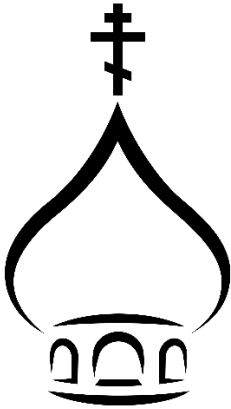


# **Divine Liturgy**

Sunday, February 28, 2021

**38th Sunday after Pentecost**

**Sunday of the Prodigal Son**



**SAINT NICHOLAS**  
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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 28, 2021

**SUNDAY OF THE PRODIGAL SON – Tone 5.** Ven. Basil the Confessor, Companion of Ven. Procopius at Decapolis (750). Bl. Nikolai, Fool-for-Christ at Pskov (1576). Hieromartyr Proterius, Patriarch of Alexandria (457). Hieromartyr Nestor, Bishop of Magydos in Pamphylia (250). Ven. Marina (Marana), Cyra (Kyra) and Domnica (Domnina), of Syria (ca. 450). Venerable Domnica (ca. 450). John Cassian the Roman (435). Devpeteruv Icon of the Mother of God (14th 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.

Invitations for services during the Lenten and Paschal season will be emailed twice a week. For services on Saturday, Sunday and Monday, please plan to RSVP by noon on the prior Thursday. For services on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, please plan to RSVP by noon on the prior Monday. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

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

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

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|---------------------------------|--|
| <b>Wednesday, March 3, 2021</b> | 7:00 pm - Church History 101 with Fr. Matthew (via Zoom, RSVP by Tuesday)                                  |
| <b>Thursday, March 4, 2021</b>  | 12:00 pm - Deadline to RSVP for services on the upcoming Saturday, Sunday & Monday                         |
| <b>Saturday, March 6, 2021</b>  | Memorial Saturday<br>8:50 am - Reading of the Hours<br>9:00 am - Divine Liturgy<br>6:00 pm - Great Vespers |

**Sunday, March 7, 2021**

Meatfare Sunday

9:10 am - Reading of the Hours

9:30 am - Divine Liturgy

10:30 am - Communion for Parish Children  
(RSVP Required)

**Saturday, March 13, 2021**

6:00 pm - Great Vespers

**Sunday, March 14, 2021**

Cheesefare Sunday, Forgiveness Sunday

9:10 am - Reading of the Hours

9:30 am - Divine Liturgy

10:30 am - Communion for Parish Children  
(RSVP Required)

6:00 pm - Forgiveness Vespers

**Monday, March 15, 2021**

12:00 pm - Deadline to RSVP for services on  
the upcoming Tuesday, Wednesday,  
Thursday & Friday

7:00 pm - Great Canon of St. Andrew of Crete

**Tuesday, March 16, 2021**

7:00 pm - Great Canon of St. Andrew of Crete

**Wednesday, March 17, 2021**

6:00 pm - Presanctified Liturgy

**Thursday, March 18, 2021**

12:00 pm - Deadline to RSVP for services on  
the upcoming Saturday, Sunday & Monday

7:00 pm - Great Canon of St. Andrew of Crete

**Friday, March 19, 2021**

7:00 pm - Great Canon of St. Andrew of Crete

**Saturday, March 20, 2021**

8:50 am - Reading of the Hours

9:00 am - Divine Liturgy St. Theodore the  
Recruit

10:00 am - Communion for Parish Children  
(RSVP Required)

6:00 pm - Great Vespers

- Sunday, March 21, 2021** The Sunday of Orthodoxy  
9:10 am - Reading of the Hours  
9:30 am - Divine Liturgy  
10:30 am - Communion for Parish Children  
(RSVP Required)
- Monday, March 22, 2021** 12:00 pm - Deadline to RSVP for services on  
the upcoming Tuesday, Wednesday,  
Thursday & Friday
- Wednesday, March 24, 2021** Eve of the Annunciation of the Most Holy  
Theotokos  
6:00 pm - Vesperal Divine Liturgy
- Thursday, March 25, 2021** 12:00 pm - Deadline to RSVP for services on  
the upcoming Saturday, Sunday & Monday
- Friday, March 26, 2021** 9:00 am - Presanctified Liturgy
- Saturday, March 27, 2021** Memorial Saturday  
8:50 am - Reading of the Hours  
9:00 am - Divine Liturgy  
10:00 am - Communion for Parish Children  
(RSVP Required)  
6:00 pm - Great Vespers
- Sunday, March 28, 2021** St. Gregory Palamas  
9:10 am - Reading of the Hours  
9:30 am - Divine Liturgy  
10:30 am - Communion for Parish Children  
(RSVP Required)
- Monday, March 29, 2021** 12:00 pm - Deadline to RSVP for services on  
the upcoming Tuesday, Wednesday,  
Thursday & Friday
- Wednesday, March 31, 2021** 6:00 pm - Presanctified Liturgy

