

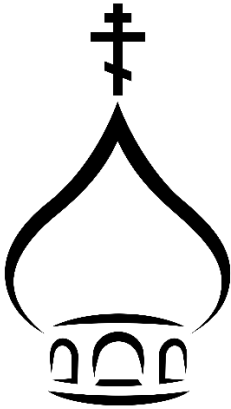
# **Divine Liturgy**

September 4, 2022

**12th Sunday after Pentecost**

**Hieromartyr Babylas, Bishop of Antioch**

**Holy Prophet and God-seer Moses**



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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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before entering the church. Thank you.***

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# Schedule for the Week of August 28, 2022

**12th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – Tone 3.** Hieromartyr Gorazd, Bishop of Bohemia and Moravia-Silesia (Serbian–1942 (1942). Hieromartyr Babylas (Vavíla), Bishop of Antioch, and with him Martyrs Urban, Prilidian, and Epolonius; and their mother, Christodula (251). Holy Prophet and Godseer Moses (16th c. B.C.). Uncovering of the Relics of St. Joasáph, Bishop of Bélgorod (1911). Martyr Hermione, daughter of St. Philip the Deacon (ca. 117). Martyr Babylas of Nicomedia, and with him 84 children (4th c.). Martyrs Theodore, Mianus (Ammianus), Julian, Kion (Oceanus), and Centurionus, of Nicomedia (305-311). “Unburnt Bush” Icon of the Mother of God (1680).

## Fr. Nikolai’s Office Hours

Monday, September 5<sup>th</sup> – Fr. Nikolai’s Day Off  
Wednesday, September 7<sup>th</sup> – 12:00 pm – 5:00 pm  
Friday, September 9<sup>th</sup> – 9:00 am – 2:00 pm

## Coffee Hour Today

Coffee hour today is hosted by The Stuckey Family

## Weekly & Upcoming Calendar

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

### 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

<b>Sunday, September 11</b>	Sunday before Exaltation of the Cross 9:10 am - Reading of the Hours 9:30 am - Divine Liturgy
<b>Tuesday, September 13</b>	Eve of Exaltation 6:00 pm - Great Vespers w/ Litia
<b>Wednesday, September 14</b>	Exaltation of the Cross 8:50 am - Reading of the Hours 9:00 am - Divine Liturgy
<b>Saturday, September 17</b>	5:00 pm - Great Vespers
<b>Sunday, September 18</b>	14th Sunday after Pentecost 8:30 am - Baptism of Conner Samuels 9:10 am - Reading of the Hours 9:30 am - Divine Liturgy
<b>Saturday, September 24</b>	5:00 pm - Great Vespers
<b>Sunday, September 25</b>	15th Sunday after Pentecost 9:10 am - Reading of the Hours 9:30 am - Divine Liturgy

## Upcoming Baptism

Conner Samuels is scheduled to be received into the Church by Holy Baptism on Sunday September 18th, at 8:30 am, before the Divine Liturgy. All parishioners are invited to attend and welcome Connor (who will take St. Arsenius the Great as his Heavenly patron) into the Holy Orthodox Church.

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**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 2**                      **Troparion**                      *(Church New Year)*

O Creator of the Universe, You appointed times by Your own power; bless the crown of this year with Your goodness, O Lord. Preserve in safety Your rulers and Your cities; and through the intercessions of the Theotokos, save us!

**Tone 3**                      **Kontakion**                      *(Resurrection)*

On this day Thou didst rise from the tomb, O Merciful One, leading us from the gates of death. On this day Adam exults as Eve rejoices; with the Prophets and Patriarchs they unceasingly praise the divine majesty of Thy power.

Tone 4                      Kontakion                      (Church New Year)

O Creator and Master of time and the ages, Triune and Merciful God of all; grant blessings for the course of this year, and in Your boundless mercy save those who worship You and cry out in fear; O Savior, grant blessings to all mankind!

