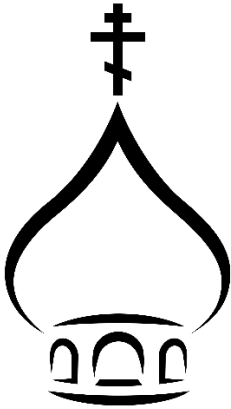


Divine Liturgy

Sunday, February 27, 2022

Meatfare Sunday - Sunday of the Last Judgment

Repose of St. Raphael, Bishop of Brooklyn



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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 27, 2022

SUNDAY OF MEATFARE – Tone 3. Repose of St. Raphael, Bishop of Brooklyn (1915). Sunday of the Last Judgment. Ven. Procopius the Confessor of Decapolis (8th c.). Ven. Titus, Presbyter, of the Kiev Caves (Near Caves–1190). Ven. Titus the Soldier, of the Kiev Caves (Far Caves–14th c.). Ven. Thalelæus, Hermit, of Syria (460).

Fr. Nikolai's Office Hours

Wednesday, March 2nd - 12:30 pm - 6:00 pm

Thursday, March 3rd - 9:00 am - 2:00 pm

Friday, March 4th - Fr. Nikolai's day off (call only with emergencies)

Coffee Hour Today

Coffee hour hosted by The Havrilko & Lezinsky Families
In Memory Of Paul Havrilko (40th Day 02/25/22)

Weekly & Upcoming Calendar

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

Saturday, March 5

4:00 pm - Great Vespers

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 - Vespersal 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 - Vespertal 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 - Vespertal 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

Divine Liturgy

Sunday, February 27, 2022

Meatfare Sunday - Sunday of the Last Judgment
Rest of St. Raphael, Bishop of Brooklyn

Tone 3 Troparion *(Resurrection)*

Let the heavens rejoice! Let the earth be glad! For the Lord has shown strength with His arm. He has trampled down death by death. He has become the first born of the dead. He has delivered us from the depths of hell, and has granted to the world great mercy.

Tone 1 Troparion *(St. Raphael)*

Thy proclamation has gone out through North America, calling the scattered sheep into the unity of the Church. Hearing thy voice, they respond to thy teaching, and through thy writings thou didst instruct them in piety. Now guided by thine example, O Father Raphael, we sing hymns of praise to Christ our God: "Glory to Him Who gave thee strength! Glory to Him Who granted thee a crown! Glory to Him Who, through thee, grants healing to all!"

Tone 8 Kontakion *(St. Raphael)*

Thou wast a guardian and a defender of the Church's teaching, thou didst protect thy flock from false doctrines and confirmed them in the true faith! O holy Father Raphael, son of Syria and glory of North America, always intercede before the Lord that our souls may be saved!

Tone 1 Kontakion *(from the Lenten Triodion)*

When Thou, O God, shalt come to earth with glory, all things shall tremble, and the river of fire shall flow before Thy judgment seat; the books shall be opened, and the hidden things disclosed; then deliver me from the unquenchable fire, and make me worthy to stand at Thy right hand, O Righteous Judge!

Tone 3 Prokeimenon *(from the Lenten Triodion)*

Great is our Lord, and abundant in power, His understanding is beyond measure. *(Ps. 146:5)*

Praise the Lord! For it is good to sing praises to our God! (Ps. 146:1)

Tone 1 Prokeimenon *(St. Raphael)*

My mouth shall speak wisdom; the meditation of my heart shall be understanding. *(Ps. 48:3)*

Epistle

Read by Reader Michael Metz

(1 Corinthians 8:8-9:2) But food does not commend us to God; for neither if we eat are we the better, nor if we do not eat are we the worse. But beware lest somehow this liberty of yours become a stumbling block to those who are weak. For if anyone sees you who have knowledge eating in an idol's temple, will not the conscience of him who is weak be emboldened to eat those things offered to idols? And because of your knowledge shall the weak brother perish, for whom Christ died? But when you thus sin against the brethren, and wound their weak conscience, you sin against Christ. Therefore, if food makes my brother stumble, I will never again eat meat, lest I make my brother stumble. Am I not an apostle? Am I not free? Have I not seen Jesus Christ our Lord? Are you not my work in the Lord? If I am not an apostle to others, yet doubtless I am to you. For you are the seal of my apostleship in the Lord.

