

Divine Liturgy

Sunday, October 24, 2021

18th Sunday after Pentecost (5th of Luke)



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Mitred Archpriest James Mason, Attached

Deacon Geoffrey LoBalbo

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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 24, 2021

18th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – Tone 1. Martyr Arethas and 4,299 Martyrs with him (523). Ven. Arethus (12th c.), Sisoë (13th c.), and Theóphil (Theophilus)– (12th-13th c.), Recluses, of the Kiev Caves (Near Caves). Bl. Elesbaan, King of Ethiopia (ca. 553-555). Martyr Syncletica and her two daughters (6th c.). St. Athanasius, Patriarch of Constantinople (1311). “Joy of All Who Sorrow” Icon of the Mother of God (1688).

Serving the Divine Liturgy This Morning

Fr. Witalis Suszczenia

Coffee Hour Today

Coffee Hour today is hosted by the Parish Council
(Choir practice to follow coffee hour)

Weekly & Upcoming Calendar

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

Saturday, October 30, 2021

6:00 pm – Vespers
General Confession to follow Vespers

Sunday, October 31, 2021

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

Save The Date: Sunday, November 14, 2021 there will be a coffee hour In Memory of Archbishop David to benefit St. Michael’s Orthodox Cathedral in Sitka, Alaska. RO 59 (St. Mary’s Society) is hosting, and the Home Office will match all donations. Please give generously!

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the Nativity of Our Lord begins.*

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 1 Troparion *(Resurrection)*

When the stone had been sealed by the Jews, while the soldiers were guarding Thy most pure body, Thou didst rise on the third day, O Savior, granting life to the world. The powers of heaven therefore cried to Thee, O Giver of Life: "Glory to Thy Resurrection, O Christ! Glory to Thy Kingdom! Glory to Thy dispensation, O Thou Who lovest mankind!"

Tone 4 Troparion *(St. Nicholas)*

In truth you were revealed to your flock as a rule of faith, a model of humility and teacher of abstinence. So you won the heights by humility, riches by poverty; O Holy Father Nicholas intercede with Christ our God to save our souls.

Tone 1 Kontakion *(Resurrection)*

As God, Thou didst rise from the tomb in glory, raising the world with Thyself. Human nature praises Thee as God, for death has vanished. Adam exults, O Master! Eve rejoices, for she is freed from bondage and cries to Thee: "Thou art the Giver of Resurrection to all, O Christ!"

Tone 1 Prokeimenon *(Resurrection)*

Let Thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us as we have set our hope on Thee! *(Ps. 32:22)*

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

Epistle

Read by David Metz

(2 Corinthians 9:6-11) But this I say: "He who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully." So let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound toward you, that you, always having all sufficiency in all things, may have an abundance for every good work. As it is written: "He has dispersed abroad, He has given to the poor; His righteousness endures forever." Now may He who supplies seed to the sower, and bread for food, supply and multiply the seed you have sown and increase the fruits of your righteousness, while you are enriched in everything for all liberality, which causes thanksgiving through us to God.

Tone 1

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

God gives vengeance unto me, and subdues people under me. (Ps. 17:48)

He magnifies the salvation of the King and deals mercifully with David, His anointed, and his seed forever. (Ps. 17:51)

Gospel

(Luke 16:19-31) There was a certain rich man who was clothed in purple and fine linen and fared sumptuously every day. But there was a certain beggar named Lazarus, full of sores, who was laid at his gate, desiring to be fed with the crumbs which fell from the rich man's table. Moreover the dogs came and licked his sores. So it was that the beggar died, and was carried by the angels to

Abraham's bosom. The rich man also died and was buried. And being in torments in Hades, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom. Then he cried and said, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus that he may dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am tormented in this flame.' But Abraham said, 'Son, remember that in your lifetime you received your good things, and likewise Lazarus evil things; but now he is comforted and you are tormented. And besides all this, between us and you there is a great gulf fixed, so that those who want to pass from here to you cannot, nor can those from there pass to us.' Then he said, 'I beg you therefore, father, that you would send him to my father's house, for I have five brothers, that he may testify to them, lest they also come to this place of torment.' Abraham said to him, 'They have Moses and the prophets; let them hear them.' And he said, 'No, father Abraham; but if one goes to them from the dead, they will repent.' But he said to him, 'If they do not hear Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded though one rise from the dead.'"

Communion Hymn

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

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Candle Offerings

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Vigils in Altar

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Votives in Altar

For Health Of Basil Vansuch on his Birthday, offered by Mat. Fran

Votives in Iconostas

In Honor Of Michael & Alex Lustig's Birthdays, Offered by Holobeny Family

Crosses

In Honor Of Olga Frimenko - Many Years!

Vigils on the Tetrapod

Happy Birthday Tom Grammes, Offered by Pat

Vigils on Icon Table

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Vigils on South Wall Window Sills

Safe Travel Don & Guliana, Offered by the Holobeny Family

Updates from the Parish Council

Parish Faithful,

The Parish Council would like to provide a brief update on some activities that we have undertaken over the last month. If you have any questions regarding these items, please reach out to a Council member.

Security Grant Proposal

On August 10, 2021, a group of Parishioners and Council members met to discuss another grant proposal to request funding to upgrade the physical security of the Church. We will be submitting a proposal for the 2022 grant cycle and requesting funds for several projects.

Back Stairwell Cleaning and Reorganization

On August 29, 2021, members of Council cleaned out the back stairwell of the Church removed a sizeable amount of material from it. Much of the material was discarded, and the rest was organized and filed.

