

Divine Liturgy

Sunday, September 5, 2021

11th Sunday after Pentecost

**Holy Prophet Zachariah and Righteous Elizabeth,
Parents of St. John the Baptist**



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Mitred Archpriest James Mason, Attached

Deacon Geoffrey LoBalbo

Lori Lezinsky, Parish Council President

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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 September 5, 2021

11th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – Tone 2. Holy Prophet Zachariah and Righteous Elizabeth, parents of St. John the Baptist (1st c.). Martyrdom of Ven. Athanasius, Abbot of Brestsk (1648). Martyrdom of the Holy Passionbearer Gleb (in holy Baptism David–1015). Martyr Tathuil, and his sister, Bebaia (98-138). Martyr Sarbelus of Edessa (2nd c.). Martyrs Juventinus and Maximus the soldiers, at Antioch (361-363). Martyrs Urban, Theodore, Medimnus, and 77 companions, at Nicomedia (370). Martyr Abdias (Obadiah) of Persia (5th c.).

Coffee Hour Today

Coffee hour today is hosted by the Kavchok Family

Weekly & Upcoming Calendar

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

Tuesday, September 7, 2021

CANCELED - 7:00 pm - Great Vespers

Wednesday, September 8, 2021

The Nativity of Our Most Holy Lady,
Theotokos and Ever-Virgin Mary

CANCELED - 8:50 am - Reading of the
Hours

CANCELED - 9:00 am - Divine Liturgy

Saturday, September 11, 2021

CANCELED - 6:00 pm - Great Vespers

Sunday, September 12, 2021

9:10 am - Reading of the Hours

9:30 am - Divine Liturgy

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 2 Troparion *(Resurrection)*

When Thou didst descend to death, O Life immortal, Thou didst slay hell with the splendor of Thy Godhead. And when from the depths Thou didst raise the dead, all the powers of heaven cried out: "O Giver of life, Christ our God, glory to Thee!"

Tone 4 Troparion *(Prophet Zachariah)*

Robed in the vestments of the priesthood, according to the Law of God thou didst offer whole-burnt offerings in a sacred manner, wise Zachariah. Thou didst become a luminary and a seer of the mysteries, bearing within thyself the signs of grace, all-wise one. Slain by the sword in the temple of God, O prophet of Christ, intercede together with the Forerunner that our souls may be saved!

Tone 2 Kontakion *(Resurrection)*

Hell became afraid, O almighty Savior, seeing the miracle of Thy Resurrection from the tomb! The dead arose! Creation, with Adam, beheld this and rejoiced with Thee, and the world, my Savior, praises Thee forever.

Tone 3 Kontakion *(Prophet Zachariah)*

Today the prophet Zachariah, priest of the Most High and parent of the Forerunner, has prepared a banquet to his memory to nourish the faithful, mixing the drink of righteousness. Therefore we praise him as a divine initiate of the grace of God.

Tone 2 Prokeimenon (Resurrection)

The Lord is my strength and my song; He has become my salvation. (*Ps. 117:14*)

The Lord has chastened me sorely, but He has not given me over to death.
(*Ps. 117:18*)

Epistle

Read by Reader Nicholas Lezinsky

(1 Corinthians 9:2-12) If I am not an apostle to others, yet doubtless I am to you. For you are the seal of my apostleship in the Lord. My defense to those who examine me is this: Do we have no right to eat and drink? Do we have no right to take along a believing wife, as do also the other apostles, the brothers of the Lord, and Cephas? Or is it only Barnabas and I who have no right to refrain from working? Who ever goes to war at his own expense? Who plants a vineyard and does not eat of its fruit? Or who tends a flock and does not drink of the milk of the flock? Do I say these things as a mere man? Or does not the law say the same also? For it is written in the law of Moses, "You shall not muzzle an ox while it treads out the grain." Is it oxen God is concerned about? Or does He say it altogether for our sakes? For our sakes, no doubt, this is written, that he who plows should plow in hope, and he who threshes in hope should be partaker of his hope. If we have sown spiritual things for you, is it a great thing if we reap your material things? If others are partakers of this right over you, are we not even more? Nevertheless we have not used this right, but endure all things lest we hinder the gospel of Christ.

Tone 2

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

May the Lord hear thee in the day of trouble! May the name of the God of Jacob protect thee! (Ps. 19:1)

Save the King, O Lord, and hear us on the day we call! (Ps. 19:9)

Gospel

(Matthew 18:23-35) Therefore the kingdom of heaven is like a certain king who wanted to settle accounts with his servants. And when he had begun to settle accounts, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents. But as he was not able to pay, his master commanded that he be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and that payment be made. The servant therefore fell down before him, saying, 'Master, have patience with me, and I will pay you all.' Then the master of that servant was moved with compassion, released him, and forgave him the debt. But that servant went out and found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii; and he laid hands on him and took him by the throat, saying, 'Pay me what you owe!' So his fellow servant fell down at his feet and begged him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you all.' And he would not, but went and threw him into prison till he should pay the debt. So when his fellow servants saw what had been done, they were very grieved, and came and told their master all that had been done. Then his master, after he had called him, said to him, 'You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you begged me. Should you not also have had compassion on your fellow servant, just as I had pity on you?' And his master was angry, and delivered him to the torturers until he should pay all that was due to him. So My heavenly Father also will do to you if each of you, from his heart, does not forgive his brother his trespasses."

Communion Hymn

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

Candle Offerings for Sunday, September 5, 2021

Vigils in Altar

Safe Travels Guliana Holobeny, Offered by Holobeny Family

Vigils - Icon of the Virgin Mary

In Honor of Phoebe Bessman's Birthday, Offered by The Hodson Family

Votives - Icon of the Virgin Mary

In Honor Of Phoebe Bessman's Birthday
Offered by Godmother Guliana Holobeny

Vigils - Icon of St. John the Baptist

Happy Birthday Dan Jubinski, Offered by Peter, Sarah, Jean

Votives - Icon of St. John the Baptist

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Flowers to Adorn the Icon of The Nativity of the Most Holy Theotokos

For Health Of Greg, Offered by Rosalie Radio

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 Carmen Hodson.

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.

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.

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: Ian Shipley, John Nightingale

Deacons: Geoffrey LoBalbo

Subdeacons: Michael (Frank) Guydan

Matushki: 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, 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 Witanek

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.