

# **Divine Liturgy**

Sunday, February 7, 2021

**Afterfeast of the Meeting**

**St. Parthenius, Bishop of Lampsacus**



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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 February 7, 2021

**35th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – Tone 2. Afterfeast of the Meeting.** St. Parthenius, Bishop of Lampsacus on the Hellespont (4th c.). Ven. Luke of Hellas (ca. 946). The 1,003 Martyrs of Nicomedia (303).

## Weekly & Upcoming Calendar

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.

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

**Wednesday, February 10, 2021**

7:00 pm - Church History 101 with Fr. Matthew (via Zoom, RSVP by Tuesday)

**Thursday, February 11, 2021**

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

**Saturday, February 13, 2021**

6:00 pm - Great Vespers

**Sunday, February 14, 2021**

9:10 am - Reading of the Hours  
9:30 am - Divine Liturgy  
10:30 am - Communion for Parish Children (RSVP Required)

*\*\*\*Live Stream will also be available for all services.\*\*\**

# Divine Liturgy

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## Afterfeast of the Meeting

### St. Parthenius, Bishop of Lampsacus

**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 1      Troparion**                    *(Feast)*

Rejoice, O Virgin Theotokos, Full of Grace! From thee shone the Sun of Righteousness, Christ our God, enlightening those who sat in darkness. Rejoice and be glad, O righteous Elder, thou didst accept in thine arms the Redeemer of our souls, Who grants us the Resurrection!

**Tone 4      Troparion**                    *(St. Parthenius)*

In truth thou wast revealed to thy flock as a rule of faith, an image of humility and a teacher of abstinence; thy humility exalted thee; and thy poverty enriched thee. O Hierarch Father Parthenius, entreat Christ our God that our souls may be saved!

**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 3      Kontakion**                    *(St. Parthenius)*

Thou didst receive divine grace to work miracles wise and holy God-bearing wonderworker Parthenius. Thou didst cleanse the passions of all the faithful and

didst drive out evil spirits. Therefore, we praise thee as a great initiate of the grace of God.

**Tone 1      Kontakion      (Feast)**

By Thy Nativity Thou didst sanctify the Virgin's womb and didst bless Simeon's hands, O Christ God. Now Thou hast come and saved us through love. Grant peace to all Orthodox Christians, O only Lover of Man!

**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 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**

(Timothy 1:15-17) This is a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am chief. However, for this reason I obtained mercy, that in me first Jesus Christ might show all longsuffering, as a pattern to those who are going to believe on Him for everlasting life. Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, to God who alone is wise, be honor and glory forever and ever. 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 8**

*Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace, according to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation! (Luke 2:29)*

## **Gospel**

(Matthew 15:21-28) Then Jesus went out from there and departed to the region of Tyre and Sidon. And behold, a woman of Canaan came from that region and cried out to Him, saying, "Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David! My daughter is severely demon-possessed." But He answered her not a word. And His disciples came and urged Him, saying, "Send her away, for she cries out after us." But He answered and said, "I was not sent except to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." Then she came and worshiped Him, saying, "Lord, help me!" But He answered and said, "It is not good to take the children's bread and throw it to the little dogs." And she said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the little dogs eat the crumbs which fall from their masters' table." Then Jesus answered and said to her, "O woman, great is your faith! Let it be to you as you desire." And her daughter was healed from that very hour.

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

## **Tone 3**

O Virgin Theotokos, hope of all Christians, protect, preserve, and save those who hope in thee! In the shadow and letter of the Law, let us the faithful discern a figure: every male [child] that opens the womb is holy to God. Therefore we magnify the firstborn Word of the Father Who has no beginning, the Son firstborn of a Mother who had not known man.

## **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!

# **Annual Parish Meeting Notice**

The Annual Parish Meeting will be held on Sunday, February 21, 2021. The meeting will be held in the church hall immediately following the Sunday, Divine Liturgy. Due to the pandemic, all attendees must follow the current safety protocols to attending church in-person. Appropriate social distancing will be followed and face mask must be worn at all time. Food and drink will not be available. All are encouraged to completely read the agenda and reports, and prepare their questions to ensure an expedited parish meeting. Please note that there will be no means of virtual participation in the meeting.

According to the bylaws of St. Nicholas Russian Orthodox Church of Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, the required quorum for a parish meeting is the attendance of at least 25% of voting members in good standing. A quorum must be maintained throughout the meeting. If a quorum is not present, the meeting shall then be rescheduled by the Parish Council in consultation with the Rector, at which time the members present will constitute a quorum.

Due to the unique circumstances created by the current pandemic, the St. Nicholas Parish Council proposed and voted to pass a resolution that states if a quorum is not met for the 2021 Annual Parish Meeting on the set date and time, the rescheduled meeting will occur on the same date, however at 2:00 pm to allow parishioners to return home to break their fast and return. The members present at this meeting will constitute a quorum.

