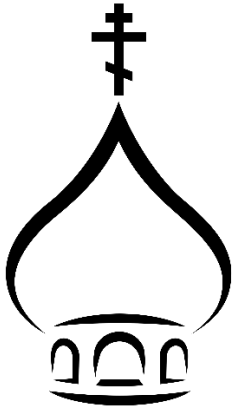


Divine Liturgy
Sunday, March 28, 2021
Second Sunday of Great Lent
St. Gregory Palamas



SAINT NICHOLAS
RUSSIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

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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 28, 2021

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT – Tone 1. St. Gregory Palamas. Synaxis of the Venerable Fathers of the Kiev Caves Lavra. Ven. Hilarion the New, Abbot of Pelekete (ca. 754). Ven. Stephen the Wonderworker, Abbot of Triglia (9th c.). Monastic Martyr Eustratius of the Kiev Caves (Near Caves–1097). Ven. Hilarion of Pskov Lake (Gdov–1476). Martyred brothers Barachisius and Jonah, and those with them, in Persia (4th c.). Martyr Boyan, Prince of Bulgaria (ca. 830).

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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| 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 - Vespers 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)
Sunday School Easter Egg Hunt after Liturgy
(rain date May 16)
2:00 pm - Blessing of the Graves

Divine Liturgy

Sunday, March 28, 2021

Second Sunday of Great Lent

St. Gregory Palamas

Tone 1 Troparion *(Resurrection)*

When the stone had been sealed by the Jews, while the soldiers were guarding Thy most pure body, Thou didst rise on the third day, O Savior, granting life to the world. The powers of heaven therefore cried to Thee, O Giver of Life: "Glory to Thy Resurrection, O Christ! Glory to Thy Kingdom! Glory to Thy dispensation, O Thou Who lovest mankind!"

Tone 8 Troparion *(St. Gregory Palamas)*

O light of Orthodoxy, teacher of the Church, its confirmation, O ideal of monks and invincible champion of theologians, O wonderworking Gregory, glory of Thessalonica and preacher of grace, always intercede before the Lord that our souls may be saved!

Tone 8 Kontakion *(St. Gregory Palamas)*

Holy and divine instrument of wisdom, joyful trumpet of theology, together we sing thy praises, O God-inspired Gregory. Since thou now standest before the Original Mind, guide our minds to Him, O Father, so that we may sing to thee: "Rejoice, preacher of grace!"

Tone 4 Kontakion *(from the Lenten Triodion)*

Now is the time for action! Judgment is at the doors! So let us rise and fast, offering alms with tears of compunction and crying: "Our sins are more in number than the sands of the sea; but forgive us, O Master of all, so that we may receive the incorruptible crowns!"

Tone 5 Prokeimenon

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)

Tone 1 Prokeimenon (St. Gregory Palamas)

My mouth shall speak wisdom; the meditation of my heart shall be understanding. (Ps. 48:3)

Epistle

(Hebrews 1:10-2:3) And: "You, LORD, in the beginning laid the foundation of the earth, and the heavens are the work of Your hands. They will perish, but You remain; and they will all grow old like a garment; like a cloak You will fold them up, and they will be changed. But You are the same, and Your years will not fail." But to which of the angels has He ever said: "Sit at My right hand, till I make Your enemies Your footstool"? Are they not all ministering spirits sent forth to minister for those who will inherit salvation? Therefore we must give the more earnest heed to the things we have heard, lest we drift away. For if the word spoken through angels proved steadfast, and every transgression and disobedience received a just reward, how shall we escape if we neglect so great a salvation, which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed to us by those who heard Him,

(Hebrews 7:26-8:2 (St. Gregory Palamas)) For such a High Priest was fitting for us, who is holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners, and has become

higher than the heavens; who does not need daily, as those high priests, to offer up sacrifices, first for his own sins and then for the people's, for this He did once for all when He offered up Himself. For the law appoints as high priests men who have weakness, but the word of the oath, which came after the law, appoints the Son who has been perfected forever. Now this is the main point of the things we are saying: We have such a High Priest, who is seated at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in the heavens, a Minister of the sanctuary and of the true tabernacle which the Lord erected, and not man.

