

Divine Liturgy

October 2, 2022

**16th Sunday after Pentecost (2nd of Luke)
Hieromartyr Cyprian, Virgin-Martyr Justina,
and Martyr Theoctist, of Nicomedia**



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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 October 2, 2022

16th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – Tone 7. Hieromartyr Cyprian, Virgin Martyr Justina, and Martyr Theoctistus, of Nicomedia (304). Bl. Andrew, Fool-for-Christ, at Constantinople (936). Repose of Rt. Blv. Princess Anna of Kashin (1338). Ven. Cassian of Uglich (1504). Martyrs David and Constantine, Princes of Georgia (740). Righteous Warrior Theodore Ushakov (1817).

Fr. Nikolai's Office Hours

Monday, October 3rd - Fr. Nikolai's Day Off
Wednesday, October 5th - 12:00 pm - 5:00 pm
Friday, October 7th - 9:00 am - 2:00 pm

Coffee Hour Today

Coffee hour today is hosted by The Bzik Family

There will be Choir Rehearsal following Coffee Hour.

Weekly & Upcoming Calendar

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

Saturday, October 8	5:00 pm - Great Vespers
Sunday, October 9	17th Sunday / St. Tikhon of Moscow 9:10 am - Reading of the Hours 9:30 am - Divine Liturgy
Saturday, October 15	5:00 pm - Great Vespers
Sunday, October 16	18th Sunday after Pentecost 9:10 am - Reading of the Hours 9:30 am - Divine Liturgy

Saturday, October 22

Memorial Saturday of St. Demetrius
8:50 am - Reading of the Hours
9:00 am - Divine Liturgy
5:00 pm - Great Vespers

Sunday, October 23

19th Sunday after Pentecost
9:10 am - Reading of the Hours
9:30 am - Divine Liturgy

Saturday, October 29

5:00 pm - Great Vespers

Sunday, October 30

20th Sunday after Pentecost
9:10 am - Reading of the Hours
9:30 am - Divine Liturgy

Christmas Bazaar Baking and Pierogi Schedule

Tuesday, October 4 - kiffle prep 7:00 AM - Noon

Wednesday, October 5 - pierogi making 6:30 AM &
kiffle baking & packing 10:00 - 3:00 PM

Wednesday, October 12 - pierogi making 6:30 AM - Noon

Friday, October 14 - roll baking & packing 8:30 AM - 3:00 PM

Tuesday, October 18 - kiffle prep 7:00 AM - Noon

Wednesday, October 19 - pierogi making 6:30 AM &
kiffle baking & packing 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Wednesday, October 26 - pierogi making 6:30 AM - Noon

Tuesday, November 1 - kiffle prep 7:00 AM - Noon

Wednesday, November 2 - pierogi making 6:30 AM &
kiffle baking & packing 10:00 AM-3:00 PM

Wednesday, November 9 - pierogi making 6:30 AM - Noon

Tuesday, November 15 - kiffle prep 7:00 AM - Noon

Wednesday, November 16 - pierogi making 6:30 AM &
kiffle baking & packing 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Wednesday, November 30 - pierogi making 6:30 AM - Noon

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Tone 7 **Troparion** *(Resurrection)*

By Thy Cross Thou didst destroy death. To the thief Thou didst open Paradise. For the Myrrhbearers Thou didst change weeping into joy, and Thou didst command Thy disciples, O Christ God, to proclaim that Thou art risen, granting the world great mercy.

Tone 4 **Troparion** *(St. Romanus)*

Thou didst gladden Christ's Church by thy melodies like an inspired heavenly trumpet. Thou wast enlightened by the Mother of God and didst shine on the world as God's poet. We lovingly honor thee, O righteous Romanus.

Tone 7 **Kontakion** *(Resurrection)*

The dominion of death can no longer hold men captive, for Christ descended, shattering and destroying its powers. Hell is bound, while the Prophets rejoice and cry: "The Savior has come to those in faith; enter, you faithful, into the Resurrection!"

Tone 8 **Kontakion** *(St. Romanus)*

Thou wast adorned from childhood with the godly virtues of the Spirit; thou wast a precious adornment of the Church of Christ, all-wise Romanus, for thou didst make it lovely with beautiful hymnody. Therefore we entreat thee, grant thy divine gift to those who desire it, that we may cry out to thee: "Rejoice, all-blessed Father, beauty of the Church!"

Tone 7 **Prokeimenon** *(Resurrection)*

The Lord shall give strength to His people. The Lord shall bless His people with peace. *(Ps. 28:11)*

Offer to the Lord, O you sons of God! Offer young rams to the Lord! (Ps. 28:1a)

Epistle

Read by Reader Michael Metz

(2 Corinthians 6:1-10) We then, as workers together with Him also plead with you not to receive the grace of God in vain. For He says: "In an acceptable time I have heard You, and in the day of salvation I have helped You." Behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation. We give no offense in anything, that our ministry may not be blamed. But in all things we commend ourselves as ministers of God: in much patience, in tribulations, in needs, in distresses, in stripes, in imprisonments, in tumults, in labors, in sleeplessness, in fastings; by purity, by knowledge, by longsuffering, by kindness, by the Holy Spirit, by sincere love, by the word of truth, by the power of God, by the armor of righteousness on the right hand and on the left, by honor and dishonor, by evil report and good report; as deceivers, and yet true; as unknown, and yet well known; as dying, and behold we live; as chastened, and yet not killed; as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing all things.