<b>Thursday, April 1, 2021</b>	12:00 pm - Deadline to RSVP for services on the upcoming Saturday, Sunday & Monday
<b>Friday, April 2, 2021</b>	9:00 am - Presanctified Liturgy
<b>Saturday, April 3, 2021</b>	Memorial Saturday 8:50 am - Reading of the Hours 9:00 am - Divine Liturgy 10:00 am - Communion for Parish Children (RSVP Required) 6:00 pm - Great Vespers
<b>Sunday, April 4, 2021</b>	Veneration of the Cross 9:10 am - Reading of the Hours 9:30 am - Divine Liturgy 10:30 am - Communion for Parish Children (RSVP Required)
<b>Monday, April 5, 2021</b>	12:00 pm - Deadline to RSVP for services on the upcoming Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday
<b>Wednesday, April 7, 2021</b>	6:00 pm - Presanctified Liturgy
<b>Thursday, April 8, 2021</b>	12:00 pm - Deadline to RSVP for services on the upcoming Saturday, Sunday & Monday
<b>Friday, April 9, 2021</b>	9:00 am - Presanctified Liturgy
<b>Saturday, April 10, 2021</b>	Memorial Saturday 8:50 am - Reading of the Hours 9:00 am - Divine Liturgy 10:00 am - Communion for Parish Children (RSVP Required) 6:00 pm - Great Vespers

**Sunday, April 11, 2021**

St. John Climacus

9:10 am - Reading of the Hours

9:30 am - Divine Liturgy

10:30 am - Communion for Parish Children  
(RSVP Required)

**Monday, April 12, 2021**

12:00 pm - Deadline to RSVP for services on  
the upcoming Tuesday, Wednesday,  
Thursday & Friday

**Wednesday, April 14, 2021**

6:00 pm - Presanctified Liturgy

**Thursday, April 15, 2021**

12:00 pm - Deadline to RSVP for services on  
the upcoming Saturday, Sunday & Monday

7:00 pm - Great Canon of St. Andrew of Crete  
with the Life of St. Mary of Egypt

**Friday, April 16, 2021**

9:00 am - Presanctified Liturgy

**Saturday, April 17, 2021**

Most Holy Theotokos

8:50 am - Reading of the Hours

9:00 am - Divine Liturgy

10:00 am - Communion for Parish Children  
(RSVP Required)

6:00 pm - Great Vespers

**Sunday, April 18, 2021**

St. Mary of Egypt

9:10 am - Reading of the Hours

9:30 am - Divine Liturgy

10:30 am - Communion for Parish Children  
(RSVP Required)

**Monday, April 19, 2021**

12:00 pm - Deadline to RSVP for services on  
the upcoming Tuesday, Wednesday,  
Thursday & Friday

**Wednesday, April 21, 2021**

6:00 pm - Presanctified Liturgy

**Thursday, April 22, 2021**

12:00 pm - Deadline to RSVP for services on the upcoming Saturday, Sunday & Monday

**Friday, April 23, 2021**

7:00 pm - Matins for Lazarus Saturday

**Saturday, April 24, 2021**

Lazarus Saturday

8:50 am - Reading of the Hours

9:00 am - Divine Liturgy

10:00 am - Communion for Parish Children (RSVP Required)

6:00 pm - Great Vespers

**Sunday, April 25, 2021**

Palm Sunday

9:10 am - Reading of the Hours

9:30 am - Divine Liturgy

10:30 am - Communion for Parish Children (RSVP Required)

4:00 pm - Bridegroom Matins

**Monday, April 26, 2021**

Holy Monday

9:00 am - Presanctified Liturgy

12:00 pm - Deadline to RSVP for services on the upcoming Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday

7:00 pm - Bridegroom Matins

**Tuesday, April 27, 2021**

Holy Tuesday

9:00 am - Presanctified Liturgy

7:00 pm - Bridegroom Matins

**Wednesday, April 28, 2021**

Holy Wednesday

9:00 am - Presanctified Liturgy

7:00 pm - Holy Unction

**Thursday, April 29, 2021**

Holy Thursday

8:50 am - Reading of the Hours

9:00 am - Divine Liturgy of St. Basil



10:00 am - Communion for Parish Children  
(RSVP Required)  
12:00 pm - Deadline to RSVP for services on  
the upcoming Saturday, Sunday & Monday  
7:00 pm - The 12 Passion Gospels

**Friday, April 30, 2021**

Holy Friday  
9:00 am - Royal Hours  
4:00 pm - Burial Vespers  
6:30 pm - Matins Lamentations  
All Night Watch

**Saturday, May 1, 2021**

Holy Saturday  
9:00 am - Vespersal Divine Liturgy  
11:30 pm - Paschal Vigil and Divine Liturgy  
Followed by the blessing of baskets and the  
Agape meal

**Sunday, May 2, 2021**

**GREAT AND HOLY PASCHA**  
11:00 am - Agape Vespers

**Monday, May 3, 2021**

Bright Monday  
8:50 am - Reading of the Hours  
9:00 am - Divine Liturgy  
10:00 am - Communion for Parish Children  
(RSVP Required)

