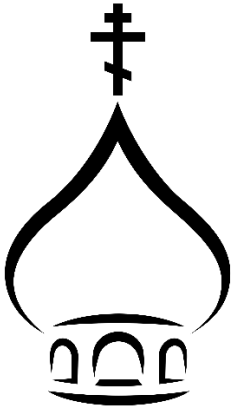


Presanctified Liturgy

Wednesday, April 7, 2021



SAINT NICHOLAS
RUSSIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

Due to corona virus precautions, please take this printed copy of the service book home with you. Please do not leave used printed materials in the church.



SAINT NICHOLAS
RUSSIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

Reverend Matthew Joyner, Rector
Cell: 570-468-2261
Email: nkyorthodox@gmail.com

Very Reverend James Mason, Attached

Reverend Timothy Hasenecz, Attached

Deacon Geoffrey LoBalbo

Mr. Bryan Distefano, Parish Council President

Reader Nicholas Lezinsky, Choir Director

Jennifer Bzik, Administrative Assistant
Email: assistant4stnicholas@outlook.com

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)

980 Bridle Path Road | Bethlehem, PA 18017-3120 | T: 610-867-0402
stnicholasoca.org

Presanctified Liturgy

Wednesday, April 7, 2021

"Lord I Call..."

(Tone 4) Lord, I call upon Thee, hear me! Hear me, O Lord! Lord, I call upon Thee, hear me! Receive the voice of my prayer, when I call upon Thee! Hear me, O Lord!

Let my prayer arise in Thy sight as incense, and let the lifting up of my hands be an evening sacrifice! Hear me, O Lord!

(10) Bring my soul out of prison, that I may give thanks to Thy Name.

(9) The righteous will surround me, for Thou wilt deal bountifully with me.

(8) Out of the depths I cry to Thee, O Lord. Lord, hear my voice!

(7) Let Thine ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications!

Tone 4 *Idiomelon* (from the Lenten Triodion)

The Fast, the source of blessings, now has brought us midway through its course. Having pleased God with the days that have passed, we look forward to making good use of the days to come, for growth in blessings brings forth even greater achievements. While pleasing Christ, the Giver of all blessings, we cry: "O Lord, Who didst fast and endure the Cross for our sake, make us worthy to share blamelessly in Thy Paschal victory, by living in peace and rightly giving glory to Thee and to the Father and the Holy Spirit!"

(6) If Thou, O Lord, shouldst mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand? But there is forgiveness with Thee.

Tone 5 *Idiomelon* (from the Lenten Triodion)

Those who thirst for spiritual blessings practice their good deeds in secret, not announcing them in the streets and marketplace, but keeping them hidden deep within their hearts; and He Who sees all that is done in secret will reward us for our abstinence. Let us complete the Fast without wearing gloomy faces! Let us pray without ceasing in the inner chamber of our souls: "Our Father, Who art in heaven, lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the Evil One!"

(5) For Thy Name's sake I wait for Thee, O Lord. My soul has waited for Thy word; my soul has hoped on the Lord.

O Cross, boast of the Apostles, surrounded by Archangels, Powers, and Principalities: save us from all harm who bow down before thee! Enable us to fulfill the divine course of abstinence and to reach the day of salvation, by which we are saved!

(4) From the morning watch until night, from the morning watch, let Israel hope on the Lord!

Tone 7 *(for the Cross)* *(Today Judas keeps vigil)*

Today, as we bow before the Cross of the Lord, we cry: "Rejoice, O Tree of life, the destroyer of hell! Rejoice, O joy of the world, the slayer of corruption! Rejoice, O power that scatters demons! O invincible weapon, confirmation of the faithful, protect and sanctify those who kiss thee!"

(3) For with the Lord there is mercy and with Him is plenteous redemption, and He will deliver Israel from all his iniquities.

Tone 4 *(from the Menaion, for the Apostles) (As one valiant among the martyrs)*

Like winged eagles you passed over all the earth, sowing treasured doctrines, by grace, uprooting the tares of falsehood. Thus you produced a fruitful harvest, O all-praised ones, stored up forever in the granaries of wisdom, laid up in abundance for the immortal Husbandman.

