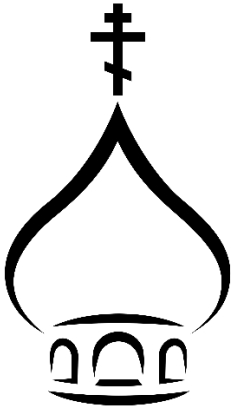


# **Divine Liturgy**

Sunday, February 20, 2022

**35th Sunday after Pentecost**

**Sunday of the Prodigal Son**



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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 February 20, 2022

**SUNDAY OF THE PRODIGAL SON – Tone 2.** St. Leo, Bishop of Catania in Sicily (ca. 780). Ven. Agafón (Agathon), Wonderworker of the Kiev Caves (Far Caves– 13th -14th c.). Beheading of Ven. Cornelius, Abbot of the Pskov Caves (1570). Hieromartyr Sadoc (Sadoth), Bishop of Persia, and 128 Martyrs with him (342-344). St. Agathon, Pope of Rome (682).

## Fr. Nikolai's Office Hours

Monday, February 21<sup>st</sup> - Fr. Nikolai's day off (call only with emergencies)

Wednesday, February 23<sup>rd</sup> - 12:30 pm - 6:00 pm

Friday, February 25<sup>th</sup> - 9:00 am - 2:00 pm

## Coffee Hour Today

Coffee hour hosted by Parish Council - Annual Parish Meeting

## Weekly & Upcoming Calendar

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

**Saturday, February 26**

**Memorial Saturday**

8:50 am - Reading of the Hours

9:00 am - Divine Liturgy

4:00 pm - Great Vespers

**Sunday, February 27**

**Sunday of Last Judgement / Meatfare Sunday**

9:10 am - Reading of the Hours

9:30 am - Divine Liturgy

4:00 pm - Great Vespers

**Saturday, March 5**

**Sunday, March 6**

**Forgiveness Sunday / Cheesefare Sunday**

9:10 am - Reading of the Hours

9:30 am - Divine Liturgy

12:00 pm - Forgiveness Vespers

## **First Week of Lent - Clean Week**

**Monday, March 7**

7:00 pm - Compline with Great Canon of St. Andrew of Crete

**Tuesday, March 8**

7:00 pm - Compline with Great Canon of St. Andrew of Crete

**Wednesday, March 9**

6:00 pm - Presanctified Liturgy

**Thursday, March 10**

7:00 pm - Compline with Great Canon of St. Andrew of Crete

**Friday, March 11**

7:00 pm - Compline with Great Canon of St. Andrew of Crete

**Saturday, March 12**

### **St. Theodore the Recruit**

8:50 am - Reading of the Hours

9:00 am - Divine Liturgy St. Theodore the Recruit and Blessing of Koliva

4:00 pm - Great Vespers

**Sunday, March 13**

### **The Sunday of Orthodoxy**

9:10 am - Reading of the Hours

9:30 am - Divine Liturgy

4:00 pm - Clergy Brotherhood Vespers - St. Mary's Ukrainian

**Wednesday, March 16**

6:00 pm - Presanctified Liturgy

**Friday, March 18**

9:00 am - Presanctified Liturgy

7:00 pm - Akathist - St. Nicholas

**Saturday, March 19**

### **Memorial Saturday**

8:50 am - Reading of the Hours

9:00 am - Divine Liturgy

5:00 pm - Great Vespers

**Sunday, March 20**

### **St. Gregory Palamas**

9:10 am - Reading of the Hours

9:30 am - Divine Liturgy

4:00 pm - Clergy Brotherhood Vespers - at St. Paul, Emmaus

**Wednesday, March 23**

6:00 pm - Presanctified Liturgy

**Thursday, March 24**

### **Eve of Annunciation**

7:00 pm - Vespers

**Friday, March 25**

### **Annunciation**

9:00 am - Vespers Liturgy

**Saturday, March 26**

**Memorial Saturday**

8:50 am - Reading of the Hours

9:00 am - Divine Liturgy

5:00 pm - Great Vespers

**Sunday, March 27**

**Sunday of the Cross**

9:10 am - Reading of the Hours

9:30 am - Divine Liturgy

4:00 pm - Clergy Brotherhood Vespers - at St. Nicholas ROC

**Wednesday, March 30**

**Friday, April 1**

6:00 pm - Presanctified Liturgy

9:00 am - Presanctified Liturgy

4:00 pm - 6:30 pm - Lenten Fish Dinner

7:00 pm - Akathist - to our Lord's Passion

**Saturday, April 2**

**Memorial Saturday**

8:50 am - Reading of the Hours

9:00 am - Divine Liturgy

5:00 pm - Great Vespers

**Sunday, April 3**

**St. John Climacus**

9:10 am - Reading of the Hours

9:30 am - Divine Liturgy

4:00 pm - Clergy Brotherhood Vespers - at St. Nicholas GOA

**Wednesday, April 6**

**Thursday, April 7**

6:00 pm - Presanctified Liturgy

7:00 pm - Compline with Great Canon of St.

