

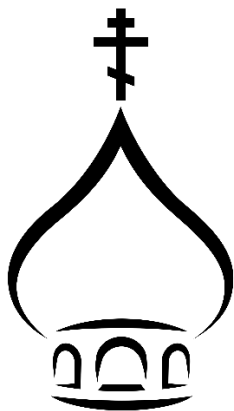
Divine Liturgy

Sunday, May 8, 2022

3rd Sunday of Pascha

Holy Myrrhbearing Women

Holy Apostle and Evangelist John the Theologian



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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 May 8, 2022

3rd SUNDAY OF PASCHA – Tone 2. Holy Apostle and Evangelist John the Theologian (98-117). Myrrhbearing Women. Ven. Arsenius the Great (449-450). Ven. Arseny the Lover-of-Labor (14th c.) and Pimen the Ascetic, of the Kiev Caves (Far Caves–12th c.).

Fr. Nikolai's Office Hours

Tuesday, May 10th - Fr. Nikolai's day off
Wednesday, May 11th - 12:30 pm - 6:00 pm
Friday, May 13th - 9:00 am - 2:00 pm

Coffee Hour Today

Coffee hour today is hosted by the men of the Parish Council,
in honor of Mother' Day

Weekly & Upcoming Calendar

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

Saturday, May 14	5:00 pm - Great Vespers
Sunday, May 15	Sunday of the Paralytic 9:10 am - Reading of the Hours 9:30 am - Divine Liturgy
Wednesday, May 18	Midfeast of Pentecost 8:50 am - Reading of the Hours 9:00 am - Divine Liturgy

Saturday, May 21	5:00 pm - Great Vespers
Sunday, May 22	Sunday of the Samaritan Woman 9:10 am - Reading of the Hours 9:30 am - Divine Liturgy
Saturday, May 28	5:00 pm - Great Vespers
Sunday, May 29	Sunday of the Blind Man 9:10 am - Reading of the Hours 9:30 am - Divine Liturgy
Tuesday, May 31	Leavetaking of Pascha 6:00 pm - Great Vespers
Wednesday, June 1	Leavetaking of Pascha 9:10 am - Reading of the Hours 9:30 am - Divine Liturgy Ascension 6:00 pm - Great Vespers with Litia
Thursday, June 2	Ascension 8:50 am - Reading of the Hours 9:00 am - Divine Liturgy
Saturday, June 4	5:00 pm - Great Vespers
Sunday, June 5	Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council 9:10 am - Reading of the Hours 9:30 am - Divine Liturgy
Saturday, June 11	Memorial Saturday 8:50 am - Reading of the Hours 9:00 am - Divine Liturgy Pentecost 5:00 pm - Great Vespers with Litia

Sunday, June 12	Pentecost 9:10 am - Reading of the Hours 9:30 am - Divine Liturgy with Kneeling Prayers
Monday, June 13	Holy Spirit Monday 8:50 am - Reading of the Hours 9:00 am - Divine Liturgy
Saturday, June 18	5:00 pm - Great Vespers
Sunday, June 19	Sunday of All Saints / Father's Day 9:10 am - Reading of the Hours 9:30 am - Divine Liturgy
Thursday, June 23	Nativity of John the Baptist 6:00 pm - Vespers with Litia
Friday, June 24	Nativity of John the Baptist 8:50 am - Reading of the Hours 9:00 am - Divine Liturgy
Saturday, June 25	5:00 pm - Great Vespers
Sunday, June 26	Sunday of All Saints of America/Rus' 9:10 am - Reading of the Hours 9:30 am - Divine Liturgy
Tuesday, June 28	Ss. Peter and Paul 6:00 pm - Vespers with Litia
Friday, June 24	Ss. Peter and Paul 8:50 am - Reading of the Hours 9:00 am - Divine Liturgy

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Priest: "Blessed is the Kingdom..."

Choir: "Amen."

Priest: "Christ is risen..." (2 ½ times)

Choir: "and upon those in the tombs bestowing life!"

(The Divine Liturgy is begun in this manner until the Leavetaking of Pascha.)

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 2 Troparion (Pentecostarion)

The noble Joseph, when he had taken down Thy most pure Body from the Tree, wrapped it in fine linen and anointed it with spices, and placed it in a new tomb. But Thou didst arise on the third day, O Lord, granting the world great mercy.

Tone 2 Troparion (St. John)

Beloved Apostle of Christ our God, hasten to deliver a defenseless people! He Who allowed thee to recline on His breast, receives thee as thou dost bow before Him. Implore Him, O John the Theologian, to disperse the persistent threat from the heathens, entreating for us peace and great mercy!

Tone 2 Kontakion (St. John)

Who shall declare thy greatness, O virgin disciple, for thou dost pour forth wonders and art a source of healings, and prayest for our souls as theologian and friend of Christ.

Tone 2 Kontakion (Pentecostarion)

Thou didst command the Myrrhbearers to rejoice, O Christ God. By Thy Resurrection, Thou didst stop the lamentation of Eve, the first mother. Thou didst command them to preach to Thine Apostles: "The Savior is risen from the tomb!"

