

# **Divine Liturgy**

September 11, 2022

**Sunday before the Exaltation of the Cross**

**Afterfeast of the Nativity of the Most Holy Theotokos**

**Ven. Theodora of Alexandria**



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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 September 11, 2022

**13th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – Tone 4. Afterfeast of the Nativity of the Theotokos. Sunday before Elevation.** Ven. Theodora of Alexandria (474-491). Translation of the Relics of Ven. Sergius and Herman, Wonderworkers of Valaam. Martyrs Demetrius, his wife Euanthia, and their son Demetrian, at Skepsis on the Hellespont (1st c.). Martyrs Diodorus, Didymus, and Diomedes, of Laodicea. Martyr Ia and 9,000 Martyrs with her, of Persia (362-364). St. Euphrosynus the Cook, of Alexandria (9th c.). “Kaplunovka” Icon of the Mother of God in Kazan (1689).

## Fr. Nikolai’s Office Hours

Fr. Nikolai will not have regular scheduled office hours this week due to the funeral for His Beatitude, Metropolitan Herman. Please contact Fr. Nikolai directly if you need to speak with him.

## Coffee Hour Today

Coffee hour today is hosted by The Hodson Family

## Weekly & Upcoming Calendar

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

### **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

8:30 am - Baptism of Conner Samuels

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

## **Slavic Celebration Cleanup Help Needed Today!**

Help is needed with cleanup from our Slavic Celebration after coffee hour today. If needed we will also clean up on Monday at 9:00 am

Thank you!

Judy Lezinsky (484-597-0118)

## **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.

## **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 was 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!

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**Tone 4**      **Troparion**      (*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 4**      **Troparion**      (*Feast*)

Thy nativity, O Virgin, has proclaimed joy to the whole universe! The Sun of righteousness, Christ our God, has shone from thee, O Theotokos. By annulling the curse, He bestowed a blessing. By destroying death, He has granted us eternal life.

**Tone 8**      **Troparion**      (*St. Theodora*)

The image of God was truly preserved in thee, O Mother, for thou didst take up the Cross and follow Christ. By so doing, thou taughtest us to disregard the flesh for it passes away; but to care instead for the soul, for it is immortal. Therefore thy spirit, venerable Theodora, rejoices with the angels.

**Tone 4**      **Kontakion**      (*Resurrection*)

My Savior and Redeemer as God rose from the tomb and delivered the earth-born from their chains. He has shattered the gates of hell, and as Master, He has risen on the third day!

**Tone 2      Kontakion      (St. Theodora)**

Thou didst deplete thy bodily strength by fasting, vigil, and prayers, entreating the Creator to grant forgiveness of thy sin; having received it, thou didst show us the way of repentance, venerable Mother Theodora.

**Tone 4      Kontakion      (Feast)**

By thy nativity, O most pure Virgin, Joachim and Anna are freed from barrenness, Adam and Eve – from the corruption of death. And we, thy people, freed from the guilt of sin, celebrate and sing to thee: "The barren woman gives birth to the Theotokos, the nourisher of our Life."

**Tone 6      Prokeimenon      (Sunday Before)**

O Lord, save Thy people, and bless Thine inheritance! (*Ps. 27:9a*)

*To Thee, O Lord, will I call. O my God, be not silent to me! (Ps. 27:1a)*

**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 David Metz

**(Galatians 6:11-18 (Sunday Before))** See with what large letters I have written to you with my own hand! As many as desire to make a good showing in the flesh, these would compel you to be circumcised, only that they may not suffer persecution for the cross of Christ. For not even those who are circumcised keep the law, but they desire to have you circumcised that they may boast in your flesh. But God forbid that I should boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision avails anything, but a new creation. And as many as walk according to this rule, peace and mercy be upon them, and upon the Israel of God. From now on let no one trouble me, for I bear

in my body the marks of the Lord Jesus. Brethren, the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit. Amen.