Andrew of Crete and the Life of St. Mary of Egypt

**Friday, April 8**

9:00 am - Presanctified Liturgy

7:00 pm - Akathist - Theotokos

**Saturday, April 9**

**Akathist Saturday**

8:50 am - Reading of the Hours

9:00 am - Divine Liturgy

5:00 pm - Great Vespers

**Sunday, April 10**

**St. Mary of Egypt**

9:10 am - Reading of the Hours

9:30 am - Divine Liturgy

4:00 pm - Clergy Brotherhood Vespers - at Assumption UOC, Northampton

**Wednesday, April 13**  
**Friday, April 15**

6:00 pm - Presanctified Liturgy  
9:00 am - Presanctified Liturgy  
4:00 pm - 6:30 pm - Lenten Fish Dinner  
7:00 pm - Compline (Lazarus)

**Saturday, April 16**

**Lazarus Saturday**

8:50 am - Reading of the Hours  
9:00 am - Divine Liturgy  
5:00 pm - Great Vespers

**Sunday, April 17**

**Palm Sunday**

9:10 am - Reading of the Hours  
9:30 am - Divine Liturgy  
4:00 pm - Bridegroom Matins

**Great and Holy Week**

**Monday, April 18**

**Holy Monday**

9:00 am - Presanctified Liturgy  
7:00 pm - Bridegroom Matins

**Tuesday, April 19**

**Holy Tuesday**

9:00 am - Presanctified Liturgy  
7:00 pm - Bridegroom Matins

**Wednesday, April 20**

**Holy Wednesday**

9:00 am - Presanctified Liturgy  
7:00 pm - Holy Unction

**Thursday, April 21**

**Holy Thursday**

8:50 am - Reading of the Hours  
9:00 am - Vespers Liturgy of St. Basil the Great  
7:00 pm - Matins of Holy Friday with the 12 Passion Gospels

**Friday, April 22**

**Holy Friday**

9:00 am - Royal Hours  
4:00 pm - Burial Vespers  
7:00 pm - Matins Lamentations  
All Night Watch

**Saturday, April 23**

**Holy Saturday**

9:00 am - Vespers Divine Liturgy of Holy Saturday

**GREAT AND HOLY PASCHA**

11:30 pm - Paschal Vigil and Paschal Divine Liturgy

Followed by the blessing of baskets & Agape meal

11:00 am - Agape Vespers

**Sunday, April 24**

**Monday, April 25**

**Bright Monday**

8:50 am - Reading of the Hours

9:00 am - Divine Liturgy

6:00 pm - Great Vespers

**Saturday, April 30**

**Sunday, May 1**

**St. Thomas Sunday**

9:30 am - Divine Liturgy

2:00 pm - Blessing of the Graves

## **Candle Offerings**

### **Sunday, February 20, 2022**

#### **Votives in Altar**

In Memory Of Paul Havrilko - 40<sup>th</sup> Day, Offered by Lezinsky & Florenz Families

#### **Votives in Iconostas**

In Memory Of Paul Havrilko - 40<sup>th</sup> Day  
Offered by Barb, Kyra & Gregory Monarek

#### **Crosses**

In Memory Of Dmitry Guanowsky, Offered by the Guanowsky Family

#### **Vigils on the Tetrapod (2)**

Happy Anniversary Dan & Jean Jubinski, Offered by Peter & Sarah Jubinski

#### **Vigils - Icon of the Virgin Mary (2)**

Happy Birthday Jamee Bresee Slivka, Offered by Mike & Francine Slivka

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

Happy Birthday Alexander Hodson, Offered by Mom, Dad & Christopher

#### **Vigils of St. Paul (1)**

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# Divine Liturgy

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**Tone 2      Troparion**      *(Resurrection)*

When Thou didst descend to death, O Life immortal, Thou didst slay hell with the splendor of Thy Godhead. And when from the depths Thou didst raise the dead, all the powers of heaven cried out: "O Giver of life, Christ our God, glory to Thee!"

**Tone 3      Kontakion**      *(from the Lenten Triodion)*

I have recklessly forgotten Thy glory, O Father; and among sinners I have scattered the riches which Thou gavest me. And now I cry to Thee as the Prodigal: "I have sinned before Thee, O merciful Father; receive me as a penitent, and make me as one of Thy hired servants!"

**Tone 2      Prokeimenon**      *(Resurrection)*

The Lord is my strength and my song; He has become my salvation. *(Ps. 117:14)*

*The Lord has chastened me sorely, but He has not given me over to death.  
(Ps. 117:18)*

## **Epistle**

Read by Reader Matthew Lezinsky

**(1 Corinthians 6:12-20)** All things are lawful for me, but all things are not helpful. All things are lawful for me, but I will not be brought under the power of any. Foods for the stomach and the stomach for foods, but God will destroy both it and them. Now the body is not for sexual immorality but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. And God both raised up the Lord and will also raise us up by His power. Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Shall I then



take the members of Christ and make them members of a harlot? Certainly not! Or do you not know that he who is joined to a harlot is one body with her? For “the two,” He says, “shall become one flesh.” But he who is joined to the Lord is one spirit with Him. Flee sexual immorality. Every sin that a man does is outside the body, but he who commits sexual immorality sins against his own body. Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own? For you were bought at a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God’s.