**Tone 3**                      **Prokeimenon**                      *(Resurrection)*

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 Aidan Hintermaier

**(1 Corinthians 15:1-11)** Moreover, brethren, I declare to you the gospel which I preached to you, which also you received and in which you stand, by which also you are saved, if you hold fast that word which I preached to you - unless you believed in vain. For I delivered to you first of all that which I also received: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures, and that He was seen by Cephas, then by the twelve. After that He was seen by over five hundred brethren at once, of whom the greater part remain to the present, but some have fallen asleep. After that He was seen by James, then by all the apostles. Then last of all He was seen by me also, as by one born out of due time. For I am the least of the apostles, who am not worthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and His grace toward me was not in vain; but I labored more abundantly than they all, yet not I, but the grace of God which was with me. Therefore, whether it was I or they, so we preach and so you believed.

## **Tone 3**

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

*In Thee, O Lord, have I hoped; let me never be put to shame! (Ps. 30:1a)*

*Be a God of protection for me, a house of refuge in order to save me! (Ps. 30:2b)*

## **Gospel**

**(Matthew 19:16-26)** Now behold, one came and said to Him, "Good Teacher, what good thing shall I do that I may have eternal life?" So He said to him, "Why do you call Me good? No one is good but One, that is, God. But if you want to enter into life, keep the commandments." He said to Him, "Which ones?" Jesus said, "'You shall not murder,' 'You shall not commit adultery,' 'You shall not steal,' 'You shall not bear false witness,' 'Honor your father and your mother,' and, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.'" The young man said to Him, "All these things I have kept from my youth. What do I still lack?" Jesus said to him, "If you want to be perfect, go, sell what you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow Me." But when the young man heard that saying, he went away sorrowful, for he had great possessions. Then Jesus said to His disciples, "Assuredly, I say to you that it is hard for a rich man to enter the kingdom of heaven. And again I say to you, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God. When His disciples heard it, they were greatly astonished, saying, "Who then can be saved?" But Jesus looked at them and said to them, "With men this is impossible, but with God all things are possible."

## **Communion Hymn**

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

# **Candle Offerings for Sunday, September 4, 2022**

## **Vigils in Altar - Table of Oblation (2)**

Happy Birthday Day Jubinski,  
Offered by Jean Jubinski

## **Vigils in Altar - Side Table (2)**

Happy Birthday Dan Jubinski,  
Offered by Peter & Sarah Jubinski

## **Votives in Altar**

Happy Birthday Dan Jubinski  
Offered by Barry & Ann Marie Bretz

## **Crosses**

In Honor Of Phoebe Bessman on her 3<sup>rd</sup> Birthday  
Offered by Godmother Guliana

## **Vigils on the Tetrapod (2)**

In Memory Of Dr. Julius Herz  
Offered by Peter & Sarah Jubinski

## **Vigils on Icon Table (2)**

In Memory Of Dr. Julius Herz  
Offered by Dan & Jean Jubinski



**Vigils - Icon of the Virgin Mary (2)**

Matushka Maria Mason

Offered by Fr. Jim

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

Happy Birthday Mr. Dan

Offered by Sophia & Jacob

**Vigils on South Wall Window Sill (3)**

For Health of Julie Forker

Offered by Daniel Sirb

**Vigils of St. Gregory (1)**

For Health of Julie Forker

Offered by Daniel Sirb

**Vigils of St. Paul (1)**

For Health of Julie Forker

Offered by Daniel Sirb

**Vigils on North Wall Window Sill (3)**

For Health of Julie Forker

Offered by Daniel Sirb

**Flowers to Adorn the Icon of  
The Nativity of the Most Holy Theotokos**

In Honor Of Greg's Birthday

Offered by Rosalie

# Thoughts for the New Year - A Time for Renewal

The first day of the New Year is a traditional time we evaluate our past and set new goals for the coming year. Often we couch these as “resolutions.” We commit to losing weight, exercising more, improving our business and so forth. We might even commit ourselves to reading the Scriptures every day or making a commitment to daily prayer or regularly attending church and participating in the fasts and sacraments regularly. These efforts to seek to better our life physically and spiritually are important. Yet there are only a few such resolutions that last more than a few weeks.

Why is this? Simply because we don't set out to make a habit out of what we commit to, making them part of our normal life routine. We are so influenced by our culture that we expect instant results. We are impatient, too used to comfort, and quickly tire of things that require discipline and hard work. But if we truly seek to be an Orthodox Christian we must do both of these. This is what the Orthodox way of life is all about. Our spiritual growth does not come without effort and discipline. This is how the apostle Peter puts it: Make every effort to add to your faith goodness; and to goodness, knowledge; and to knowledge, self-control; and to self-control, perseverance; and to perseverance, godliness; and to godliness, brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness, love (2 Peter 1:5-7).