(Hebrews 13:17-21 (St. Raphael)) Obey those who rule over you, and be submissive, for they watch out for your souls, as those who must give account. Let them do so with joy and not with grief, for that would be unprofitable for you. Pray for us; for we are confident that we have a good conscience, in all things desiring to live honorably. But I especially urge you to do this, that I may be

restored to you the sooner. Now may the God of peace who brought up our Lord Jesus from the dead, that great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you complete in every good work to do His will, working in you what is well pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.

Tone 8

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Come, let us rejoice in the Lord! Let us make a joyful noise to God our Savior! (Ps. 94:1)

Let us come before His presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise. (Ps. 94:2)

Tone 2

The mouth of the righteous shall meditate wisdom, and his tongue shall speak of judgment. (Ps. 36:31)

Gospel

(Matthew 25:31-46) When the Son of Man comes in His glory, and all the holy angels with Him, then He will sit on the throne of His glory. All the nations will be gathered before Him, and He will separate them one from another, as a shepherd divides his sheep from the goats. And He will set the sheep on His right hand, but the goats on the left. Then the King will say to those on His right hand, 'Come, you blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world: for I was hungry and you gave Me food; I was thirsty and you gave Me drink; I was a stranger and you took Me in; I was naked and you clothed Me; I was sick and you visited Me; I was in prison and you came to Me.' Then the righteous will answer Him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see You hungry and feed You, or thirsty and give You drink? When did we see You a stranger and take You in, or naked and clothe You? Or when did we see You

sick, or in prison, and come to You?’ And the King will answer and say to them, ‘Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did it to one of the least of these My brethren, you did it to Me.’ Then He will also say to those on the left hand, ‘Depart from Me, you cursed, into the everlasting fire prepared for the devil and his angels: for I was hungry and you gave Me no food; I was thirsty and you gave Me no drink; I was a stranger and you did not take Me in, naked and you did not clothe Me, sick and in prison and you did not visit Me.’ Then they also will answer Him, saying, ‘Lord, when did we see You hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to You?’ Then He will answer them, saying, ‘Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to Me.’ And these will go away into everlasting punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.”

(John 10:9-16 (*St. Raphael*)) I am the door. If anyone enters by Me, he will be saved, and will go in and out and find pasture. The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly. I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd gives His life for the sheep. But a hireling, he who is not the shepherd, one who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees; and the wolf catches the sheep and scatters them. The hireling flees because he is a hireling and does not care about the sheep. I am the good shepherd; and I know My sheep, and am known by My own. As the Father knows Me, even so I know the Father; and I lay down My life for the sheep. And other sheep I have which are not of this fold; them also I must bring, and they will hear My voice; and there will be one flock and one shepherd.

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, February 27, 2022

Vigils in Altar - Windowsill (2)

In Memory Of Paul Havrilko, Offered by Slaboda, Havrilko & Lezinsky Families

Vigils in Altar - Table of Oblation (2)

Happy Birthday Rosalie & Scott Radio, Offered by Greg

Vigils in Altar - Side Table (2)

Happy Birthday Rosalie & Scott Radio, Offered by Ker, Jason, Talia, Jones

Votives in Altar

Happy Birthday Rosalie & Scott Radio, Offered by Jen, Ethan & Owen

Vigil in Side Candle Holders (2)

In Memory Of Paul Havrilko, Offered by Slaboda, Havrilko & Lezinsky Families

Crosses

Happy Birthday Sarah Jubinski, Offered by Ann Marie & Barry

Vigils on the Tetrapod (2)

Happy Birthday Sarah Jubinski, Offered by Peter Jubinski

Vigils on Icon Table (2)

Happy Birthday Sarah Jubinski, Offered by Dan & Jean Jubinski

Vigils - Icon of the Virgin Mary (2)

For Health Of Mat. Marie, Offered by Fr. Jim, Barbara, John, Maria

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

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 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 (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 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 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.