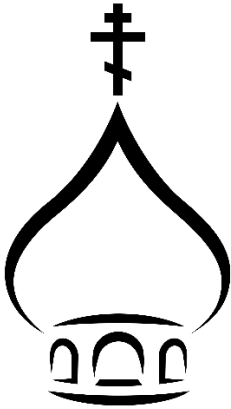


Divine Liturgy

Sunday, November 14, 2021

21st Sunday after Pentecost (8th of Luke)

Holy and All-Praised Apostle Philip



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Mitred Archpriest James Mason, Attached

Deacon Geoffrey LoBalbo

Lori Lezinsky, Parish Council President

Reader Nicholas Lezinsky, Choir Director

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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 November 14, 2021

21st SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – Tone 4. Holy and All-praised Apostle Philip (1st c.). Ven. Philip, Hermit of Irap near Novgorod (1527). St. Justinian the Emperor (565), and his wife, St. Theodora (548). St. Gregory Palamas, Archbishop of Thessalonica (ca. 1360).

Serving the Divine Liturgy This Morning

Fr. Michael Shepherd

Coffee Hour Today

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!

(Choir practice to follow coffee hour)

Weekly & Upcoming Calendar

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

Saturday, November 20, 2021

4:00 pm - Vespers (Note - earlier time until further notice)

General Confession to follow Vespers

Sunday, November 21, 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 4 Troparion *(Resurrection)*

When the women disciples of the Lord learned from the angel the joyous message of Thy Resurrection, they cast away the ancestral curse and elatedly told the apostles: "Death is overthrown! Christ God is risen, granting the world great mercy!"

Tone 3 Troparion *(St. Philip)*

Holy Apostle Philip, entreat the merciful God to grant our souls forgiveness of transgressions!

Tone 4 Kontakion *(Resurrection)*

My Savior and Redeemer as God rose from the tomb and delivered the earth-born from their chains. He has shattered the gates of hell, and as Master, He has risen on the third day!

Tone 8 Kontakion *(St. Philip)*

Thy disciple, friend and imitator of Thy passion, the God-preaching Philip, proclaimed Thee to the universe. By his prayers deliver Thy Church from her enemies; through the Theotokos protect every city, O most merciful Christ!

Tone 4 Prokeimenon *(Resurrection)*

O Lord, how manifold are Thy works; in wisdom hast Thou made them all.
(Ps. 103:26)

Bless the Lord, O my soul! O Lord, my God, Thou art very great! (Ps. 103:1)

Tone 8 Prokeimenon (St. Philip)

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

Epistle

Read by Blaise Shepherd

(Galatians 2:16-20) knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law but by faith in Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Christ Jesus, that we might be justified by faith in Christ and not by the works of the law; for by the works of the law no flesh shall be justified. But if, while we seek to be justified by Christ, we ourselves also are found sinners, is Christ therefore a minister of sin? Certainly not! For if I build again those things which I destroyed, I make myself a transgressor. For I through the law died to the law that I might live to God. I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.

(1 Corinthians 4:9-16 (St. Philip)) For I think that God has displayed us, the apostles, last, as men condemned to death; for we have been made a spectacle to the world, both to angels and to men. We are fools for Christ's sake, but you are wise in Christ! We are weak, but you are strong! You are distinguished, but we are dishonored! To the present hour we both hunger and thirst, and we are poorly clothed, and beaten, and homeless. And we labor, working with our own hands. Being reviled, we bless; being persecuted, we endure; being defamed, we entreat. We have been made as the filth of the world, the offscouring of all things until now. I do not write these things to shame you, but as my beloved children I warn you. For though you might have ten thousand instructors in Christ, yet you do not have many fathers; for in Christ Jesus I have begotten you through the gospel. Therefore I urge you, imitate me.

Tone 4

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

*Go forth, prosper and reign, for the sake of meekness, righteousness and truth!
(Ps. 44:3b)*

For Thou lovest righteousness, and hatest iniquity. (Ps. 44:6)

Tone 1

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

Gospel

(Luke 10:25-37) And behold, a certain lawyer stood up and tested Him, saying, "Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" He said to him, "What is written in the law? What is your reading of it?" So he answered and said, "'You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind,' and 'your neighbor as yourself.'" And He said to him, "You have answered rightly; do this and you will live." But he, wanting to justify himself, said to Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" Then Jesus answered and said: "A certain man went down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell among thieves, who stripped him of his clothing, wounded him, and departed, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a certain priest came down that road. And when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. Likewise a Levite, when he arrived at the place, came and looked, and passed by on the other side. But a certain Samaritan, as he journeyed, came where he was. And when he saw him, he had compassion. So he went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine; and he set him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. On the next day, when he departed, he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said to him, 'Take care of him; and whatever more you spend, when I come again, I will repay you.' So which of these three do you think was

neighbor to him who fell among the thieves?" And he said, "He who showed mercy on him." Then Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

(John 1:43-51 (St. Philip)) The following day Jesus wanted to go to Galilee, and He found Philip and said to him, "Follow Me." Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found Him of whom Moses in the law, and also the prophets, wrote - Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph." And Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward Him, and said of him, "Behold, an Israelite indeed, in whom is no deceit!" Nathanael said to Him, "How do You know me?" Jesus answered and said to him, "Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you." Nathanael answered and said to Him, "Rabbi, You are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" Jesus answered and said to him, "Because I said to you, 'I saw you under the fig tree,' do you believe? You will see greater things than these." And He said to him, "Most assuredly, I say to you, hereafter you shall see heaven open, and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man."

