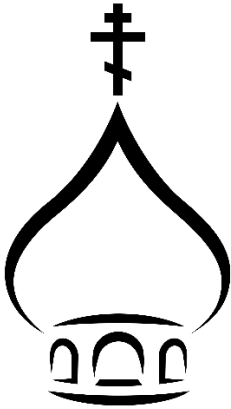


Divine Liturgy

Sunday, February 21, 2021

37th Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday of the Publican and the Pharisee



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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 21, 2021

SUNDAY OF THE PUBLICAN AND THE PHARISEE – Tone 4. Beginning of the Lenten Triodion. Saint Makarios of Glinsk Hermitage (19th c.). Ven. Timothy of Symbola in Bithynia (9th c.). St. Eustathius (Eustace), Archbishop of Antioch (377). St. George, Bishop of Amastris on the Black Sea (802-811). "KOZEL'SHCHANSKAYA" Icon of the Mother of God (1881).

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 24, 2021

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

Thursday, February 25, 2021

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

Saturday, February 27, 2021

6:00 pm - Great Vespers

Sunday, February 28, 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.****

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Tone 4 Troparion *(Resurrection)*

When the women disciples of the Lord learned from the angel the joyous message of Thy Resurrection, they cast away the ancestral curse and elatedly told the apostles: "Death is overthrown! Christ God is risen, granting the world great mercy!"

Tone 4 Kontakion *(from the Lenten Triodion)*

Let us flee from the pride of the Pharisee! Let us learn humility from the Publican's tears! Let us cry to our Savior: "Have mercy on us, O only merciful One!"

Tone 4 Prokeimenon *(Resurrection)*

O Lord, how manifold are Thy works; / in wisdom hast Thou made them all.
(Ps. 103:26)

Bless the Lord, O my soul! O Lord, my God, Thou art very great! (Ps. 103:1)

Epistle

(2 Timothy 3:10-15) But you have carefully followed my doctrine, manner of life, purpose, faith, longsuffering, love, perseverance, persecutions, afflictions, which happened to me at Antioch, at Iconium, at Lystra - what persecutions I endured. And out of them all the Lord delivered me. Yes, and all who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will suffer persecution. But evil men and impostors will grow worse and worse, deceiving and being deceived. But you must continue in the

things which you have learned and been assured of, knowing from whom you have learned them, and that from childhood you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.

Tone 4

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

*Go forth, prosper and reign, for the sake of meekness, righteousness and truth!
(Ps. 44:3b)*

For Thou lovest righteousness, and hatest iniquity. (Ps. 44:6)

Gospel

(Luke 18:10-14) "Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, 'God, I thank You that I am not like other men - extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even as this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I possess.' And the tax collector, standing afar off, would not so much as raise his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, 'God, be merciful to me a sinner!' I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other; for everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted."

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. 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 21, 2021

Vigils in Altar

In Honor Of Scott Radio, Offered by Jen

Votives in Altar

In Memory Of Dmitry Guanowsky, Offered by The Guanowsky Family

Crosses

For Health Of Scott Radio, Offered by Greg & Rosalie

Vigils on the Tetrapod

In Memory Of Michael & Mary Stetz, Offered by Pat & Joan

Vigils on Icon Table

Happy Birthday Alexander Hodson, Offered by Mama, Daddy and Christopher

Vigils - Icon of the Virgin Mary

Happy Birthday Jamee Bresee Slivka, Offered by Mike & Fran Slivka

Votives - Icon of the Virgin Mary

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

Vigils - Icon of St. John the Baptist

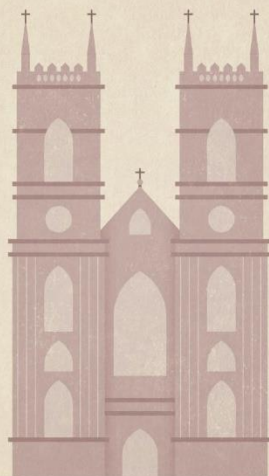
Happy Anniversary Dan & Jean, Offered by Peter & Sarah

4th Quarter Treasurer's Report Summary

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| October 2020 | Income: | \$28,581.63 |
| | Expenses: | \$20,172.90 |
| | Net Revenue: | <u>\$8,408.73</u> |
| November 2020 | Income: | \$22,889.98 |
| | Expenses | \$20,204.83 |
| | Net Revenue: | <u>\$2,685.15</u> |
| December 2020 | Income: | \$33,986.03 |
| | Expenses: | \$27,394.09 |
| | Net Revenue: | <u>\$6,591.94</u> |

Church History 101

with Fr. Matthew



Wednesday Evenings at 7pm
via Zoom
beginning February 3rd

Sign up by email at
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

Handmaiden of God: Amanda Riley and her unborn child

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