

# **Divine Liturgy**

Sunday, September 19, 2021

**13<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

**Sunday after the Exaltation of the Cross**

**Afterfeast of the Exaltation of the Cross**



**SAINT NICHOLAS**  
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Mitred Archpriest James Mason, Attached

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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 19, 2021

**13th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – Tone 4. Afterfeast of the Elevation of the Cross. Sunday after Elevation.** Martyrs Trophimus, Sabbatius, and Dorymedon of Synnada (276). Rt. Blv. Theodore, Prince of Smolensk and Yaroslavl' (1299), and his children, Ss. David and Constantine. Martyr Zosimas, Hermit, of Cilicia (4th c.). St. Theodore of Tarsus, Archbishop of Canterbury (ca. 690).

## Coffee Hour Today

Coffee hour today is hosted by Lorrain Chromiak and Patty Felix

## Weekly & Upcoming Calendar

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

**Saturday, September 11, 2021**

6:00 pm - Vespers

**Sunday, September 12, 2021**

9:10 am - Reading of the Hours

9:30 am - Divine Liturgy

In the event of a Pastoral Emergency,  
please contact Lori Lezinsky or Jennifer 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.

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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 1      Troparion      *(Cross)***

O Lord, save Thy people, and bless Thine inheritance! Grant victories to the Orthodox Christians over their adversaries; and by virtue of Thy Cross, preserve Thy habitation!

**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 4      Kontakion      *(Cross)***

As Thou wast voluntarily raised upon the Cross for our sake, grant mercy to those who are called by Thy Name, O Christ God; make all Orthodox Christians glad by Thy power, granting them victories over their adversaries by bestowing on them the invincible trophy, Thy weapon of peace!

**Tone 7      Prokeimenon      *(Sunday After)***

Extol the Lord our God: worship at His footstool for He is holy! (Ps. 98:5)  
*The Lord reigns, let the people tremble! (Ps. 98:1a)*

## **Epistle**

Read by Reader Matthew Lezinsky

**(Galatians 2:16-20 (Sunday After))** knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law but by faith in Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Christ Jesus, that we might be justified by faith in Christ and not by the works of the law; for by the works of the law no flesh shall be justified. But if, while we seek to be justified by Christ, we ourselves also are found sinners, is Christ therefore a minister of sin? Certainly not! For if I build again those things which I destroyed, I make myself a transgressor. For I through the law died to the law that I might live to God. I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.

**(1 Corinthians 16:13-24)** Watch, stand fast in the faith, be brave, be strong. Let all that you do be done with love. I urge you, brethren - you know the household of Stephanas, that it is the firstfruits of Achaia, and that they have devoted themselves to the ministry of the saints - that you also submit to such, and to everyone who works and labors with us. I am glad about the coming of Stephanas, Fortunatus, and Achaicus, for what was lacking on your part they supplied. For they refreshed my spirit and yours. Therefore acknowledge such men. The churches of Asia greet you. Aquila and Priscilla greet you heartily in the Lord, with the church that is in their house. All the brethren greet you. Greet one another with a holy kiss. The salutation with my own hand - Paul's. If anyone does not love the Lord Jesus Christ, let him be accursed. O Lord, come! The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. My love be with you all in Christ Jesus. Amen.

## **Tone 1**

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

*Remember Thy congregation, which Thou hast gotten of old! (Ps. 73:2)*

*God is our King before the ages; He has worked salvation in the midst of the earth! (Ps. 73:13)*

## **Gospel**

**(Mark 8:34-9:1 (Sunday After))** When He had called the people to Himself, with His disciples also, He said to them, "Whoever desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me. For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake and the gospel's will save it. For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul? For whoever is ashamed of Me and My words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him the Son of Man also will be ashamed when He comes in the glory of His Father with the holy angels." And He said to them, "Assuredly, I say to you that there are some standing here who will not taste death till they see the kingdom of God present with power."

**(Matthew 21:33-42)** Hear another parable: There was a certain landowner who planted a vineyard and set a hedge around it, dug a winepress in it and built a tower. And he leased it to vinedressers and went into a far country. Now when vintage-time drew near, he sent his servants to the vinedressers, that they might receive its fruit. And the vinedressers took his servants, beat one, killed one, and stoned another. Again he sent other servants, more than the first, and they did likewise to them. Then last of all he sent his son to them, saying, 'They will respect

my son.' But when the vinedressers saw the son, they said among themselves, 'This is the heir. Come, let us kill him and seize his inheritance.' So they took him and cast him out of the vineyard and killed him. Therefore, when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those vinedressers?" They said to Him, "He will destroy those wicked men miserably, and lease his vineyard to other vinedressers who will render to him the fruits in their seasons." Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the Scriptures: 'The stone which the builders rejected Has become the chief cornerstone. This was the LORD's doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes'?"

