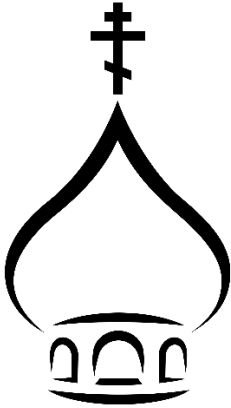


Divine Liturgy

Sunday, November 28, 2021

23rd Sunday after Pentecost (10th of Luke)



SAINT NICHOLAS
RUSSIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH



SAINT NICHOLAS
RUSSIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

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)

***Please turn off or silence your electronic devices
before entering the church. Thank you.***

980 Bridle Path Road | Bethlehem, PA 18017-3120 | T: 610-867-0402
stnicholasoca.org

Schedule for the Week of November 28, 2021

23rd SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – Tone 6. Monastic Martyr and Confessor Stephen the New of Mt. St. Auxentius, Martyrs Basil, Stephen, two Gregories, John, Andrew, Peter, Anna, and many others (767). Martyr Irenarchus and Seven Women Martyrs at Sebaste (303). St. Theodore, Archbishop of Rostov (1394). Martyrs Timothy and Theodore–Bishops; Peter, John, Sergius, Theodore, and Nikēphóros–Presbyters; Basil and Thomas–Deacons; Hierotheus, David, Chariton, Socrates, Comasius, and Eusebius–Monks; and Etymasius, at Tiberiopolis (8th c.).

Serving the Divine Liturgy This Morning

Fr. Michael Kon

Coffee Hour Today

Coffee Hour today is hosted by The Bessman Family

(Choir practice to follow coffee hour)

Weekly & Upcoming Calendar

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

Saturday, December 4, 2021

10:00 am to 5:00 pm – Christmas Bazaar

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

Sunday, December 5, 2021

9:10 am – Reading of the Hours

9:30 am – Divine Liturgy

Monday, December 6, 2021

St. Nicholas the Wonderworker

9:00 am – Divine Liturgy

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

Divine Liturgy

Sunday, November 28, 2021

23rd Sunday after Pentecost (10th of Luke)

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. Stephen the New)*

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 Stephen of eternal memory.

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. Stephen the New)*

Lovers of the feasts, from the heart with hymns let us praise in faith God-like Stephen, the lover of the Trinity, for he honored the fair icon of the Master and of His Mother. Now let us rejoice together and cry out to him with love: "Rejoice, ever-glorious 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 Reader Matthew Lezinsky

(Ephesians 2:4-10) But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), and raised us up together, and made us sit together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, that in the ages to come He might show the exceeding riches of His grace in His kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast. For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.

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 13:10-17) Now He was teaching in one of the synagogues on the Sabbath. And behold, there was a woman who had a spirit of infirmity eighteen years, and was bent over and could in no way raise herself up. But when Jesus saw her, He called her to Him and said to her, "Woman, you are loosed from your infirmity." And He laid His hands on her, and immediately she was made straight, and glorified God. But the ruler of the synagogue answered with

indignation, because Jesus had healed on the Sabbath; and he said to the crowd, "There are six days on which men ought to work; therefore come and be healed on them, and not on the Sabbath day." The Lord then answered him and said, "Hypocrite! Does not each one of you on the Sabbath loose his ox or donkey from the stall, and lead it away to water it? So ought not this woman, being a daughter of Abraham, whom Satan has bound - think of it - for eighteen years, be loosed from this bond on the Sabbath?" And when He said these things, all His adversaries were put to shame; and all the multitude rejoiced for all the glorious things that were done by Him.

Communion Hymn

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

Candle Offerings - Missed in the last bulletin Sunday, November 21, 2021

**Altar Candles for
The Entrance of the Most Holy Theotokos into the Temple**

In Memory Of John Radio, Offered by Greg & Rosalie Radio

Candle Offerings

Sunday, November 28, 2021

Vigils in Altar

In Memory Of John "Jay" Radio, Offered by Greg & Rosalie Radio

Vigils in Altar

In Memory Of John "Jay" Radio, Offered by Greg & Rosalie Radio

Vigils in Altar

In Memory Of John "Jay" Radio, Offered by Greg & Rosalie Radio

Votives in Altar

In Honor Of & Happy Birthday Valentina H. Elena Milo
Offered by Holobeny Family

Vigil in Side Candle Holders

In Memory Of Archbishop David, Offered by Lezinsky Family

Vigil in Side Candle Holders

In Memory Of Archbishop David, Offered by Lezinsky Family

Crosses

In Memory Of Henry Bretz, Offered by Ann Marie & Barry Bretz

Vigils on the Tetrapod

In Memory Of Jay Radio, Offered by Godson, Scott

Vigils - Icon of St. John the Baptist

In Memory Of James Bartos, Offered by Francine & Michael Slivka

Votives - Icon of St. John the Baptist

In Memory Of Jay Radio, Offered by Radio & Tomsic Families

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:

- Please drop off baked goods on Thursday, December 2 or Friday, December 3 between 10:00 am and 5:00 pm. You may also drop off items on the morning of the Bazaar, Saturday, December 4th from 7:00 am to 10:00 am.
- 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.

Giving Tree

On the Holiday tree in the vestibule, you will find tags for residents of Northampton County (children, youth, elderly adults and persons with mental health diagnosis). **Please select a tag and remove only the bottom portion of the tag.** The tag will indicate the gender, age, and suggestion for a Christmas Gift. These suggestions come from County Caseworkers or from a wish shared by the individual to the caseworker. Please bring your gift unwrapped in a gift bag or a bag to contain/separate your item from the others when placed in the large collection box in the vestibule. Please ensure that the bottom half of the tag is firmly attached to the gift(s). (If wrapped IT WILL BE OPENED!) **Gifts are due in by 12/19/2021** -no exception, as the gifts will be distributed 12/20 and 12/21.