Tone 1

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

God gives vengeance unto me, and subdues people under me. (Ps. 17:48)

He magnifies the salvation of the King and deals mercifully with David, His anointed, and his seed forever. (Ps. 17:51)

Tone 2

The mouth of the righteous shall meditate wisdom, and his tongue shall speak of judgment. (Ps. 36:31)

Gospel

(Mark 2:1-12) And again He entered Capernaum after some days, and it was heard that He was in the house. Immediately many gathered together, so that there was no longer room to receive them, not even near the door. And He preached the word to them. Then they came to Him, bringing a paralytic who was carried by four men. And when they could not come near Him because of the crowd, they uncovered the roof where He was. So when they had broken

through, they let down the bed on which the paralytic was lying. When Jesus saw their faith, He said to the paralytic, "Son, your sins are forgiven you." And some of the scribes were sitting there and reasoning in their hearts, "Why does this Man speak blasphemies like this? Who can forgive sins but God alone?" But immediately, when Jesus perceived in His spirit that they reasoned thus within themselves, He said to them, "Why do you reason about these things in your hearts? Which is easier, to say to the paralytic, 'Your sins are forgiven you,' or to say, 'Arise, take up your bed and walk'? But that you may know that the Son of Man has power on earth to forgive sins" - He said to the paralytic, "I say to you, arise, take up your bed, and go to your house." Immediately he arose, took up the bed, and went out in the presence of them all, so that all were amazed and glorified God, saying, "We never saw anything like this!"

(John 10:9-16 (*St. Gregory Palamas*)) I am the door. If anyone enters by Me, he will be saved, and will go in and out and find pasture. The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly. I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd gives His life for the sheep. But a hireling, he who is not the shepherd, one who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees; and the wolf catches the sheep and scatters them. The hireling flees because he is a hireling and does not care about the sheep. I am the good shepherd; and I know My sheep, and am known by My own. As the Father knows Me, even so I know the Father; and I lay down My life for the sheep. And other sheep I have which are not of this fold; them also I must bring, and they will hear My voice; and there will be one flock and one shepherd.

(Instead of "It is truly meet...", we sing the following)

Hymn to the Theotokos

All of creation rejoices in thee, O Full of Grace: the assembly of angels and the race of men. O sanctified temple and spiritual paradise, the glory of virgins, from whom God was incarnate and became a Child: our God before the ages. He made thy body into a throne, and thy womb He made more spacious than the heavens. All of creation rejoices in thee, O Full of Grace. Glory to thee!

Communion Hymn

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

The righteous shall be in everlasting remembrance! He shall not fear evil tidings! *(Ps. 111:6)*

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Candle Offerings for Sunday, March 28, 2021

Votives in Altar

Happy Birthday Taras Guanowsky, Offered by Glenn, Carol, Yuri

Vigil in Side Candle Holders

For Health Of Frank Guydan, Offered by Lungu Family

Crosses

Happy Birthday Regina Pinkowicz, Offered by Ann Marie & Barry Bretz

Vigils on Icon Table

For Health Of Family, Offered by Lungu Family

Vigils - Icon of the Virgin Mary

In Memory Of Rosalia, John, Joseph, George Felix, Offered by Patty Felix

Vigil of Archangel Michael

For Health Of Subdeacon Michael, Offered by Michele Guydan

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 2nd, we will need to store the willows until they are prepared for Palm Sunday on April 25th. Please wrap the willows loosely in newspaper so we can save them for Palm Sunday. Thank you for your help in gathering the willows.



Pascha Flowers Update

Please be advised that our potted flower supplier has informed us that the flowers traditionally used to adorn the tomb of Our Lord will not be available due to the later date of Pascha. We are working to find alternatives and will update you as soon as we have more information. At this time you will not be able to sign up to sponsor the potted flowers for Pascha. The sign up sheets for cut flower arrangements are still available in the book at the candle desk. Cut flowers have not be impacted by this change. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

Pascha Processions Sign Up Sheets

Sign up sheets for the processions and grave watch during Holy Week are available at the candle desk. Please see a staff member for assistance signing up to participate in the processions, etc. during Holy Week.

Sunday School Easter Egg Hunt

The Sunday School Easter Egg Hunt will be held immediately following the Divine Liturgy on Sunday, May 9, 2021 (rain date May 16, 2021). All children are welcome. Please contact Karen Gowarty for more information.

Church Scholarship

Scholarships are available for the 2021-2022 academic year for church members entering their second, third, or fourth year of full-time study at an accredited college, university or Orthodox seminary. Please contact Nancy Kohudic at 610-391-1257 or ndk175@ptd.net. Thank you for your consideration.

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

Subdeacons: Michael (Frank) Guydan

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, 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, 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, Francine Slivka, Michael Slivka, Julia Smith, Julia G. Smolenski, Mary Strohecker, Ola Tatusko, Irene Witanek

Child of God: Emily Estrin

Handmaidens of God: Corinne Gahles Stuckey, Amanda Riley, Natalie Stepanoff and their unborn children

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