Being an Orthodox Christian is about a way of life. We must seek to live in a way that we become the “aroma of Christ” to our surroundings (2 Cor 2:15). This means that we must develop a presence that influences others by our way of living and acting.

This is a good time to review the following ten principles of an Orthodox Way of life and reflect on our own life style. asking what changes do I need to make to improve my “aroma.”

1. Praying Daily: Have a regular prayer rule that includes morning and evening prayer.
2. Worshiping and Participating in Sacraments: Attend and participate in the Divine Liturgy receiving Holy Communion regularly as well as regular participation in Confession.

3. Honoring the Liturgical Cycle of the Church: Follow the seasons of the church and participate in the fasts and feasts of the Church.
4. Using the Jesus Prayer: Repeat the Holy name whenever possible throughout the day or night.
5. Slowing Down and Ordering Your Life: Set priorities and reduce the stress and friction caused by a hurried life.
6. Being Watchful: Give full attention to what you are doing at the moment.
7. Taming the Passions: Overcome your habits, attachment to your likes and dislikes, and learn to practice the virtues.. Putting Others First: Free yourself from your selfishness and find joy in helping others.
9. Spiritual Fellowship: Spend time regularly with other Orthodox Christians for support and inspiration.:
10. Reading the Scriptures and Holy Fathers: Be inspired by the lessons of the Holy Scriptures, the wisdom of the Holy Fathers and the lives of the Saints of the Church.

The starting point is always prayer coupled with regular participation in the Divine Liturgy and regular preparation and partaking of Holy Communion. Fasting and the practice of the Jesus prayer can help build the necessary discipline and a attitude of repentance where we are constantly asking for God's mercy and help.

If you seek spiritual enrichment in the coming year, then don't let yourself fall into a dull slumber of inattention to what really matters. Engage yourself in your spiritual development and allow the Holy Spirit to transform you from the inside out. Don't seek instant results from God like he was an ATM machine. Seek and thirst after him. Don't fret about how distant He seems. Commit yourself to live the life He has provided for you through His Church. The Church is given to us for our benefit. It outlines for us how we can become self-disciplined and gain His help to transform our lives so that we truly live in Him and He in us as the Scripture says.

May God enlighten you and bring you many Blessings in the Coming New Year.

Deacon Haralambos (Charles) Joiner  
Saint George Greek Orthodox Cathedral  
Greenville, SC

## **Future collection for Deacon Geoffrey LoBalbo**

As most of you are aware, our Deacon, Geoffrey LoBalbo had to go into the hospital several weeks ago. The diagnosis was a staph infection from a sore somewhere on his body. The infection for serious enough that doctors had to install a PICC line for antibiotics. This leaves the Deacon unable to work his normal secular job for about 6 weeks. We will be taking up a collection on Sunday, September 25th at a Parish Council sponsored Coffee Hour, to help him cover his everyday life expenses during this period without work. Please be generous!

## **Slavic Celebration Setup Help Needed**

Help is needed on the following days with setup tasks for our Slavic Celebration:

- Tuesday, 9/6 starting at 11:00 am- Set up for bake sale
- Wednesday, 9/7 starting at 9:00 am - pulling out frozen foods, etc.
- Thursday, 9/8 starting after Liturgy - Packing kiffles, etc.
- Friday, 9/9 starting at 8:00 am - Cooking and final finishes to setting up

Please let me know if you plan on coming to help and at what time!

Thank you!

Judy Lezinsky (484-597-0118)

## **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.

## **Parishioner Update**

Dorothy was discharged Thursday from the care facility and is now settled in with her daughter Michele Gianforcaro. She is feeling stronger and in great spirits. If you'd care to send cards the address is 8 Dara Circle, Broomall, PA 19008. Her cell phone is 484 523-1430.

## **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!

## **Pierogi Making Schedule**

NO Pierogi September 7

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

Resume pierogi making Sept 19, 20 21.

## **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



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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, 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 Witaneck

**Handmaidens of God:** Lisa Metz and her unborn child, Molly Polacco, Tosha Roberts and their newborn daughters.

**Please remember them and all our homebound and nursing home parishioners in your daily intercessory prayers.**