Divine Liturgy Sunday, May 22, 2022 5th Sunday of Pascha Samaritan Woman





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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 22, 2022

5th SUNDAY OF PASCHA – Tone 4. Samaritan Woman. Martyr Basiliscus, Bishop of Comana (ca. 308). Commemoration of the Second Ecumenical Council (381). St. John (Vladimir), Ruler of Serbia (1015). Monastic Martyr Paul of the Lavra (Mt. Athos–1818).

Fr. Nikolai's Office Hours

Monday, May 23rd - Fr. Nikolai's day off Wednesday, May 25th - 12:00 pm - 6:00 pm Friday, May 27th - 9:00 am - 2:00 pm

Coffee Hour Today

Coffee hour today is hosted by The Bzik Family

Weekly & Upcoming Calendar

Live Stream will also be available for all services.

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 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
Wednesday, June 29	Ss. Peter and Paul 8:50 am - Reading of the Hours 9:00 am - Divine Liturgy

Candle Offerings for Sunday, May 22, 2022

Vigils in Altar - Windowsill (2) Happy 13th Birthday Talia Tomsic, Offered by Baba & Poppy

Vigils in Altar - Table of Oblation (2)

Happy Birthday Barry Bretz, Offered by Ann Marie

Votives in Altar

In Memory Of Ray Pasquel, Offered by The Pasquel Family

Votives in Iconostas Happy 13th Birthday Talia Tomsic, Offered by Ethan, Owen, Jones

Crosses

For Health Of Barry Bretz on his birthday, Offered by Stephanie Pasquel

Vigils on the Tetrapod (2) In Memory Of Peter Kohudic, Jr.

Vigils on Icon Table (2) In Memory Of Peter Kohudic, Jr.

Vigils - Icon of the Virgin Mary (2) Happy Anniversary Bill & Sandi Keysock, Offered by The Keysock Family

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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 4Troparion(Resurrection)

When the women disciples of the Lord learned from the angel the joyous message of Thy Resurrection, they cast away the ancestral curse and elatedly told the apostles: "Death is overthrown! Christ God is risen, granting the world great mercy!"

Tone 8Troparion(Midfeast)

In the middle of the feast, O Savior, fill my thirsting soul with the waters of piety, as Thou didst cry to all: "If anyone thirst, let him come to Me and drink!" O Christ God, Fountain of our life, glory to Thee!

Tone 8Kontakion(Pentecostarion)

The Samaritan Woman came to the well in faith; she saw Thee, the Water of wisdom and drank abundantly. She inherited the Kingdom on high, and is ever glorified!

Tone 4Kontakion(Midfeast)

Christ God, the Creator and Master of all, cried to all in the midst of the feast of the Law: "Come and draw the water of immortality!" We fall before Thee and faithfully cry: "Grant us Thy mercies, for Thou art the Fountain of our life!"

Tone 3Prokeimenon(Pentecostarion)

Sing praises to our God, sing praises! Sing praises to our King, sing praises! (*Ps. 46:6*)

Clap your hands, all peoples! Shout to God with loud songs of joy! (Ps. 46:1)

Epistle

Read by Reader Michael Metz

(Acts 11:19-26, 29-30) Now those who were scattered after the persecution that arose over Stephen traveled as far as Phoenicia, Cyprus, and Antioch, preaching the word to no one but the Jews only. But some of them were men from Cyprus and Cyrene, who, when they had come to Antioch, spoke to the Hellenists, preaching the Lord Jesus. And the hand of the Lord was with them, and a great number believed and turned to the Lord. Then news of these things came to the ears of the church in Jerusalem, and they sent out Barnabas to go as far as Antioch. When he came and had seen the grace of God, he was glad, and encouraged them all that with purpose of heart they should continue with the Lord. For he was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and of faith. And a great many people were added to the Lord. Then Barnabas departed for Tarsus to seek Saul. And when he had found him, he brought him to Antioch. So it was that for a whole year they assembled with the church and taught a great many people. And the disciples were first called Christians in Antioch. Then the disciples, each according to his ability, determined to send relief to the brethren dwelling in Judea. This they also did, and sent it to the elders by the hands of Barnabas and Saul.

Tone 4

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia! Go forth, prosper and reign, for the sake of meekness, righteousness and truth! (Ps. 44:3b) For Thou lovest righteousness, and hatest iniquity. (Ps. 44:6)

