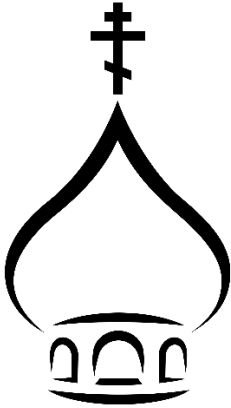


# **Divine Liturgy**

Sunday, October 3, 2021

**15<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost (2<sup>nd</sup> of Luke)**



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

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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 October 3, 2021

**15th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – Tone 6.** Hieromartyr Dionysius the Areopagite, Bishop of Athens, and with him Martyrs Rusticus the Presbyter and Eleutherius the Deacon (96). Ven. Dionysii, Recluse, of the Kiev Caves (Far Caves–15th c.). St. John the Chozebite, Bishop of Cæsarea, Palestine (6th c.).

## Serving the Divine Liturgy This Morning

Fr. Michael Kon

## Coffee Hour Today

Please stay for coffee and fellowship after liturgy.

## Weekly & Upcoming Calendar

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

**Friday, October 8, 2021**

7:00 pm – Panikhida for Dennis  
Chrush’s 40<sup>th</sup> Day of Repose

**Saturday, October 9, 2021**

6:00 pm – Vespers

**Sunday, October 10, 2021**

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

In the event of a Pastoral Emergency,  
please contact Lori Lezinsky (484-375-3874) or Jennifer Bzik (908-451-1622).

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**Tone 6      Troparion      *(Resurrection)***

The Angelic Powers were at Thy tomb; the guards became as dead men. Mary stood by Thy grave, seeking Thy most pure body. Thou didst capture hell not being tempted by it. Thou didst come to the Virgin, granting life. O Lord, Who didst rise from the dead, glory to Thee.

**Tone 4      Troparion      *(St. Dionysius)***

Having learned goodness and maintaining continence in all things, thou wast arrayed with a good conscience as befits a priest. From the Chosen Vessel thou didst draw ineffable mysteries; thou didst keep the Faith, and didst finish a course equal to his. Hieromartyr Dionysius, entreat Christ God that our souls may be saved!

**Tone 6      Kontakion      *(Resurrection)***

When Christ God, the Giver of Life, raised all of the dead from the valleys of misery with His mighty hand, He bestowed resurrection on the human race. He is the Savior of all, the Resurrection, the Life, and the God of all.

**Tone 8      Kontakion      *(St. Dionysius)***

As a disciple of the Apostle caught up to the third heaven, thou didst spiritually enter the gate of heaven, O Dionysius. Thou wast enriched with understanding of ineffable mysteries and didst enlighten those who sat in the darkness of ignorance. Therefore we cry to thee: "Rejoice, universal Father!"

**Tone 6      Prokeimenon      *(Resurrection)***

O Lord, save Thy people, and bless Thine inheritance! *(Ps. 27:9a)*  
To Thee, O Lord, will I call. O my God, be not silent to me! *(Ps. 27:1a)*

## **Epistle**

Read by David Metz

**(2 Corinthians 4:6-15)** For it is the God who commanded light to shine out of darkness, who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellence of the power may be of God and not of us. We are hard-pressed on every side, yet not crushed; we are perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed – always carrying about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus, that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our body. For we who live are always delivered to death for Jesus' sake, that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our mortal flesh. So then death is working in us, but life in you. And since we have the same spirit of faith, according to what is written, "I believed and therefore I spoke," we also believe and therefore speak, knowing that He who raised up the Lord Jesus will also raise us up with Jesus, and will present us with you. For all things are for your sakes, that grace, having spread through the many, may cause thanksgiving to abound to the glory of God.

## **Tone 6**

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

*He who dwelleth in the shelter of the Most High will abide in the shadow of the heavenly God. (Ps. 90:1)*

*He will say to the Lord: "My Protector and my Refuge; my God, in Whom I trust." (Ps. 90:2)*

## **Gospel**

**(Luke 6:31-36)** And just as you want men to do to you, you also do to them likewise. But if you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. And if you lend to those from whom you hope to receive back, what credit is that to you? For even sinners lend to sinners to receive as much back. But love your enemies, do good, and lend, hoping for nothing in return; and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High. For He is kind to the unthankful and evil. Therefore be merciful, just as your Father also is merciful.

## **Communion Hymn**

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



# **Candle Offerings for Sunday, October 3, 2021**

## **Vigils in Altar**

In Honor Of Pat & Tom Grammes' Anniversary

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## **Votives in Altar**

In Honor Of Archpriest Jason & Mat. Katia on their Anniversary  
Offered by Mat. Fran

## **Votives in Iconostas**

Save Travels Guliana Holobeny, Offered by The Holobeny Family

## **Vigil in Side Candle Holders**

In Memory Of +Deacon Michael Bishop, Offered by Fr. Tom & Mat. Evelyn

## **Vigil in Side Candle Holders**

For Health Of Archbishop Michael, Offered by Fr Tom & Mat. Evelyn

## **Crosses**

For Health Of Mason, Podlusky, Guiducci & Hockman Family

## **Vigils on the Tetrapod**

Happy Birthday Sandi Keysock, Offerd by Keysock & Dulin Family

## **Vigils - Icon of the Virgin Mary**

In Memory Of Joseph Slivka, Offered by Brother Michael & Francine Slivka

## **Votives - Icon of the Virgin Mary**

In Memory Of Reader Leonty Macalush, Offered by Francine & Michael Slivka

# 2021 Christmas Bazaar, Pierogi, and Bake Sale

The Christmas bazaar will be held inside the Chernay fellowship hall on Saturday, December 4 from 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM for guests eating-in or taking food out.