Rectory Inspection and Inventory

On September 9 and 11, 2021, members of Council conducted inspections of the Rectory. We verified that the property was clean and in good order. We also conducted an inventory to make sure that all of the Parish-owned furnishings were still in the house.

Mosaic Maintenance

On September 11, 2021, a group of parishioners and parish Council members spent several hours applying two coats of wax to the Mosaic above the vestibule doors. The restoration company recommended that we apply two coats of car wax to the Mosaic every year in order to protect and preserve it.

Meeting with Kunsman Roofing

On September 23, 2021, a member of Parish Council met with a representative from Kunsman Roofing. They inspected the leaks in the hallway between the Church and the Fellowship Hall, the leaks in the Vestry next to the Altar, and the leak in the wall next to the large stained glass window on the south side of the Church. Kunsman recommended a variety of fixes with a total cost of approximately \$1,800.

Meeting with Dave Phillips Music

On October 13, 2021, a parishioner and a member of Parish Council met with a representative from Dave Phillips music to discuss the following items:

- Replacing the existing microphones for the hall and Church PA systems;
- Returning the hall audio system to functionality;
- Upgrading the current camera setup for the livestream; and
- Upgrading the Church sound system so that one set of microphones will transmit to both the livestream and the Church PA system simultaneously.

The costs to complete the above items will be approximately \$6,000.

Lightbulb Replacement

On October 17, 2021, a member of Council replaced approximately a dozen lightbulbs in the rear staircase behind the Altar and in the hall kitchen.

Yours in Christ,

The Parish Council.

St. Nicholas Russian Orthodox Church's 105th Anniversary this October

Dear Parish Family,

It is with great joy that we acknowledge our beloved parish's 105th anniversary of its founding. Let us all praise Our Lord God for giving us this wonderful blessing and pray together that we may continue to share in faith, love, and charity for many, many years. We are thankful for all those who came before us to build and support this parish and for those who now are its stewards. May God continue to bless us.

With Love In Christ,
St. Nicholas Parish Council

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

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
Thursday, November 4	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

Reminder that on November 15th the fasting for the Nativity of Our Lord begins. During this time the faithful should plan on private confession. Fr. Jim will be available before and after Vespers for those wishing to go to confession during the advent season.

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.

Wedding Banns

First Announcement on the approaching marriage between

Michael Kurtz, of the Orthodox Faith

And

Keri Costlow, of the Roman Catholic Faith

November 13, 2021. If anyone knows of any reason why these two individuals should not be united in Holy Matrimony, please contact the officiating priest, Father Timothy Hojnicky at 717-458-8063 or 717-691-1600.

Basket Raffle Donations Wanted

We will once again be hosting a Basket Raffle this year during the Christmas Bazaar on December 4th and we are looking for volunteers to donate baskets. We have a track record of offering beautiful baskets at our events, and we would like that tradition to continue. If you are able to make a basket, please contact Jennifer Bzik to let her know.

Don't be shy if you have never made a basket for the raffle before! Jennifer will be happy to help you out. If you are interested in supporting the Basket Raffle but are not able to make a basket, please consider making a cash donation. Jennifer will be happy to do the shopping and prepare a basket on your behalf!

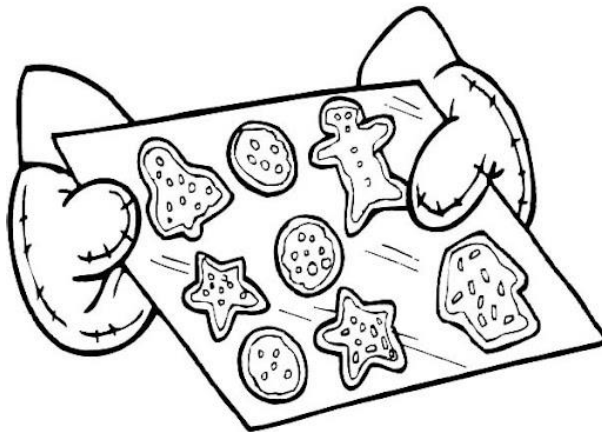
If you are planning to make a cash donation, please do so as soon as possible (no later than Wednesday, November 24, 2021) so that we have an opportunity to shop and prepare a basket using those funds. All donated baskets must be brought to the church by noon on Wednesday, December 1, 2021. If you have any questions or would like to make a donation, please contact Jennifer Bzik. Thank you so much for your support!

It's time again for COOKIES!!!

We will be making cookie trays to sell at the Christmas Bazaar and would appreciate your help.

- 🍪 Please make at least 3 dozen cookies (more is totally fine)
- 🍪 Notify Mary Dorosh or Jean Jubinski what kind you would like to make (We would like to prevent duplicate flavors)
- 🍪 Please bring in your cookies in sealed containers/bags by 10:00 am on Wednesday, December 1, 2021. (Starting Sunday, November 28 there will be a rack in the Church Hall for cookies.)
- 🍪 Please no cookies that have to be refrigerated.

Thank you!!!



St. Nicholas Russian Orthodox Church

A Cappella Choir

Presents

Orthodox Hymns and Christmas Carols



Sunday, December 12, 2021
3:30 p.m.

980 Bridle Path Road
Bethlehem, PA 18017

Fellowship & Refreshments following the concert.
For additional information please call 610-868-9468.

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, 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: Ann Marie, 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, Stephanie Sica, Valerie Stepanoff, and their unborn children

Handmaiden of God: Corinne Gahles Stuckey and her newborn daughter

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