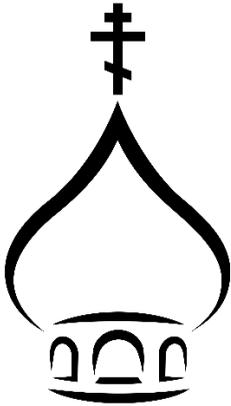


Divine Liturgy

Sunday, January 23, 2022

31st Sunday after Pentecost

Synaxis of the Holy New Martyrs and Confessors of Russia



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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 January 23, 2022

31st SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – Tone 6. New Martyrs and Confessors of Russia. Hieromartyr Clement, Bishop of Ancyra, and Martyr Agathangelus (312). Ven. Gennádii of Kostromá (1565). Translation of the relics of St. Theóctist, Archbishop of Novgorod (1786). Ven. Mausimas the Syrian (4th c.). Ven. Salamanēs the Silent of the Euphrates (ca. 400). St. Paulinus the Merciful, Bishop of Nola (431). Commemoration of the Sixth Ecumenical Council (680-681).

Fr. Nikolai's Office Hours

Fr. Nikolai will establish office hours after house blessings are complete.

Coffee Hour Today

Coffee hour hosted by Corinne Stuckey & Lara Bessman.

Weekly & Upcoming Calendar

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

Saturday, January 29, 2022

4:00 pm - Great Vespers

Sunday, January 30, 2022

9:10 am - Reading of the Hours

9:30 am - Divine Liturgy

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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 *(New Martyrs)*

Today the Church of Russia forms a chorus in joy, praising her new martyrs and confessors; hierarchs and priests, royal passion-bearers, right-believing princes and princesses, venerable men and women, and all Orthodox Christians. Having laid down their life for faith in Christ during the days of godless persecution, they preserved the truth by the shedding of blood. By their protection, O long-suffering Lord, preserve our land in Orthodoxy till the end of the age.

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 3 Kontakion *(New Martyrs)* *(Today the Virgin)*

Today the new martyrs of Rus' stand in white robes before the Lamb of God, and with the angels they sing to God the hymn of victory: "Blessing, and glory, and wisdom, and praise, and honor, and power, and strength be to our God unto the ages of ages. Amen."

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)

Tone 7 Prokeimenon (*New Martyrs*)

God is our refuge and strength, a help in afflictions that severely befall us.
(*Ps. 45:1*)

Epistle

Read by Reader Michael Metz

(1 Timothy 1:15-17) This is a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am chief. However, for this reason I obtained mercy, that in me first Jesus Christ might show all longsuffering, as a pattern to those who are going to believe on Him for everlasting life. Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, to God who alone is wise, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

(Romans 8:28-39 (*New Martyrs*)) And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose. For whom He foreknew, He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren. Moreover whom He predestined, these He also called; whom He called, these He also justified; and whom He justified, these He also glorified. What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things? Who shall bring a charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is he who condemns? It is Christ who died, and furthermore is also risen, who is even at the right hand of God, who also makes

intercession for us. Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written: "For Your sake we are killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter." Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us. For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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)

Tone 4

The righteous cried, and the Lord heard them and delivered them out of all their troubles. (Ps. 33:17)

Gospel

(Luke 18:35-43) Then it happened, as He was coming near Jericho, that a certain blind man sat by the road begging. And hearing a multitude passing by, he asked what it meant. So they told him that Jesus of Nazareth was passing by. And he cried out, saying, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" Then those who went before warned him that he should be quiet; but he cried out all the more, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" So Jesus stood still and commanded him to be brought to Him. And when he had come near, He asked him, saying, "What do you want Me to do for you?" He said, "Lord, that I may receive my

sight." Then Jesus said to him, "Receive your sight; your faith has made you well."m And immediately he received his sight, and followed Him, glorifying God. And all the people, when they saw it, gave praise to God.

(Luke 21:8-19 (New Martyrs)) And He said: "Take heed that you not be deceived. For many will come in My name, saying, 'I am He,' and, 'The time has drawn near.' Therefore do not go after them. But when you hear of wars and commotions, do not be terrified; for these things must come to pass first, but the end will not come immediately." Then He said to them, "Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. And there will be great earthquakes in various places, and famines and pestilences; and there will be fearful sights and great signs from heaven. But before all these things, they will lay their hands on you and persecute you, delivering you up to the synagogues and prisons. You will be brought before kings and rulers for My name's sake. But it will turn out for you as an occasion for testimony. Therefore settle it in your hearts not to meditate beforehand on what you will answer; for I will give you a mouth and wisdom which all your adversaries will not be able to contradict or resist. You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death. And you will be hated by all for My name's sake. But not a hair of your head shall be lost. By your patience possess your souls.

