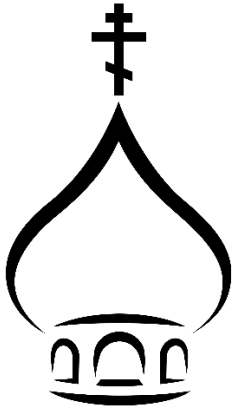


Divine Liturgy

Sunday, October 10, 2021

Commemoration of the Holy Fathers of the 7th Ecumenical Council



SAINT NICHOLAS
RUSSIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH



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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

Email: assistant4stnicholas@outlook.com

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 10, 2021

16th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – Tone 7. Fathers of the 7th Ecumenical Council. Martyrs Eulampius and Eulampia, at Nicomedia, and 200 Martyrs with them (303-311). St. Amphilókhy (Amphilochius), Bishop of Vladimir, Volyn' (1122). Synaxis of the Saints of Volyn': Ven. Job of Pochaev, Ss. Stephen and Amphilókhy, Bishops of Vladimir in Volyn'; Hieromartyr Makáry, Archimandrite of Kanev; St. Yaropolk, Prince of Vladimir in Volyn'; Ven. Theodore (in monasticism Theodosius), Prince of Ostrog; and St. Juliana Ol'shánskaya. Bl. Andrew of Tot'ma, Fool-for-Christ (1673). Martyr Theotecnus of Antioch (3rd-4th c.). St. Bassian of Constantinople (5th c.). St. Theophilus the Confessor of Bulgaria (8th c.). Ven. Amvrosy of Optina (1891). Hieromartyr Peter (Polianskii), Metropolitan of Krutitsy (1937–Sept 27th O.S.). The "AKATHIST" Icon of the Mother of God at Zographou (Mt Athos).

Serving the Divine Liturgy This Morning

Fr. Daniel Meyer

Coffee Hour Today

Coffee Hour today is hosted by Sandi Keysock & Patty Felix

Weekly & Upcoming Calendar

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

Saturday, October 16, 2021

6:00 pm – Vespers
General Confession to follow Vespers

Sunday, October 17, 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 7 Troparion *(Resurrection)*

By Thy Cross Thou didst destroy death. To the thief Thou didst open Paradise. For the Myrrhbearers Thou didst change weeping into joy, and Thou didst command Thy disciples, O Christ God, to proclaim that Thou art risen, granting the world great mercy.

Tone 8 Troparion *(Fathers)*

Thou art most glorious, O Christ our God, Who hast established the Holy Fathers as lights on the earth. Through them Thou hast guided us to the True Faith. O greatly compassionate One, glory to Thee!

Tone 7 Kontakion *(Resurrection)*

The dominion of death can no longer hold men captive, for Christ descended, shattering and destroying its powers. Hell is bound, while the Prophets rejoice and cry: "The Savior has come to those in faith; enter, you faithful, into the Resurrection!"

Tone 6 Kontakion *(Fathers)*

The Son Who shone forth from the Father was ineffably born, two-fold in nature, of a woman. Having beheld Him, we do not deny the image of His form, but depict it piously and revere it faithfully. Thus, keeping the True Faith, the Church venerates the icon of Christ Incarnate.

Tone 7 Prokeimenon *(Resurrection)*

The Lord shall give strength to His people. The Lord shall bless His people with peace. *(Ps. 28:11)*

Offer to the Lord, O you sons of God! Offer young rams to the Lord! (Ps. 28:1a)

Tone 4 Prokeimenon *(Song of the Three Holy Children)*

Blessed art Thou, O Lord God of our fathers, and praised and glorified is Thy Name forever! *(Song of the Three Holy Children, v. 3)*

Epistle

Read by Reader Nicholas Lezinsky

(2 Corinthians 6:1-10) We then, as workers together with Him also plead with you not to receive the grace of God in vain. For He says: "In an acceptable time I have heard You, and in the day of salvation I have helped You." Behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation. We give no offense in anything, that our ministry may not be blamed. But in all things we commend ourselves as ministers of God: in much patience, in tribulations, in needs, in distresses, in stripes, in imprisonments, in tumults, in labors, in sleeplessness, in fastings; by purity, by knowledge, by longsuffering, by kindness, by the Holy Spirit, by sincere love, by the word of truth, by the power of God, by the armor of righteousness on the right hand and on the left, by honor and dishonor, by evil report and good report; as deceivers, and yet true; as unknown, and yet well known; as dying, and behold we live; as chastened, and yet not killed; as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing all things.

(Hebrews 13:7-16 (Fathers)) Remember those who rule over you, who have spoken the word of God to you, whose faith follow, considering the outcome of their conduct. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever. Do not be carried about with various and strange doctrines. For it is good that the heart be established by grace, not with foods which have not profited those who have been occupied with them. We have an altar from which those who serve the tabernacle have no right to eat. For the bodies of those animals, whose blood is brought into the sanctuary by the high priest for sin, are burned outside the camp. Therefore Jesus also, that He might sanctify the people with His own blood, suffered outside the gate. Therefore let us go forth to Him, outside the camp, bearing His reproach. For here we have no continuing city, but we seek the one to come. Therefore by Him let us continually offer the sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of our lips, giving thanks to His name. But do not forget to do good and to share, for with such sacrifices God is well pleased.

