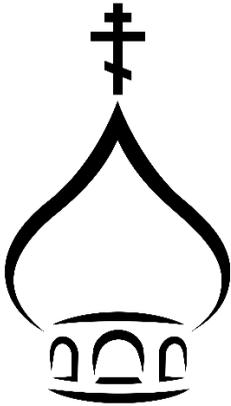


Divine Liturgy

Sunday, September 26, 2021

14th Sunday after Pentecost (1st of Luke)

Rest of the Holy Apostle and Evangelist John the Theologian



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Mitred Archpriest James Mason, Attached

Deacon Geoffrey LoBalbo

Lori Lezinsky, Parish Council President

Reader Nicholas Lezinsky, Choir Director

Jennifer Bzik, Administrative Assistant

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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 26, 2021

14th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – Tone 5. Repose of the Holy Apostle and Evangelist John the Theologian (2nd c.). Ven. Ephraim, Abbot of Perekóp, Wonderworker of Novgorod (1492).

Coffee Hour Today

Coffee hour today is hosted by Radu & Aliana Lungu

Weekly & Upcoming Calendar

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

Saturday, October 2, 2021

6:00 pm – Vespers

Sunday, October 3, 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.

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.

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Tone 5 Troparion *(Resurrection)*

Let us, the faithful, praise and worship the Word, co-eternal with the Father and the Spirit, born for our salvation from the Virgin; for He willed to be lifted up on the Cross in the flesh, to endure death, and to raise the dead by His glorious Resurrection.

Tone 2 Troparion *(St. John)*

Beloved Apostle of Christ our God, hasten to deliver a defenseless people! He Who allowed thee to recline on His breast, receives thee as thou dost bow before Him. Implore Him, O John the Theologian, to disperse the persistent threat from the heathens, entreating for us peace and great mercy!

Tone 5 Kontakion *(Resurrection)*

Thou didst descend into hell, O my Savior, shattering its gates as Almighty, resurrecting the dead as Creator, and destroying the sting of death. Thou hast delivered Adam from the curse, O Lover of man, and we cry to Thee: "O Lord, save us!"

Tone 2 Kontakion *(St. John)*

Who shall declare thy greatness, O virgin disciple, for thou dost pour forth wonders and art a source of healings, and prayest for our souls as theologian and friend of Christ.

Tone 5 Prokeimenon (*Resurrection*)

Thou, O Lord, shalt protect us and preserve us from this generation forever.
(*Ps. 11:7*)

Save me, O Lord, for there is no longer any that is godly! (Ps. 11:1a)

Tone 8 Prokeimenon (*St. John*)

Their proclamation has gone out into all the earth, / and their words to the ends of the universe. (*Ps. 18:4*)

Epistle

Read by Tricia Metz

(2 Corinthians 1:21-2:4) Now He who establishes us with you in Christ and has anointed us is God, who also has sealed us and given us the Spirit in our hearts as a guarantee. Moreover I call God as witness against my soul, that to spare you I came no more to Corinth. Not that we have dominion over your faith, but are fellow workers for your joy; for by faith you stand. But I determined this within myself, that I would not come again to you in sorrow. For if I make you sorrowful, then who is he who makes me glad but the one who is made sorrowful by me? And I wrote this very thing to you, lest, when I came, I should have sorrow over those from whom I ought to have joy, having confidence in you all that my joy is the joy of you all. For out of much affliction and anguish of heart I wrote to you, with many tears, not that you should be grieved, but that you might know the love which I have so abundantly for you.

(1 John 4:12-19 (St. John)) No one has seen God at any time. If we love one another, God abides in us, and His love has been perfected in us. By this we know that we abide in Him, and He in us, because He has given us of His Spirit.

And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent the Son as Savior of the world. Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God. And we have known and believed the love that God has for us. God is love, and he who abides in love abides in God, and God in him. Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness in the day of judgment; because as He is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love; but perfect love casts out fear, because fear involves torment. But he who fears has not been made perfect in love. We love Him because He first loved us.

