alone knows the hearts of men, chose him, with the wise Paul, to be a teacher of the Gentiles!

Tone 2 **Prokeimenon** (*Resurrection*)

The Lord is my strength and my song; / He has become my salvation. (*Ps. 117:14*)

The Lord has chastened me sorely, but He has not given me over to death. (Ps. 117:18)

Tone 8 Prokeimenon (St. Luke)

Their proclamation has gone out into all the earth, / and their words to the ends of the universe! (Ps. 18:4)

Epistle

(2 Corinthians 11:31-12:9) The God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who is blessed forever, knows that I am not lying. In Damascus the governor, under Aretas the king, was guarding the city of the Damascenes with a garrison, desiring to arrest me; but I was let down in a basket through a window in the wall, and escaped from his hands. It is doubtless not profitable for me to boast. I will come to visions and revelations of the Lord: I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago - whether in the body I do not know, or whether out of the body I do not know, God knows - such a one was caught up to the third heaven. And I know such a man - whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows - how he was caught up into Paradise and heard inexpressible words, which it is not lawful for a man to utter. Of such a one I will boast; yet of myself I will not boast, except in my infirmities. For though I might desire to boast, I will not be a fool; for I will speak the truth. But I refrain, lest anyone should think of me above what he sees me to be or hears from me. And lest I should be exalted above measure by the abundance of the revelations, a thorn in the flesh was given to me, a messenger of Satan to buffet me, lest I be exalted above measure. Concerning this thing I pleaded with the Lord three times that it might depart from me. And He said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness." Therefore most gladly I will rather boast in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

(Colossians 4:5-9, 14, 18 (St. Luke)) Walk in wisdom toward those who are outside, redeeming the time. Let your speech always be with grace, seasoned with salt, that you may know how you ought to answer each one. Tychicus, a beloved brother, faithful minister, and fellow servant in the Lord, will tell you all the news about me. I am sending him to you for this very purpose, that he may know your circumstances and comfort your hearts, with Onesimus, a faithful and beloved brother, who is one of you. They will make known to you all things which are happening here. Luke the beloved physician and Demas greet you. This salutation by my own hand - Paul. Remember my chains. Grace be with you. Amen.

Tone 2

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

May the Lord hear thee in the day of trouble! May the name of the God of Jacob protect thee! (Ps. 19:1)

Save the King, O Lord, and hear us on the day we call! (Ps. 19:9)

Tone 1

The heavens will praise Thy wonders, O Lord; and Thy truth in the congregation of the saints. (Ps. 88:5)

Gospel

(Luke 8:5-15) "A sower went out to sow his seed. And as he sowed, some fell by the wayside; and it was trampled down, and the birds of the air devoured it. Some fell on rock; and as soon as it sprang up, it withered away because it lacked moisture. And some fell among thorns, and the thorns sprang up with it and choked it. But others fell on good ground, sprang up, and yielded a crop a hundredfold." When He had said these things He cried, "He who has ears to hear, let him hear!" Then His disciples asked Him, saying, "What does this parable mean?" And He said, "To you it has been given to know the mysteries

of the kingdom of God, but to the rest it is given in parables, that ‘Seeing they may not see, And hearing they may not understand.’ Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God. Those by the wayside are the ones who hear; then the devil comes and takes away the word out of their hearts, lest they should believe and be saved. But the ones on the rock are those who, when they hear, receive the word with joy; and these have no root, who believe for a while and in time of temptation fall away. Now the ones that fell among thorns are those who, when they have heard, go out and are choked with cares, riches, and pleasures of life, and bring no fruit to maturity. But the ones that fell on the good ground are those who, having heard the word with a noble and good heart, keep it and bear fruit with patience.

(Luke 10:16-21 (*St. Luke*)) He who hears you hears Me, he who rejects you rejects Me, and he who rejects Me rejects Him who sent Me.” Then the seventy returned with joy, saying, “Lord, even the demons are subject to us in Your name.” And He said to them, “I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven. Behold, I give you the authority to trample on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall by any means hurt you. Nevertheless do not rejoice in this, that the spirits are subject to you, but rather rejoice because your names are written in heaven.” In that hour Jesus rejoiced in the Spirit and said, “I thank You, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that You have hidden these things from the wise and prudent and revealed them to babes. Even so, Father, for so it seemed good in Your sight.

Communion Hymn

Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest! (Ps. 148:1)
Their proclamation has gone out into all the earth, and their words to the ends of the universe! (Ps. 18:4)
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

Igumen David Lewis

Metropolitan Theodosios

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 Witanek

Child of God: Emily Estrin

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