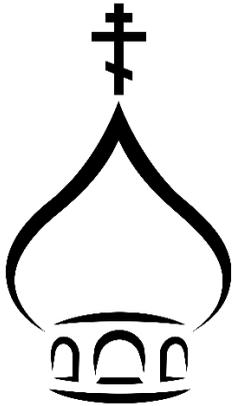


Divine Liturgy

Sunday, July 25, 2021

Dormition of the Righteous Anna, Mother of the Most Holy Theotokos



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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 July 25, 2021

5th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – Tone 4. The Dormition of the Righteous Anna, mother of the Most-holy Theotokos. Holy Women Olympias (Olympiada–408-410) the Deaconess, of Constantinople, and the Virgin Eupraxia of Tabenna (413). Ven. Makáry, Abbot of Zheltovódsk and Unzha (1444). Commemoration of the Holy 165 Fathers of the Fifth Ecumenical Council (553).

Father Matthew's Office Hours This Week

Wednesday 12:00 pm – 6:00 pm

Friday 9:00 am – 1:00 pm

Weekly & Upcoming Calendar

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

Wednesday, July 28, 2021

7:00 pm – Church History 101 with Fr. Matthew

Saturday, July 31, 2021

6:00 pm – Great Vespers

Sunday, August 1, 2021

9:10 am – Reading of the Hours
9:30 am – Divine Liturgy

Mitre Award Today, July 25, 2021

Please join us for a luncheon after the Divine Liturgy to honor Fr. James Mason.

A Reminder from the Parish Council

It has been brought to our attention there has been a notable amount of talking in the narthex prior to and following the Divine Liturgy and other services. Please be mindful that services have not ended until all people have exited the church and the prayers and choir have concluded. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

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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 Troparion *(St. Anna)*

Divinely-wise Anna, thou didst carry in thy womb the pure Mother of God who gave life to our Life. Therefore, thou art now carried joyfully to the inheritance of heaven, to the abode of those who rejoice in glory, where thou dost seek forgiveness of sins for those who faithfully honor thee, O ever-blessed one.

Tone 4 Kontakion *(Resurrection)*

My Savior and Redeemer as God rose from the tomb and delivered the earth-born from their chains. He has shattered the gates of hell, and as Master, He has risen on the third day!

Tone 2 Kontakion *(St. Anna)*

We celebrate the memory of the progenitors of Christ, and with faith we ask their help, that deliverance from every affliction be granted to those who cry out: "Be with us, O God, Who in Thy good pleasure glorified them!"

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)

Tone 4 Prokeimenon (St. Anna)

God is wonderful in His saints, the God of Israel. (*Ps. 67:35a*)

Epistle

Read by Reader Matthew Lezinsky

(Romans 10:1-10) Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is that they may be saved. For I bear them witness that they have a zeal for God, but not according to knowledge. For they being ignorant of God's righteousness, and seeking to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted to the righteousness of God. For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to everyone who believes. For Moses writes about the righteousness which is of the law, "The man who does those things shall live by them." But the righteousness of faith speaks in this way, "Do not say in your heart, 'Who will ascend into heaven?' (that is, to bring Christ down from above) or, 'Who will descend into the abyss?'" (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). But what does it say? "The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith which we preach): that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

(Galatians 4:22-31 (St. Anna)) For it is written that Abraham had two sons: the one by a bondwoman, the other by a freewoman. But he who was of the bondwoman was born according to the flesh, and he of the freewoman through promise, which things are symbolic. For these are the two covenants: the one from Mount Sinai which gives birth to bondage, which is Hagar - for this Hagar

is Mount Sinai in Arabia, and corresponds to Jerusalem which now is, and is in bondage with her children - but the Jerusalem above is free, which is the mother of us all. For it is written: "Rejoice, O barren, You who do not bear! Break forth and shout, You who are not in labor! For the desolate has many more children Than she who has a husband." Now we, brethren, as Isaac was, are children of promise. But, as he who was born according to the flesh then persecuted him who was born according to the Spirit, even so it is now. Nevertheless what does the Scripture say? "Cast out the bondwoman and her son, for the son of the bondwoman shall not be heir with the son of the freewoman." So then, brethren, we are not children of the bondwoman but of the free.

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)

Tone 4

The salvation of the righteous is from the Lord. (Ps. 36:40a)

Gospel

(Matthew 8:28-9:1) When He had come to the other side, to the country of the Gergesenes, there met Him two demon-possessed men, coming out of the tombs, exceedingly fierce, so that no one could pass that way. And suddenly they cried out, saying, "What have we to do with You, Jesus, You Son of God? Have You come here to torment us before the time?" Now a good way off from them there was a herd of many swine feeding. So the demons begged Him,

saying, "If You cast us out, permit us to go away into the herd of swine." And He said to them, "Go." So when they had come out, they went into the herd of swine. And suddenly the whole herd of swine ran violently down the steep place into the sea, and perished in the water. Then those who kept them fled; and they went away into the city and told everything, including what had happened to the demon-possessed men. And behold, the whole city came out to meet Jesus. And when they saw Him, they begged Him to depart from their region. So He got into a boat, crossed over, and came to His own city.

