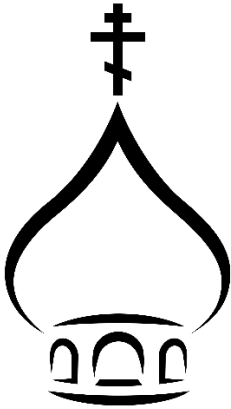


# **Divine Liturgy**

Sunday, March 20, 2022

**Second Sunday of Great Lent**

**St. Gregory Palamas**



**SAINT NICHOLAS**  
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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 March 20, 2022

**SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT – Tone 6. St. Gregory Palamas.** Synaxis of the Venerable Fathers of the Kiev Caves Lavra. The Holy Fathers who were slain at the Monastery of St. Savva: Ven. John, Sergius, Patrick, and others (796). Monastic Martyr Euphrosynus of Sinozérsk (Novgorod–1612). Martyr Photiné (Svetlana, Fatíma), the Samaritan woman, and her sons: Martyrs Victor and Joses, and two others (ca. 66). Virgin Martyrs Alexandra, Claudia, Euphrasia, Matrona, Juliana, Euphemia and Theodosia, of Amisus (310). St. Niké́tas the Confessor, Archbishop of Apollonias in Bithynia (ca. 813-820).

## Fr. Nikolai's Office Hours

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

Wednesday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> - 12:30 pm - 5:00 pm

Friday, March 25<sup>th</sup> - 11:00 am - 4:00 pm

## Coffee Hour Today

Coffee hour hosted by The Lezinsky Family

## Weekly & Upcoming Calendar

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

**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 - Vesperal 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**

6:00 pm - Presanctified Liturgy

**Friday, April 1**

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**

6:00 pm - Presanctified Liturgy

**Thursday, April 7**

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

**Monday, April 18**

**Great and Holy Week**  
**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, March 13, 2022**

### **Vigils in Altar - Windowsill (2)**

Happy Birthday Olga Maksimova, Offered by Guliana Holobeny's Family

### **Votives in Altar**

Happy Birthday Jacob Lezinsky, Offered by Daddy, Mommy & Sophia

### **Crosses**

In Memory Of Mary Radio, Offered by Greg & Rosalie

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

Happy Birthday Peter Slivka, Offered by Francine & Michael Slivka

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

In Memory Of Mary Monarek, Offered by Barb, Kyra, and Gregory Monarek

### **Votives - Icon of St. John the Baptist**

In Memory Of Mary Monarek, Offered by Barb, Kyra, and Gregory Monarek

### **Vigil of St. Andrew (1)**

Happy Birthday Jacob Lezinsky, Offered by Mr. Damian

### **Altar Candles for Great Lent**

For the Health of Stetz and Grammes Families, Offered by Pat & Joan

# Divine Liturgy

Sunday, March 20, 2022

**Second Sunday of Great Lent**

**St. Gregory Palamas**

**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 8      Troparion**                    *(St. Gregory Palamas)*

O light of Orthodoxy, teacher of the Church, its confirmation, O ideal of monks and invincible champion of theologians, O wonderworking Gregory, glory of Thessalonica and preacher of grace, always intercede before the Lord that our souls may be saved!

**Tone 8      Kontakion**                    *(St. Gregory Palamas)*

Holy and divine instrument of wisdom, joyful trumpet of theology, together we sing thy praises, O God-inspired Gregory. Since thou now standest before the Original Mind, guide our minds to Him, O Father, so that we may sing to thee: "Rejoice, preacher of grace!"

**Tone 4      Kontakion**                    *(from the Lenten Triodion)*

Now is the time for action! Judgment is at the doors! So let us rise and fast, offering alms with tears of compunction and crying: "Our sins are more in number than the sands of the sea; but forgive us, O Master of all, so that we may receive the incorruptible crowns!"

## **Tone 5      Prokeimenon**

Thou, O Lord, shalt protect us and preserve us from this generation forever.  
(Ps. 11:7)

*Save me, O Lord, for there is no longer any that is godly! (Ps. 11:1a)*

## **Tone 1      Prokeimenon      (St. Gregory Palamas)**

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

## **Epistle**

Read by Reader Nicholas Lezinsky

**(Hebrews 1:10-2:3)** And: "You, LORD, in the beginning laid the foundation of the earth, and the heavens are the work of Your hands. They will perish, but You remain; and they will all grow old like a garment; like a cloak You will fold them up, and they will be changed. But You are the same, and Your years will not fail." But to which of the angels has He ever said: "Sit at My right hand, till I make Your enemies Your footstool"? Are they not all ministering spirits sent forth to minister for those who will inherit salvation? Therefore we must give the more earnest heed to the things we have heard, lest we drift away. For if the word spoken through angels proved steadfast, and every transgression and disobedience received a just reward, how shall we escape if we neglect so great a salvation, which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed to us by those who heard Him,

**(Hebrews 7:26-8:2 (St. Gregory Palamas))** For such a High Priest was fitting for us, who is holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners, and has become higher than the heavens; who does not need daily, as those high priests, to offer up sacrifices, first for his own sins and then for the people's, for this He did once for all when He offered up Himself. For the law appoints as high priests men who have weakness, but the word of the oath, which came after the law, appoints the Son who has been perfected forever. Now this is the main point of the things we



are saying: We have such a High Priest, who is seated at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in the heavens, a Minister of the sanctuary and of the true tabernacle which the Lord erected, and not man.

