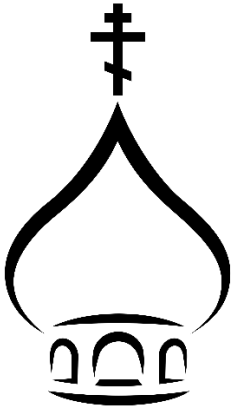


Divine Liturgy
Sunday, May 29, 2022
6th Sunday after Pascha
Blind Man



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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 29 2022

6th SUNDAY OF PASCHA – Tone 5. Blind Man. Virgin Martyr Theodosia of Tyre (307-308). Repose of Bl. John of Ustiug, Fool-for-Christ (1494). Virgin Martyr Theodosia, Nun, of Constantinople (726-730). Icon of the Mother of God, "SURETY OF SINNERS".

Fr. Nikolai's Office Hours

Monday, May 30th - Fr. Nikolai will be attending the Memorial Day Pilgrimage at St. Tikhon's
Wednesday, June 1st - 12:00 pm - 5:00 pm
Friday, June 3rd - 12:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Coffee Hour Today

Coffee hour today is hosted by The St. Nicholas Church Choir

Weekly & Upcoming Calendar

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

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

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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 5 Troparion *(Resurrection)*

Let us, the faithful, praise and worship the Word, co-eternal with the Father and the Spirit, born for our salvation from the Virgin; for He willed to be lifted up on the Cross in the flesh, to endure death, and to raise the dead by His glorious Resurrection.

Tone 4 Kontakion *(Pentecostarion)*

I come to Thee, O Christ, blind from birth in my spiritual eyes, and call to Thee in repentance: "Thou art the most radiant Light of those in darkness."

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 8 Prokeimenon *(Pentecostarion)*

Pray and make your vows before the Lord, our God! (*Ps. 75:10a*)

In Judah God is known; His name is great in Israel. (Ps. 75:1)

Epistle

Read by Reader Matthew Lezinsky

(Acts 16:16-34) Now it happened, as we went to prayer, that a certain slave girl possessed with a spirit of divination met us, who brought her masters much profit by fortune-telling. This girl followed Paul and us, and cried out, saying, "These men are the servants of the Most High God, who proclaim to us the way of salvation." And this she did for many days. But Paul, greatly annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, "I command you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her." And he came out that very hour. But when her masters saw that their hope of profit was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace to the authorities. And they brought them to the magistrates, and said, "These men, being Jews, exceedingly trouble our city; and they teach customs which are not lawful for us, being Romans, to receive or observe." Then the multitude rose up together against them; and the magistrates tore off their clothes and commanded them to be beaten with rods. And when they had laid many stripes on them, they threw them into prison, commanding the jailer to keep them securely. Having received such a charge, he put them into the inner prison and fastened their feet in the stocks. But at midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. Suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were loosed. And the keeper of the prison, awaking from sleep and seeing the prison doors open, supposing the prisoners had fled, drew his sword and was about to kill himself. But Paul called with a loud voice, saying, "Do yourself no harm, for we are all here." Then he called for a light, ran in, and fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. And he brought them out and said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" So they said, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be saved, you and your household." Then they spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. And he took them the same hour of the night and washed their stripes. And immediately he and all his family were baptized. Now when he had brought them into his house, he set food before them; and he rejoiced, having believed in God with all his household.

Tone 8

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Look upon me and have mercy on me! (Ps.118:132a)

Guide my steps according to Thy word! (Ps. 118:133a)

