Divine Liturgy

Sunday, October 17, 2021

17th Sunday after Pentecost (4th of Luke)





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 October 17, 2021

17th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – Tone 8. Martyr Susanna, Princess of Georgia (5th c.). Prophet Hosea (820 B.C.). Monastic Martyr Andrew of Crete (767). Ven. Anthony, Abbot of Leokhnovsk (Novgorod–1611). Martyrs and Unmercenaries Cosmas and Damian in Cilicia, and their brothers, Leontius, Anthimus, and Eutropius (287 or 303). Translation of the Relics of St. Lazarus "of the four days" (in the tomb), Bishop of Kition on Cyprus (898).

Serving the Divine Liturgy This Morning

Fr. Michael Kon

Coffee Hour Today

Coffee Hour today is hosted by Victoria Dimonie

Weekly & Upcoming Calendar

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

Saturday, October 23, 2021 6:00 pm - Vespers

Sunday, October 24, 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 8 Troparion (Resurrection)

Thou didst descend from on high, O Merciful One! Thou didst accept the three day burial to free us from our sufferings! O Lord, our Life and Resurrection, glory to Thee!

Tone 2 Troparion (Prophet Hosea)

We celebrate the memory of Thy prophet Hosea, O Lord; through him we beseech Thee: "Save our souls!"

Tone 4 Troparion (St. Andrew)

Trained in asceticism on the mountain, with the weapon of the Cross thou didst destroy the spiritual assaults of the hostile powers, O all-blessed one. Again thou didst bravely prepare for combat and didst slay Copronymus with the sword of faith; for both struggles thou hast been crowned by God, monk-martyr Andrew of eternal memory.

Tone 8 Kontakion (Resurrection)

By rising from the tomb, Thou didst raise the dead and resurrect Adam. Eve exults in Thy Resurrection, and the world celebrates Thy rising from the dead, O greatly Merciful One!

Tone 4 Kontakion (*Prophet Hosea*)

Illumined by the Spirit, thy heart was a vessel of illustrious prophecy, seeing faroff things as though they were present. Therefore, we venerate thee, glorious prophet Hosea.

Tone 3 Kontakion (St. Andrew)

Today the Queen of cities celebrates the radiant feast of thy light-bearing memory, and invites every city and country to join her. She rejoices for she has gained a great treasure: thy body which sustained many struggles, martyr Andrew, beacon of Orthodoxy.

Tone 8 Prokeimenon (Resurrection)

Pray and make your vows before the Lord, our God! (Ps. 75:10a)

In Judah God is known; His Name is great in Israel. (Ps. 75:1)

Epistle

Read by Reader Matthew Lezinsky

(2 Corinthians 6:16-7:1) And what agreement has the temple of God with idols? For you are the temple of the living God. As God has said: "I will dwell in them and walk among them. I will be their God, and they shall be My people." Therefore "Come out from among them and be separate, says the Lord. Do not touch what is unclean, and I will receive you." "I will be a Father to you, and you shall be My sons and daughters, says the LORD Almighty." Therefore, having these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.

Tone 8

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Come, let us rejoice in the Lord! Let us make a joyful noise to God our Savior! (Ps. 94:1)

Let us come before His face with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise! (Ps. 94:2)

Gospel

(Luke 8:5-15) "A sower went out to sow his seed. And as he sowed, some fell by the wayside; and it was trampled down, and the birds of the air devoured it.

Some fell on rock; and as soon as it sprang up, it withered away because it lacked moisture. And some fell among thorns, and the thorns sprang up with it and choked it. But others fell on good ground, sprang up, and yielded a crop a hundredfold." When He had said these things He cried, "He who has ears to hear, let him hear!" Then His disciples asked Him, saying, "What does this parable mean?" And He said, "To you it has been given to know the mysteries of the kingdom of God, but to the rest it is given in parables, that 'Seeing they may not see, And hearing they may not understand.' Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God. Those by the wayside are the ones who hear; then the devil comes and takes away the word out of their hearts, lest they should believe and be saved. But the ones on the rock are those who, when they hear, receive the word with joy; and these have no root, who believe for a while and in time of temptation fall away. Now the ones that fell among thorns are those who, when they have heard, go out and are choked with cares, riches, and pleasures of life, and bring no fruit to maturity. But the ones that fell on the good ground are those who, having heard the word with a noble and good heart, keep it and bear fruit with patience.

Communion Hymn

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

Candle Offerings Missed in the Bulletin for Sunday, October 10, 2021

Vigil in Side Candle Holders

Happy Birthday Lori Lezinsky, Offered by Mom & Dad Lezinsky

Votives - Icon of the Virgin Mary

Happy Birthday Victoria Lezinsky, Offered by Grandpa & Baba

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In Memory Of Johanna Chomko, Offered by Pasquel Family

Votives in Iconostas

In Memory Of Robica Zega, Offered by Victoria Dimonie

Vigil in Side Candle Holders

Happy Birthday Matthew Lezinsky, Offered by The Hodson Family

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Happy Birthday Matthew Lezinsky, Offered by Mom & Dad

Crosses

For Health Of Archpriest Jason Vansuch, Offered by Mat. Fran

Vigils on the Tetrapod

Happy Birthday in Heaven Rosemary, Offered by Laurel Riley & Diana Buskirk

Vigils - Icon of the Virgin Mary

In Memory Of Michael Stafiniak, Offered by Dorothy Stafiniak

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 & November 2021

Sunday, October 17 after coffee hour halupki prep pierogi prep 6:30-10:00 AM & 8:00 AM-5:00 PM Monday, October 18 halupki assembly & cooking Tuesday, October 19 pierogi prep 6:30-10:00 AM Wednesday, October 20 pierogi making 6:30-11:00 AM Thursday, October 21 roll baking & packing 9:00AM-5:00 PM Monday, October 25 pierogi prep 6:30-10:00 AM Tuesday, October 26 pierogi prep 6:30-10:00 AM & kiffle prep 7:30 AM-2:00 PM Wednesday, October 27 pierogi making 6:30-10:00 AM & kiffle baking & packing 10:00 AM-5:00PM Saturday, October 30 paska baking 8:00 AM-5:00 PM Monday, November 1 pierogi prep 6:30-10:00 AM Tuesday, November 2 pierogi prep 6:30-10:00 AM & kiffle prep 7:30 AM-2:00 PM Wednesday, November 3 pierogi making 6:30-10:00 AM & kiffle baking & packing 10:00 AM-5:00 PM Friday, November 5 roll baking & packing 9:00 AM-5:00 PM Monday, November 8 pierogi prep 6:30-10:00 AM Tuesday, November 9 pierogi prep 6:30-10:00 AM & kiffle prep 7:30 AM-2:00 PM Wednesday, November 10 pierogi making 6:30-10:00 AM & kiffle baking & packing 10:00 AM-5:00 PM Friday, November 12 paska baking 8:00 AM-5:00 PM Monday, November 15 pierogi prep 6:30-10:00 AM Tuesday, November 16 pierogi prep 6:30-10:00 AM & kiffle prep 7:30 AM-2:00 PM Wednesday, November 17 pierogi making 6:30-10:00 AM & kiffle baking &

packing 10:00 AM-5:00 PM



A Note Of Thanks

Parish Family - Thank you for your prayers for the past two years for my Goddaughter's daughter, Emily Estrin. We are happy to say that she now shows no sign of disease. Thanks be to God.

Rosalie Radio

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 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.

Please note - Sunday October 24th needs a coffee hour host! The previously planned host has had a change of schedule. Please sign up at the candle desk if you are available to host.

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.

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 Witanek

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.