Tone 6 Prokeimenon

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 8 Prokeimenon (St. John)

Their proclamation has gone out into all the earth, and their words to the ends of the universe. (Ps. 18:4)

Epistle

Read by Tricia Metz

(Acts 6:1-7) Now in those days, when the number of the disciples was multiplying, there arose a complaint against the Hebrews by the Hellenists, because their widows were neglected in the daily distribution. Then the twelve summoned the multitude of the disciples and said, "It is not desirable that we should leave the word of God and serve tables. Therefore, brethren, seek out from among you seven men of good reputation, full of the Holy Spirit and wisdom, whom we may appoint over this business; but we will give ourselves continually to prayer and to the ministry of the word." And the saying pleased the whole multitude. And they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and the Holy Spirit, and Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolas, a proselyte from Antioch, whom they set before the apostles; and when they had prayed,

they laid hands on them. Then the word of God spread, and the number of the disciples multiplied greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests were obedient to the faith.

(1 John 1:1-7 (St. John)) That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon, and our hands have handled, concerning the Word of life - the life was manifested, and we have seen, and bear witness, and declare to you that eternal life which was with the Father and was manifested to us - that which we have seen and heard we declare to you, that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with His Son Jesus Christ. And these things we write to you that your joy may be full. This is the message which we have heard from Him and declare to you, that God is light and in Him is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with Him, and walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.

Tone 8

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

O Lord, Thou hast been gracious to Thy land; Thou hast turned back the captivity of Jacob. (Ps. 84:1)

Mercy and truth are met together, righteousness and peace have kissed each other. (Ps. 84:10)

Tone 1

The heavens will praise Thy wonders, O Lord; and Thy truth in the congregation of the saints. (Ps. 88:5)

Gospel

(Mark 15:43-16:8) Joseph of Arimathea, a prominent council member, who was himself waiting for the kingdom of God, coming and taking courage, went in to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Pilate marveled that He was already dead; and summoning the centurion, he asked him if He had been dead for some time. So when he found out from the centurion, he granted the body to Joseph. Then he bought fine linen, took Him down, and wrapped Him in the linen. And he laid Him in a tomb which had been hewn out of the rock, and rolled a stone against the door of the tomb. And Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Joses observed where He was laid. Now when the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, that they might come and anoint Him. Very early in the morning, on the first day of the week, they came to the tomb when the sun had risen. And they said among themselves, "Who will roll away the stone from the door of the tomb for us?" But when they looked up, they saw that the stone had been rolled away - for it was very large. And entering the tomb, they saw a young man clothed in a long white robe sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed. You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He is risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid Him. But go, tell His disciples - and Peter - that He is going before you into Galilee; there you will see Him, as He said to you." So they went out quickly and fled from the tomb, for they trembled and were amazed. And they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

(John 19:25-27; 21:24-25 (St. John)) Now there stood by the cross of Jesus His mother, and His mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus therefore saw His mother, and the disciple whom He loved standing by, He said to His mother, "Woman, behold your son!" Then He said to the disciple, "Behold your mother!" And from that hour that disciple took her to his own home. This is the disciple who testifies of these things, and wrote these things; and we know that his testimony is true. And there are also many

other things that Jesus did, which if they were written one by one, I suppose that even the world itself could not contain the books that would be written. Amen.

(Instead of "It is truly meet...", we sing:)

The Angel cried to the Lady, full of grace: "Rejoice, O pure Virgin! Again, I say: Rejoice, thy Son is risen from His three days in the tomb! With Himself He has raised all the dead." Rejoice, O ye people!

Shine, shine, O new Jerusalem! The glory of the Lord has shone on thee. Exult now, and be glad, O Zion! Be radiant, O pure Theotokos, in the Resurrection of thy Son!

Communion Hymn

Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest! (Ps. 148:1)
Their proclamation has gone out into all the earth, and their words to the ends of the universe. (Ps. 18:4)
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Priest: "In the fear of God..."

Choir: "Blessed is He that comes in the Name of the Lord..."

Priest: "O God, save Thy people..."

Choir: "Christ is risen from the dead..." (sung once, instead of "We have seen the True Light...")

Priest: "Always, now and ever..."

Choir: "Let our mouths be filled..."

At the Dismissal, the Priest says: "Glory to Thee, O Christ..." and the choir sings "Christ is risen from the dead..." (thrice).

And unto us He has given eternal life.

Let us worship His Resurrection on the third day!

