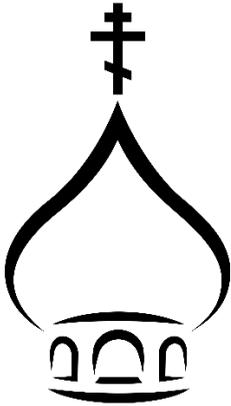


Divine Liturgy

Sunday, August 29, 2021

10th Sunday after Pentecost

**The Beheading of the Holy Glorious Prophet,
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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 29, 2021

10th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – Tone 1. The Beheading of the Holy Glorious Prophet, Forerunner, and Baptist John . Venerable Theodora and her daughter Theopiste (9th c.). Deposition of the Holy Relics of St. Joseph Samakos the Sanctified (1669). St. Arkadios the Wonderworker, Bishop of Arsinoe, Cyprus (4th c.).

Father Matthew's Office Hours This Week

Wednesday 12:00 pm - 6:00 pm

Friday 9:00 am - 1:00 pm

Coffee Hour Today

Coffee hour today is hosted by the Radio Family

Weekly & Upcoming Calendar

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

Wednesday, September 1, 2021

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

Saturday, September 4, 2021

5:15 pm - Monthly Panikhida
6:00 pm - Great Vespers

Sunday, September 5, 2021

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

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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 2 Troparion *(Forerunner)*

The memory of the righteous is celebrated with hymns of praise, but the Lord's testimony is sufficient for thee, O Forerunner. Thou wast shown in truth to be the most honorable of the Prophets, for thou wast deemed worthy to baptize in the streams of the Jordan Him Whom they foretold. Therefore, having suffered for the truth with joy, thou didst proclaim to those in hell God Who appeared in the flesh, Who takes away the sin of the world, and grants us great mercy.

Tone 1 Kontakion *(Resurrection)*

As God, Thou didst rise from the tomb in glory, raising the world with Thyself. Human nature praises Thee as God, for death has vanished. Adam exults, O Master! Eve rejoices, for she is freed from bondage and cries to Thee: "Thou art the Giver of Resurrection to all, O Christ!"

Tone 5 Kontakion *(Forerunner)*

The glorious beheading of the Forerunner became an act of divine dispensation, for he preached to those in hell the coming of the Savior. Let Herodias lament, for she entreated lawless murder, loving not the Law of God, nor eternal life, but that which is false and temporal.

Tone 1 Prokeimenon (*Resurrection*)

Let Thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us as we have set our hope on Thee! (*Ps. 32:22*)

Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous! Praise befits the just! (Ps. 32:1)

Tone 7 Prokeimenon (*Forerunner*)

The righteous shall rejoice in the Lord and shall hope in Him. (*Ps. 63:11a*)

Epistle

Read by Reader Matthew Lezinsky

(1 Corinthians 4:9-16) For I think that God has displayed us, the apostles, last, as men condemned to death; for we have been made a spectacle to the world, both to angels and to men. We are fools for Christ's sake, but you are wise in Christ! We are weak, but you are strong! You are distinguished, but we are dishonored! To the present hour we both hunger and thirst, and we are poorly clothed, and beaten, and homeless. And we labor, working with our own hands. Being reviled, we bless; being persecuted, we endure; being defamed, we entreat. We have been made as the filth of the world, the offscouring of all things until now. I do not write these things to shame you, but as my beloved children I warn you. For though you might have ten thousand instructors in Christ, yet you do not have many fathers; for in Christ Jesus I have begotten you through the gospel. Therefore I urge you, imitate me.

(Acts 13:25-33 (Forerunner)) And as John was finishing his course, he said, 'Who do you think I am? I am not He. But behold, there comes One after me, the sandals of whose feet I am not worthy to loose.' Men and brethren, sons of the family of Abraham, and those among you who fear God, to you the word of this salvation has been sent. For those who dwell in Jerusalem, and their rulers, because they did not know Him, nor even the voices of the Prophets which are read every Sabbath, have fulfilled them in condemning Him. And though they found no cause for death in Him, they asked Pilate that He should be put to death. Now when they had fulfilled all that was written concerning Him, they took Him down from the tree and laid Him in a tomb. But God raised Him from the dead. He was seen for many days by those who came up with Him from Galilee to Jerusalem, who are His witnesses to the people. And we declare to you glad tidings - that promise which was made to the fathers. God has fulfilled this for us their children, in that He has raised up Jesus. As it is also written in the second Psalm: 'You are My Son, today I have begotten You.'

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 4

The righteous shall flourish like the palm tree, and grow like a cedar in Lebanon. (Ps. 91:11)

Gospel

(Matthew 17:14-23) And when they had come to the multitude, a man came to Him, kneeling down to Him and saying, "Lord, have mercy on my son, for he is an epileptic and suffers severely; for he often falls into the fire and often into the water. So I brought him to Your disciples, but they could not cure him." Then Jesus answered and said, "O faithless and perverse generation, how long shall I be with you? How long shall I bear with you? Bring him here to Me." And Jesus rebuked the demon, and it came out of him; and the child was cured from that very hour. Then the disciples came to Jesus privately and said, "Why could we not cast it out?" So Jesus said to them, "Because of your unbelief; for assuredly, I say to you, if you have faith as a mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move; and nothing will be impossible for you. However, this kind does not go out except by prayer and fasting." Now while they were staying in Galilee, Jesus said to them, "The Son of Man is about to be betrayed into the hands of men, and they will kill Him, and the third day He will be raised up." And they were exceedingly sorrowful.

