

Divine Liturgy

Sunday, May 15, 2022

4th Sunday of Pascha

Paralytic



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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 15, 2022

4th SUNDAY OF PASCHA – Tone 3. Ven. Pachomius the Great, Founder of Cœnobitic Monasticism (348 A.D.). Paralytic. Saint Isaiah the Wonderworker, Bishop of Rostov (1090). The Holy Right-believing Tsarevich Dēmétrios of Uglich and Moscow (1591). Ven. Isaiah, Wonderworker of the Kiev Caves (1115). Ven. Pachomius–Abbot, and Silvanus, of Nerekhta (1384). Ven. Evfrosin (Euphrosynus) the Wonderworker, Abbot of Pskov, and his disciple, Ven. Serapion (Pskov–1481). St. Achilles, Bishop of Larissa (4th c.).

Fr. Nikolai's Office Hours

Monday, May 16th - Fr. Nikolai's day off
Wednesday, May 18th - 12:00 pm - 4:30 pm
Friday, May 20th - 9:00 am - 2:00 pm

Coffee Hour Today

Coffee hour today is hosted by The Heitzenrater Family

Weekly & Upcoming Calendar

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

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 8:50 am - Reading of the Hours 9:00 am - Divine Liturgy Ascension

Thursday, June 2

6:00 pm - Great Vespers with Litia
Ascension

Saturday, June 4

8:50 am - Reading of the Hours

Sunday, June 5

9:00 am - Divine Liturgy

5:00 pm - Great Vespers

Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council

Saturday, June 11

9:10 am - Reading of the Hours

9:30 am - Divine Liturgy

Memorial Saturday

8:50 am - Reading of the Hours

9:00 am - Divine Liturgy

Pentecost

Sunday, June 12

5:00 pm - Great Vespers with Litia

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

Wednesday, June 29

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 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 3 Kontakion *(Pentecostarion)*

By Thy divine intercession, O Lord, as Thou didst raise up the Paralytic of old, so raise up my soul, paralyzed by sins and thoughtless acts; so that being saved I may sing to Thee: "Glory to Thy power, O compassionate Christ!"

Tone 8 Kontakion *(Pascha)*

Thou didst descend into the tomb, O Immortal, Thou didst destroy the power of death. In victory didst Thou arise, O Christ God, proclaiming, "Rejoice!" to the Myrrhbearing Women, granting peace to Thine Apostles, and bestowing Resurrection on the fallen.

Tone 1 Prokeimenon *(Pentecostarion)*

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 David Metz

(Acts 9:32-42) Now it came to pass, as Peter went through all parts of the country, that he also came down to the saints who dwelt in Lydda. There he found a certain man named Aeneas, who had been bedridden eight years and was paralyzed. And Peter said to him, "Aeneas, Jesus the Christ heals you. Arise and make your bed." Then he arose immediately. So all who dwelt at Lydda and Sharon saw him and turned to the Lord. At Joppa there was a certain disciple named Tabitha, which is translated Dorcas. This woman was full of good works and charitable deeds which she did. But it happened in those days that she became sick and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in an upper room. And since Lydda was near Joppa, and the disciples had heard that Peter was there, they sent two men to him, imploring him not to delay in coming to them. Then Peter arose and went with them. When he had come, they brought him to the upper room. And all the widows stood by him weeping, showing the tunics and garments which Dorcas had made while she was with them. But Peter put them all out, and knelt down and prayed. And turning to the body he said, "Tabitha, arise." And she opened her eyes, and when she saw Peter she sat up. Then he gave her his hand and lifted her up; and when he had called the saints and widows, he presented her alive. And it became known throughout all Joppa, and many believed on the Lord.

Tone 5

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

I will sing of Thy mercies, O Lord, forever; with my mouth I will proclaim Thy truth from generation to generation. (Ps. 88:1-2)

For Thou hast said: Mercy will be established forever; Thy truth will be prepared in the heavens. (Ps. 88:3)

Gospel

(John 5:1-15) After this there was a feast of the Jews, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. Now there is in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate a pool, which is called in Hebrew, Bethesda, having five porches. In these lay a great multitude of sick

people, blind, lame, paralyzed, waiting for the moving of the water. For an angel went down at a certain time into the pool and stirred up the water; then whoever stepped in first, after the stirring of the water, was made well of whatever disease he had. Now a certain man was there who had an infirmity thirty-eight years. When Jesus saw him lying there, and knew that he already had been in that condition a long time, He said to him, "Do you want to be made well?" The sick man answered Him, "Sir, I have no man to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up; but while I am coming, another steps down before me." Jesus said to him, "Rise, take up your bed and walk." And immediately the man was made well, took up his bed, and walked. And that day was the Sabbath. The Jews therefore said to him who was cured, "It is the Sabbath; it is not lawful for you to carry your bed." He answered them, "He who made me well said to me, 'Take up your bed and walk.'" Then they asked him, "Who is the Man who said to you, 'Take up your bed and walk?'" But the one who was healed did not know who it was, for Jesus had withdrawn, a multitude being in that place. Afterward Jesus found him in the temple, and said to him, "See, you have been made well. Sin no more, lest a worse thing come upon you." The man departed and told the Jews that it was Jesus who had made him well.

(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

Receive the Body of Christ; taste the fountain of immortality!
Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest! (Ps. 148:1)
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 for Sunday, May 15, 2022

Votives in Altar

Safe Travels Guliana Holobeny, Offered by Guliana Holobeny

Crosses

Happy Birthday Daniel Holobeny, Offered by Guliana Holobeny

Vigils - Icon of the Virgin Mary (2)

In Memory Of Janice Grifone 40th Year, Offered by friend Barb Monarek

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Donations Received In Memory

In Memory of Paul Havrilko: Offered by Steve Doncevic

In Memory Of Pauline Kasick: Offered by Ms. Kathryn Longo, Hon. & Mrs. Robert Steinberg

In Memory of Mary Radio: Offered by Greg & Joann Brusko

In Memory of Patsy Scarborough Sisko: Offered by Janet Rigo

Sunday School Announcements

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

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>

St. John Chrysostom Academy Grand Opening

Christ is Risen! Chrysostom Academy invites you to its Grand Opening & Ribbon Cutting on Wednesday May 18th at 5pm. After the short ceremony, refreshments and tours of the building will be available. Come see all the progress, and support this valuable work being done for the Orthodox youth of the Lehigh Valley! Please visit www.chrysostomacademy.org to RSVP to the Greater Lehigh Valley Chamber of Commerce.

- St. John Chrysostom Academy Board of Directors

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.

Coffee Hour Hosts Needed

There are 2 open coffee hour days coming up, May 22nd and June 5th. Please consider signing up if you haven't hosted in the past! Contact Lori Lezinsky if you need help or have questions. Thank you!

St. Tikhon's Monastery Memorial Day Pilgrimage

The monastery brotherhood is pleased to welcome pilgrims to the annual Memorial Day pilgrimage from May 27th-May 30th. Metropolitan Tikhon and the myrrh-streaming icon of the Mother of God from Hawaii will be joining us for the entire pilgrimage. All are welcome and please plan to attend. For complete schedule, please visit www.sttikhonsmonastery.org

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 15th May 22nd May 29th

Please direct any questions to Lori Lezinsky. Thank you!

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.

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

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.