Some general guidelines: Do not wrap your gift. (Gift bags are welcomed) Please do not include any weapons or sharp items in your gift. Please note that because Northampton County is ultimately responsible for distributing gifts they cannot distribute religious materials; please refrain from including such items as they will be removed. Your participation is truly appreciated by the County staff. Often the County staff reports that this project can make a difficult situation for child, elderly person, or person with a disability more tolerable by the GIFT OF KINDNESS. **Thank you in advance.**

Grocery Card Donation

Please consider purchasing a Grocery Store card from Judy Lezinsky to benefit a child, family, or elderly person in emergency need of food in Northampton County. During the holiday season and throughout the upcoming new year, these cards are given to those Northampton County residents in urgent need of food. These cards are equally distributed to **Northampton County Area on Aging, Children, Youth, and Families, and Emergency Services Caseworkers** for emergency use when food pantries are not open. Any contribution is GREATLY appreciated as this purchase goes entirely to someone in need! Thank you in advance. (Due by 12/19/2021)

A Note of Thanks

Thank to all who were so generous for the coffee hour for St. Michael's Cathedral in Memory of Archbishop David. The total raised with the matching funds was \$4,500. Words cannot thank you enough. Our parish has come through again to help someone in need during this Advent Season. Also a big thank you to our members who donated the yummy treats. May our Lord Grant You all Many Blessed Years!

Sandi, President and all the members of NSS/RO 59

Grocery Gift Cards Are Back!!!

Grocery gift cards are the ideal gift that everyone can use. When you purchase a gift card from our parish, you are helping our parish earn 5% income every time on each card.

Current participating stores are Giant and Weis Markets, but others may be added soon. Cards are available in a variety of denominations. Cards do not expire, so please consider purchasing a Grocery Gift Card the next time you need to buy a gift for someone. Better yet, why not get yourself a grocery gift card to use for your weekly shopping purchases and help earn some money for our parish!

Please see Judy Lezinsky for Grocery Gift Cards, or call for any special orders. 610-868-9468 (Cash or checks please.)

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.

Poinsettias for Christmas

If you wish to sponsor the Poinsettias that will decorate the church during the Nativity season, please sign up in the book at the candle desk. Red and White Poinsettias are available for a \$12.00 donation and may be taken home at the end of the Nativity Season.

Theophany Eve Supper

We're looking for a host for the annual strict lenten supper traditionally held on Theophany Eve. If you are interested in hosting, please contact Lori Lezinsky or Jennifer Bzik.

A Note of Thanks

The Parish Council would like to thank the Pierogi Workers for their generous transfer of \$5,000.00 to the General Fund for general expenses.

Basket Raffle Reminder

Wow! Thank you so much for the amazing support for the basket raffle! An astounding number of people have volunteered to make a basket or a donation to fund a basket. 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. Please leave baskets near the office door if brought prior to December 1st. If you have any questions, please contact Jennifer Bzik. Thank you so much for your support!

Throughout the year, please remember those in our parish family who are homebound.

Kathleen Berge - 2 Gracedale Ave, Tower #6, Nazareth, PA 18064

Mrs. Vincentine Grace Brusko - Bethlehem Manor II, 316 E Market St,
Bethlehem, PA 18018

Mrs. Olga Frimenko - 2205 Jennings Street, Bethlehem, PA 18017

Mr. Walter Grigoruk - Sacred Heart Senior Living by Saucon Creek, 4851
Saucon Creek Rd, Center Valley, PA 18034, Attn: Walter Grigoruk, Room 330.

Mr. Andrew Hasenecz - 315 Balleck Road, Riegelsville, PA 18077-9606

Mrs. Helen Karel - c/o Thomas Karel, 1838 Larchmont Ln, Lancaster, PA 17601

Mrs. Pauline Kasick - Phoebe Allentown, 1925 W Turner St' Allentown, PA
18104

Mrs. Antoinette Lebeduik - 3514 Nicholas Street, Easton, PA 18045-5252

Mrs. Michele Lovell - PO Box 20031, Lehigh Valley, PA 18002-0031

Ms. Nancy Sabol - 2443 Black River Road #4, Bethlehem, PA 18015

Mrs. Pauline Senick - 1553 Lindberg Road, Bethlehem, PA 18020-6440

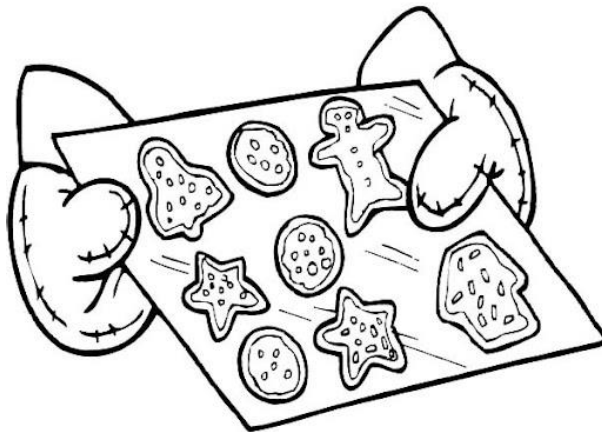
Mrs. Julia Smolenski - Easton Manor Care, 2600 Northampton St, Room
201A, Easton, PA 18045

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.