

# **Divine Liturgy**

Sunday, November 22, 2020

**Afterfeast of the Entrance into the Temple**

**Apostles of the Seventy Philemon and Archippus, Martyr Apphia, wife of Philemon and Equal-to-the-Apostles, and Onesimus, disciple of St. Paul**



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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 23, 2020

**24th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – Tone 7.** Afterfeast of the Entry Into the Temple. Apostles of the Seventy Philemon and Archippus, Martyr Apphia, wife of Philemon and Equal-to-the-Apostles, and Onesimus, disciple of St. Paul (1st c.). Martyrdom of St. Michael, Prince of Tver' (1318). Rt. Blv. Yaropolk, in Baptism Peter, Prince of Vladimir in Volyn' (1086). Martyrs Cecilia, Valerian, Tiburtius, and Maximus, at Rome (ca. 230). Martyr Procopius the Reader, at Cæsarea in Palestine (303). Martyr Menignus at Parium (250). St. Agabbas of Syria (5th c.). Righteous Michael the Soldier, of Bulgaria (866). Ven. Callistus Xanthopoulos (Mt. Athos–1363).

## Weekly Calendar

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

### **Wednesday, November 25, 2020**

7:00 pm – Readers Vespers (Live Stream only)

### **Thursday, November 26, 2020**

9:00 am Moleben of Thanksgiving (Live Stream will also be available)

### **Saturday, November 28, 2020**

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

### **Sunday, November 29, 2020**

25<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost, Martyr Paramon and 370 Martyrs in Bithynia  
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)

# 2020 Nativity Season Schedule

Please note that due to Covid-19 precautions, all confessions will be heard by appointment only. Please contact Fr. Matthew by phone or text to schedule.

**Monday, November 30, 2020**

7:00 pm - Parish Council meeting  
(Zoom)

**Wednesday, December 2, 2020**

7:00 pm - Readers Vespers (Live Stream only)

**Saturday, December 5, 2020**

5:15 pm - Monthly Panikhida (Live Stream will also be available)  
6:00 pm - Great Vespers (Live Stream will also be available)

**Sunday, December 6, 2020**

26<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost, St. Nicholas the Wonderworker, Archbishop of Myra in Lycia  
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)

**Wednesday, December 9, 2020**

7:00 pm - Readers Vespers (Live Stream only)

**Saturday, December 12, 2020**

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

**Sunday, December 13, 2020**

27<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost, Repose of Ven. Herman of Alaska, Wonderworker

of All America; Sunday of the  
Forefathers

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)

**Wednesday, December 16, 2020**

7:00 pm - Readers Vespers (Live  
Stream only)

**Saturday, December 19, 2020**

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

**Sunday, December 20, 2020**

28<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost, Forefeast  
of the Nativity of Christ

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)

**Wednesday, December 23, 2020**

7:00 pm - Reading of the Royal Hours  
of Nativity - (Live Stream will also be  
available)

**Thursday, December 24, 2020**

Eve of The Nativity of Christ

7:00 pm - Vigil of the Nativity (Live  
Stream will also be available)

**Friday, December 25, 2020**

Nativity of Our Lord

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)

### **Saturday, December 26, 2020**

Synaxis of the Theotokos

8:50 am - Reading of the Hours (Live Stream will also be available)

9:00 am - Divine Liturgy (Live Stream will also be available)

10:15 am - Communion for Parish Children (Wait outside the main Church Doors)

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

### **Sunday, December 27, 2020**

Sunday after the Nativity of Christ - Feast of St. Stephen

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)

### **Wednesday, December 30, 2020**

7:00 pm - Readers Vespers (Live Stream only)

### **Friday, January 1, 2021**

The Circumcision of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ; St. Basil the Great

8:50 am - Reading of the Hours (Live Stream will also be available)

9:00 am - Diving Liturgy (Live Stream will also be available)

10:15 am - Communion for Parish Children (Wait outside the main Church Doors)

**Saturday, January 2, 2020**

5:15 pm - Monthly Panikhida (Live Stream will also be available)

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

**Sunday, January 3, 2021**

Forefeast of the Theophany

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)

**Tuesday, January 5, 2021**

Theophany Eve

9:00 AM - Reading of the Royal Hours (Live Stream will also be available)

6:00 PM - Great Compline with Great Blessing of Water

**Wednesday, January 6, 2020**

Holy Theophany

8:50 am - Reading of the Hours (Live Stream will also be available)

9:00 am - Divine Liturgy (Live Stream will also be available)

10:15 am - Communion for Parish Children (Wait outside the main Church Doors)

7:00 pm - Readers Vespers (Live Stream only)

# Divine Liturgy

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**Tone 7      Troparion      *(Resurrection)***

By Thy Cross Thou didst destroy death. To the thief Thou didst open Paradise. For the Myrrhbearers Thou didst change weeping into joy, and Thou didst command Thy disciples, O Christ God, to proclaim that Thou art risen, granting the world great mercy.

