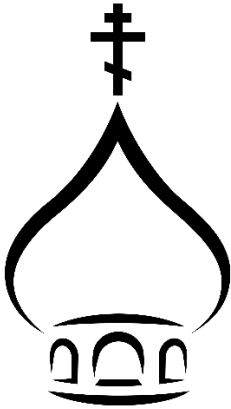


Divine Liturgy

Sunday, August 22, 2021

9th Sunday after Pentecost

Afterfeast of the Dormition



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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 August 22, 2021

9th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – Tone 8. Afterfeast of the Dormition.

Martyr Agathonicus of Nicomedia and his companions: Martyrs Zoticus, Theoprepus, Acindynus, Severian, Zeno, and others who suffered under Maximian (4th c.). Hieromartyr Athanasius, Bishop of Tarsus in Cilicia, Ven. Anthusa–Nun, and her servants, Martyrs Charesimus and Neophytus (3rd c.). Virgin Martyr Eulalia of Barcelona and the Martyr Felix (ca. 303).

Father Matthew's Office Hours This Week

Wednesday 12:00 pm – 6:00 pm

Friday 9:00 am – 1:00 pm

Coffee Hour Today

There will be no coffee hour today.

Weekly & Upcoming Calendar

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

Wednesday, August 25, 2021 7:00 pm – Church History 101 with Fr. Matthew

Saturday, August 28, 2021 6:00 pm – Great Vespers

Sunday, August 29, 2021 9:10 am – Reading of the Hours
9:30 am – Divine Liturgy

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Tone 8 Troparion *(Resurrection)*

Thou didst descend from on high, O Merciful One! Thou didst accept the three day burial to free us from our sufferings! O Lord, our Life and Resurrection, glory to Thee!

Tone 1 Troparion *(Dormition)*

In giving birth thou didst preserve thy virginity. In falling asleep thou didst not forsake the world, O Theotokos. Thou wast translated to life, O Mother of Life, and by thy prayers thou dost deliver our souls from death.

Tone 4 Troparion *(St. Agathonicus)*

Thy holy martyr Agathonicus and his companions, O Lord, through their sufferings have received incorruptible crowns from Thee, our God. For having Thy strength, they laid low their adversaries, and shattered the powerless boldness of demons. Through their intercession, save our souls!

Tone 8 Kontakion *(Resurrection)*

By rising from the tomb, Thou didst raise the dead and resurrect Adam. Eve exults in Thy Resurrection, and the world celebrates Thy rising from the dead, O greatly Merciful One!

Tone 1 Kontakion *(St. Agathonicus)*

Having received the good calling, O divinely wise one, thou didst abandon the cult of evil men, not fearing their tortures, O glorious Agathonicus. Therefore, thou hast inherited good things and worthily received the incorruptible crown with thy fellow martyrs.

Tone 2 Kontakion (*Dormition*)

Neither the tomb, nor death, could hold the Theotokos, who is constant in prayer and our firm hope in her intercessions. For being the Mother of Life, she was translated to life by the One Who dwelt in her virginal womb.

Tone 8 Prokeimenon (*Resurrection*)

Pray and make your vows before the Lord, our God! (*Ps. 75:10a*)

In Judah God is known; His Name is great in Israel. (Ps. 75:1)

Tone 3 Prokeimenon (*Song of the Theotokos*)

My soul doth magnify the Lord, and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Savior. (*Lk. 1:46-47*)

Epistle

Read by David Metz

(1 Corinthians 3:9-17) For we are God's fellow workers; you are God's field, you are God's building. According to the grace of God which was given to me, as a wise master builder I have laid the foundation, and another builds on it. But let each one take heed how he builds on it. For no other foundation can anyone lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ. Now if anyone builds on this foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw, each one's work will become clear; for the Day will declare it, because it will be revealed by fire; and the fire will test each one's work, of what sort it is. If anyone's work which he has built on it endures, he will receive a reward. If anyone's work is burned, he will suffer loss; but he himself will be saved, yet so as through fire. Do you not know that you are the temple of God and that the Spirit of God dwells in you? If anyone defiles the temple of God, God will destroy him. For the temple of God is holy, which temple you are.