**Thursday, May 6, 2021**

12:00 pm - Deadline to RSVP for services on  
the upcoming Saturday, Sunday & Monday

**Saturday, May 8, 2021**

6:00 pm - Great Vespers

**Sunday, May 9, 2021**

St. Thomas Sunday  
9:10 am - Reading of the Hours  
9:30 am - Divine Liturgy  
10:00 am - Communion for Parish Children  
(RSVP Required)  
2:00 pm - Blessing of the Graves

# Divine Liturgy

Sunday, February 28, 2021

**38th Sunday after Pentecost**

**Sunday of the Prodigal Son**

**Tone 5      Troparion**      *(Resurrection)*

Let us, the faithful, praise and worship the Word, co-eternal with the Father and the Spirit, born for our salvation from the Virgin; for He willed to be lifted up on the Cross in the flesh, to endure death, and to raise the dead by His glorious Resurrection.

**Tone 3      Kontakion**      *(from the Lenten Triodion)*

I have recklessly forgotten Thy glory, O Father; and among sinners I have scattered the riches which Thou gavest me. And now I cry to Thee as the Prodigal: "I have sinned before Thee, O merciful Father; receive me as a penitent, and make me as one of Thy hired servants!"

**Tone 5      Prokeimenon**      *(Resurrection)*

Thou, O Lord, shalt protect us / and preserve us from this generation forever.  
*(Ps. 11:7)*

*Save me, O Lord, for there is no longer any that is godly! (Ps. 11:1a)*

## **Epistle**

(1 Corinthians 6:12-20) All things are lawful for me, but all things are not helpful. All things are lawful for me, but I will not be brought under the power of any. Foods for the stomach and the stomach for foods, but God will destroy both it and them. Now the body is not for sexual immorality but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. And God both raised up the Lord and will also raise us up by His power. Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Shall I

then take the members of Christ and make them members of a harlot? Certainly not! Or do you not know that he who is joined to a harlot is one body with her? For "the two," He says, "shall become one flesh." But he who is joined to the Lord is one spirit with Him. Flee sexual immorality. Every sin that a man does is outside the body, but he who commits sexual immorality sins against his own body. Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own? For you were bought at a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's.

### **Tone 5**

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

*I will sing of Thy mercies, O Lord, forever; with my mouth I will proclaim Thy truth from generation to generation. (Ps. 88:1-2)*

*For Thou hast said: Mercy will be established forever; Thy truth will be prepared in the heavens. (Ps. 88:3)*

### **Gospel**

(Luke 15:11-32) Then He said: "A certain man had two sons. And the younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the portion of goods that falls to me.' So he divided to them his livelihood. And not many days after, the younger son gathered all together, journeyed to a far country, and there wasted his possessions with prodigal living. But when he had spent all, there arose a severe famine in that land, and he began to be in want. Then he went and joined himself to a citizen of that country, and he sent him into his fields to feed swine. And he would gladly have filled his stomach with the pods that the swine ate, and no one gave him anything. But when he came to himself, he said, 'How many of my father's hired servants have bread enough and to spare, and I perish

with hunger! I will arise and go to my father, and will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you, and I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Make me like one of your hired servants.'" And he arose and came to his father. But when he was still a great way off, his father saw him and had compassion, and ran and fell on his neck and kissed him. And the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and in your sight, and am no longer worthy to be called your son.' But the father said to his servants, 'Bring out the best robe and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand and sandals on his feet. And bring the fatted calf here and kill it, and let us eat and be merry; for this my son was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.' And they began to be merry. Now his older son was in the field. And as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing. So he called one of the servants and asked what these things meant. And he said to him, 'Your brother has come, and because he has received him safe and sound, your father has killed the fatted calf.' But he was angry and would not go in. Therefore his father came out and pleaded with him. So he answered and said to his father, 'Lo, these many years I have been serving you; I never transgressed your commandment at any time; and yet you never gave me a young goat, that I might make merry with my friends. But as soon as this son of yours came, who has devoured your livelihood with harlots, you killed the fatted calf for him.' And he said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that I have is yours. It was right that we should make merry and be glad, for your brother was dead and is alive again, and was lost and is found.'"

## **Communion Hymn**

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

# **Candle Offerings for Sunday, February 28, 2021**

## **Vigils in Altar**

For Health Of Scott & Rosalie Radio, Offered by Greg

## **Vigils in Altar**

For Health Of Rosalie & Scott Radio, Offered by Keri & Jason

## **Crosses**

For Health Of Rosalie & Scott, Offered by Ethan, Owen, Talia & Jones

## **Vigils on the Tetrapod**

For Health Of The Stetz Family, Offered by Pat & Joan

## **Vigils - 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 Birthday Sarah Jubinski, Offered by Peter, Dan, Jean

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

Happy Birthday Sarah Jubinski, Offered by Peter, Dan, Jean

# 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Treasurer's Report Summary

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](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 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

**Handmaidens of God:** Amanda Riley, Natalie Stepanoff and their unborn children

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