Gospel

(John 9:1-38) Now as Jesus passed by, He saw a man who was blind from birth. And His disciples asked Him, saying, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" Jesus answered, "Neither this man nor his parents sinned, but that the works of God should be revealed in him. I must work the works of Him who sent Me while it is day; the night is coming when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." When He had said these things, He spat on the ground and made clay with the saliva; and He anointed the eyes of the blind man with the clay. And He said to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which is translated, Sent). So he went and washed, and came back seeing. Therefore the neighbors and those who previously had seen that he was blind said, "Is not this he who sat and begged?" Some said, "This is he." Others said, "He is like him." He said, "I am he." Therefore they said to him, "How were your eyes opened?" He answered and said, "A Man called Jesus made clay and anointed my eyes and said to me, 'Go to the pool of Siloam and wash.' So I went and washed, and I received sight." Then they said to him, "Where is He?" He said, "I do not know." They brought him who formerly was blind to the Pharisees. Now it was a Sabbath when Jesus made the clay and opened his eyes. Then the Pharisees also asked him again how he had received his sight. He said to them, "He put clay on my eyes, and I washed, and I see." Therefore some of the Pharisees said, "This Man is not from God, because He does not keep the Sabbath." Others said, "How can a man who is a sinner do such signs?" And there was a division among them. They said to the blind man again, "What do you say about Him because He opened your eyes?" He said,

"He is a prophet." But the Jews did not believe concerning him, that he had been blind and received his sight, until they called the parents of him who had received his sight. And they asked them, saying, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?" His parents answered them and said, "We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; but by what means he now sees we do not know, or who opened his eyes we do not know. He is of age; ask him. He will speak for himself." His parents said these things because they feared the Jews, for the Jews had agreed already that if anyone confessed that He was Christ, he would be put out of the synagogue. Therefore his parents said, "He is of age; ask him." So they again called the man who was blind, and said to him, "Give God the glory! We know that this Man is a sinner." He answered and said, "Whether He is a sinner or not I do not know. One thing I know: that though I was blind, now I see." Then they said to him again, "What did He do to you? How did He open your eyes?" He answered them, "I told you already, and you did not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become His disciples?" Then they reviled him and said, "You are His disciple, but we are Moses' disciples. We know that God spoke to Moses; as for this fellow, we do not know where He is from." The man answered and said to them, "Why, this is a marvelous thing, that you do not know where He is from; yet He has opened my eyes! Now we know that God does not hear sinners; but if anyone is a worshiper of God and does His will, He hears him. Since the world began it has been unheard of that anyone opened the eyes of one who was born blind. If this Man were not from God, He could do nothing." They answered and said to him, "You were completely born in sins, and are you teaching us?" And they cast him out. Jesus heard that they had cast him out; and when He had found him, He said to him, "Do you believe in the Son of God?" He answered and said, "Who is He, Lord, that I may believe in Him?" And Jesus said to him, "You have both seen Him and it is He who is talking with you." Then he said, "Lord, I believe!" And he worshiped Him.

(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.

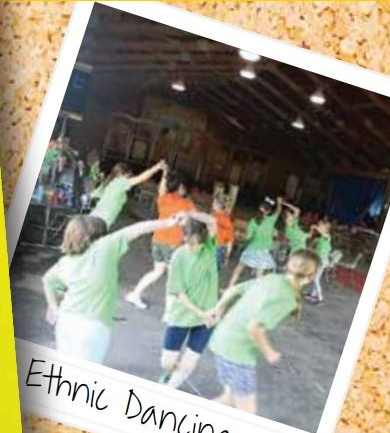
Let us worship His Resurrection on the third day!



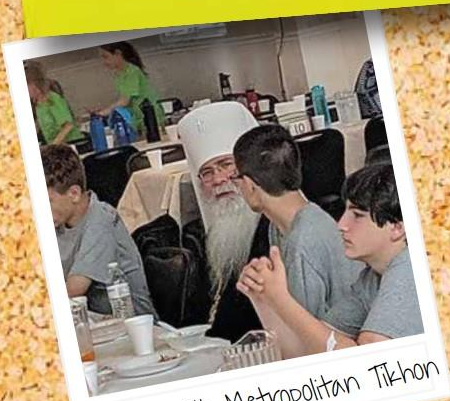
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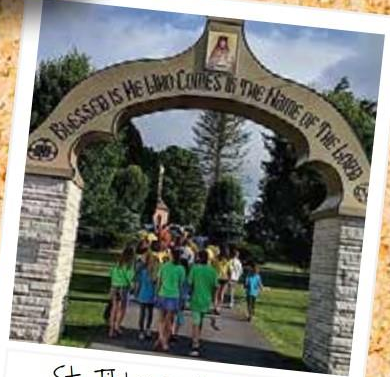
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May 24, 2022