It has been three years since our last bazaar, which was held in 2018. That two-day event resulted in a net income of \$36,345.74! Our success then was due to the dedication and hard work of seventy-six volunteers who were involved during the planning, preparation, and commitment to help before and during the event.

During the coming months, you may be asked to donate your delicious cakes that our guests look forward to, or to bake some cookies to create our assorted cookie trays.

Parishioners and some of their friends, who are available during the day, are hard at work making pierogi, kiffles, flavored rolls, halupki, borscht, halushki, and potato pancakes. If you are available, please consider helping in this food preparation by offering to provide lunch for the volunteers, packing baked goods and halupki, washing dishes, sweeping, or mopping up the kitchen floor during the late afternoons or evenings. Your help is sincerely appreciated!

Preorder forms for baked goods and pierogi will be included in our weekly bulletins, on our church's website, Facebook, the vestibule shelf, table outside the fellowship hall, and inside the kitchen.

There is room for some gift vendors, so if you, or someone you know is interested in participating in the bazaar, please contact a committee member.

As planning for the bazaar continues, you may ask, "How can I help?" If you're interested in volunteering, please call Maxine Marsh, 610-837-8063, or contact committee members Joanne Brusko, Guliana Holobeny, Aliana Lungu, or Barbara Monarek.



# **Bazaar Baking and Food Preparation Schedule for October 2021**

Monday, October 4	pierogi prep 6:30 AM
Tuesday, October 5	pierogi prep 6:30 AM & kiffle prep 8:00 AM-3:00 PM
Wednesday, October 6	pierogi making 6:30-11:00 AM & kiffle baking & packing 11:00 AM-3:00 PM
Friday, October 8	nut rolls baking & packing 9:00 AM-3:00 PM
Monday, October 11	pierogi prep 6:30 AM
Tuesday, October 12	pierogi prep 6:30 AM
Wednesday, October 13	pierogi making 6:30-11:00 AM
Friday, October 15	apricot rolls baking & packing 9:00 AM-3:00 PM
Sunday, October 17	tentative date halupki prep
Monday, October 18	pierogi prep 6:30 AM & tentative date halupki assembly & cooking
Tuesday, October 19	pierogi prep 6:30 AM
Wednesday, October 20	pierogi making 6:30-11:00 AM
Thursday, October 21	roll baking & packing 9:00AM-3:00 PM
Monday, October 25	pierogi prep 6:30 AM
Tuesday, October 26	pierogi prep 6:30 AM & kiffle prep 8:00 AM-3:00 PM
Wednesday, October 27	pierogi making 6:30-11:00 AM & kiffle baking & packing 11:00 AM-3:00PM



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*The Most Rev. Mark, Archbishop of Philadelphia*

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St. Nicholas Church  
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Dear to God,

Christ is in our midst! In my letter dated September 01, 2021, I informed the parish council that I was in receipt of a letter from Fr. Matthew Joyner dated August 30th, 2021 requesting release from his responsibilities at St. Nicholas. As per his request, this letter is to confirm that effective September 01, he was released of his duties at St. Nicholas Orthodox Church in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania.

We are facing a clergy shortage throughout the Diocese as well as the OCA. Even parishes able to compensate generously are unable to find a priest. I have contacted all of our bishops to inquire about available clergy and received no response. Additionally, I contacted the Chancellor of the Orthodox Church in America, the V. Rev. Fr. Alexander Rentel to discuss our clergy needs and spoken with His Beatitude Metropolitan Tikhon. Both confirmed that each Diocese is struggling with clergy shortages.

Please be aware that the way clergy and their families are treated are important to not only attracting a priest but in keeping one. As we continue the search for a Rector for St. Nicholas, I would ask every member to consider ways to personally insure the priest is welcomed and supported in his ministry. Everyone must be invested in making sure to care for those who take care of you. The V. Rev. Victor Gorodenchuk, Dean of the Philadelphia Deanery, will work directly with your council chairperson to coordinate coverage while we continue to search for a new priest. As always, we are doing all we can to provide pastoral care and liturgical services for the faithful of all our parishes.

Your unworthy father in Christ,

+ Mark

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

Cc: V. Rev. Martin Browne, Diocesan Chancellor

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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

## **Choir Rehearsal Today**

A choir practice, for the Christmas carol will be conducted after coffee hour. Please plan accordingly.

## **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!

## **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.

## **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.

## **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:** 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, Connor Samuels, Robert Schainfeld, Catherine Shea, Francine Slivka, Michael Slivka, Julia Smith, Julia G. Smolenski, Dorothy Stafiniak, Mary Strohecker, Ola Tatusko, Irene Witanek

**Child of God:** Emily Estrin

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

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