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

## **Tone 8**

Magnify, O my soul, the most precious Cross of the Lord!

Thou art a mystical Paradise, O Theotokos, who, though untitled, hast brought forth Christ; through Him the life-bearing wood of the Cross was planted on earth. Now at its Exaltation, as we bow in worship before it, we magnify thee.

## **Communion Hymn**

Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest! *(Ps. 148:1)*  
The light of Thy countenance has been signed upon us, O Lord. *(Ps. 4:7)*  
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

## **Magnification**

We magnify O Christ the giver of life and we honor thy precious cross whereby we have been saved from the bondage of the enemy.

# **Candle Offerings for Sunday, September 19, 2021**

## **Vigils in Altar**

In Memory Of Delphina Pociluyko,  
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## **Vigils on the Tetrapod**

Happy Birthday Ben Dulin, Offered by Bill & Sandi Keysock







*The Orthodox Church in America*  
**DIOCESE OF PHILADELPHIA AND EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA**  
*The Most Rev. Mark, Archbishop of Philadelphia*

September 1, 2021

Dear to God,

Christ is in our midst! He is and ever shall be! By the grace of God, our seminarian, Dn. John Black completed his first year St Vladimir's Seminary in NY. Dn. John served Holy Trinity in Pottstown and his parents worked with St. Tikhon's Summer Camp for years. Dn. John and Matushka Alexandra have four children, Evyn, 22; Lydia, 18; Joshua, 11 and Noah, 9.

Seminarians are responsible for raising half their tuition money each semester, approximately \$3,155, as well as cover costs of books, supplies, rent, utilities, groceries, etc. As Evyn is in college, Dn. John also has that expense as well. Rent is not cheap and housing keeps getting more costly. St Vladimir's has a matching Grant Program which requires the students to raise half their tuition money. Holy Trinity, Pottstown offered to coordinate this effort and checks may be mailed to Holy Trinity, 1230 N Hanover St, Pottstown, PA 19464. Please earmark the check, Dn. John Black.

Our parishes and faithful have been very generous in supporting our seminarians and I pray you will continue to do so. There is a shortage of priest in our Diocese as well as the OCA. We need to show our support for our seminarians so that they will want to return to serve one of our parishes. A one time gift or monthly support would also be greatly appreciated. If you would like to assist Dn. John and Matushka Alexandra and their family as they prepare for parish ministry, you may send a check directly to them at:

Dn. John M. Black  
St Vladimir's Seminary  
575 Scarsdale Rd  
Yonkers, NY 10707-1699

Once again thank you for your generosity and support of our seminarians.

Yours in Christ,

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+ MARK, Archbishop of Philadelphia and the Diocese of Eastern Pennsylvania



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"Thou hast made us for Thyself, O Lord, and our heart is restless until it finds its rest in Thee." Augustine

# **The Property Care Ministry Needs Your Help!**

The St. Nicholas parish Property Care Ministry is looking for volunteers to help with small maintenance and repair tasks around the church property. Many of these tasks are simple and do not require specialized skills (ie: changing light bulbs). If you would like to volunteer any amount of your time, please contact Moses Hodson or Jennifer Bzik. Please note that you do not need to commit to every work session or commit to a certain amount of time. All help is deeply appreciated. Thank you!

## **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.

## **Church School Background Checks**

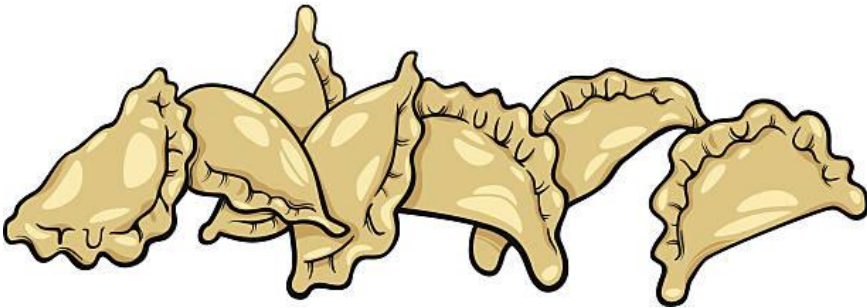
In accordance with our Church policies, Diocesan policies and OCA statutes, all adults over the age of 18 who have regular contact with the Church School students must pass a background check.

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.

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, Michael 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, Catherine Shea, Francine Slivka, Michael Slivka, Julia Smith, Julia G. Smolenski, Dorothy Stafiniak, Mary Strohecker, Ola Tatusko, Irene Witaneck

**Child of God:** Emily Estrin

**Handmaidens of God:** Lara Bessman, Corinne Gahles Stuckey, Stephanie Sica and their unborn children

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