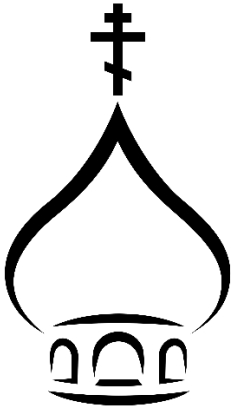


Divine Liturgy

Sunday, February 13, 2022

34th Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday of the Publican and the Pharisee



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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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before entering the church. Thank you.***

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Schedule for the Week of February 13, 2022

SUNDAY OF THE PUBLICAN AND THE PHARISEE – Tone 1. Beginning of the Lenten Triodion. St. Seraphima (Sezhenovo, Russia–1877). Saints Martinian, Zoe, and Photina of Caesarea in Palestine (5th c.). Ven. Stephen (in monasticism Simeon), the Myrrhghuser, Prince of Serbia (1199). St. Eulogius, Archbishop of Alexandria (607-608). Appearance of Christ to Saint Martin of Tours (316).

Fr. Nikolai's Office Hours

Monday, February 14th - Fr. Nikolai's day off (call only with emergencies)

Tuesday, February 15th - 11:00 am - 4:00 pm

Friday, February 18th - 9:00 am - 2:00 pm

Coffee Hour Today

Coffee hour hosted by The Hodson Family

Weekly & Upcoming Calendar

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

Wednesday, February 16, 2022

8:50 am - Reading of the Hours

9:00 am - Divine Liturgy

Luncheon hosted by the Jubinskis following the Divine Liturgy

Saturday, February 19, 2022

4:00 pm - Great Vespers

Sunday, February 20, 2022

9:10 am - Reading of the Hours

9:30 am - Divine Liturgy

The Annual Parish Meeting will be held following the Divine Liturgy.

Please note: Next week is a FAST FREE week (02/13/2022 - 02/19/2022)

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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 4 Kontakion *(from the Lenten Triodion)*

Let us flee from the pride of the Pharisee! Let us learn humility from the Publican's tears! Let us cry to our Savior: "Have mercy on us, O only merciful One!"

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 Joe Kavchok

(2 Timothy 3:10-15) But you have carefully followed my doctrine, manner of life, purpose, faith, longsuffering, love, perseverance, persecutions, afflictions, which happened to me at Antioch, at Iconium, at Lystra - what persecutions I endured. And out of them all the Lord delivered me. Yes, and all who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will suffer persecution. But evil men and impostors will grow worse and worse, deceiving and being deceived. But you must continue in the things which you have learned and been assured of, knowing from whom you have learned them, and that from childhood you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.

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 18:10-14) "Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, 'God, I thank You that I am not like other men - extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even as this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I possess.' And the tax collector, standing afar off, would not so much as raise his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, 'God, be merciful to me a sinner!' I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other; for everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted."

Communion Hymn

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

Candle Offerings

Sunday, February 13, 2022

Vigils in Altar - Windowsill (2)

In Memory Of Michael Stetz, Offered by Pat & Joan

Vigils in Altar - Table of Oblation (2)

In Memory Of Michael Stetz, Offered by Pat & Joan

Vigils in Altar - Side Table (2)

In Memory Of Michael Stetz, Offered by Pat & Joan

Vigil in Side Candle Holders (2)

In Memory Of Helen Day, Offered by Ann Marie & Barry Bretz

Crosses

In Memory Of Joseph Kavchok Sr., Offered by Kavchok & Mascari Families

Vigils on the Tetrapod (2)

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

Vigils - Icon of the Virgin Mary (2)

Happy Birthday GGma

Offered by Sasha, Elena, Nicholas, Sophia, Jacob, Brook & Victoria

Votives - Icon of the Virgin Mary

Happy Birthday Dorothy Havrilko, Offered by Lezinsky & Florenz Families

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

In Memory Of Nancy Junda on her 40th Day

Offered by Barb, Kyra & Gregory Monarek

Vigils of St. Gregory (1)

For Health Of Matushka Marie, Offered by her children, Barbara, John, Maria

Vigils of St. Paul (1)