Tone 7

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

*It is good to give thanks to the Lord, to sing praises to Thy Name, O Most High.
(Ps. 91:1)*

To declare Thy mercy in the morning, and Thy truth by night. (Ps. 91:2a)

Tone 1

The Lord, the God of gods, speaks and summons the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting. (Ps. 49:1)

Gospel

(Luke 7:11-16) Now it happened, the day after, that He went into a city called Nain; and many of His disciples went with Him, and a large crowd. And when He came near the gate of the city, behold, a dead man was being carried out, the only son of his mother; and she was a widow. And a large crowd from the city was with her. When the Lord saw her, He had compassion on her and said to her, "Do not weep." Then He came and touched the open coffin, and those who carried him stood still. And He said, "Young man, I say to you, arise." So he who was dead sat up and began to speak. And He presented him to his mother. Then fear came upon all, and they glorified God, saying, "A great prophet has risen up among us"; and, "God has visited His people."

(John 17:1-13 (Fathers)) Jesus spoke these words, lifted up His eyes to heaven, and said: "Father, the hour has come. Glorify Your Son, that Your Son also may glorify You, as You have given Him authority over all flesh, that He should give eternal life to as many as You have given Him. And this is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent. I have glorified You on the earth. I have finished the work which You have given Me to do. And now, O Father, glorify Me together with Yourself, with the glory which I had with You before the world was. I have manifested Your name to the men whom You have given Me out of the world. They were Yours, You gave them to Me, and they have kept Your word. Now they have known that all things which You have given Me are from You. For I have given to them the words which You

have given Me; and they have received them, and have known surely that I came forth from You; and they have believed that You sent Me. I pray for them. I do not pray for the world but for those whom You have given Me, for they are Yours. And all Mine are Yours, and Yours are Mine, and I am glorified in them. Now I am no longer in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to You. Holy Father, keep through Your name those whom You have given Me, that they may be one as We are. While I was with them in the world, I kept them in Your name. Those whom You gave Me I have kept; and none of them is lost except the son of perdition, that the Scripture might be fulfilled. But now I come to You, and these things I speak in the world, that they may have My joy fulfilled in themselves.

Communion Hymn

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

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

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!



Candle Offerings for Sunday, October 10, 2021

Vigils in Altar

In Honor Of Daniel Holobeny and Emily Sacks in Honor of their Wedding
Offered by Holobeny, Fetisov & Maksinova Family

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Votives in Altar

Safe Travels Guliana Holobeny & Family
Offered by Holobeny, Fetisova & Maksinova Family

Vigil in Side Candle Holders

Happy Birthday Lori Lezinsky, Offered by The Hodson Family

Vigils on the Tetrapod

In Memory Of Pauline Radchuk, Offered by Bill & Sandi Keysock

Vigils - Icon of the Virgin Mary

In Memory Of Olga Sawarynski, Offered by Sandi Keysock

Vigils - Icon of St. John the Baptist

In Memory Of John, Joseph, George, Felix, Offered by Patty Felix

Votives - Icon of St. John the Baptist

Happy Birthday Pat T, Offered by Son Bill

Vigils on South Wall Window Sills

Happy Birthday Pat T, Offered by Wash

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 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

September 27, 2021

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St. Nicholas Church
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Bethlehem, PA 18017

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

V. Rev. Victor Gorodenchuk, Dean of Philadelphia Deanery

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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



Church School
Fall Festival

Saturday, Oct. 23
from 12:00-2:00

GAMES • CRAFTS
FUN FOR THE FAMILY

(Please bring a luncheon dish to share)

RSVP: Karen Gowarty or
Carmen Hodson

General Confession

Fr. James Mason has kindly offered hold the General Confession service on the following upcoming Saturdays, immediately following the Great Vespers service which begins at 6:00 pm.

Saturday, October 16, 2021

Saturday, October 30, 2021

Saturday, November 20, 2021

Hosting Coffee Hour

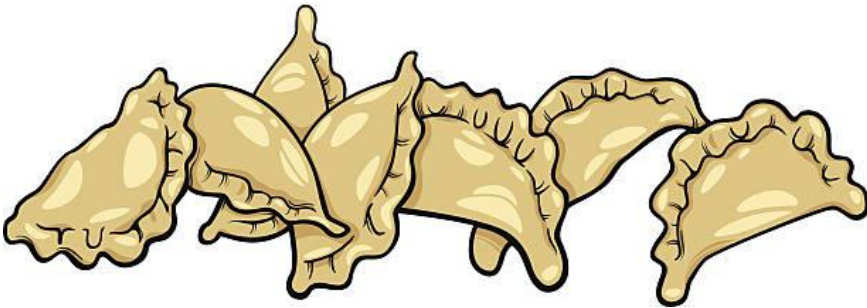
Thank you to the families that have kick started the return of the church's coffee hour! The signup book is located at the candle desk. Please volunteer to host, many Sundays are available! If you have any questions feel free to contact Lori Lezinsky or Jen Bzik.

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, David & Karen Gowarty, Gabriel Gowarty, Walter Grigoruk, Rachel Hardesty, Nicholas Hazzard, Jonathan Hontz, Sherry Hromiak, Michael H. Isbansky, Sarah Jubinski, Pauline Kasick, Kathleen Keimer, 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 Witaneck

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.