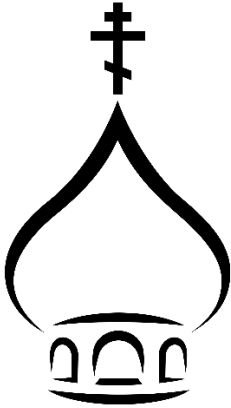


# **Divine Liturgy**

Sunday, March 7, 2021

**Meatfare Sunday - Sunday of the Last Judgment**



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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 March 7, 2021

**SUNDAY OF MEATFARE – Tone 6. Sunday of the Last Judgment.** The Holy Hieromartyrs of Cherson: Basil, Ephraim, Capito, Eugene, Aetherius, Elpidius, and Agathodorus (4th c.). Ven. Paul the Simple, disciple of Ven. Anthony the Great (4th c.). St. Paul the Confessor, Bishop of Plousias in Bithynia (9th c.). St. Emilian of Rome. Icon of the Mother of God, "SURETY OF SINNERS" in Odrina (Orlovsk–1843) and Moscow (1848).

## 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.\*\*\**

**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

<b>Monday, March 15, 2021</b>	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
<b>Tuesday, March 16, 2021</b>	7:00 pm - Great Canon of St. Andrew of Crete
<b>Wednesday, March 17, 2021</b>	6:00 pm - Presanctified Liturgy
<b>Thursday, March 18, 2021</b>	12:00 pm - Deadline to RSVP for services on the upcoming Saturday, Sunday & Monday 7:00 pm - Great Canon of St. Andrew of Crete
<b>Friday, March 19, 2021</b>	7:00 pm - Great Canon of St. Andrew of Crete
<b>Saturday, March 20, 2021</b>	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
<b>Sunday, March 21, 2021</b>	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)
<b>Monday, March 22, 2021</b>	12:00 pm - Deadline to RSVP for services on the upcoming Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday
<b>Wednesday, March 24, 2021</b>	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
- Thursday, April 1, 2021** 12:00 pm - Deadline to RSVP for services on the upcoming Saturday, Sunday & Monday
- Friday, April 2, 2021** 9:00 am - Presanctified Liturgy
- Saturday, April 3, 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, April 4, 2021**

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)

**Monday, April 5, 2021**

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

**Wednesday, April 7, 2021**

6:00 pm - Presanctified Liturgy

**Thursday, April 8, 2021**

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

**Friday, April 9, 2021**

9:00 am - Presanctified Liturgy

**Saturday, April 10, 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, 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 - Vesperal 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

## **Pussy Willow Branches**



Reminder: It will soon be time for pussy willows to start blooming. Please cut the branches of willows and bring them to the church as soon as they bloom. Since Pascha is May 2<sup>nd</sup>, we will need to store the willows until they are prepared for Palm Sunday on April 25<sup>th</sup>. Please wrap the willows loosely in newspaper so we can save them for Palm Sunday. Thank you for your help in gathering the willows.



# Divine Liturgy

Sunday, March 7, 2021

## Meatfare Sunday - Sunday of the Last Judgment

**Tone 6**      **Troparion**      *(Resurrection)*

The Angelic Powers were at Thy tomb; the guards became as dead men. Mary stood by Thy grave, seeking Thy most pure body. Thou didst capture hell not being tempted by it. Thou didst come to the Virgin, granting life. O Lord, Who didst rise from the dead, glory to Thee.

**Tone 1**      **Kontakion**      *(from the Lenten Triodion)*

When Thou, O God, shalt come to earth with glory, all things shall tremble, and the river of fire shall flow before Thy judgment seat; the books shall be opened, and the hidden things disclosed; then deliver me from the unquenchable fire, and make me worthy to stand at Thy right hand, O Righteous Judge!

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

Great is our Lord, and abundant in power, His understanding is beyond measure. *(Ps. 146:5)*

*Praise the Lord! For it is good to sing praises to our God! (Ps. 146:1)*

### Epistle

(1 Corinthians 8:8-9:2) But food does not commend us to God; for neither if we eat are we the better, nor if we do not eat are we the worse. But beware lest somehow this liberty of yours become a stumbling block to those who are weak. For if anyone sees you who have knowledge eating in an idol's temple, will not the conscience of him who is weak be emboldened to eat those things offered to idols? And because of your knowledge shall the weak brother perish, for

whom Christ died? But when you thus sin against the brethren, and wound their weak conscience, you sin against Christ. Therefore, if food makes my brother stumble, I will never again eat meat, lest I make my brother stumble. Am I not an apostle? Am I not free? Have I not seen Jesus Christ our Lord? Are you not my work in the Lord? If I am not an apostle to others, yet doubtless I am to you. For you are the seal of my apostleship in the Lord.