(Luke 8:16-21 (St. Anna)) No one, when he has lit a lamp, covers it with a vessel or puts it under a bed, but sets it on a lampstand, that those who enter may see the light. For nothing is secret that will not be revealed, nor anything hidden that will not be known and come to light. Therefore take heed how you hear. For whoever has, to him more will be given; and whoever does not have, even what he seems to have will be taken from him." Then His mother and brothers came to Him, and could not approach Him because of the crowd. And it was told Him by some, who said, "Your mother and Your brothers are standing outside, desiring to see You." But He answered and said to them, "My mother and My brothers are these who hear the word of God and do it."

Communion Hymn

Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest! *(Ps. 148:1)*
Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous; praise befits the just! *(Ps. 32:1)*
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Fr. James Mason

Mitre Award



Today we are witnessing the presentation of the mitre to Father James Mason. The mitre represents both the crown of thorns and also the power entrusted to bishops as the leaders of the Church. In more recent centuries the Russian Church has given the mitre to some archimandrites and archpriests as an honorary distinction.

Father James Mason, 88, was born in Scranton, PA to the late John and Anna Mason. The youngest of three children, James was raised in a religious household. His brother John, who was ordained into the priesthood, was a strong influence for young James.

After serving four years in the Navy and upon discharge, James felt a strong desire to follow in his brother's footsteps as a priest, so he then enrolled at St. Tikhon's Seminary in South Canaan, PA to begin his studies.

James graduated from the seminary in May of 1962 and was ordained into the priesthood on Pentecost in June 1962.

In 1961, as a seminarian, James married Patricia Baker and they later were blessed with three children.

Father James faithfully served parishes in Vermont, Pennsylvania, Connecticut, and New Jersey. Moving to Florida upon his retirement in 1999, Father James continued to serve parishes in need for eighteen years.



In 2013, Father James and Matushka Pat moved back to Pennsylvania to be closer to their family which had now expanded to five grandchildren and five great grandchildren and by doing so has provided the St. Nicholas Russian Orthodox Church with pastoral care during the absence of a full-time priest.

In recognition of Father James' priestly service he has previously received the following awards:

Nabedrennik - 1964
Skufia - 1966
Kamilavka - 1969
Gold Cross - 1971
Archpriest - 1974
Palitza - 1984
Synodal Gramota - 1984
Jeweled Cross - 1987
Synodal Gramota - 2021



Candle Offerings for Sunday, July 25, 2021

Vigils in Altar

In Honor Of Fr. James

Vigils in Altar

Happy 20th Anniversary Eric & Victoria Lustig, Offered by Family

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Votives in Altar

Happy Birthday Christopher Hodson, Offered by Moses, Carmen & Alex

Votives in Iconostas

Happy Birthday Christopher, Offered by The Bzik Family

Crosses

In Honor Of Fr. James Mason, Offered by The Bzik Family

Vigils on the Tetrapod

Happy Birthday Christopher, Offered by The Lezinsky's

Vigils - Icon of the Virgin Mary

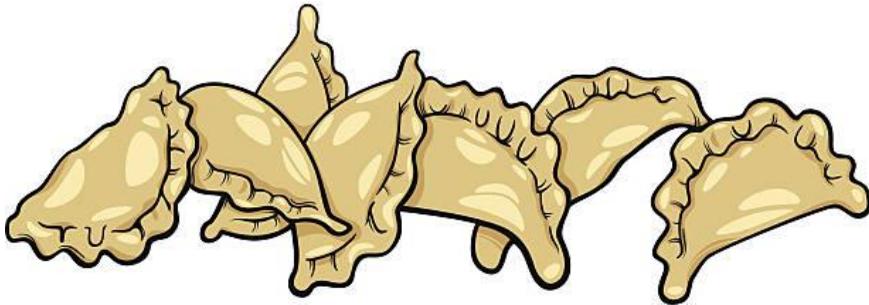
In Memory Of Helen Lackatos, Offered by Barb, Kyra and Gregory

Votives - Icon of the Virgin Mary

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Did you know?

**WE MAKE PIEROGI
EVERY WEEK!!!**



We make hand pinched pierogi every week (except around the holidays). Please call the **Pierogi Hotline** at **610-867-0402, ext. 5** before 8 am on Monday morning to order your pierogi for pickup on Wednesday between 9 and 11:30 am. For orders over 10 dozen, please give seven days notice.

When you call the Pierogi Hotline (610-867-0402, ext. 5), please leave your name, phone number and the number of dozen you would like. Please speak clearly and repeat your phone number when leaving your order. We make potato with cheese or sauerkraut.

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, David G. Cudlic, Roberta Cusick, Val Danchenko, Judi Diaz, Betty Fedora, 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, 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 Witaneck

Child of God: Emily Estrin

Handmaiden of God: Corinne Gahles Stuckey and her unborn child

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