

Divine Liturgy

Sunday, November 1, 2020

Holy Wonderworkers and Unmercenaries Cosmas and Damian



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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 November , 2020

21st SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – Tone 4. Holy Wonderworkers and Unmercenaries Cosmas and Damian of Mesopotamia, and their mother, St. Theodota. Hieromartyrs John the Bishop and Jacob (James) the Presbyter, of Persia (ca. 345). Martyrs Cyrenia and Juliana in Cilicia (4th c.). Martyr Hermenegild the Goth of Spain (586). Martyrs Cæsarius, Dacius, Sabbas, Sabinian, Agrippa, Adrian, and Thomas, at Damascus (7th c.). Monastic Martyrs Jacob, Jacob the Deacon, and Dionysius, of Prodromou (Mt. Athos–1520).

Weekly Calendar

Please note that Fr. Matthew will be on vacation from Monday, November 2 through Monday, November 9. During that time, please refrain from contacting him unless there is an emergency.

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

Wednesday, November 4, 2020

*Readers Vespers will not be served due to Fr. Matthew's vacation schedule.

Thursday, November 5, 2020

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

Saturday, November 7, 2020

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

Sunday, November 8, 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

Parish Security Update: Church Security Alarm Access Policy

Dear St. Nicholas Parishioners,

October 30, 2020

The Parish Security and Safety Ministry's primary objective is to provide a secure place of worship where clergy, members, and visitors can worship in a safe and secure environment. Members of the ministry have met with the Pennsylvania State Police and the U.S. Department of Homeland Security to conduct safety assessments and to provide recommendations for safety and security.

One of the recommendations, to be implemented in the near term, are guidelines for *church security alarm access*. The target date to activate the policy is the end of November 2020.

Church Security Alarm Access:

- The current security access code will be disabled at the end of November 2020. Once the code is disabled, entrance into the church using the old code will result in the alarm being set off. *Any fines, due to false alarms, issued by the township may be the responsibility of the individual causing the alarm.*
- New "Personal Codes" will be issued and assigned to key church personnel who need consistent access to the church facilities
- It is important, for all members with personal access codes, to adhere to the following rules:
 1. Never give your personal access code to anyone
 2. Protect your personal access code from discovery by any person
 3. If for any reason, your personal access code is discovered by anyone, contact the church administrative assistant immediately so that the code can be canceled and a new code issued

Requests for personal access codes must be made to the St. Nicholas Parish Council for review and determination of need.

Over the next 4 weeks, the Parish Council is asking all parishioners with church keys to return them to the church office. Place all keys in an envelope with your name. Church keys will be reissued along with a personal access code to assigned clergy and parishioners.

As progress is made on key recommendations, updates will be provided to the parish community.

Your is in Christ,

St. Nicholas Parish Council

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

Happy Anniversary!!!

Happy 40th Anniversary to Peter & Tricia Metz. God grant them many years!

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.)

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Tone 4 Troparion *(Resurrection)*

When the women disciples of the Lord learned from the angel the joyous message of Thy Resurrection, they cast away the ancestral curse and elatedly told the apostles: "Death is overthrown! Christ God is risen, granting the world great mercy!"

Tone 8 Troparion *(Unmercenaries)*

Holy Unmercenaries and Wonderworkers, Cosmas and Damian, heal our infirmities. Freely you have received; freely you give to us.

Tone 4 Kontakion *(Resurrection)*

My Savior and Redeemer as God rose from the tomb and delivered the earth-born from their chains. He has shattered the gates of hell, and as Master, He has risen on the third day!

Tone 2 Kontakion *(Unmercenaries)*

Having received the grace of healing, you grant healing to those in need. Glorious wonder-workers and healers, Cosmas and Damian, visit us and put down the insolence of our enemies, and bring healing to the world through your miracles!

Tone 4 Prokeimenon *(Resurrection)*

O Lord, how manifold are Thy works; / in wisdom hast Thou made them all.
(Ps. 103:26)

Bless the Lord, O my soul! O Lord, my God, Thou art very great! (Ps. 103:1)

Epistle

(Galatians 2:16-20) knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law but by faith in Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Christ Jesus, that we might be justified by faith in Christ and not by the works of the law; for by the works of the law no flesh shall be justified. But if, while we seek to be justified by Christ, we ourselves also are found sinners, is Christ therefore a minister of sin? Certainly not! For if I build again those things which I destroyed, I make myself a transgressor. For I through the law died to the law that I might live to God. I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.

Tone 4

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Go forth, prosper and reign, for the sake of meekness, righteousness and truth!
(Ps. 44:3b)

For Thou lovest righteousness, and hatest iniquity. (Ps. 44:6)

Gospel

(Luke 8:26-39) Then they sailed to the country of the Gadarenes, which is opposite Galilee. And when He stepped out on the land, there met Him a certain man from the city who had demons for a long time. And he wore no clothes, nor did he live in a house but in the tombs. When he saw Jesus, he cried out, fell down before Him, and with a loud voice said, "What have I to do with You, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg You, do not torment me!" For He had

commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. For it had often seized him, and he was kept under guard, bound with chains and shackles; and he broke the bonds and was driven by the demon into the wilderness. Jesus asked him, saying, "What is your name?" And he said, "Legion," because many demons had entered him. And they begged Him that He would not command them to go out into the abyss. Now a herd of many swine was feeding there on the mountain. So they begged Him that He would permit them to enter them. And He permitted them. Then the demons went out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd ran violently down the steep place into the lake and drowned. When those who fed them saw what had happened, they fled and told it in the city and in the country. Then they went out to see what had happened, and came to Jesus, and found the man from whom the demons had departed, sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. And they were afraid. They also who had seen it told them by what means he who had been demon-possessed was healed. Then the whole multitude of the surrounding region of the Gadarenes asked Him to depart from them, for they were seized with great fear. And He got into the boat and returned. Now the man from whom the demons had departed begged Him that he might be with Him. But Jesus sent him away, saying, "Return to your own house, and tell what great things God has done for you." And he went his way and proclaimed throughout the whole city what great things Jesus had done for him.

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 Herman

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.