For Health Of Matushka Marie

Offered by her grandchildren, Stacey, Krista, Stephanie, Emily, James

Vigils on North Wall Window Sill (3)

In Honor Of Fr. Tom's Ordination

Vigil of St. Michael (1)

For Health Of Matushka Marie

Offered by her greatgrandchildren, Elizabeth, Nicholas, Mason, Ava, Kalayah

Annual Parish Meeting Notice

The Annual Parish Meeting will be held on Sunday, February 20, 2022. The meeting will be held in the church hall immediately following the Divine Liturgy. A light luncheon will be served. All are encouraged to read the agenda and reports thoroughly and prepare their questions to ensure an expedited parish meeting. Please note that there will be no means of virtual participation in the meeting.

According to the bylaws of St. Nicholas Russian Orthodox Church of Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, the required quorum for a parish meeting is the attendance of at least 25% of voting members in good standing. A quorum must be maintained throughout the meeting. If a quorum is not present, the meeting shall then be rescheduled by the Parish Council in consultation with the Rector, at which time the members present will constitute a quorum.

Annual Parish Meeting Reports Available

The Annual Parish Meeting will be held on Sunday, February 20, 2022. Please be advised that printed copies of the agenda and reports will be available at the candle desk on Sunday, February 6, 2022 and Sunday, February 13, 2022, as well as prior to the meeting on Sunday, February 20, 2022. Please stop by to pick up a copy at your convenience. If you would like a copy emailed to you or mailed to you, please contact the Administrative Assistant at Assistant4StNicholas@outlook.com. Please note that due to postal delays, we cannot guarantee that mailed copies will arrive prior to the meeting.

Parish Member in Good Standing

A member of the Parish is “in good standing” if he/she is no less than eighteen years of age; partakes of the Sacraments of Confession and Holy Communion at least once a year in his/her home parish; and regularly fulfills his/her financial obligations as established by the All-American Councils, Diocesan Assemblies and Parish Annual Meeting.

The required minimum financial obligation to remain “in good standing” is \$520.00 per member and is due by December 31st of each year. Parishioners who are unable to meet this obligation are encouraged to speak with the pastor about other ways to support the work of the Church. Parishioners who have not met this obligation for two years will be deleted from the Parish, Diocesan, and national membership lists.

Annual Church Office Elections

What you need to know to vote in the Annual Parish Meeting being held on February 20, 2022 and to run for Church Office: According to our Bylaws in order to vote and participate in the discussions you must be a member at least 18 years of age and in good standing (both financially and sacramentally) for one (1) year. In order to run for Church Office you must be a member in good standing for two (2) years, same as above.

If you are interested in serving on the Parish Council, please see any current member of the Parish Council.

Please note the Parish Council Vice President and Secretary are chosen by and from the newly elected Parish Council to serve for one (1) year terms.

Parish Council Officer Positions

Parish Council President (one year)
Treasurer (one year)
Financial Secretary (one year)

Parish Council Positions

Three (3) three year terms
One (1) one year term

Auditor Positions

Four (4) one year terms

Diocesan Assembly Positions

Diocesan Assembly Delegate
Diocesan Assembly Alternate

All American Council Delegate

All American Council Alternate

4th Quarter Treasurer's Report Summary

October 2021	Income:	\$30,047.83
	Expenses:	\$20,649.23
	<u>Net Revenue:</u>	<u>\$9,398.60</u>
November 2021	Income:	\$43,522.34
	Expenses	\$21,454.61
	<u>Net Revenue:</u>	<u>\$22,067.73</u>
December 2021	Income:	\$35,273.44
	Expenses:	\$34,049.59
	<u>Net Revenue:</u>	<u>\$ 1,223.85</u>

A Note Of Thanks

Thank you everyone who supported, donated, and cheered for our fundraiser funding Atticus's wheelchair! We are just so overwhelmed with the love we have received. Donations big or small, we are honored to receive such a generous gift from the heart.

We raised over \$7,000.00 and sold 178 shirts!!! We didn't even think we could sell 50 shirts so we are so blown away. If insurance approves that means we'll be fully funded!!