Candle Offerings

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Vigils in Altar - Windowsill (2)

In Honor of Judy Lezinsky's Birthday Week, Offered by Nick Lezinsky & Family

Vigils in Altar - Table of Oblation (2)

In Honor of Judy Lezinsky's Birthday Week, Offered by Nick Lezinsky & Family

Vigils in Altar - Side Table (2)

Happy Mother's Day Valerie Roberts, Offered by Gordon Roberts

Votives in Altar

Happy Birthday Wash, Offered by Wife Pat

Votives in Iconostas

In Memory of Dara Estrin, Offered by Greg & Rosalie Radio

Vigil in Side Candle Holders (2)

Happy Birthday Wash, Offered by Cindy, Jim & Bill

Crosses

Happy Mother's Day Valerie Roberts
Offered by Matthew, Jess, Alex, Megan, Nicholas & Tosha

Vigils on the Tetrapod (2)

Happy Mother's Day Baba Roberts
Offered by Emily, Evie, Hannah, Lili and "Bean"

Vigils on Icon Table (2)

Happy Birthday Baba!
Love - Sophia, Jacob, Sasha, Elena, Nicholas, Brooke and Victoria

Vigils - Icon of the Virgin Mary (2)

Happy Birthday Emily, Offered by Guliana Holobeny

Votives - Icon of the Virgin Mary

Happy Birthday Emily, Offered by Guliana Holobeny

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

In Memory Of Jack Monarek, Offered by Barb, Kyra & Gregory Monarek

Votives - Icon of St. John the Baptist

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Vigils on South Wall Window Sill (3)

In Honor of Judy Lezinsky's Birthday Week, Offered by Nick Lezinsky & Family

Vigils of St. Gregory (1)

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Vigils of St. Paul (1)

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Vigils on North Wall Window Sill (3)

In Honor of Judy Lezinsky's Birthday Week, Offered by Nick Lezinsky & Family

Vigil of St. Michael (1)

In Honor of Judy Lezinsky's Birthday Week, Offered by Nick Lezinsky & Family

Vigil of St. Andrew (1)

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1st Quarter Treasurer's Report Summary

January 2022	Income:	\$23,476.93
	Expenses:	\$26,957.46
	<u>Net Revenue:</u>	<u>\$(3,480.53)</u>
February 2022	Income:	\$24,802.65
	Expenses	\$25,424.16
	<u>Net Revenue:</u>	<u>\$(621.51)</u>
March 2022	Income:	\$52,476.96
	Expenses:	\$44,198.30
	<u>Net Revenue:</u>	<u>\$8,278.66</u>

The Wonderworker Is Coming Back!

We are pleased to announce that we will be reviving our parish newsletter, "The Wonderworker" on a quarterly basis. Any news related to what's going on in the parish is welcome for submission. We hope that all heads of ministries and committees will be able to offer a short update to the parish at large about the good things they are doing. We hope to have the Summer Edition out at the beginning of June, so any news, should be submitted no later than Wednesday, May 25th. The newsletter will be primarily released in electronic form, but we will print some copies for those who would prefer something tangible.

Happy Birthday Wash!

From your Family

Updated Pierogi Making Schedule

There will be NO fresh pierogi making until the week of June 6, 2022. We do have frozen potato/cheese for sale.

St. Nicholas Church Scholarship Notice

Parish members entering their second, third, or fourth year of full time college/seminary studies are invited to apply for the several scholarships available. For further information and applications, please contact Nancy Kohudic at 610-391-1257 or ndk175@ptd.net.

Thank you for your consideration.

Nancy Kohudic, Administrator

St. Nicholas Parish Directory

It's that time again! Time for an updated St. Nicholas Parish Directory. Please take the time to complete a new contact form located at the candle desk. The new 2022 parish directory will include photographs of parishioners. If you would like your household to be photographed and have your picture included in the directory please plan to have your photo taken on one of the following days after Liturgy:

May 8th

May 15th

May 22nd

May 29th

Please direct any questions to Lori Lezinsky. Thank you!

Sunday School Announcements

Last day of Sunday school is May 29! Have a great Summer!

Event Chairperson Wanted

Given the recent success of our Christmas Bazaar and first fish dinner, it seems reasonable to discuss planning for a Russian Days festival, even a one day event would be fantastic, let's brainstorm! If you have any interest in chairing or co-chairing the event with a few other parishioners please see Father Nikolai or Lori Lezinsky. Thank you

A Note of Thanks

We would like to thank all of you for the support you have given us these past couple of months. We appreciated you attending the coffee hour for Paul's 40th day and also for the contributions made to Camp NORR in Paul's memory. We found great comfort that during this time we had the support of so many.

The Stepanoff Family

Frozen Pierogi For Sale

We have a surplus of frozen potato cheese pierogi in the downstairs freezer. To help us clear out the freezer, we are making a special one time only deal for parishioners. The price for a dozen of pierogi will be \$5.00 - you can't beat the price for our wonderful hand pinched pierogi. Please see Patty Felix during coffee hour. Please note this one time only deal is for parishioners only. And yes, we will give some to charitable organizations such as the soup kitchen, New Bethany Ministries, etc Thank you for your support of the pierogi project.

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, John Onofrey

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, Stephanie Onofrey

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, Jonathan Hontz, Sherry Hromiak, Michael H. Isbansky, Sarah Jubinski, Alexandra Keysock, Mary K. Koretski, Stephanie Koretski, David Lezinsky, Judy Lezinsky, Victoria Lustig, Olga Maksimova, Lanelle Mikolaitis, Catherine Miller, Nicolae & Doina Marian, Kylie Pinho, Ryan Pinkowicz, Kiera Pheiffer, Laurel Riley, Gordon Roberts, 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: Lisa Metz, Molly Polacco, Tosha Roberts, and their unborn children, Lara Bessman, Stephanie Sica, Valerie Stepanoff and their newborn children.

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