**Tone 4      Troparion      *(Feast)***

Today is the prelude of the good will of God, of the preaching of the salvation of mankind. The Virgin appears in the Temple of God, in anticipation proclaiming Christ to all. Let us rejoice and sing to her: "Rejoice, O Fulfillment of the Creator's dispensation!"

**Tone 3      Troparion      *(Apostles)***

Holy Apostles Philemon, Archipus, Apphia, and Onesimus, entreat the merciful God to grant our souls forgiveness of transgressions!

**Tone 7      Kontakion      *(Resurrection)***

The dominion of death can no longer hold men captive, for Christ descended, shattering and destroying its powers. Hell is bound, while the Prophets rejoice and cry: "The Savior has come to those in faith; enter, you faithful, into the Resurrection!"

**Tone 2      Kontakion      *(Apostles)***

Let us praise the Apostles of Christ, who illumine the ends of the earth like all-radiant stars: glorious Philemon and dedicated Archippus, Onesimus, together



with Mark and Apollos, and the all-wise Apphia. Let us cry to them: "Unceasingly pray for us all!"

**Tone 4      Kontakion      (*Feast*)**

The most pure Temple of the Savior; the precious Chamber and Virgin; the sacred Treasure of the glory of God, is presented today to the house of the Lord. She brings with her the grace of the Spirit, therefore, the angels of God praise her: "Truly this woman is the abode of Heaven!"

**Tone 7      Prokeimenon      (*Resurrection*)**

The Lord shall give strength to His people. The Lord shall bless His people with peace. (*Ps. 28:11*)

*Offer to the Lord, O you sons of God! Offer young rams to the Lord! (Ps. 28:1a)*

**Tone 3      Prokeimenon      (*Song of the Theotokos*)**

My soul doth magnify the Lord, / and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Savior. (*Lk. 1:46-47*)

**Epistle**

(Ephesians 2:14-22) For He Himself is our peace, who has made both one, and has broken down the middle wall of separation, having abolished in His flesh the enmity, that is, the law of commandments contained in ordinances, so as to create in Himself one new man from the two, thus making peace, and that He might reconcile them both to God in one body through the cross, thereby putting to death the enmity. And He came and preached peace to you who were afar off and to those who were near. For through Him we both have access by one Spirit to the Father. Now, therefore, you are no longer strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief cornerstone, in whom the whole building, being fitted together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord, in whom you also are being built together for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit.

## **Tone 7**

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

*It is good to give thanks to the Lord, to sing praises to Thy Name, O Most High.  
(Ps. 91:1)*

*To declare Thy mercy in the morning, and Thy truth by night. (Ps. 91:2a)*

## **Tone 8**

*Hearken, O daughter, and see, and incline thine ear! (Ps. 44:9a)*

## **Gospel**

(Luke 12:16-21) Then He spoke a parable to them, saying: "The ground of a certain rich man yielded plentifully. And he thought within himself, saying, 'What shall I do, since I have no room to store my crops?' So he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build greater, and there I will store all my crops and my goods. 'And I will say to my soul, "Soul, you have many goods laid up for many years; take your ease; eat, drink, and be merry.'" But God said to him, 'Fool! This night your soul will be required of you; then whose will those things be which you have provided?' So is he who lays up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God."

*Instead of "It is truly meet...", we sing:*

## **Tone 4**

The angels beheld the entrance of the Pure One and were amazed. How has the Virgin entered into the Holy of Holies?

Since she is a living Ark of God let no profane hand touch the Theotokos. But let the lips of believers unceasingly sing to her, praising her in joy with the angel's song: "Truly, thou art more exalted than all, O pure Virgin!"

## **Communion Hymn**

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

I will receive the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord. (Ps. 115:4)

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

# Second Sunday of Advent

The blue candle expresses hope.

As the first two candles are lit, the Priest says:

**Priest:**

The second candle reminds us of the hope we have in Christ Who will always be faithful to fulfill His Word to us.

**Reader:**

Now that Advent lights are two,  
Let us hasten to renew our vows.  
To pilgrim over field and stone,  
To find the Child and be at home.

**Scripture:** Titus 2:11-15

For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people, training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age, waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, who gave himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness and to purify for himself a people for his own possession who are zealous for good works. Declare these things; exhort and rebuke with all authority. Let no one disregard you.

**Priest:**

Blessed Lord, who hast caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning; Grant that we may in such wise hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that by patience and comfort of Thy holy Word, we may embrace, and ever hold fast, the blessed hope of everlasting life, which Thou hast given us in our Savior Jesus Christ.