We are so excited to see how this impacts Atticus's development and well-being. And truthfully, it will positively impact our whole family because it will enable us to have more freedom outside of the house. We are counting down the days!

From the bottom of our hearts, thank you and may God bless you.

A Note Of Thanks

Thank you to everyone in our parish family for your prayers, cards, food, and donations to the church in memory of my husband and our father, Paul Havrilko. It is with great comfort that during this difficult time we have support from so many individuals. Thank you.

On February 27th, we will have a 40th day litiya followed by a coffee hour in his memory. We hope your will be able to join us.

Dorothy Havrilko and family

A Note Of Thanks

Thank you to our St. Nicholas Parish Family for your thoughts, prayers and support. Frank is now recuperating at St. Luke's - Leighton and is schedule to be released later this week. Cards are welcome and appreciated, and may be send to our home address.

Subdeacon Michael (Frank) & Michele Guydan

Media Opt-Out Information

As many of you know, from time to time we (St. Nicholas Church) record, photograph or videotape various events and activities that reflect an active parish. These pieces of communication may be published on our website, in our bulletin, on our social media page, on the OCA website, or used on other printed material. Some people may choose not to have their photos used and if you are among them, we ask that you fill-out the Media Opt-Out Form that can be found at the information table outside the church hall. Please return it to the church administrative assistant so that we may have a copy on file. If you are okay with the use of media, you do not have to do anything. Thank you.

Donations Received In Memory

In Memory of Paul Havrilko, Offered by: David & Mary Brzuchalski, Terry Butler, Bryan & Denise Distefano, Mary & Mike Dorosh, Paul & Lili Gaynor, Mark & Kathy Lichtenwalner, Aliana & Radu Lungu, Marina Gallop Murgia, Edward Palenchar, Joe & Regina Pinkowicz, Rhonda Rohaly, Dorothy Stafiniak, Frances Stancheski, Ola Tatusko, Paul & Carol Ann Wunderler.

In Memory of Nancy Junda, Offered by: Michael Bakaletz, Thomas & Denise Katchur, Barbara, Kyra & Greg Monarek, Lily Wadiak.

In Memory of Helen Karel, Offered by: Douglas Brooks Badger & Carol Ann Badger, Ann Marie & Barry Bretz, Robert & Virginia Chromiak, Steven & Sally Chromiak, Julianna Dranichak, Patricia Felix, Eugenia Horsky & Lydia Kuzmenchuk, Mary Horoschak, Timothy Horsky, Michael & Shirley Isbansky, Gary Kiechel, Nancy Kohudic, Paula & John Lahutsky, Barry & Dorcas Lynn.

You're Invited!

On Wednesday, Feb 16 there will be Divine Liturgy at 9 am celebrating St. Nikolai of Japan, the patron saint of our Father Nikolai. Following Liturgy there will be a light luncheon hosted by the Jubinskis. YES, we will have some meat dishes (This is a fast free week.) and baked treats by Jean. So plan to come to Liturgy to celebrate with our Father Nikolai.

Triumph of Orthodoxy Choir Practice

St. Mary's Ukrainian Orthodox Cathedral is hosting the Sunday of Orthodoxy
Date: March 13th, 2022

Choir Practice - Sunday February 27th
1:30 P.M.

@ ST. MARY'S UKRAINIAN ORTHODOX CATHEDRAL
1031 FULLERTON AVE
ALLENTOWN, PA 18102

If there are any questions, please contact Nicholas Lezinsky at 610-868-9468.

*Let's celebrate the triumph of Orthodoxy with a choir singing praises to
Our Lord representing the triumph of our Faith!*

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.)

Now The Powers

A Journey Through Great Lent

With

St. Nicolas Russian Orthodox Church Choir

Bethlehem, PA

Nicholas Lezinsky, Director

Now The Powers Of Heaven...

