

# **Divine Liturgy**

Sunday, November 15, 2020

**Holy Martyrs and Confessors Gurias, Samonas, and Abibus, of Edessa**



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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 16, 2020

**23rd SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – Tone 6.** Holy Martyrs and Confessors Gurias, Samonas, and Abibus, of Edessa (299-306). Martyrs Elpidius, Marcellus, and Eustochius, who suffered under Julian the Apostate (4th c.). Martyr Dēmétrios of Thrace (ca. 307). Ven. Paísii (Paisius) Velichkovsky (1794). “Fragrant Flower” 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, November 18, 2020**

12:00 pm - Deadline to RSVP for Friday Vespers and/or Saturday Liturgy - The Entry of the Most-Holy Theotokos into the Temple  
7:00 pm - Readers Vespers (Live Stream Only)

### **Thursday, November 19, 2020**

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

### **Friday, November 20, 2020**

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

# Weekly Calendar (continued)

## **Saturday, November 21, 2020**

The Entry of the Most-Holy Theotokos into the Temple

9:10 am - Reading of the Hours (Live Stream will also be available)

9:30 am - Divine Liturgy (Live Stream will also be available)

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

## **Sunday, November 22, 2020**

9:10 am - Reading of the Hours (Live Stream will also be available)

9:30 am - Divine Liturgy (Live Stream will also be available)

10:45 am - Communion for Parish Children (Wait outside the main Church Doors)

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**Tone 6      Troparion**      *(Resurrection)*

The Angelic Powers were at Thy tomb; the guards became as dead men. Mary stood by Thy grave, seeking Thy most pure body. Thou didst capture hell not being tempted by it. Thou didst come to the Virgin, granting life. O Lord, Who didst rise from the dead, glory to Thee.

**Tone 5      Troparion**      *(Martyrs)*

O Christ our God, Thou hast granted us the miracles of Thy holy martyrs Gúrias, Samónas, and Abíbus, as a stronghold and protection. Through their prayers, strengthen those in authority in ev'ry good deed, for Thou alone art merciful and lovest mankind!

**Tone 6      Kontakion**      *(Resurrection)*

When Christ God, the Giver of Life, raised all of the dead from the valleys of misery with His mighty hand, He bestowed resurrection on the human race. He is the Savior of all, the Resurrection, the Life, and the God of all.

**Tone 2      Kontakion**      *(Martyrs)*

You received grace from on high, O all-praised martyrs, and you intercede for those in the midst of temptations. Therefore, O saints, you freed a young woman from bitter death, and are indeed the glory of Edessa and the joy of the world.

**Tone 6      Prokeimenon**      *(Resurrection)*

O Lord, save Thy people, and bless Thine inheritance! *(Ps. 27:9a)*

*To Thee, O Lord, will I call. O my God, be not silent to me! (Ps. 27:1a)*

## **Epistle**

(Ephesians 2:4-10) But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), and raised us up together, and made us sit together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, that in the ages to come He might show the exceeding riches of His grace in His kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast. For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.

## **Tone 6**

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

*He who dwelleth in the shelter of the Most High will abide in the shadow of the heavenly God. (Ps. 90:1)*

*He will say to the Lord: "My Protector and my Refuge; my God, in Whom I trust." (Ps. 90:2)*

## **Gospel**

(Luke 10:25-37) And behold, a certain lawyer stood up and tested Him, saying, "Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" He said to him, "What is written in the law? What is your reading of it?" So he answered and said, "'You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind,' and 'your neighbor as yourself.'" And He said to him, "You have answered rightly; do this and you will live." But he, wanting to justify

himself, said to Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" Then Jesus answered and said: "A certain man went down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell among thieves, who stripped him of his clothing, wounded him, and departed, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a certain priest came down that road. And when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. Likewise a Levite, when he arrived at the place, came and looked, and passed by on the other side. But a certain Samaritan, as he journeyed, came where he was. And when he saw him, he had compassion. So he went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine; and he set him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. On the next day, when he departed, he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said to him, 'Take care of him; and whatever more you spend, when I come again, I will repay you.' So which of these three do you think was neighbor to him who fell among the thieves?" And he said, "He who showed mercy on him." Then Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

### **Communion Hymn**

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

# **First Sunday of Advent**

The green candle expresses faith.

As the first candle is lit the Priest says:

## **Priest:**

The first candle reminds us of faith: the faith we have in our Heavenly Father that He will keep His promise to send His Son, and join us to Him by the Holy Spirit.

## **Reader:**

One Advent candle now we light,  
To show the coming gift of light,  
Now hasten to our darkened sight  
The light that's given from above.

## **Scripture:**

The Prophecy from Isaiah 9:2; 6-7, 40:3-5, 52:7

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shone. For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and of peace there will be no end, on the throne of David and over his kingdom, to establish it and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time forth and forevermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this. A voice cries: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord; make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be lifted up,



and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken." How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him who brings good news, who publishes peace, who brings good news of happiness, who publishes salvation, who says to Zion, "Your God reigns."

**Priest:**

Almighty God, give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness, and put upon us the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which Thy Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when He shall come again in His glorious majesty to judge both the quick and the dead, we may rise to life immortal, through Him Who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.



