

Divine Liturgy

August 21, 2022

10th Sunday after Pentecost

Afterfeast of the Dormition

Apostle Thaddaeus of the Seventy



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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 21, 2022

10th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – Tone 1. Afterfeast of the Dormition.

Apostle Thaddæus of the Seventy (ca. 44). Martyr Bassa of Edessa and her sons Theogonius, Agapius, and Pistus (2nd c.). Ven. Abramius the Wonderworker, Archimandrite of Smolensk, and his disciple, Ven. Ephraim (13th c.). Ven. Abramius the Lover-of-Labor, of the Kiev Caves (Near Caves–12th-13th c.). Holy Schema-nun Martha.

Fr. Nikolai's Office Hours

Wednesday, August 24th - 12:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Friday, August 26th - Fr. Nikolai's Day Off

Coffee Hour Today

Coffee hour today is hosted by ROCMAS for Church Air Handlers

Weekly & Upcoming Calendar

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

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

Divine Liturgy

August 21, 2022

10th Sunday after Pentecost Afterfeast of the Dormition Apostle Thaddaeus of the Seventy

Tone 1 Troparion *(Resurrection)*

When the stone had been sealed by the Jews, while the soldiers were guarding Thy most pure body, Thou didst rise on the third day, O Savior, granting life to the world. The powers of heaven therefore cried to Thee, O Giver of Life: "Glory to Thy Resurrection, O Christ! Glory to Thy Kingdom! Glory to Thy dispensation, O Thou Who lovest mankind!"

Tone 1 Troparion *(Feast)*

In giving birth thou didst preserve thy virginity. In falling asleep thou didst not forsake the world, O Theotokos. Thou wast translated to life, O Mother of Life, and by thy prayers thou dost deliver our souls from death.

Tone 1 Kontakion *(Resurrection)*

As God, Thou didst rise from the tomb in glory, raising the world with Thyself. Human nature praises Thee as God, for death has vanished. Adam exults, O Master! Eve rejoices, for she is freed from bondage and cries to Thee: "Thou art the Giver of Resurrection to all, O Christ!"

Tone 2 Kontakion *(Feast)*

Neither the tomb, nor death, could hold the Theotokos, who is constant in prayer and our firm hope in her intercessions. For being the Mother of Life, she was translated to life by the One Who dwelt in her virginal womb.

Tone 1 Prokeimenon *(Resurrection)*

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)

Tone 3 Prokeimenon (Song of the Theotokos)

My soul doth magnify the Lord, and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Savior.
(Lk. 1:46-47)

Epistle

Read by Reader Matthew Lezinsky

(1 Corinthians 4:9-16) For I think that God has displayed us, the apostles, last, as men condemned to death; for we have been made a spectacle to the world, both to angels and to men. We are fools for Christ's sake, but you are wise in Christ! We are weak, but you are strong! You are distinguished, but we are dishonored! To the present hour we both hunger and thirst, and we are poorly clothed, and beaten, and homeless. And we labor, working with our own hands. Being reviled, we bless; being persecuted, we endure; being defamed, we entreat. We have been made as the filth of the world, the offscouring of all things until now. I do not write these things to shame you, but as my beloved children I warn you. For though you might have ten thousand instructors in Christ, yet you do not have many fathers; for in Christ Jesus I have begotten you through the gospel. Therefore I urge you, imitate me.

Tone 1

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

God gives vengeance unto me, and subdues people under me. (Ps. 17:48)

He magnifies the salvation of the King and deals mercifully with David, His anointed, and his seed forever. (Ps. 17:51)

Tone 8

Arise, O Lord, into Thy rest, Thou and the Ark of Thy sanctification! (Ps. 131:8)

Gospel

(Matthew 17:14-23) And when they had come to the multitude, a man came to Him, kneeling down to Him and saying, "Lord, have mercy on my son, for he is an epileptic and suffers severely; for he often falls into the fire and often into the water. So I brought him to Your disciples, but they could not cure him." Then Jesus answered and said, "O faithless and perverse generation, how long shall I be with you? How long shall I bear with you? Bring him here to Me." And Jesus rebuked the demon, and it came out of him; and the child was cured from that very hour. Then the disciples came to Jesus privately and said, "Why could we not cast it out?" So Jesus said to them, "Because of your unbelief; for assuredly, I say to you, if you have faith as a mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move; and nothing will be impossible for you. However, this kind does not go out except by prayer and fasting." Now while they were staying in Galilee, Jesus said to them, "The Son of Man is about to be betrayed into the hands of men, and they will kill Him, and the third day He will be raised up." And they were exceedingly sorrowful.

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

The Angels, as they looked upon the Dormition of the Virgin, were struck with wonder, seeing how the Virgin went up from earth to heaven. The limits of nature are overcome in thee, O Pure Virgin: for birthgiving remains virginal, and life is united to death; a virgin after childbearing and alive after death, thou dost ever save thine inheritance, O Theotokos.

Communion Hymn

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

I will receive the cup of salvation and call on the Name of the Lord. *(Ps. 115:4)*

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

The Dormition of our Most Holy Lady the Theotokos and Ever Virgin Mary

Concerning the Dormition of the Theotokos, this is what the Church has received from ancient times from the tradition of the Fathers. When the time drew nigh that our Savior was well-pleased to take His Mother to Himself, He declared unto her through an Angel that three days hence, He would translate her from this temporal life to eternity and bliss. On hearing this, she went up with haste to the Mount of Olives, where she prayed continuously. Giving thanks to God, she returned to her house and prepared whatever was necessary for her burial. While these things were taking place, clouds caught up the Apostles from the ends of the earth, where each one happened to be preaching, and brought them at once to the house of the Mother of God, who informed them of the cause of their sudden gathering. As a mother, she consoled them in their affliction as was meet, and then raised her hands to Heaven and prayed for the peace of the world. She blessed the Apostles, and, reclining upon her bed with seemliness, gave up her all-holy spirit into the hands of her Son and God.