### **Tone 8**

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

*Come, let us rejoice in the Lord! Let us make a joyful noise to God our Savior! (Ps. 94:1)*

*Let us come before His presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise. (Ps. 94:2)*

### **Gospel**

(Matthew 25:31-46) When the Son of Man comes in His glory, and all the holy angels with Him, then He will sit on the throne of His glory. All the nations will be gathered before Him, and He will separate them one from another, as a shepherd divides his sheep from the goats. And He will set the sheep on His right hand, but the goats on the left. Then the King will say to those on His right hand, 'Come, you blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world: for I was hungry and you gave Me food; I was thirsty and you gave Me drink; I was a stranger and you took Me in; I was naked and you clothed Me; I was sick and you visited Me; I was in prison and you came to Me.' Then the righteous will answer Him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see You hungry and feed You, or thirsty and give You drink? When did we see You a

stranger and take You in, or naked and clothe You? Or when did we see You sick, or in prison, and come to You?' And the King will answer and say to them, 'Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did it to one of the least of these My brethren, you did it to Me.' Then He will also say to those on the left hand, 'Depart from Me, you cursed, into the everlasting fire prepared for the devil and his angels: for I was hungry and you gave Me no food; I was thirsty and you gave Me no drink; I was a stranger and you did not take Me in, naked and you did not clothe Me, sick and in prison and you did not visit Me.' Then they also will answer Him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see You hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to You?' Then He will answer them, saying, 'Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to Me.' And these will go away into everlasting punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

### **Communion Hymn**

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

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

### **Votives in the Altar**

For Health Of Victoria Lustig, Offered by Guliana Holobeny

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

For Health Of Lanelle Mikolaitis, Offered by Patty Felix

### **Vigil of St. Andrew**

In Memory Of Andrew Sabric, Offered by Michele Guydan

# Church Security Update: Church Entry Codes to be Updated

Parish Faithful,

For over a year, the Parish Council has been working diligently to address the safety and security concerns of our parish. One of those initiatives is to deactivate the currently shared security system access code and issue individual code to designated individuals.

**Please note that the current shared access code WILL BE DEACTIVATED ON MARCH 15, 2021. Please do not attempt to use that code to access the building after March 15, 2021.**

All individuals who have been designated by the Parish Council as requiring individual access codes have been contacted to provide their new codes. If you believe you should have access to the church but have not received an new individual code, please contact the Administrative Assistant to discuss your needs.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Administrative Assistant.

In Christ,  
**St. Nicholas Parish Council**

## **A Note of Thanks from The Mahaffey and Lezinsky Families**

The Family of His Eminence Archbishop David is grateful to God for his life, for your friendship and for your kindness and prayers.

Dear Parishioners of Saint Nicholas, Thank you for your donation. Your thoughtfulness and generosity are much appreciated by the entire family.  
The Mahaffey and Lezinsky Families

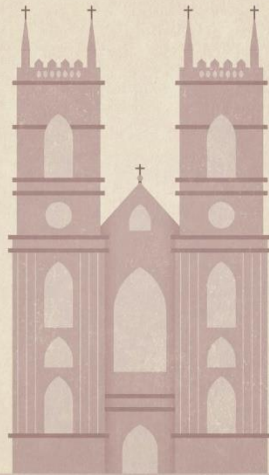
# A Note of Thanks from St. Herman Theological Seminary

Dear Brothers & Sisters in Christ, St. Herman Seminary is a place where Alaskans come to be filled with the Grace of God and the fruits of the Holy Spirit. It is the fertile ground upon which Holy Orthodoxy raises these seedlings into fruit-bearing plants that go out and nourish the hungry Faithful of Alaska. Every gift blesses this Holy work and helps to feed these seedlings; every gift gives them the strength needed to grow. With every gift we are able to share in the beautiful tree that blossom before our eyes and begins to bear fruit from which we are able to partake from, and be nourished ourselves. It is this sharing of God's Grace that you participate in through the gift that you share with us. On behalf of the Faculty, Administration and Board of Trustees of Saint Herman Seminary, I want to thank you from the bottom of my heart. Be assured of our continued prayers for you and may God return your gift to you a hundred-fold!

Your unworthy servant,  
Archpriest Vasily Fisher, Interim-Dean

## 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, Victoria Lustig, Olga Maksimova, Peter Marsh, Lanelle Mikolaitis, Catherine Miller, Nicolae & Doina Marian, Mary Orzolek, Kylie Pinho, Ryan Pinkowicz, Kiera Pheiffer, 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.**