

Divine Liturgy

August 14, 2022

9th Sunday after Pentecost

Forefeast of the Dormition

Prophet Micah



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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 August 14, 2022

9th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – Tone 8. Translation of the Relics of Ven. Theodosius of the Kiev Caves (1091). Forefeast of the Dormition. Prophet Micah (8th c. B.C.). Ven. Arcadius of Novotorzhk (11th c.). Hieromartyr Marcellus, Bishop of Apamea (ca. 389).

Fr. Nikolai's Office Hours

Tuesday, August 16th - Fr. Nikolai's day off
Wednesday, August 17th - 12:00 pm - 5:00 pm
Friday, August 19th - 9:00 am - 2:00 pm

Coffee Hour Today

Coffee hour today is hosted by the Christmas Bazaar Committee

Weekly & Upcoming Calendar

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

Monday, August 15

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

Saturday, August 20

5:00 pm - Great Vespers

Sunday, August 21

Afterfeast of Dormition
9:10 am - Reading of the Hours
9:30 am - Divine Liturgy

Saturday, August 27

5:00 pm - Great Vespers

Sunday, August 28	St. Job of Pochaev 9:10 am - Reading of the Hours 9:30 am - Divine Liturgy
Monday, August 29	Beheading of St. John the Baptist 8:50 am - Reading of the Hours 9:00 am - Divine Liturgy
Saturday, September 3	5:00 pm - Great Vespers
Sunday, September 4	12th Sunday after Pentecost 9:10 am - Reading of the Hours 9:30 am - Divine Liturgy
Wednesday, September 7	Eve of Nativity of the Theotokos 6:00 pm - Great Vespers w/ Litia
Thursday, September 8	Nativity of the Theotokos 8:50 am - Reading of the Hours 9:00 am - Divine Liturgy
Saturday, September 10	St. Nicholas Slavic Celebration 10:00 am - 6:00 pm 6:00 pm - Great Vespers
Sunday, September 11	Sunday before Exaltation of the Cross 9:10 am - Reading of the Hours 9:30 am - Divine Liturgy
Tuesday, September 13	Eve of Exaltation 6:00 pm - Great Vespers w/ Litia
Wednesday, September 14	Exaltation of the Cross 8:50 am - Reading of the Hours 9:00 am - Divine Liturgy

Saturday, September 17	5:00 pm - Great Vespers
Sunday, September 18	14th Sunday after Pentecost 9:10 am - Reading of the Hours 9:30 am - Divine Liturgy
Saturday, September 24	5:00 pm - Great Vespers
Sunday, September 25	15th Sunday after Pentecost 9:10 am - Reading of the Hours 9:30 am - Divine Liturgy

Kiffle Making Schedule

August 16 - Make dough and cut out circles

August 17 - Fill kiffles and bake. 3:00 pm start packing kiffles and wash dishes

Please contact Judy Lezinsky for more information.

Pierogi Making Schedule

NO pierogi week of August 15 - Dormition

YES pierogi Wednesday August 24

NO Pierogi week of August 29 - Beheading of St. John

NO Pierogi September 7

NO Pierogi September 14 - Universal Exaltation of the Holy Cross.

Resume pierogi making Sept 19, 20 21.

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Tone 8 Troparion *(Resurrection)*

Thou didst descend from on high, O Merciful One! Thou didst accept the three day burial to free us from our sufferings! O Lord, our Life and Resurrection, glory to Thee!

Tone 4 Troparion *(Forefeast)*

Dance with joy, O peoples! Clap your hands with gladness! Gather today with fervor and jubilation; sing with exultation! The Mother of God is about to rise in glory, ascending from earth to heaven. We ceaselessly praise her in song as truly Theotokos.

Tone 8 Kontakion *(Resurrection)*

By rising from the tomb, Thou didst raise the dead and resurrect Adam. Eve exults in Thy Resurrection, and the world celebrates Thy rising from the dead, O greatly Merciful One!

Tone 4 Kontakion *(Forefeast)*

Today the universe dances with joy at thy glorious memorial and cries out to thee, O Mother of God: "Rejoice, O Virgin, pride of Christians!"

