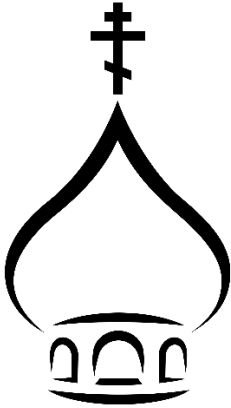


Divine Liturgy

Sunday, December 5, 2021

24th Sunday after Pentecost (11th of Luke)



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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

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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)

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

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Schedule for the Week of December 5, 2021

24th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – Tone 7. Ven. Savva the Sanctified (532). St. Gurias, Archbishop of Kazan' (1563). Martyr Anastasius. Ven. Karion (Cyrion) and his son, Ven. Zachariah, of Egypt (4th c.). Ven. Nectarius of Mt. Athos (1406). Ven. Philotheus of Karyes (Mt. Athos–14th c.). Monastic Martyrs of Karyes (Mt. Athos). St. Crispina (304).

Serving the Divine Liturgy This Morning

Fr. Michael Kon

Coffee Hour Today

Hosted by The Church School - Yolka

(Choir practice to follow coffee hour)

Weekly & Upcoming Calendar

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

Monday, December 6, 2021

St. Nicholas the Wonderworker
8:50 am - Reading of the Hours
9:00 am - Divine Liturgy

Saturday, December 11, 2021

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

Sunday, December 12, 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 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 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 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)

Epistle

Read by Reader Nicholas Lezinsky

(Ephesians 2:14-22) For He Himself is our peace, who has made both one, and has broken down the middle wall of separation, having abolished in His flesh the enmity, that is, the law of commandments contained in ordinances, so as to create in Himself one new man from the two, thus making peace, and that He might reconcile them both to God in one body through the cross, thereby putting to death the enmity. And He came and preached peace to you who were afar off and to those who were near. For through Him we both have access by one Spirit to the Father. Now, therefore, you are no longer strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief cornerstone, in whom the whole building, being fitted together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord, in whom you also are being built together for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit.

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 6

Blessed is the man who fears the Lord, who greatly delights in His commandments. (Ps. 111:1)

Gospel

(Luke 17:12-19) Then as He entered a certain village, there met Him ten men who were lepers, who stood afar off. And they lifted up their voices and said, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" So when He saw them, He said to them, "Go, show yourselves to the priests." And so it was that as they went, they were cleansed. And one of them, when he saw that he was healed, returned, and with a loud voice glorified God, and fell down on his face at His feet, giving Him

thanks. And he was a Samaritan. So Jesus answered and said, "Were there not ten cleansed? But where are the nine? Were there not any found who returned to give glory to God except this foreigner? And He said to him, "Arise, go your way. Your faith has made you well."

Communion Hymn

Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest! (*Ps. 148:1*)
The righteous shall be in everlasting remembrance. He shall not fear evil tidings. (*Ps. 111:6*)
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Candle Offerings Sunday, December 5, 2021

Vigils in Altar

In Honor Of Mary Dorosh Birthday, Offered by Lezinsky & Florenz Birthday

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Votives in Altar

In Honor Of Mary Dorosh Birthday, Offered by Michael & Toni Dorosh

Votives in Iconostas

In Honor Of Mary Dorosh Birthday, Offered by Family

Crosses

In Honor Of Mary Dorosh Birthday, Offered by Joe & Marina Murgia

Vigils - Icon of the Virgin Mary

Happy Birthday Miss Mary, Offered by Sophia & Jacob

Flowers to Adorn the Icon of St. Nicholas the Wonderworker

For Health Of Nicholas, Austin and Timothy, Offered by Stephanie Pasquel

A Message From Fr. Nikolai Breckenridge

Faithful parishioners of St. Nicholas Russian Orthodox Church,
and beloved in Christ,

Glory to Jesus Christ!

I want to wish a blessed Feast on the celebration of your Patronal Feast of St. Nicholas the Wonderworker. I pray that the Christmas Bazaar this week, and the Christmas concert next week will both be great successes!

Matushka Mila and I are excited to be moving to Bethlehem in the beginning of January, when I will take up the position of acting rector. I look forward to meeting as many parishioners as possible during the house blessing season, so please sign up!

May God continue to bless you, preserve you, and keep you. May our new beginning together be one that produces much fruit for the building up of the Kingdom, our own growing in the Holy Orthodox Faith, our own personal holiness, and in being beacons of the Gospel of Christ for the larger community. Many Years to you all!

In Christ,
Priest Nikolai Breckenridge

House Blessing Schedule

If you are interested in having Fr. Nikolai Breckenridge bless your home this year, please sign up on the sheet at the candle desk. Thank you!

2022 Calendars Are Available

The St. Tikhon's Monastery 2022 Lectionary Wall Calendars are now available to pick up in the Narthex. Thank you to Connell Funeral Home for their generous sponsorship of these calendars.

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 **Redners, Giant** and **Weis Markets** (Coming soon - Valley Farms), 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.)

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

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.

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

Mrs. Dorothy Stafiniak - 735 Gottwald Drive, Bethlehem, PA 18015-4209

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.