### **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 2**

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

### **Gospel**

**(Mark 2:1-12)** And again He entered Capernaum after some days, and it was heard that He was in the house. Immediately many gathered together, so that there was no longer room to receive them, not even near the door. And He preached the word to them. Then they came to Him, bringing a paralytic who was carried by four men. And when they could not come near Him because of the crowd, they uncovered the roof where He was. So when they had broken through, they let down the bed on which the paralytic was lying. When Jesus saw their faith, He said to the paralytic, "Son, your sins are forgiven you." And some of the scribes were sitting there and reasoning in their hearts, "Why does this Man speak blasphemies like this? Who can forgive sins but God alone?" But immediately, when Jesus perceived in His spirit that they reasoned thus within themselves, He said to them, "Why do you reason about these things in your hearts? Which is easier, to say to the paralytic, 'Your sins are forgiven you,' or to say, 'Arise, take up your bed and walk'? But that you may know that the Son of Man has power on earth to forgive sins" - He said to the paralytic, "I say to you, arise, take up your bed, and go to your house." Immediately he arose, took up

the bed, and went out in the presence of them all, so that all were amazed and glorified God, saying, "We never saw anything like this!"

**(John 10:9-16 (St. Gregory Palamas))** 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.

*(Instead of "It is truly meet...", we sing the following)*

### **Hymn to the Theotokos**

All of creation rejoices in thee, O Full of Grace: the assembly of angels and the race of men. O sanctified temple and spiritual paradise, the glory of virgins, from whom God was incarnate and became a Child: our God before the ages. He made thy body into a throne, and thy womb He made more spacious than the heavens. All of creation rejoices in thee, O Full of Grace. Glory to thee!

### **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!

## **A Note of Thanks**

Many thanks to all who wholeheartedly responded to our invitation to the Lenten Lunch on March 13th and contributed by generously offering monetary donations, food and help! May God reward you!

## **A Note of Thanks**

Brothers & Sisters of St. Nicholas,

I wanted to send a note of sincere appreciation to all of you for your continued expression of care to me over the past months.

Your kindness, through greeting cards, phone calls, and visitations, means more to me than you could every know. I thank you for taking the time to offer me your attention and making me feel a continued part of our family at St. Nicholas.

These past few years have certainly been filled with life changes and new challenges for me and my family. With God's grace, I am thankful for the opportunity to meet these new days head on with confidence and eagerness. Your efforts to include me in prayer provide me with the strength I need on many levels.

On February 20, 2022, I was blessed with the birth of my great-granddaughter, Freya - a healthy 9lb. 1 oz. little sweetheart. Both she, and my granddaughter, Bronte, are doing well and I look forward to seeing them soon.

As days continue on, so come daily struggles - but so too come moments of joy - as when I see a new picture of my great-granddaughter.

Thank you for also providing moments of joy for me through your thoughtfulness and prayer...

With you in Spirit,  
Walter Grigoruk  
Sacred Heart Senior Living by Saucon Creek  
4850 Saucon Creek Rd.  
Center Valley, PA 18034  
Room #330

# Prayers for a Quick Recovery

Fr. John Onofrey is the rector at St. Herman's church in Shillington. He recently fell and had surgery on his knee. Fr. John was incredibly good to our church during our time without a priest and because of this St. Nicholas sent him a get well basket from Edible Arrangements. His contact information is below if you'd like to reach out to him.

V. Rev. John Andrew Onofrey, Rector  
122 Church St  
Shillington, PA 19607  
Home: 610-777-3553

## A Note of Thanks

To My Wonderful Church Family,

Thank you all so much for the prayers, cards and food. They are all so very much appreciated. I hope to be able to see everyone by Pascha!

With Love to All,  
Laura Riley

## Pussy Willow Branches



Reminder: It will soon be time for pussy willows to start blooming. Please cut the branches of willows and bring them to the church as soon as they bloom. Since Pascha is April 24<sup>th</sup> we will need to store the willows until Saturday, April 16<sup>th</sup> for Palm Sunday, April 17<sup>th</sup>. Please wrap the willows loosely in newspaper so we can save them for Palm Sunday. Thank you for your help in gathering the willows.



## **St. Nicholas Hosting Clergy Brotherhood Vespers**

On Sunday, March 27 (Sunday of the Cross) at 4:00 pm our parish will be hosting Clergy Brotherhood Vespers. We will be inviting our parishioners and guests to stay to enjoy a Lenten meal after the service. If you would like to prepare a Lenten dish to share, please sign up at the candle desk.

## **Ukrainian Refugee Relief**

No doubt we have all seen the reports of devastation in cities being bombed all over Ukraine by Russian military forces. Through a joint effort of the Orthodox Church in America and the Orthodox Church of Poland, a financial collection is being taken to ease the suffering of those impacted, and to assist in relief efforts for refugees in Poland (where there are already nearly half a million refugees). Please consider donating to help this cause. Please go to [oca.org/relief](http://oca.org/relief) to assist.

## **Pascha Flower Donations**

Signup sheets to sponsor the beautiful flowers used to adorn the tomb of Our Lord are now available at the candle desk. There are many lovely potted plants and cut flower arrangements available. Thank you for your support.

## **Pascha Processions Sign Up Sheets**

Signup sheets for the processions and grave watch during Holy Week are available at the candle desk. Please see a staff member if you need assistance signing up to participate in the processions, etc. during Holy Week.

## **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!

## **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**. 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 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, Regina 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, Valerie Stepanoff, and their unborn children, Stephanie Sica and her newborn daughter.

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