With reverence and many lights, and chanting burial hymns, the Apostles took up that God-receiving body and brought it to the sepulchre, while the Angels from Heaven chanted with them, and sent forth her who is higher than the Cherubim. But one Jew, moved by malice, audaciously stretched forth his hand upon the bed and immediately received from divine judgment the wages of his audacity. Those daring hands were severed by an invisible blow. But when he repented and asked forgiveness, his hands were restored. When they had reached the place called Gethsemane, they buried there with honor the all-immaculate body of the Theotokos, which was the source of Life. But on the third day after the burial, when they were eating together, and raised up the artos (bread) in Jesus' Name, as was their custom, the Theotokos appeared in the air, saying "Rejoice" to them. From this they learned concerning the bodily translation of the Theotokos into the Heavens.

Candle Offerings for Sunday, August 21, 2022

Vigils in Altar - Windowsill (2)

In Memory Of V. Rev. Eugene Vansuch, Offered by Mat. Frances Vansuch

Vigils in Altar - Table of Oblation (2)

In Memory Of V. Rev. Eugene Vansuch, Offered by Mat. Frances Vansuch

Vigils in Altar - Side Table (2)

In Memory Of V. Rev. Eugene Vansuch, Offered by Mat. Frances Vansuch

Votives in Altar

Happy Anniversary Matthew & Lori, Offered by Mom & Dad

Votives in Iconostas

Happy Anniversary Mommy & Daddy, Offered by Sophia & Jacob

Crosses

For Health And Safety Of Ethan as he starts college
Offered by Greg & Rosalie Radio

Vigils on the Tetrapod (2)

For Health And Safety Of Ethan as he starts college
Offered by Greg & Rosalie Radio

Vigils - Icon of the Virgin Mary (2)

In Memory Of Esther & Albert Kiechel, Offered by Fran & Mike Slivka

Votives - Icon of the Virgin Mary

In Honor Of Peter Joseph Lezinsky's 35th Birthday, Offered by Mom & Dad

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

In Honor Of Peter Joseph Lezinsky's 35th Birthday, Offered by Mom & Dad

Votives - Icon of St. John the Baptist

In Honor Of Peter Joseph Lezinsky's 35th Birthday, Offered by Mom & Dad

Vigils on South Wall Window Sill (3)

In Honor Of Peter Joseph Lezinsky's 35th Birthday, Offered by Mom & Dad

Vigils of St. Gregory (1)

In Honor Of Peter Joseph Lezinsky's 35th Birthday, Offered by Mom & Dad

Vigils of St. Paul (1)

In Honor Of Peter Joseph Lezinsky's 35th Birthday, Offered by Mom & Dad

Vigils on North Wall Window Sill (3)

In Honor Of Peter Joseph Lezinsky's 35th Birthday, Offered by Mom & Dad

Vigil of St. Michael (1)

In Honor Of Peter Joseph Lezinsky's 35th Birthday, Offered by Mom & Dad

Vigil of St. Andrew (1)

In Honor Of Peter Joseph Lezinsky's 35th Birthday, Offered by Mom & Dad

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

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

Welcome Back Children

Sunday School Begins:

September 11 with a Moleben prayer immediately following Divine Liturgy

September 18 Sunday classes begin just before dismissal

A special thanks goes out to Joseph & Margaret Kavchok for supplying the snacks and drinks for the Sunday School kids. What a nice selection for them and it was much appreciated.

Please see Karen Gowarty if you wish your child/grandchild to be enrolled in our Sunday School program if he/she has not been enrolled before this year.

Bakers Needed!

Dust off your pans and let's start baking! All baked goods needed for our Slavic Celebration Please drop off on Thursday, September 8, Friday, September 9 or Saturday morning, September 10.

Thank you!

Help Needed!

Please sign up to help for the Slavic Celebration! Saturday, September 10 from 10:00 am to 6:00 pm. Servers, baked goods, crafts, table washers, dish washers, etc. All help needed!

A Note of Thanks



Thank you to all of the people involved with baking kiffles this week! We could not have done it without every set of hands.

Remi Hashinger inspecting our final 160 dozen kiffles as they cooled.

Pierogi Making Schedule

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.

Upcoming Coffee Hour Collections

Coffee hour donations for this 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!

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!



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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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.

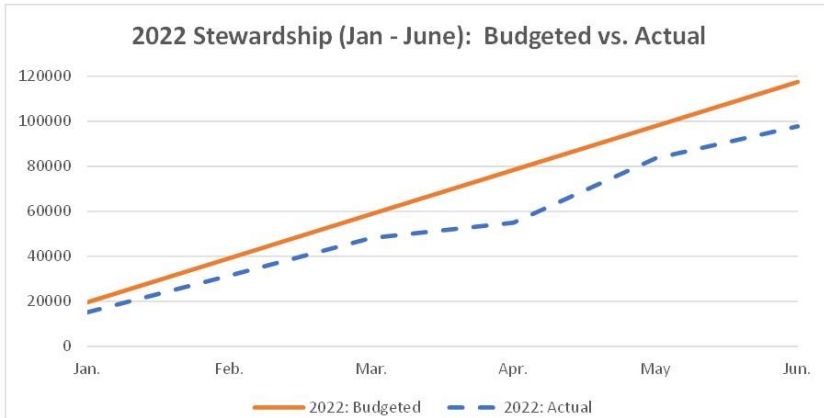
Monthly Stewardship

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

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.