**Choir:** Amen.

# Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

Charles Wesley

Rowland Hugh Prichard

F C F B $\flat$ /DC $\flat$ /E F C Dm C F/A C $\flat$ /G

Come, Thou long-expect-ed Je-sus, Born to  
Born Thy peo-ple to de-liv-er, Born a

6 F F/A Gm/B $\flat$  Dm C F C F B $\flat$ /D C $\flat$ /E F

set Thy peo-ple free; From our fears and sins re-  
child and yet a King, Born to reign in us for-

12 C Dm C F/A C $\flat$ /G F F/A Gm/B $\flat$  Dm C F

lease us; Let us find our rest in Thee.  
ev-er, Now Thy gra-cious king-dom bring.

17 Am Dm Gm C $\flat$  Dm C $\flat$ /E F F/E

In-rael's strength and con-so-la-tion, Hope of  
By Thine own e-ter-nal Spir-it Rule in

22 Dm Gm/B $\flat$  F/A Gm B $\flat$  C(sus $\flat$ ) C F/A Gm C $\flat$ /E

al the earth Thou art; Dear de-sire of  
al our hearts a-lone; By Thine all suf-

27 F F/A C F/A B $\flat$  F/A B $\flat$  F/C C $\flat$  F

ev-'ry na-tion, Joy of ev-'ry long-ing heart.  
fi-cient mer-it Raise us to Thy glo-rious throne.

# **Announcements**

## **Candle Donations Are Back**

Sign-ups for the Candle Donation book will be made available again starting Sunday, November 22nd. Your candle donation payment should be included in the White Stewardship envelope. To sign up please see a Parish Council member in Narthex.

## **Candle Offerings for Sunday, November 22, 2020**

### **Votives in Altar**

In Honor Of Mike & Mary Dorosh's 55<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
Offered by Mike & Mary Dorosh

### **Crosses**

In Memory Of Henry Bretz  
Offered by Barry & Ann Marie Bretz

### **Votives - Icon of the Virgin Mary**

In Honor Of Mike & Mary Dorosh's 55<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
Offered by Mike & Mary Dorosh

### **Votives - Icon of St. John the Baptist**

In Honor Of Mike & Mary Dorosh's 55<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
Offered by Mike & Mary Dorosh

## **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

# Throughout the year, please remember those in our parish family who are homebound.

**Mrs. Ruth Anderson** - 615 Chestnut Avenue, Apt. 306, Towson, MD 211204

**Kathleen Berge** - 2 Gracedale Ave, Tower #6, Nazareth, PA 18064

**Mrs. Vincentine Grace Brusko** - Whitehall Manor (Room B26), 1177 6<sup>th</sup> St., Whitehall, PA 18052

**Very Rev. & Mat. Thomas Edwards** - 4052 Lehigh Drive, Northampton, PA 18067

**Mr. Walter Grigoruk** - Sacred Heart Senior Living by Saucon Creek, 4851 Saucon Creek Rd, Center Valley, PA 18034, Attn: Walter Grigoruk, Room 330.

**Mr. Andrew Haseneck** - 315 Balleck Road, Riegelsville, PA 18077-9606

**Mrs. Helen Karel** - c/o Thomas Karel, 1838 Larchmont Ln, Lancaster, PA 17601

**Mrs. Pauline Kasick** - Devon House, 1930 Bevin Drive, Allentown, PA 18103

**Miss Mary K. Koretski** - c/o Stephanie Koretski, 2132 Pennsylvania Ave, Apt J-2, Bethlehem, PA 18018

**Mrs. Antoinette Lebeduik** - 3514 Nicholas Street, Easton, PA 18045-5252

**Mrs. Michele Lovell** - PO Box 20031, Lehigh Valley, PA 18002-0031

**Ms. Nancy Sabol** - 801 N. Wahneta St, Apt 45, Allentown, PA 18109

**Mrs. Nadya Seifert** - 417 Lake Drive, Nesquehoning, PA 18240-2418

**Mrs. Pauline Senick** - 1553 Lindberg Road, Bethlehem, PA 18020-6440

**Mrs. Julia Smolenski** - Sterling Heights, 3500 Fairview St, Bethlehem, PA 18017

# 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."

# **CORRECTED**

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

July 2020	Income:	\$21,239.79
	Expenses:	\$24,013.12
	<u>Net Revenue:</u>	<u>\$(2,773.33)</u>
August 2020	Income:	\$40,415.03
	Expenses	\$16,831.84
	<u>Net Revenue:</u>	<u>\$23,583.19</u>
September 2020	Income:	\$24,000.88
	Expenses:	\$28,845.84
	<u>Net Revenue:</u>	<u>\$(4,844.96)</u>

## **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.**