(2) Praise the Lord, all nations! Praise Him, all peoples!

Let us bless Heródion, Ágabus, Asyncrítus, Rúfus, Hérmes, and the divine Phlégon! They were branches of a fruitful vine, bringing forth upon us the sweet drink of salvation, which, with true faith in God, makes glad the thirsting hearts of those who celebrate their divine memory in faith.

(1) For His mercy is confirmed on us, and the truth of the Lord endures forever.

With thoughts higher than heaven, O Apostles, you declared the glory of our God. You were beholders of the God Who by His own will became incarnate. You were instructors of the righteous, foundations of the churches, unshakable pillars, havens of true belief, and servants of ineffable mysteries, leading our souls into light.

*Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;
now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.*

Tone 8 *(Theotokion, from the Triodion)*

Today He Who by nature is unapproachable approaches me. He Who freed me from my passions endures the Passion. The Light of the blind is spat upon by lawless lips. For the sake of captives He gives His back to scourging. When His pure Virgin Mother beheld Him on the Cross, she cried in pain: "Woe is me, O my Child! What hast Thou done? Thy beauty was fairer than that of any man, yet now Thou dost appear lifeless, without form or comeliness. Woe is me, O my Light! I cannot bear to see Thee sleeping. My soul is wounded, for a sword has pierced my heart, and yet I praise Thy Passion. I bow down before Thy compassion. O long-suffering Lord, glory to Thee!"

Tone 4 **Prokeimenon**

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel, / Who alone does wondrous things!
(Ps. 71:19)

Give the king Thy justice, O God, and Thy righteousness to the royal son! (Ps.71:1)

Reading from Genesis (9:18-10:1)

Now the sons of Noah who went out of the ark were Shem, Ham, and Japheth. And Ham was the father of Canaan. These three were the sons of Noah, and from these the whole earth was populated. And Noah began to be a farmer, and he planted a vineyard. Then he drank of the wine and was drunk, and became uncovered in his tent. And Ham, the father of Canaan, saw the nakedness of his father, and told his two brothers outside. But Shem and Japheth took a garment, laid it on both their shoulders, and went backward and covered the nakedness of their father. Their faces were turned away, and they did not see their father's nakedness. So Noah awoke from his wine, and knew what his younger son had done to him. Then he said: "Cursed be Canaan; A servant of servants He shall be to his brethren." And he said: "Blessed be the Lord, The God of Shem, And may Canaan be his servant. May God enlarge Japheth, And may he dwell in the tents of Shem; And may Canaan be his servant." And Noah lived after the flood three hundred and fifty years. So all the days of Noah were nine hundred and fifty years; and he died. Now this is the genealogy of the sons of Noah: Shem, Ham, and Japheth. And sons were born to them after the flood.

Tone 4 Prokeimenon

It is good for me to be near my God. *(Ps. 72:26a)*

Truly God is good to Israel, to those who are pure in heart. (Ps. 72:1)

Reading from Proverbs (12:23-13:9)

A prudent man conceals knowledge, but the heart of fools proclaims foolishness. The hand of the diligent will rule, but the lazy man will be put to forced labor. Anxiety in the heart of man causes depression, but a good word makes it glad. The righteous should choose his friends carefully, for the way of the wicked leads them astray. The lazy man does not roast what he took in hunting, but diligence is man's precious possession. In the way of righteousness is life, and in its pathway there is no death. A wise son heeds his father's instruction, but a scoffer does not listen to rebuke. A man shall eat well by the fruit of his mouth, but the soul of the unfaithful feeds on violence. He who guards his mouth preserves his life, but he who opens wide his lips shall have destruction. The soul of a lazy man desires, and has nothing; but the soul of the diligent shall be made rich. A righteous man hates lying, but a wicked man is loathsome and comes to shame. Righteousness guards him whose way is blameless, but wickedness overthrows the sinner. There is one who makes himself rich, yet has nothing; And one who makes himself poor, yet has great riches. The ransom of a man's life is his riches, but the poor does not hear rebuke. The light of the righteous rejoices, but the lamp of the wicked shall be extinguished.

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, 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, Dorothy Stafiniak, 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.