Gospel

(John 4:5-42) So He came to a city of Samaria which is called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob gave to his son Joseph. Now Jacob's well was there. Jesus therefore, being wearied from His journey, sat thus by the well. It was about the sixth hour. A woman of Samaria came to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give Me a drink." For His disciples had gone away into the city to buy food. Then the woman of Samaria said to Him, "How is it that You, being a Jew, ask a drink from me, a Samaritan woman?" For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans. Jesus answered and said to her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is who says to you, 'Give Me a drink,' you would have asked Him, and He would have given you living water." The woman said to Him, "Sir, You have nothing to draw with, and the well is deep. Where then do You get that living water? Are You greater than our father Jacob, who gave us the well, and drank from it himself, as well as his sons and his livestock?" Jesus answered and said to her, "Whoever drinks of this water will thirst again, but whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him will never thirst. But the water that I shall give him will become in him a fountain of water springing up into everlasting life." The woman said to Him, "Sir, give me this water, that I may not thirst, nor come here to draw." Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come here." The woman answered and said, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You have well said, 'I have no husband,' for you have had five husbands, and the one whom you now have is not your husband; in that you spoke truly." The woman said to Him, "Sir, I perceive that You are a prophet. Our fathers worshiped on this mountain, and you Jews say that in Jerusalem is the place where one ought to worship." Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe Me, the hour is coming when you will neither on this mountain, nor in Jerusalem, worship the Father. You worship what you do not know; we know what we worship, for salvation is of the Jews. But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for

the Father is seeking such to worship Him. God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth." The woman said to Him, "I know that Messiah is coming" (who is called Christ). "When He comes, He will tell us all things." Jesus said to her, "I who speak to you am He." And at this point His disciples came, and they marveled that He talked with a woman; yet no one said, "What do You seek?" or, "Why are You talking with her?" The woman then left her waterpot, went her way into the city, and said to the men, Come, see a Man who told me all things that I ever did. Could this be the Christ? Then they went out of the city and came to Him. In the meantime His disciples urged Him, saying, "Rabbi, eat." But He said to them, "I have food to eat of which you do not know." Therefore the disciples said to one another, "Has anyone brought Him anything to eat?" Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of Him who sent Me, and to finish His work. Do you not say, 'There are still four months and then comes the harvest'? Behold, I say to you, lift up your eyes and look at the fields, for they are already white for harvest! And he who reaps receives wages, and gathers fruit for eternal life, that both he who sows and he who reaps may rejoice together. For in this the saying is true: 'One sows and another reaps.' I sent you to reap that for which you have not labored; others have labored, and you have entered into their labors." And many of the Samaritans of that city believed in Him because of the word of the woman who testified, "He told me all that I ever did." So when the Samaritans had come to Him, they urged Him to stay with them; and He stayed there two days. And many more believed because of His own word. Then they said to the woman, "Now we believe, not because of what you said, for we ourselves have heard Him and we know that this is indeed the Christ, the Savior of the world."

(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!

Coffee Hour - A Ministry of Hospitality!

Every Sunday after Liturgy, there is an opportunity to visit with St. Nicholas parishioners and to meet new people in our parish. By hosting and participating in the coffee hour you are assisting in providing this opportunity for fellowship!

Coffee Hour Guidelines

- To "break the fast", please provide a simple snack (or just coffee) for around 100 people. Ex: bagels, donuts, bread w/jam/butter/peanut butter, etc. You may also prepare a light special occasion luncheon if desired.
- Coffee and Tea are provided by the church. You should plan to start brewing the coffee by 9:00 am for it to be ready after a 9:30 am Liturgy. Pots for regular and decaf must be plugged into two separate outlets! Brewing directions for regular (make about 60 cups) and decaf (make about 40 cups) coffee are located on a cabinet door in the kitchen including how to clean and store the pots. Please provide milk and cream (or non-dairy creamer) for the coffee.
- We recommend providing two containers of juice, lemonade or similar drinks for children/teens and for those who may not prefer coffee.
- Please also put out two pitchers of ice water. There is an ice machine and pitchers in the kitchen.
- Paper plates, cups, napkins & plastic utensils are located in the kitchen, with extra inventory in the "halupki" room next to the kitchen.
- After coffee hour, please take any remaining food items home and do not leave them in the refrigerator for the following week.
- Wipe down kitchen counters, serving tables, tables for seating and place all trash in the dumpster outside before leaving.

Thank you for signing up to host Coffee Hour!

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to ask at the Candle Desk, speak with any Parish Council Member, or contact the Administrative Assistant.

Coffee Hour Hosts Needed

There are several open coffee hour days in the upcoming summer months. Please consider signing up if you haven't hosted in the past! There are copies of the guidelines for hosting coffee hour available in the signup book at the candle desk if you are not familiar with what to do. Contact Lori Lezinsky if you need help or have questions. Thank you!

Donations Received In Memory

In Memory of Pauline Kasick: Offered by Eva Bybel Dempsher, Dorothy Stafiniak

Sunday School Announcements

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

AED Training

Recently, the parish acquired an AED (Automated External Defibrillator) and training for its use will be held on Sunday, June 12th, at 1:00 PM. Anyone who is interested in receiving this training may do so, and it is completely free. The training should last no more than 30 minutes. The instructor will also be available to certify you in a basic Heart Saver course through the American Heart Association. The cost of this certification is \$20 and is valid for 2 years. If you are interested in becoming certified, please contact Lori Lezinsky (484-375-3874) by Saturday, June 4th.

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.

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 <u>www.sttikhonsmonastery.org</u>

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 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.

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.