## **Annual Parish Meeting Reports Available Soon**

The Annual Parish Meeting will be held on Sunday, February 21, 2021. Please be advised that printed copies of the agenda and reports will be available at the candle desk on Sunday, February 7, 2021 and Sunday, February 14, 2021, as well as prior to the meeting on Sunday, February 21, 2021. Please stop by to pick up a copy at your convenience. If you would like a copy emailed to you or mailed to you, please contact the Administrative Assistant at [Assistant4StNicholas@outlook.com](mailto:Assistant4StNicholas@outlook.com). Please note that due to postal delays, we cannot guarantee that mailed copies will arrive prior to the meeting.

# Parish Member in Good Standing

A member of the Parish is "in good standing" if he/she is no less than eighteen years of age; partakes of the Sacraments of Confession and Holy Communion at least once a year in his/her home parish; and regularly fulfills his/her financial obligations as established by the All-American Councils, Diocesan Assemblies and Parish Annual Meeting.

The required minimum financial obligation to remain "in good standing" is \$520.00 per member and is due by December 31st of each year. Parishioners who are unable to meet this obligation are encouraged to speak with the pastor about other ways to support the work of the Church. Parishioners who have not met this obligation for two years will be deleted from the Parish, Diocesan, and national membership lists.

## Annual Church Office Elections

What you need to know to vote in the Annual Parish Meeting being held on February 21, 2021 and to run for Church Office: According to our Bylaws in order to vote and participate in the discussions you must be a member at least 18 years of age and in good standing (both financially and sacramentally) for one (1) year. In order to run for Church Office you must be a member in good standing for two (2) years, same as above.

If you have inquiries about Parish Council positions, please contact Father Matthew Joyner or any one of the Nominating Committee members who are Bryan Distefano, Moses Hodson and Lori Lezinsky.

Please note the Parish Council Vice President and Secretary are chosen by and from the newly elected Parish Council to serve for one (1) year terms.

### **Parish Council Officer Positions**

Parish Council President (one year)  
Treasurer (one year)  
Financial Secretary (one year)

### **Auditor Positions**

Four (4) one year terms

### **Parish Council Positions**

Three (3) three year terms  
One (2) two year term

### **Diocesan Assembly Positions**

Diocesan Assembly Delegate  
Diocesan Assembly Alternate



# **Candle Offerings for Sunday, February 7, 2021**

## **Votives in Altar**

In Memory of Alexander P. Karel on the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of his passing (1/26)  
Offered by Thomas & Olga Karel

## **Votives in Iconostas**

In Memory of Alexander P. Karel on the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of his passing (1/26)  
Offered by Thomas & Olga Karel

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

In Memory of Rosalia, John, Joseph, George Felix  
Offered by Patricia Felix

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

In Memory Of Anna Kanerva  
Offered by Barb, Kyra and Gregory Monarek

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

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## **Vigils on South Wall Window Sills**

In Honor of Helen Karel's 102<sup>nd</sup> Birthday!  
Offered by Thomas & Olga Karel

## **Vigils on North Wall Window Sills**

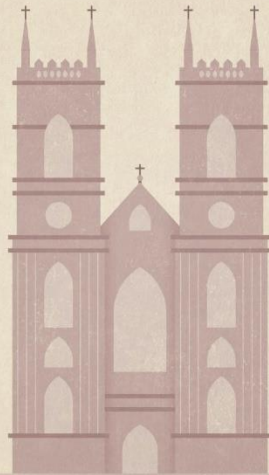
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## **Donation to St. Herman Theological Seminary**

Upon the recommendation and vote of the Parish Council, on December 31, 2020, a donation of \$5,000 was made to St. Herman Theological Seminary. This donation was made by the parish of St. Nicholas in memory of His Eminence Archbishop David. May his memory be eternal!

# Church History 101

with Fr. Matthew



Wednesday Evenings at 7pm  
via Zoom  
beginning February 3rd

Sign up by email at  
[Assistant4StNicholas@outlook.com](mailto:Assistant4StNicholas@outlook.com)  
by Tuesday evening

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**

**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

**Deacons:** Geoffrey LoBalbo

**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, Sherry Hromiak, Michael H. Isbansky, Sarah Jubinski, Pauline Kasick, Mary K. Koretski, Stephanie Koretski, David Lezinsky, Judy Lezinsky, Olga Maksimova, Peter Marsh, Lanelle Mikolaitis, Catherine Miller, Nicolae & Doina Marian, Mary Orzolek, Kylie Pinho, Ryan Pinkowicz, Kiera Pheiffer, Alex Roberts, 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 Witanek

**Child of God:** Emily Estrin

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