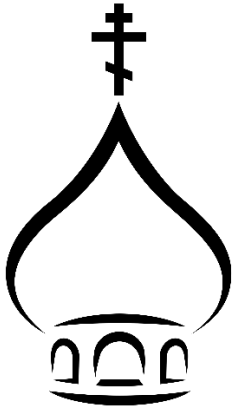


# Schedule of 2020 Lenten and Paschal Services



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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.

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Beloved of God,

*“Humble yourselves, therefore, under God’s mighty hand,  
that he may lift you up in due time.”*

*- 1 Peter 5:6*

At the outset of this Lenten journey, I wish to offer a word of encouragement to you all. This word may not seem an encouraging one at first, but I pray that you will see it as such before I’m finished. This encouragement is to declare to you my hopes and prayers that you will see Great Lent as a gift given by the Church to teach our hearts to be humble before God and one another.

Humility is a virtue that our world does not value and has actively pushed aside. Humility is simply being truthful and honest about ourselves. Not having an attitude that exalts the self, nor one that is overly self-critical, but rather to be honest about ourselves as God made us and as we exist in the world.

We live in a culture that actually prizes arrogance and self-obsession. Our bookstores are filled with books on self-help and self-love. Our social media accounts are filled with a constant flow of selfies, a true marker of the self-obsession which we are encouraged by this world to exhibit on a daily basis. We believe by doing these things that we will find some exaltation and self-worth, and a release from our own insecurities.

Our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ, however, leads us on another path altogether. The Gospel reminds us that our worth is found in Christ, and in His

Cross and Resurrection. Worth is something that is given, it is ascribed to something. It is not inherent. Our worth is given to us by God, as our very lives are. And so, we who are Christians, and belong to Christ, have every reason to learn humility.

We must see, as we begin this journey through Lent, that it is a journey to the Cross. It is on the Cross of Christ that we were "bought with a price" (1 Cor. 6:20) from the slavery of sin and death. We are not our own, but God has bought us from the grave through His Son, saving us from the reality of eternal death and hell. Therefore, as St. Peter tells us in the passage cited above, we should take this Lenten time before us to learn to be humble before God, so that He may lift us up in due time.

Included in this mailing is a full list of our Lenten and Paschal services. I hope that you will set aside time to avail yourselves of these services, and come to worship the Holy One in His Church in this season of repentance and reflection, as we prepare to meet the Cross and the empty tomb.

May God grant you good strength this Lent!

-Fr. Matthew R. Joyner, Rector  
St. Nicholas Russian Orthodox Church  
Bethlehem, PA

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**Sunday, March 1, 2020**----- Sunday of Cheesefare, Forgiveness Sunday

9:10 am - Hours

9:30 am - Divine Liturgy

Forgiveness Vespers after Coffee Hour

**Monday, March 2, 2020**----- 7:00 pm Great Canon of St. Andrew of Crete

**Tuesday, March 3, 2020**-----7:00 pm Great Canon of St. Andrew of Crete

**Wednesday, March 4, 2020**----6:00 pm Presanctified Liturgy

**Thursday, March 5, 2020**-----7:00 pm Great Canon of St. Andrew of Crete

**Friday, March 6, 2020**----- 7:00 pm Great Canon of St. Andrew of Crete

**Saturday, March 7, 2020**----- 9:00 am Divine Liturgy St. Theodore the

Recruit

5:15 pm - Monthly Panikhida

6:00 pm - Vespers (Confessions to follow)

**Sunday, March 8, 2020**----- The Sunday of Orthodoxy, with procession  
around the Church with the Icons

9:10 am - Hours

9:30 am - Divine Liturgy (Church School after  
Communion

4:00 pm Sunday of Orthodoxy Service at St.  
Nicholas Greek Orthodox Cathedral,  
Bethlehem

**Wednesday, March 11, 2020**---6:00 pm Presanctified Liturgy

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**Friday, March 13, 2020**----- 7:00 pm Akathist