Tone 8 Prokeimenon *(Resurrection)*

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 Nicholas Lezinsky

(1 Corinthians 3:9-17) For we are God's fellow workers; you are God's field, you are God's building. According to the grace of God which was given to me, as a wise master builder I have laid the foundation, and another builds on it. But let each one take heed how he builds on it. For no other foundation can anyone lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ. Now if anyone builds on this foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw, each one's work will become clear; for the Day will declare it, because it will be revealed by fire; and the fire will test each one's work, of what sort it is. If anyone's work which he has built on it endures, he will receive a reward. If anyone's work is burned, he will suffer loss; but he himself will be saved, yet so as through fire. Do you not know that you are the temple of God and that the Spirit of God dwells in you? If anyone defiles the temple of God, God will destroy him. For the temple of God is holy, which temple you are.

Tone 8

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Come, let us rejoice in the Lord! Let us make a joyful noise to God our Savior! (Ps. 94:1)

Let us come before His face with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise! (Ps. 94:2)

Gospel

(Matthew 14:22-34) Immediately Jesus made His disciples get into the boat and go before Him to the other side, while He sent the multitudes away. And when He had sent the multitudes away, He went up on the mountain by Himself to pray. Now when evening came, He was alone there. But the boat was now in the middle of the sea, tossed by the waves, for the wind was contrary. Now in the fourth watch of the night Jesus went to them, walking on the sea. And when the disciples saw Him walking on the sea, they were troubled, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out for fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying, "Be of good cheer! It is I; do not be afraid." And Peter answered Him and said, "Lord, if it is You, command me to come to You on the water." So He said, "Come." And when Peter had come down out of the boat, he walked on the water to go to Jesus. But when he saw that the wind was boisterous, he was afraid; and beginning to sink he cried out, saying, "Lord, save me!" And immediately Jesus stretched out His hand and caught him, and said to him, "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?" And when they got into the boat, the wind ceased. Then those who were in the boat came and worshiped Him, saying, "Truly You are the Son of God." When they had crossed over, they came to the land of Gennesaret.

Communion Hymn

Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest! *(Ps. 148:1)*
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Candle Offerings for Sunday, August 14, 2022

Crosses

In Memory Of Josephine Bretz
Offered by Barry & Ann Marie Bretz

Vigils - Icon of the Virgin Mary (2)

Happy Birthday Natalie Slivka
Offered by Fran & Mike Slivka

Flowers to Adorn the Icon of The Dormition of the Most Holy Theotokos

In Memory Of Michael & Mary Stetz
Offered by Pat & Joan

Upcoming Coffee Hour Collections

Coffee hour donations for this Sunday, August 14th and next Sunday, August 21st will be collected to defray the cost of new air handlers needed for the church and hall. Thank you in advance for your generosity!

Mid-Year Financial Review

Parish Faithful,

As a Church, we have undertaken several fundraisers in 2022. Our two fish dinners were well received by the community, and our grocery gift card program has been very successful. However, as you can see from the financial information in today's bulletin, the Church is currently operating at a modest loss. In particular, stewardship is down significantly from 2021 levels, and is below budgeted 2022 levels. Our fundraisers are, in fact, what is keeping us from an even worse financial situation.

We therefore ask that you prayerfully consider increasing your stewardship donations for the remainder of the year (and beyond). If you are not in a position to give monetarily, we ask that you increase your participation in the fundraising events (the Slavic Food Festival and the Christmas Bazaar) that will occur between now and the end of the year. There will be multiple days of baking and preparation for both of these activities over the coming weeks and months. The Pierogi Project is also always in need of additional workers on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Ideally, you will be able to increase your giving in multiple ways.

If you have any questions, please contact a Parish Council member.

Yours in Christ,

The Parish Council.

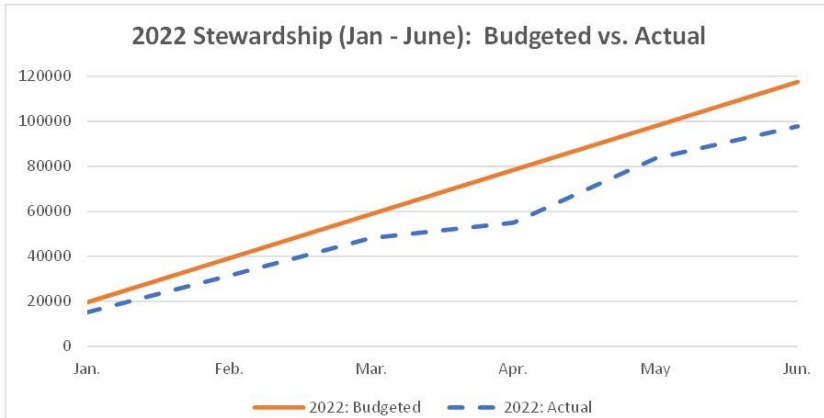
Monthly Stewardship

	2021	2022	\$ Diff.	% Diff
Jan.	\$14,098	\$ 15,073	\$ 975	7%
Feb.	\$23,694	\$ 16,325	\$ (7,369)	-31%
Mar.	\$20,554	\$ 16,752	\$ (3,802)	-18%
Apr.	\$22,460	\$ 6,805	\$(15,655)	-70%
May	\$21,444	\$ 28,623	\$ 7,179	33%
Jun.	\$19,385	\$ 14,215	\$ (5,170)	-27%
Year to Date Total	\$97,793	\$121,635	(\$23,842)	-20%