For the Orthodox Christian, the liturgical year revolves around the celebration of the death, burial and resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. The entire worship of the Orthodox Church is centered around Pascha, which is the greatest and most exalted Feast giving it the honor of being the **"Feast of all Feasts"** in the Orthodox Church. Orthodox Christians live from Pascha to Pascha and as such, make an annual pilgrimage, a journey towards Pascha, experiencing the transformation of the tragedy of tragedies into the ultimate victory, giving us the foretaste of the eternal joy that awaits us, the glory of the victory where **"death is no more!"**

Long before the actual beginning of Great Lent, the Church announces its approach and invites us to meditate on its significance. Knowing our own human nature, the Church calls our attention to its seriousness and prepares us for what lies before us with the themes of desire, humility, returning to God, judgment and forgiveness. We are ready to begin the 40 day journey of Great Lent in an atmosphere and state of mind which for the duration of Great Lent will permeate our entire life.

This atmosphere is brought about by the physical changes the church experiences: the dark color purple vestments and altar cloths, the length of the services, the penitential prayers with prostration, and the singing of melodies in the minor key. The meaning and the spirit of this penitential season find their first and most important expression in worship. The entire Church and not only individuals acquires a penitential spirit and the beautiful Lenten services, more than anything else, help us to deepen our spiritual vision. The spirit of Great Lent is most beautifully expressed in the liturgical music of the Orthodox Church. The music on this recording takes you on a moving, spiritual journey to Pascha, beginning with the Pre-Lenten season and ending with the triumphant Paschal proclamation that **"Christ is Risen...!"**

The journey begins with a pious hymn to the Virgin Mary, the Theotokos, "whose humility made her the joy of all creation and the greatest revelation of beauty on earth", and continues with...

...themes from the Pre-Lenten season;

...the Great Vespers on Forgiveness Sunday evening, when the Vespereal hymns announce the coming of Great Lent and, beyond Lent, the approach of Pascha; the day's Great Prokeimenon announcing with a unique melody the beginning of Lent;

...the Great Penitential Canon of St Andrew of Crete. Written in the 7th century by one of the greatest hymn-writers of the Orthodox Church, this Canon is the purest expression of repentance as its content sets the tone and spirit the true dimension of repentance.

...the Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts, a special evening service of the Communion prescribed on Wednesdays and Fridays of Great Lent;

...The Bridegroom Matins of the first three days of Great and Holy Week. The special hymns on these days remind us of the eschatological meaning of Pascha challenging us with this ultimate meaning of Pascha and to prepare us to the understanding and acceptance of it;

...The service of Holy Thursday evening emphasizing the Passion of Christ as "the sin of all sins, the crime of all crimes." The two events of this day, the Last Supper of Christ with His disciples and the betrayal of Judas reveal the mystery of this unique day and its services, where light and darkness, joy and sorrow are mixed, challenging us with the choice on which depends the eternal destiny of each one of us.

...The sorrow and darkness of Holy Friday, the day of Christ's Passion, Death and Burial. The services of Holy Friday reveal the mystery of this day and make us participate in it. When the image of Christ is placed in the tomb and we stand at the grave of our Lord singing the moving Troparion, we contemplate His death. This prepares us for the ultimate victory and certitude that "death will trample down death..."

...The Vespers and Liturgy of Holy Saturday connects Great and Holy Friday with Pascha. The commemoration of the cross with the day of His Resurrection, provides us with rich hymnography contemplating the mystery of Christ's life-giving death. There is a day of sorrow and then, there is the day of joy. Truly Great and Holy Saturday is a day of transformation. The long day of Great and Holy Saturday is spent in quiet meditation as we wait for the Pascha night and the fullness of the Paschal joy when we hear at midnight: "Christ is Risen!" before we enter into the celebration of His Holy Resurrection.

In this recording we share with you the rich and powerful message of the Church's teaching about Great Lent and Pascha as conveyed through her liturgical worship. As we rediscover the meaning of Great Lent and Pascha, may we also rediscover God Himself as we return to Him all that which He gave us in His infinite love and mercy.

Now The Powers is available on CD for \$15. Please contact Nicholas Lezinsky if you would like to purchase a copy.

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, 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 Witaneck, 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.