**Saturday, March 14, 2020**----- 9:00 am Memorial Saturday Divine Liturgy  
5:00 pm - Confessions  
6:00 pm - Vespers

**Sunday, March 15, 2020**----- 9:30 am Divine Liturgy St. Gregory Palamas  
4:00 pm St. Gregory Palamas Pan-Orthodox  
Lenten Vespers at St. Philip (Antiochian)  
Orthodox Church, Souderton

**Wednesday, March 18, 2020**---6:00 pm Presanctified Liturgy

**Friday, March 20, 2020**----- 7:00 pm Akathist

**Saturday, March 21, 2020**----- 9:00 am Memorial Saturday Divine Liturgy  
5:00 pm - Confessions  
6:00 pm - Vespers

**Sunday, March 22, 2020**----- 9:30 am Divine Liturgy Veneration of the  
Cross  
4:00 pm Veneration of Precious Cross Pan-  
Orthodox Lenten Vespers at St. Mary's  
Ukrainian Orthodox Church, Allentown

**Wednesday, March 25, 2020**---6:00 pm Vesperal Divine Liturgy Annunciation

**Friday, March 27, 2020**----- 7:00 pm Akathist

**Saturday, March 28, 2020**----- 9:00 am Memorial Saturday Divine Liturgy  
5:00 pm - Confessions  
6:00 pm - Vespers

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- Sunday, March 29, 2020**----- 9:30 am Divine Liturgy St. John Climacus  
4:00 pm St. John Climacus Pan-Orthodox  
Lenten Vespers at St. Nicholas Russian  
Orthodox Church, Bethlehem
- Wednesday, April 1, 2020**-----6:00 pm Presanctified Liturgy
- Thursday, April 2, 2020**----- 7:00 pm Great Canon of St. Andrew of Crete  
with the Life of St. Mary of Egypt
- Friday, April 3, 2020**----- 7:00 pm Akathist
- Saturday, April 4, 2020**----- 9:00 am Divine Liturgy Most Holy Theotokos  
5:15 pm - Monthly Panikhida  
6:00 pm - Vespers (Confessions to follow)
- Sunday, April 5, 2020**----- 9:30 am Divine Liturgy St. Mary of Egypt  
4:00 pm St. Mary of Egypt Pan-Orthodox  
Lenten Vespers at St. Paul Antiochian  
Orthodox Church, Emmaus
- Wednesday, April 8, 2020**-----6:00 pm Presanctified Liturgy
- Friday, April 10, 2020**----- 7:00 pm Matins for Lazarus Saturday
- Saturday, April 11, 2020**----- 9:00 am Divine Liturgy Lazarus Saturday  
5:00 pm - Confessions  
6:00 pm - Vespers
- Sunday, April 12, 2020**----- 9:30 am Divine Liturgy Palm Sunday  
4:00 pm Bridegroom Matins
- Monday, April 13, 2020**----- 9:00 am Presanctified Liturgy Holy Monday  
7:00 pm Bridegroom Matins

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- Tuesday, April 14, 2020**----- 9:00 am Presanctified Liturgy Holy Tuesday  
7:00 pm Bridegroom Matins
- Wednesday, April 15, 2020**----- 9:00 am Presanctified Liturgy Holy  
Wednesday  
7:00 Holy Unction
- Thursday, April 16, 2020**----- 9:00 am Divine Liturgy of St. Basil Holy  
Thursday  
7:00 pm The 12 Passion Gospels
- Friday, April 17, 2020**----- 9:00 am Royal Hours Holy Friday  
4:00 pm Burial Vespers  
6:30 pm Matins - Lamentations  
All Night Watch
- Saturday, April 18, 2020**----- 9:00 am Vesperal Divine Liturgy Holy  
Saturday  
11:30 pm Paschal Vigil and Divine Liturgy  
Followed by the blessing of baskets and the  
Agape meal
- Sunday, April 19, 2020**----- 11:00 am Agape Vespers PASCHA
- Monday, April 20, 2020**----- 9:00 am Divine Liturgy Bright Monday
- Saturday, April 25, 2020**----- 5:45 pm Ninth Hour  
6:00 pm Great Vespers
- Sunday, April 26, 2020**----- 9:30 am Divine Liturgy St. Thomas Sunday  
2:00 pm Blessing of the Graves