**(1 Corinthians 16:13-24)** Watch, stand fast in the faith, be brave, be strong. Let all that you do be done with love. I urge you, brethren – you know the household of Stephanas, that it is the firstfruits of Achaia, and that they have devoted themselves to the ministry of the saints – that you also submit to such, and to everyone who works and labors with us. I am glad about the coming of Stephanas, Fortunatus, and Achaicus, for what was lacking on your part they supplied. For they refreshed my spirit and yours. Therefore acknowledge such men. The churches of Asia greet you. Aquila and Priscilla greet you heartily in the Lord, with the church that is in their house. All the brethren greet you. Greet one another with a holy kiss. The salutation with my own hand – Paul’s. If anyone does not love the Lord Jesus Christ, let him be accursed. O Lord, come! The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. My love be with you all in Christ Jesus. Amen.

### **Tone 1**

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

*I have exalted one chosen out of My people. (Ps. 88:18b)*

*For My hand shall defend him and My arm shall strengthen him. (Ps. 88:20)*

### **Tone 8**

*Hearken, O daughter, and see, and incline thine ear! (Ps. 44:9a)*

### **Gospel**

**(John 3:13-17 (Sunday Before))** No one has ascended to heaven but He who came down from heaven, that is, the Son of Man who is in heaven. And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved.

**(Matthew 21:33-42)** Hear another parable: There was a certain landowner who planted a vineyard and set a hedge around it, dug a winepress in it and built a tower. And he leased it to vinedressers and went into a far country. Now when vintage-time drew near, he sent his servants to the vinedressers, that they might receive its fruit. And the vinedressers took his servants, beat one, killed one, and stoned another. Again he sent other servants, more than the first, and they did likewise to them. Then last of all he sent his son to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.' But when the vinedressers saw the son, they said among themselves, 'This is the heir. Come, let us kill him and seize his inheritance.' So they took him and cast him out of the vineyard and killed him. Therefore, when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those vinedressers?" They said to Him, "He will destroy those wicked men miserably, and lease his vineyard to other vinedressers who will render to him the fruits in their seasons." Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the Scriptures: 'The stone which the builders rejected Has become the chief cornerstone. This was the LORD's doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes'?"

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

## **Tone 8**

Magnify, O my soul, the most glorious birth of the Mother of God!

Virginity is foreign to mothers; childbearing is strange for virgins. But in thee, O Theotokos, both were accomplished. Therefore all we nations of the earth unceasingly magnify thee.

## **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!



# **Candle Offerings for Sunday, September 11, 2022**

## **Vigils in Altar - Windowsill (2)**

In Memory Of Beloved Sister Delphina  
Offered by Laurel Riley & Diana Buskirk

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

Happy Birthday Grandpa  
Offered by Sophia & Jacob

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

In Memory Of Beloved Sister Delphina  
Offered by Laurel Riley & Diana Buskirk

## **Votives in Altar**

Happy Birthday Nick Lezinsky  
Offered by Judy

## **Vigil in Side Candle Holders (2)**

Happy Birthday Poppy  
Offered by Ethan, Owen, Talia & Jones

## **Crosses**

Happy Birthday Greg Radio  
Offered by Rosalie

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

In Memory Of Michael Stetz  
Offered by Pat & Joan

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

In Memory Of Michael Stetz  
Offered by Pat & Joan

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

In Honor Of The New Born Leah  
Offered by Baba & Papa

**Votives - Icon of the Virgin Mary**

In Honor Of The New Born Leah  
Offered by Baba & Papa

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

Happy Birthday Grandpa  
Offered by Sasha, Elena, Nicholas, Sophia, Jacob, Brooke, Victoria

**Votives - Icon of St. John the Baptist**

In Honor Of The New Born Leah  
Offered by Cousins Emily, Evie, Hanna

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

In Honor Of The New Born Leah  
Offered by Uncle Matt, Aunt Jess, Uncle Alex, Aunt Megan

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

In Honor Of The New Born Leah  
Offered by Mommy, Daddy & Lili

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

In Honor Of The New Born Leah  
Offered by Baba & Papa

**Flowers to Adorn the Icon of  
The Universal Exaltation of the Cross**

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

## **A Note Of Thanks**

Thank you to our parish family for all of your prayers, calls, cards, etc. They are truly appreciated.

Subdeacon Michael (Frank) & Michele Guydan

## **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.

## **Pierogi Making Schedule**

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!

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:**

**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, Alyssa Weaver and their unborn children, Molly Polacco, Tosha Roberts and their newborn daughters.

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