## **Tone 2**

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

*May the Lord hear thee in the day of trouble! May the name of the God of Jacob protect thee! (Ps. 19:1)*

*Save the King, O Lord, and hear us on the day we call! (Ps. 19:9)*

## **Gospel**

**(Luke 15:11-32)** Then He said: “A certain man had two sons. And the younger of them said to his father, ‘Father, give me the portion of goods that falls to me.’ So he divided to them his livelihood. And not many days after, the younger son gathered all together, journeyed to a far country, and there wasted his possessions with prodigal living. But when he had spent all, there arose a severe famine in that land, and he began to be in want. Then he went and joined himself to a citizen of that country, and he sent him into his fields to feed swine. And he would gladly have filled his stomach with the pods that the swine ate, and no one gave him anything. But when he came to himself, he said, ‘How many of my father’s hired servants have bread enough and to spare, and I perish with hunger! I will arise and go to my father, and will say to him, “Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you, and I am no longer worthy to be called your son.

Make me like one of your hired servants.” And he arose and came to his father. But when he was still a great way off, his father saw him and had compassion, and ran and fell on his neck and kissed him. And the son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and in your sight, and am no longer worthy to be called your son.’ But the father said to his servants, ‘Bring out the best robe and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand and sandals on his feet. And bring the fatted calf here and kill it, and let us eat and be merry; for this my son was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.’ And they began to be merry. Now his older son was in the field. And as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing. So he called one of the servants and asked what these things meant. And he said to him, ‘Your brother has come, and because he has received him safe and sound, your father has killed the fatted calf.’ But he was angry and would not go in. Therefore his father came out and pleaded with him. So he answered and said to his father, ‘Lo, these many years I have been serving you; I never transgressed your commandment at any time; and yet you never gave me a young goat, that I might make merry with my friends. But as soon as this son of yours came, who has devoured your livelihood with harlots, you killed the fatted calf for him.’ And he said to him, ‘Son, you are always with me, and all that I have is yours. It was right that we should make merry and be glad, for your brother was dead and is alive again, and was lost and is found.’”

## **Communion Hymn**

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

# **Donations Received In Memory**

**In Memory of Paul Havrilko**, Offered by: Barry & Ann Marie Bretz, Greg & Joann Brusko, Connell Funeral Home, Victoria Dimonie, Michael & Toni Dorosh, Betty Fedora, Loraine Chromiak, Patty Felix, Kyra & Andrew Florenz, Pat & Tom Grammes, Frank & Michele Guydan, Nancy Kohudic, Paula & John Lahutsky, David Lezinsky, Jeff Markham, Peter & Patricia Metz, Barbara Monarek, Stephanie Pasquel, Greg & Rosalie Radio, Mike & Fran Slivka, Stanley & Joan Wilk, Paul Yavornitzky.

**In Memory of Nancy Junda**, Offered by: Jane Lucrezi,

**In Memory of Helen Karel**, Offered by: Damian Drasher, Mike Horn on behalf of the Library Staff Association of Franklin & Marshall College, Stephanie Pasquel, Michael & Francine Slivka,

## **A Note Of Thanks**

We continue to thank our St. Nicholas Parish Family for your thoughts, prayers and support. Your love and support is deeply appreciated. Frank is now recuperating at home, and continuing his physical therapy, etc. Cards are welcome and appreciated, and may be sent to our home address.

Subdeacon Michael (Frank) & Michele Guydan

## **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

## **Basket Raffle Donations Wanted**

We will once again be hosting a Basket Raffle this year during the Lenten Fish Dinners on April 1st and 15th, and we are looking for volunteers to donate baskets. We have a track record of offering beautiful baskets at our events and our recent Christmas Bazaar was no exception. We would like that tradition to continue. If you are able to make a basket, please contact Jennifer Bzik to let her know.

Don't be shy if you have never made a basket for the raffle before! Jennifer will be happy to help you out. If you are interested in supporting the Basket Raffle but are not able to make a basket, please consider making a cash donation. Jennifer will be happy to do the shopping and prepare a basket on your behalf!

If you are planning to make a cash donation, please do so as soon as possible (no later than Sunday, March 19, 2022) 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 Sunday, March 27, 2022. If you have any questions or would like to make a donation, please contact Jennifer Bzik. Thank you so much for your support!

# Triumph of Orthodoxy Choir Practice

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

Choir Practice - Sunday February 27<sup>th</sup>  
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 (10% on Valley Farm/Gerrity Market).

Current participating stores are **Redners**, **Giant**, **Weis Markets** and **Valley Farm Market**, 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 7<sup>th</sup> 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**

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**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 Bretz, 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.**