

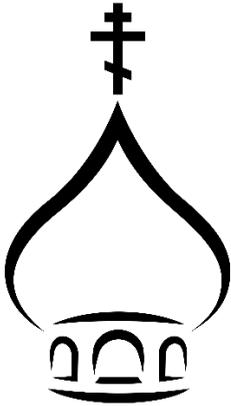
# **Divine Liturgy**

Sunday, February 14, 2021

**36th Sunday after Pentecost**

**Sunday of Zacchaeus**

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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 14, 2021

**36th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – Tone 3. Sunday of Zacchaeus.** Ven. Auxentius of Bithynia (ca. 470). Repose of St. Cyril, Equal-to-the-Apostles and Teacher of the Slavs (869). Ven. Isaac, Recluse, of the Kiev Caves (Near Caves—ca. 1190). The Twelve Greeks who built the Dormition Cathedral in the Lavra of the Kiev Caves (11th c.). Translation of the Relics of Martyrs Michael and his councilor, Theodore, of Chernígov (1578). Ven. Maron, Hermit, of Syria (4th c.). St. Abraham, Bishop of Charres, Mesopotamia (5th c.).

## 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 17, 2021**

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

### **Thursday, February 18, 2021**

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

### **Saturday, February 20, 2021**

6:00 pm – Great Vespers

### **Sunday, February 21, 2021**

9:10 am – Reading of the Hours  
9:30 am – Divine Liturgy  
10:30 am – Communion for Parish Children (RSVP Required)  
11:00 am – (after Liturgy) Annual Parish Assembly in the Fellowship Hall  
2:00 pm – Annual Parish Assembly back up time (if quorum is not met immediately following the Liturgy)

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

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**Tone 3      Troparion**      *(Resurrection)*

Let the heavens rejoice! Let the earth be glad! For the Lord has shown strength with His arm. He has trampled down death by death. He has become the first born of the dead. He has delivered us from the depths of hell, and has granted to the world great mercy.

**Tone 1      Troparion**      *(Ven. Auxentius)*

O dweller of the wilderness and angel in the body, thou wast a wonderworker, O our God-bearing Father Auxentius. Thou didst receive heavenly gifts through fasting, vigil, and prayer, healing the sick and the souls of those drawn to thee by faith. Glory to Him Who gave thee strength! Glory to Him Who granted thee a crown! Glory to Him Who grants healing to all!

**Tone 3      Kontakion**      *(Resurrection)*

On this day Thou didst rise from the tomb, O Merciful One, leading us from the gates of death. On this day Adam exults as Eve rejoices; with the Prophets and Patriarchs they unceasingly praise the divine majesty of Thy power.

**Tone 2      Kontakion**      *(Ven. Auxentius)*

Thou didst delight in abstinence, restraining the desires of the flesh. Divinely wise and holy Father Auxentius, thou wast revealed to be shining with faith, blossoming like a plant in the midst of Paradise.

**Tone 3      Prokeimenon      (Resurrection)**

Sing praises to our God, sing praises! / Sing praises to our King, sing praises!  
(Ps. 46:6)

*Clap your hands, all peoples! Shout to God with loud songs of joy! (Ps. 46:1)*

**Epistle**

(1 Timothy 4:9-15) This is a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptance. For to this end we both labor and suffer reproach, because we trust in the living God, who is the Savior of all men, especially of those who believe. These things command and teach. Let no one despise your youth, but be an example to the believers in word, in conduct, in love, in spirit, in faith, in purity. Till I come, give attention to reading, to exhortation, to doctrine. Do not neglect the gift that is in you, which was given to you by prophecy with the laying on of the hands of the eldership. Meditate on these things; give yourself entirely to them, that your progress may be evident to all.

**Tone 3**

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

*In Thee, O Lord, have I hoped; let me never be put to shame! (Ps. 30:1a)*

*Be a God of protection for me, a house of refuge in order to save me! (Ps. 30:2b)*

## **Gospel**

(Luke 19:1-10) Then Jesus entered and passed through Jericho. Now behold, there was a man named Zacchaeus who was a chief tax collector, and he was rich. And he sought to see who Jesus was, but could not because of the crowd, for he was of short stature. So he ran ahead and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see Him, for He was going to pass that way. And when Jesus came to the place, He looked up and saw him, and said to him, "Zacchaeus, make haste and come down, for today I must stay at your house." So he made haste and came down, and received Him joyfully. But when they saw it, they all complained, saying, "He has gone to be a guest with a man who is a sinner." Then Zacchaeus stood and said to the Lord, "Look, Lord, I give half of my goods to the poor; and if I have taken anything from anyone by false accusation, I restore fourfold." And Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, because he also is a son of Abraham; for the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost."

## **Communion Hymn**

Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest! (*Ps. 148:1*)  
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 14, 2021

## Crosses

In Memory Of Joseph Kavchok Sr.  
Offered by Joe & Marge Kavchok

## Vigils - Icon of the Virgin Mary

In Memory Of Rosalia, John, Joseph and George Felix  
Offered by Patricia Felix

# 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.**