Stewardship

2022: Budgeted \$ 235,000
 Monthly Amount \$ 19,583

	2022: Actual	2022: Budgeted
Jan.	\$ 15,073	\$ 19,583
Feb.	\$ 31,398	\$ 39,166
Mar.	\$ 48,150	\$ 58,749
Apr.	\$ 54,955	\$ 78,332
May	\$ 83,578	\$ 97,915
Jun.	\$ 97,793	\$ 117,498
Jul.		\$ 137,081
Aug.		\$ 156,664
Sep.		\$ 176,247
Oct.		\$ 195,830
Nov.		\$ 215,413
Dec.		\$ 234,996



2nd Quarter Treasurer's Report Summary

April 2022	Income:	\$17,330.80
	Expenses:	\$29,389.74
	<u>Net Revenue:</u>	<u>\$(12,058.94)</u>
May 2022	Income:	\$51,631.20
	Expenses	\$45,770.36
	<u>Net Revenue:</u>	<u>\$5,860.84</u>
June 2022	Income:	\$23,552.67
	Expenses:	\$29,978.51
	<u>Net Revenue:</u>	<u>\$(6,425.84)</u>

THANK YOU!!

A very big thank you to those who came out this past week to help with making halupki! We were very busy from Saturday through Wednesday, and just about made our goal of 4,000. We appreciated the early morning people who came to steam cabbage, mix the meat and make the balls; the rollers, the rice and onion helpers, those who learned how to pack the roasters and cook the halupki, the packers and cleaners; those who came later to clean, wrap, and organize the halupki in the freezers; and those who provided lunches and baked goodies to sustain us. Thank you, and may the Lord bless you all!

Val and Judy

Church School Background Checks

In accordance with our Church policies, Diocesan policies and OCA statutes, all adults over the age of 18 who have regular contact with the Church School students must pass a background check.

This includes all parents who join their children in Church School regularly and all Church School teachers.

To get background check started, see Carmen Hodson.

Coffee Hour Hosts Needed

There are several open coffee hour days in the upcoming 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!

Card Shower Request For Pierogi Workers

We have three Pierogi Workers who have suffered some physical difficulties and it would be a kindness if they received a lot of get well cards to let them know they are in our hearts and prayers. Catherine Miller is suffering from a broken tail bone and undergoing pain management; Frank Guyden is undergoing a lot of physical therapy for balance and breathing; and Dorothy Stafiniak is in Rehab to help her regain some strength after 2 recent falls.

Catherine Miller
750 Delaware Avenue
Hellertown, PA 18055-1820

Frank Guyden
3045 Oak Hills Drive
Northampton, PA 18067-9583

Dorothy Stafiniak
Dunwoody Village Care Center
Room 302
3500 West Chester Pike
Newtown Square, PA 19073

Media Opt-Out Information

As many of you know, from time to time we (St. Nicholas Church) record, photograph or videotape various events and activities that reflect an active parish. These pieces of communication may be published on our website, in our bulletin, on our social media page, on the OCA website, or used on other printed material. Some people may choose not to have their photos used and if you are among them, we ask that you fill-out the Media Opt-Out Form that can be found at the information table outside the church hall. Please return it to the church administrative assistant so that we may have a copy on file. If you are okay with the use of media, you do not have to do anything. Thank you.



ST. NICHOLAS SLAVIC CELEBRATION!

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 10
10AM TO 6PM

- **ETHNIC FOODS**

EAT-IN OR TAKE-OUT

Pierogies

Potato pancakes

Kielbasi sandwiches

Halushki

Halupki

Pelmeni

Borscht

- **BAKED GOODS**

Homemade breads,
rolls, kiffles, & desserts

- **TEA ROOM**

Coffee & tea

- **SLAVIC GIFTS**

- **KIDS' CORNER**

Crafts & face painting



COME AND JOIN US FOR FOOD AND FELLOWSHIP!

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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, Linda Gardner, 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, 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.