St. Tikhon's Summer Camp 2022
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A Youth Ministry Program of the Diocese of Philadelphia and Eastern Pennsylvania

Dear Rev Frs. and faithful,

Christ is Risen! Indeed, He is Risen! At our Diocesan Council Meeting of May 10th, 2022 the Diocesan Council discussed our commitment to strengthening and supporting youth ministry. The summer camp program is one way in which we can assist our faithful in Orthodox Christian Education and lifelong relationships amongst our youth.

The Diocesan Council in the interest of helping our camp program get restarted voted unanimously to waive all fees for the youth of the Diocese of Philadelphia and Eastern Pennsylvania who are in good standing with a parish of our Diocese. <https://www.stikhonscamp.org/copy-of-camper-registration>. We realized that paying camp fees can be difficult, particularly for parents with more than one child. We also believe that camp attendance is historically lower when there is an All American Council, so we thought providing tuition might encourage more children to attend camp. Camp Registration will be on a first-come, first-served basis, so we encourage diocesan families to apply prior to June 7th, 2022.

We want to keep our youth in the Church and deeply appreciate the volunteers of our Diocese and those of other Dioceses in providing this wonderful opportunity. We ask the parents of our Diocesan youth ages 7-17 to use the following link to register for camp, <https://www.stikhonscamp.org/copy-of-camper-registration>. In order for the fees to be waived we will require a letter from one of our active Diocesan parish priests stating your family is in good standing and regular communicants. *The letter should be sent with the application containing the names of your children.* For Diocesan families who already paid the fees, we can refund your money upon request or issue a letter accepting it as a donation.

Hopefully, our parishes will sponsor the youth of the Diocese and faithful will see the benefit of our camp program and make donations to provide for every youth of our Diocese to attend without the embarrassment of asking for financial assistance. We also appreciate our volunteers and encourage more of our faithful to assist with the program.

Your unworthy father in Christ,

+ Mark

+ MARK (Maymon), Archbishop of Philadelphia and the Diocese of Eastern Pennsylvania
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"Thou hast made us for Thyself, O Lord, and our heart is restless until it finds its rest in Thee." Augustine

Candle Offerings for Sunday, May 29, 2022

Vigils in Altar - Windowsill (2)

In Memory Of Alexandra (Sandy) Saurman's 40th Day
Offered by the Lezinsky Family

Vigils in Altar - Table of Oblation (2)

In Memory Of Mary Stetz, Offered by Pat & Joan

Votives in Altar

Happy Birthday Nickolay Fetisov, Offered by Guliana Holobeny & Family

Vigil in Side Candle Holders (2)

In Memory Of Nicholas Lezinsky, Offered by Lezinsky & Florenz Families

Crosses

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Vigils on the Tetrapod (2)

In Memory Of Mary Stetz, Offered by Pat & Joan

Vigils on Icon Table (2)

In Memory Of Mary Stetz, Offered by Pat & Joan

Vigils - Icon of the Virgin Mary (2)

Happy Birthday Donna Haney, Offered by Patty Felix

Votives - Icon of the Virgin Mary

Happy Birthday Hannah Slivka, Offered by Mike & Francine Slivka

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

Happy Birthday Lindsey Slivka, Offered by Mike & Francine Slivka

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.

Directory Photo Reminder

This Sunday, May 29th, will be the last day photos for St. Nicholas's new directory will be taken after Liturgy. If you haven't had your photo taken and would like to do so please contact Lori Lezinsky to make an appointment for a later date. Alternatively, if you would like to submit a recent photo to be used in the directory you may email it to Jennifer at assistant4stnicholas@outlook.com. Thank you!

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.

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 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.

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!

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, Ian Shipley, Dennis Swenki, James Weremedic, John Onofrey

Priests: Nikolai Breckenridge, 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: 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.