# O Come, O Come Emmanuel

Em Am D G D

O come, O come Em - man - u - el, And  
O come, Thou Rod of Jes - se, free, Thine  
O come, Thou Day-Spring, come \_\_\_\_\_ and cheer, Our

4 G C D7 Bm Em

ran - som cap - tive Is - - ra - el, That  
own from Sa - tan's ty - - ran - ny, From  
spi - rits by Thine a - - dvent here, Dis -

7 Am Em A7 D Em

mourns in lone - ly ex - - ile here, Un -  
depths of Hell Thy peo - - ple save, And  
spere the gloo - my clouds \_\_\_\_\_ of night, And

10 D Bm Am D G

til the Son of God \_\_\_\_\_ ap - pear. Re -  
give them vic - t'ry o - - 'er the grace.  
death's dark sha - dows put \_\_\_\_\_ to flight.

13 D Em Bm G Am D Em D

joice, re - joice! Em - man - u - el, shall

17 G C Am Bm Em

come to Thee, O Is - - ra - el!

# Announcements

## A Note of Thanks -

Thank you to everyone from my St. Nicholas family who has prayed for my brother, John Uzick. He fell asleep in the Lord on November 12. May his memory be eternal. Your prayers have been deeply appreciated and have meant so much to me.

~ Dorothy Stafiniak

## 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Treasurer's Report Summary

July 2020	Income:	\$28,640.92
	Expenses:	\$20,934.50
	<u>Net Revenue:</u>	<u>\$7,706.42</u>

August 2020	Income:	\$18,040.22
	Expenses	\$18,771.24
	<u>Net Revenue:</u>	<u>\$(731.02)</u>

September 2020	Income:	\$33,627.24
	Expenses:	\$41,197.47
	<u>Net Revenue:</u>	<u>\$(7,570.23)</u>

# Honoring Our Veterans

On this Veterans Day 2020 we honor our men and women who so valiantly served in the United States Armed Forces. We pray for those on active duty and for those veterans who completed their tours of duty. We thank them and wish them God's blessings for many years.

## Active Duty

Reader, 2nd Lt. Daniel Holobeny, U. S. Air Force

Jonathan Hontz, U.S. Navy

## Veterans

V. Rev. James Mason, U.S. Navy

Subdeacon Michael Guydan, U.S. Air Force

Leo Tony Anicola, U.S. Air Force

Barry Bretz, U.S. Navy

Stephen Chromiak, U.S. Navy

Dennis Chrush, U.S. Air Force

Stephen Doncevic, U. S. Army

Michael Dorosh, U.S. Navy

Paul Dragovich, U.S. Marines

Donald Dudash, U.S. Army

Walter Grigoruk, U.S. Marines

Donna Haney, U.S. Navy

Andrew Hasenecz, U.S. Air Force

Paul Havrilko, U.S. Army

Michael Isbansky, U.S. Army

Joseph Kavchok, Jr. U.S. Air Force

William Keysock, U.S. Navy

Gary Kiechel, U.S. Army

Walter Logechnik - US Army

Michael Matsko, U.S. Navy

John McGarrity, U.S. Army

John Mikita, U.S. Navy

David Monarek, U.S. Marines

Joseph Pinkowicz, U. S. Army

William J. Potter, U.S. Air Force

Patric Shea, U.S. Marines

Michael Slivka, U.S. Air Force

Dorothy Stafiniak, U.S. Air Force

Wash Telepchak, U.S. Army

Keith Atlee, (4 years) ROTC

#### DECEASED

Further, we pray for those sons and daughters of our parish who have given their lives in battle and for those who served their tours of duty and have passed on to eternal rest. May their Memory Be Eternal.

# Update Regarding Archbishop David

(Copied from [www.OCA.org](http://www.OCA.org))

## Standing Synod Meets

SYOSSET, NY [OCA]

On Tuesday, November 3, 2020, the Standing Synod of Bishops of the Orthodox Church in America, met via teleconference under the presidency of His Beatitude Metropolitan Tikhon. In their meeting, the members of the Standing Synod considered the request that His Eminence Archbishop David of Sitka and Alaska made to His Beatitude to appoint an episcopal administrator for the Diocese of Alaska. His Eminence has made this request due to his serious health condition. With the concurrence of the Standing Synod, His Beatitude reiterated that His Eminence Archbishop David remains the ruling bishop of the Diocese of Alaska. Additionally, His Beatitude accepted the request of His Eminence Archbishop David and appointed His Grace Bishop Alexis of Bethesda as episcopal administrator of the Diocese of Alaska.

His Eminence Archbishop David's condition remains critical. He is residing at his daughter's home in Hanover, Pennsylvania, while he receives treatment for cancer. Faithful are invited to mail cards, care of his daughter:

Archbishop David  
42 Arlene Drive  
Hanover, PA 17331

His Beatitude and the members of the Standing Synod call upon the clergy and faithful of the Orthodox Church in America to remember His Eminence in their prayers. His Beatitude said, "Once again, I ask each of us to fervently pray that our Lord Jesus Christ, the Divine Physician and Healer of our souls and bodies, grant His Eminence Archbishop David courage and consolation to endure his treatment with hope, and that the Mother of God inspire him to maintain his strong faith while bearing this cross."

# 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**

## **REMINDER TO TURN IN YOUR KEYS**

Please note that there will be a basket available after the Divine Liturgy for you to drop off your keys to the church. Thank you for your cooperation.



## **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.**

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, Irene Witaneck

**Child of God:** Emily Estrin

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