Communion Hymn

Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest! *(Ps. 148:1)*
Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous! Praise befits the just! *(Ps. 32:1)*
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Candle Offerings

Sunday, January 23, 2022

Vigils in Altar - Windowsill (2)

In Honor Of Dr. Greg Brusko's Birthday

Vigils in Altar - Table of Oblation (2)

In Memory Of GG Pa Paul Havriklo

Offered by Lezinsky, Slaboda, Havriklo, Florenz, Clark Families

Vigils in Altar - Side Table (2)

In Memory Of GG Pa Paul Havriklo

Offered by Lezinsky, Slaboda, Havriklo, Florenz, Clark Families

Votives in Altar

In Memory Of GG Pa Paul Havriklo

Offered by Lezinsky, Slaboda, Havriklo, Florenz, Clark Families

Votives in Iconostas

In Honor Of Dr. Greg Brusko's Birthday

Vigils on the Tetrapod (2)

In Memory Of William & Mary Keysock, Offered by Bill & Sandi Keysock

Vigils - Icon of the Virgin Mary (2)

In Memory Of William & Mary Keysock, Offered by Bill & Sandi Keysock

Votives - Icon of the Virgin Mary

In Memory Of GG Pa Paul Havriklo

Offered by Lezinsky, Slaboda, Havriklo, Florenz, Clark Families

Vigils - Icon of St. John the Baptist (2)

In Memory Of GG Pa Paul Havriklo

Offered by Lezinsky, Slaboda, Havriklo, Florenz, Clark Families

Votives - Icon of St. John the Baptist

In Memory Of GG Pa Paul Havriklo

Offered by Lezinsky, Slaboda, Havriklo, Florenz, Clark Families

Vigils on South Wall Window Sill (3)

In Memory Of GG Pa Paul Havriklo

Offered by Lezinsky, Slaboda, Havriklo, Florenz, Clark Families

Vigils of St. Gregory (1)

In Honor Of Dr. Greg Brusko's Birthday

Vigils of St. Paul (1)

In Honor Of Dr. Greg Brusko's Birthday

Vigil of St. Michael (1)

In Honor Of Dr. Greg Brusko's Birthday

Vigil of St. Andrew (1)

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Safety & Security Announcement

Parish Faithful,

We would like to thank you for making St. Nicholas a warm and inviting place for our many visitors and guests, and we fully expect that you will continue to do so in the future. Given the recent events in Dallas, we would like to respectfully request that you DO NOT admit ANYONE into the building unless they are personally known to you, particularly after services have started. For the safety and security of the Parish, we lock the Church doors at the start of services. If someone unknown to you does try to enter, please find a Parish Council member and notify them that someone is attempting to join the service.

We will attend to the visitor and welcome them into the Church.

Likewise, if you notice that a visitor is acting strangely, or seems "off", please let one of us know as well.

Yours in Christ,
The Parish Council

Lehigh Valley Pan-Orthodox Water Blessing

Orthodox Christian clergy and faithful from Lehigh Valley Orthodox parishes will gather at Jordan Park in Allentown/Whitehall (1169 N 6th Street Ext, Whitehall, PA 18052), for the service of the Outdoor Blessing of Water, at 3:00 PM this Sunday, January 23rd. Let's join in and participate in the sanctifying of all creation!

Candle Desk Books Updated for 2022

All of the sign up sheets and books have been updated for 2022. Please stop by to sign up to sponsor a coffee hour, be a greeter, or read the Epistle during services in the new year. You may also sign up to sponsor icon flowers or altar candles for the feast days in 2022, as well as our weekly candles.

Coffee Hour January 23, 2022

On January 23rd Lara Bessman and Corinne Stuckey will be hosting a Coffee Hour to raise funds for their friend's son.

Atticus is four years old. He was diagnosed with Eosinophilic Esophagitis, Systemic Mastocytosis, and a Mitochondrial Disease which will be confirmed in the spring. Atticus is in desperate need of a wheelchair and even if insurance approves it will still be quite costly. This tool will help Atticus gain independence and mobility and we would like to help out this wonderful Orthodox family. There is a link to buy a t-shirt if you wish to do so, all funds go directly toward the cost of a wheelchair for Atticus. The last day to purchase a shirt will be January 22. Alternatively, if you don't wish to purchase a t-shirt you can make a donation during coffee hour in a basket provided.

We want to thank you all so much for every donation and prayer.

Blessings, Lara and Corinne

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.)

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: Nikolai Breckenridge, Ian Shipley, John Nightingale

Deacons: Geoffrey LoBalbo

Subdeacons: Michael (Frank) Guydan

Matushki: Liudmyla Breckenridge, 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, Emily Holobeny, 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, Joseph Pinkowicz, 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, Robert, Alaina

Handmaidens of God: Lara Bessman, Tosha Roberts, Stephanie Sica, Valerie Stepanoff, and their unborn children

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