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

Sunday, November 14, 2021

Vigils in Altar

In Honor Of Anna & Alexandra Vansuch on their 9 Birthday
Offered by Mat. Fran

Vigils in Altar

Happy Birthday Eric Lustig, Offered by Wife Victoria

Votives in Altar

For Health Of Laurel Riley, Offered by Jennifer Bzik

Calling All Bakers for the Christmas Bazaar!

Fire up the ovens!

It's time for your SCRUMPTIOUS desserts that St. Nicholas is famous for. If you are a returning baker to new task, we welcome your YUMMY desserts. Please keep these things in mind:

- We have very limited refrigerator space, so please consider items that do not require refrigeration. If you must bring an item that requires refrigeration, please bring it on the morning of the Bazaar.
- Please DO NOT slice your cakes, pies, brownies, etc. The baked goods team will pre-slice items for consistence in serving piece and pricing.
- Feel free to provide a label e.g. German Chocolate Cake, Snickerdoodle Cookies, etc. There is no need to list ingredients, however it is useful to note: "nut free", "egg free", "dairy free" or "sugar free".
- Please provide baked goods on sturdy plates. DO NOT use cardboard because it is often too big and not sturdy.
- Securely label your name on your containers/dishes that you want returned. They will be cleaned and placed on racks in the kitchen where you can pick them up. And, whilst we are very careful with your dishes, DO NOT use precious containers that cannot be replaced if accidentally broken.

Thank you to all the great bakers who contribute to the success of the sale!
Your efforts are truly appreciated! If you have any questions, please contact Maxine Marsh.



The Orthodox Church in America
DIOCESE OF PHILADELPHIA AND EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA
The Most Rev. Mark, Archbishop of Philadelphia

November 12, 2021

The Nativity Fast

Dear to God,

Christ is in our midst! The Church in her wisdom gives us various periods of fasting for us to get back on the proper path. We drift away so easily from Christ and His teaching and consequently take on attitudes of the world around us. As we enter into the Nativity Fast let us, fast with our eyes by refraining from frivolous entertainment. Let us fast with our ears by turning away from course jesting, idle talk and gossip. Let us fast with our tongues by not talking about others but seeking to be reconciled.

St. John Chrysostom was asked why do we not see miracles in the Church today, like the early Church saw? He responded, ‘When he train our feet not to go to the theater, which was quite immoral in his day, but to bring us to Church, visit the sick or the prisoner, we healed the legs that were lame. I am certain he would say the same about refraining from casinos. When we taught the eyes not to look upon impure things, but to read the Holy Scriptures, we healed the eyes that were blind. When we train the hands not to be grasping and greedy, but generous with the poor, we healed the wither arm. When we train the tongue not to gossip and criticize, but to encourage, build up and give praise to God, we healed the tongue that was mute.’

The Nativity Fast is an opportunity to turn more fully to Christ by fasting not only from particular foods, but from sinful behaviors. As the prophet Isaiah says “cease to do evil and learn to do good.” As Christians, we are not simply called to abstain from sinful behavior, but to cultivate virtuous behavior. Let us use the time of the fast to visit the sick, the shut-ins, feed the hungry, clothe the naked and pray for our enemies.

I pray that our embracing the fast will help us to draw closer to the Lord and consequently closer to one another. Have a Blessed Nativity Fast! Be at peace within yourself and with one another.

Your unworthy father 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.” August

Stewards of the OCA Launch 2021 Annual Appeal

SYOSSET, NY (from OCA.org)

His Beatitude Metropolitan Tikhon has directed that Sunday, November 14, 2021 be designated as Stewards of the OCA Sunday. On this Sunday, we ask each parish to help financially support the work of the Orthodox Church in America especially through its departments, offices, and boards by taking a special collection.

It is through the work of these groups that the Orthodox Church in America is able to provide the many resources to its clergy and faithful. Please visit oca.org/stewards for additional information and resources which will be shared over the next two weeks.

You are invited to help continue the mission of the Orthodox Church in America by making a donation. Thank you for your support and prayers.

Wanted: Quart Sized Glass Jars

Nick Lezinsky is now accepting donations of empty quart sized glass jars for use in jarring up the delicious Borscht he will be making for the Christmas Bazaar. Please leave donated jars in the kitchen prior to the Christmas Bazaar on December 4, 2021.

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 4:00 pm.

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.

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.

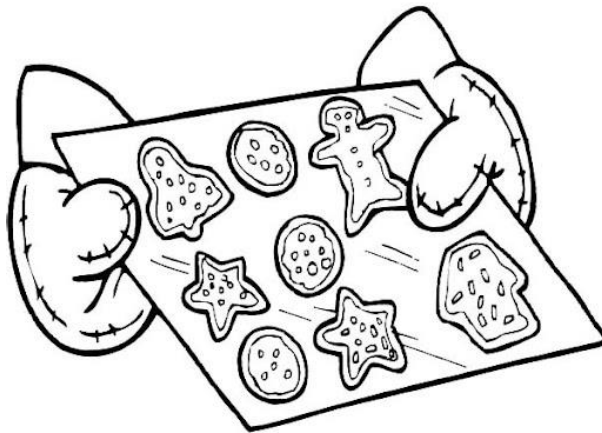
As planning for the bazaar continues, you may ask, "How can I help?" If you're interested in volunteering, please call Maxine Marsh, 610-837-8063, or contact committee members Joanne Brusko, Guliana Holobeny, Aliana Lungu, or Barbara Monarek.

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, 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, 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, Laurel Riley, 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.