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 face with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise! (Ps. 94:2)

Tone 8

Arise, O Lord, into Thy rest, Thou and the Ark of Thy sanctification! (Ps. 131:8)

Gospel

(Matthew 14:22-34) Immediately Jesus made His disciples get into the boat and go before Him to the other side, while He sent the multitudes away. And when He had sent the multitudes away, He went up on the mountain by Himself to pray. Now when evening came, He was alone there. But the boat was now in the middle of the sea, tossed by the waves, for the wind was contrary. Now in the fourth watch of the night Jesus went to them, walking on the sea. And when the disciples saw Him walking on the sea, they were troubled, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out for fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying, "Be of good cheer! It is I; do not be afraid." And Peter answered Him and said, "Lord, if it is You, command me to come to You on the water." So He said, "Come." And when Peter had come down out of the boat, he walked on the water to go to Jesus. But when he saw that the wind was boisterous, he was afraid; and beginning to sink he cried out, saying, "Lord, save me!" And immediately Jesus stretched out His hand and caught him, and said to him, "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?" And when they got into the boat, the wind ceased. Then those who were in the boat came and worshiped Him, saying,

"Truly You are the Son of God." When they had crossed over, they came to the land of Gennesaret.

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

The Angels, as they looked upon the Dormition of the Virgin, were struck with wonder, seeing how the Virgin went up from earth to heaven.

The limits of nature are overcome in thee, O Pure Virgin: for birthgiving remains virginal, and life is united to death; a virgin after childbearing and alive after death, thou dost ever save thine inheritance, O Theotokos.

Communion Hymn

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

I will receive the cup of salvation and call on the Name of the Lord. *(Ps. 115:4)*

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!



Candle Offerings for Sunday, August 22, 2021

Vigils in Altar

In Memory Of Archpriest Eugene, Offered by Mat. Fran

Vigils in Altar

In Honor Of Dennis Chrush's Birthday, Offered by Florenz & Lezinsky Families

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In Honor Of Dennis Crush's Birthday, Offered by Lezinsky & Florenz Families

Vigil in Side Candle Holders

In Memory Of Archpriest Eugene Vansuch
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Vigils on the Tetrapod

Happy Birthday Natalie Slivka
Offered by Grandparents Francine & Michael Slivka

Vigils on Icon Table

Happy Birthday Alexis Slivka
Offered by Grandparents Francine & Michael Slivka

Vigils - Icon of the Virgin Mary

In Memory Of Helen Haney, Offered by Patty Felix

A Card Shower

Mrs. Julia Smolenski will be turning 88 on August 30, 2021! Let's all shower her with cards!

Mrs. Julia Smolenski
3500 Fairview Street
Sterling Heights, Apt. 234
Bethlehem, PA 18017

Memory Eternal

Parish Faithful,

Donald Haney, husband of our dear newly departed Helen, passed away peacefully last Saturday evening, August 14th, 2021.

Please keep Don, and his family in your God-pleasing prayers.

-Fr. Matthew

Hosting Coffee Hour

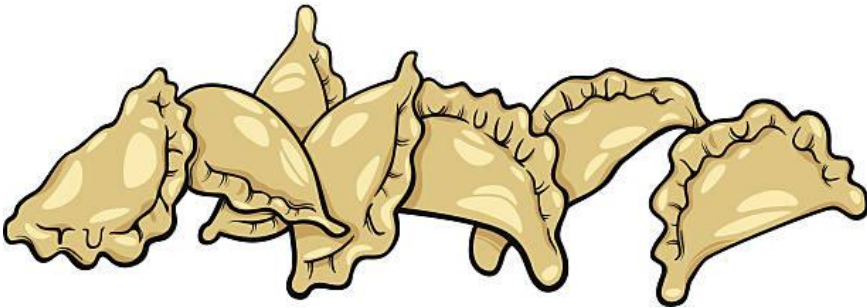
Thank you to the families that have kick started the return of the church's coffee hour! The signup book is located at the candle desk. Please volunteer to host, many Sundays are available! If you have any questions feel free to contact Lori Lezinsky or Jen Bzik.

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.

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, Lydia Bzik, Nicholas Bzik, 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 Witanek

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.