Tone 5

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

I will sing of Thy mercies, O Lord, forever; with my mouth I will proclaim Thy truth from generation to generation. (Ps. 88:1-2)

For Thou hast said: Mercy will be established forever; Thy truth will be prepared in the heavens. (Ps. 88:3)

Tone 1

The heavens will praise Thy wonders, O Lord; and Thy truth in the congregation of the saints. (Ps. 88:5)

Gospel

(Luke 5:1-11) So it was, as the multitude pressed about Him to hear the word of God, that He stood by the Lake of Gennesaret, and saw two boats standing by the lake; but the fishermen had gone from them and were washing their nets. Then He got into one of the boats, which was Simon's, and asked him to put out a little from the land. And He sat down and taught the multitudes from the boat. When He had stopped speaking, He said to Simon, "Launch out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch." But Simon answered and said to Him,

“Master, we have toiled all night and caught nothing; nevertheless at Your word I will let down the net.” And when they had done this, they caught a great number of fish, and their net was breaking. So they signaled to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both the boats, so that they began to sink. When Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus’ knees, saying, “Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord!” For he and all who were with him were astonished at the catch of fish which they had taken; and so also were James and John, the sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. And Jesus said to Simon, “Do not be afraid. From now on you will catch men.” So when they had brought their boats to land, they forsook all and followed Him.

(John 19:25-27; 21:24-25 (St. John)) Now there stood by the cross of Jesus His mother, and His mother’s sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus therefore saw His mother, and the disciple whom He loved standing by, He said to His mother, “Woman, behold your son!” Then He said to the disciple, “Behold your mother!” And from that hour that disciple took her to his own home. This is the disciple who testifies of these things, and wrote these things; and we know that his testimony is true. And there are also many other things that Jesus did, which if they were written one by one, I suppose that even the world itself could not contain the books that would be written. Amen.

Communion Hymn

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

Their proclamation has gone out into all the earth, and their words to the ends of the universe. *(Ps. 18:4)*

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Candle Offerings for Sunday, September 26, 2021

Vigils in Altar

Happy Birthday Edie Manara, Offered by Ann Marie & Barry Bretz

Vigil in Side Candle Holders

Happy Birthday Jennifer Bzik, Offered by The Hodson Family

Vigils on the Tetrapod

Happy Birthday Sam Dulin, Offered by Bill & Sandi Keysock

Vigils - Icon of the Virgin Mary

Happy Birthday Sandi Keysock, Offered by Bill



Confession

Fr. James Mason has kindly offered to hear confessions at Vespers services. Please call Fr. James in advance to make arrangement so that he may allocate the necessary time. Thank you Fr. James!

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!

Parish Member in Good Standing

A member of the Parish is "in good standing" if he/she is no less than eighteen years of age; partakes of the Sacraments of Confession and Holy Communion at least once a year in his/her home parish; and regularly fulfills his/her financial obligations as established by the All-American Councils, Diocesan Assemblies and Parish Annual Meeting.

The required minimum financial obligation to remain "in good standing" is \$520.00 per member and is due by December 31st of each year. Parishioners who are unable to meet this obligation are encouraged to speak with the pastor about other ways to support the work of the Church. Parishioners who have not met this obligation for two years will be deleted from the Parish, Diocesan, and national membership lists.

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.



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,

+ Mark

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

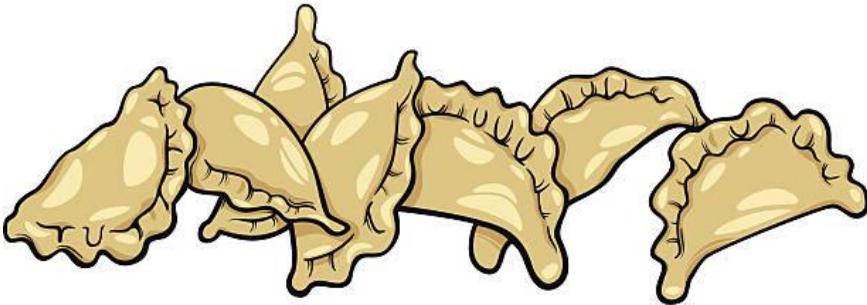


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"Thou hast made us for Thyself, O Lord, and our heart is restless until it finds its rest in Thee." Augustine

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.