(Mark 6:14-30 (Forerunner)) Now King Herod heard of Him, for His name had become well known. And he said, "John the Baptist is risen from the dead, and therefore these powers are at work in him." Others said, "It is Elijah." And others said, "It is the Prophet, or like one of the prophets." But when Herod heard, he said, "This is John, whom I beheaded; he has been raised from the dead!" For Herod himself had sent and laid hold of John, and bound him in prison for the sake of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife; for he had married her. Because John

had said to Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife." Therefore Herodias held it against him and wanted to kill him, but she could not; for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a just and holy man, and he protected him. And when he heard him, he did many things, and heard him gladly. Then an opportune day came when Herod on his birthday gave a feast for his nobles, the high officers, and the chief men of Galilee. And when Herodias' daughter herself came in and danced, and pleased Herod and those who sat with him, the king said to the girl, "Ask me whatever you want, and I will give it to you." He also swore to her, "Whatever you ask me, I will give you, up to half my kingdom." So she went out and said to her mother, "What shall I ask?" And she said, "The head of John the Baptist!" Immediately she came in with haste to the king and asked, saying, "I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter." And the king was exceedingly sorry; yet, because of the oaths and because of those who sat with him, he did not want to refuse her. Immediately the king sent an executioner and commanded his head to be brought. And he went and beheaded him in prison, brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl; and the girl gave it to her mother. When his disciples heard of it, they came and took away his corpse and laid it in a tomb. Then the apostles gathered to Jesus and told Him all things, both what they had done and what they had taught.

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, August 29, 2021

Vigils in Altar

In Memory Of Nadya, Offered by Joel

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Crosses

In Memory Of Michael Bretz, Offered by Barry & Ann Marie Bretz

Vigils on the Tetrapod

Happy Anniversary Robert & Melissa Dulin, Offered by Bill & Sandi Keysock

Vigils - Icon of the Virgin Mary

Happy Anniversary Peter & Jamee Bresee Slivka

Offered by Francine & Michael Slivka

Vigils - Icon of St. John the Baptist

In Memory Of Anna Kanerva, Offered by Barb, Gregory and Kyra

Votives - Icon of St. John the Baptist

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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.

2nd Quarter Treasurer's Report Summary

April 2021	Income:	\$27,031.24
	Expenses:	\$22,825.19
	<u>Net Revenue:</u>	<u>\$4,206.05</u>
May 2021	Income:	\$32,630.89
	Expenses	\$22,744.66
	<u>Net Revenue:</u>	<u>\$9,886.23</u>
June 2021	Income:	\$23,739.33
	Expenses:	\$20,934.41
	<u>Net Revenue:</u>	<u>\$2,804.92</u>

Church School Background Checks

In accordance with our Church policies, Diocesan policies and OCA statutes, all adults over the age of 18 who have regular contact with the Church School students must pass a background check.

This includes all parents who join their children in Church School regularly and all Church School teachers.

To get background check started, see Matushka Ashley.

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.

GALA HOPE

40th ANNIVERSARY

SEPTEMBER 28th
Doors Open 5:30 PM
Event Starts 6:00 PM

THE CENTENNIAL
CATERING &
CONFERENCE CENTER

3350 Center Valley Pkwy
Center Valley

RSVP
by September 13th

REGISTER

brighthopepartners.org/gala-of-hope-2021

610-821-4000

Help Us Celebrate 40 Years of Honoring Life and Offering Hope!

The 40th Anniversary Gala of Hope is going to be a fabulous fundraising event with our partners! We are celebrating all God has done to serve women, men and youth in the Lehigh Valley through Bright Hope. We will also be casting vision for what He may have in store for us next.

In the spirit of celebration, **we are delighted to tell you that this event has been underwritten by Green Acres Outdoor Living and sponsored by American Fence & Flag, Iron Hill Construction Management, and Ziegler's RV.** As a result, we are not charging for tickets to this year's Gala.

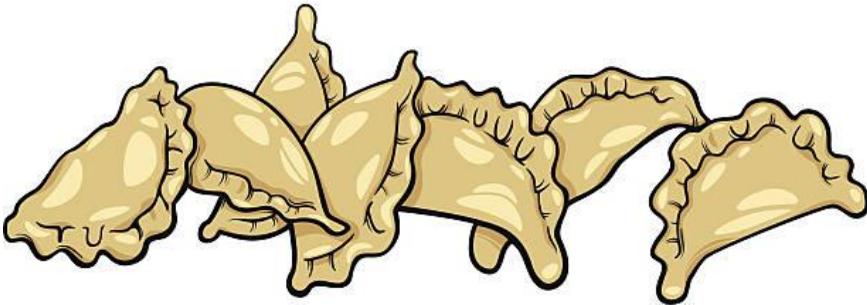
Guests will have an opportunity to partner with the work God is doing at Bright Hope the evening of the event. **Gifts offered will provide no-cost life-saving and life-restoring services to women, men and youth in the Lehigh Valley.**

Throughout the night of celebration, you will hear Bright Hope updates, testimonies from our clients, tour a visiting Storks Medical Mobile Unit, enjoy a delicious meal, and hear a powerful presentation from our keynote speaker Ryan Bomberger.

To secure your timeslot to tour the visiting Storks Medical Mobile Unit, please register. Slots are limited to 55 and are first come, first serve.

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, Nicholas & Tosha 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, Liliana Roberts

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.