Tone 7

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

*It is good to give thanks to the Lord, to sing praises to Thy Name, O Most High.
(Ps. 91:1)*

To declare Thy mercy in the morning, and Thy truth by night. (Ps. 91:2a)

Gospel

(Luke 6:31-36) And just as you want men to do to you, you also do to them likewise. But if you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. And if you lend to those from whom you hope to receive back, what credit is that to you? For even sinners lend to sinners to receive as much back. But love your enemies, do good, and lend, hoping for nothing in return; and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High. For He is kind to the unthankful and evil. Therefore be merciful, just as your Father also is merciful.

Communion Hymn

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

Candle Offerings for Sunday, October 2, 2022

Vigils in Altar - Windowsill (2)

For Health Of Matushka Marie, Offered by Fr. Jim

Votives in Altar

Happy 5th Wedding Anniversary Michael & Amber Metz

Crosses

In Honor Of Luke Gabriel Shadid's Baptism
Offered by Grandparents Fr. Michael & Mat. Susan Kon

Vigils on the Tetrapod (2)

Happy Anniversary Tom & Pat Grammes

Vigils on Icon Table (2)

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Vigils - Icon of the Virgin Mary (2)

In Memory Of Joseph Slivka, Offered by Brother Michael & Fran Slivka

Votives - Icon of the Virgin Mary

In Honor Of Luke Gabriel Shadid's Baptism
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Vigils - Icon of St. John the Baptist (2)

In Memory Of Reader Leonty Macalush, Offered by Fran & Mike Slivka

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**LECTURES
ON DEATH
AND THE
AFTERLIFE**

**EVERY TUESDAY OF NOVEMBER
AT 6:00 PM**

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 1ST

THE NATURE OF THE FALL & DEATH

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8TH

THE DEATH OF CHRIST & OUR DEATH IN HIM

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 15TH

THE PRAYERS AT DEATH & THE FUNERAL SERVICES

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 22ND

WHY WE PRAY FOR THE DEAD & TOLL-HOUSES

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 29TH

PRACTICAL CONSIDERATIONS ABOUT DEATH

ATTEND IN PERSON AT THE CHERNAY FELLOWSHIP HALL, OR REGISTER FOR THE ZOOM LINKS AT:

stnicholasoca.org/deathlectures

Clergy Appreciation Potluck Coffee Hour - October 9th

We will have a parish wide potluck coffee hour on October 9th to celebrate our dedicated clergy at St. Nicholas! Please plan to bring a favorite covered dish, appetizer, dip, or dessert to share for the coffee hour. Contact Lori Lezinsky if you have any questions!

Thank You!

Thank you to everyone who generously donated at our recent coffee hour in support of our Deacon Geoffrey LoBalbo. It is wonderful to see our parish family coming together to support a member of our parish in their time of need.

Thank you again for your support,
Parish Council

Basket Raffle Donations Wanted

We will once again be hosting a Basket Raffle this year during our annual Christmas Bazaar on December 10th, and we are looking for volunteers to donate baskets. We have a track record of offering beautiful baskets and we are hoping to uphold tradition. If you are able to make a basket, please contact Jennifer Bzik to let her know in advance.

Don't be shy if you have never made a basket for the raffle before! Jennifer will be happy to help you out. If you are interested in supporting the Basket Raffle but are not able to make a basket, please consider making a cash donation. Jennifer will be happy to do the shopping and prepare a basket on your behalf!

If you are planning to make a cash donation, please do so as soon as possible (no later than Sunday, November 27, 2022) so that we have an opportunity to shop and prepare a basket using those funds. All donated baskets must be brought to the church by noon on Sunday, December 4, 2022. If you have any questions or would like to make a donation, please contact Jennifer Bzik. Thank you so much for your support!

Slavic Day Meeting

There will be a wrap up meeting for the Slavic Day event on Sunday, October 16, 2022 following coffee hour. If you have any questions, please see Judy Lezinsky.

Security Reminder

As a reminder, all exterior doors to the building should be locked at all times. If you come across a door that is unlocked, please notify a member of Parish Council immediately and we will lock it.

We also ask that you NOT prop open any of the exterior doors to the building. If you have to step out of the building and plan on returning to services, please let a Council member know. We will be happy to let you back in when you return.

Should you arrive late to services, please know that doorbells have been installed on all of the doors facing the driveway. Simply ring one and someone will be along shortly to let you in.

In Christ,

Parish Council

A Note Of Thanks

Dear St. Nicholas Russian Orthodox Church,

Thank you for your generous \$200 donation to support the no-cost, life-affirming services Bright Hope offers women, men and youth in our community. We are truly grateful for your partnership!

The Bright Hope Family



The Orthodox Church in America
DIOCESE OF PHILADELPHIA AND EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA
The Most Rev. Mark, Archbishop of Philadelphia

September 15, 2022

October is Clergy Appreciation Month

Dear to God,

Christ is in our midst! October is clergy appreciation month and the 2nd Sunday, October 09 is nationally recognized as Pastor Appreciation Day. Our clergy are available 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Clergy often have family events interrupted, including vacation time to minister to one of their flock.

Sadly, clergy are more likely to hear when someone is unhappy, but like the Ten Lepers in the Gospel, those who are pleased with their pastor often say nothing. The rate of clergy burnout is astounding (<https://www.pastoralcareinc.com/statistics/>), with around 1500 clergy a month leaving active ministry. There is a disturbing article in 'Leaders & Pastors' reporting that as of November 2021 38% of pastors gave serious consideration to resigning. In January of 2021 it was 29%. In a few short months the percentage increased significantly (<https://www.barna.com/research/pastors-well-being/>).

Unfortunately, some people believe the role of the clergy is to make them happy! Yet, the role of the priest is not to make people happy, it is to make them Holy! When I went to my second parish the council chairman greeted me and said, Fr. Mark your only role here is to make people happy. Without skipping a beat, I responded, "Our Lord, took on our Humanity, opened the eyes of the blind, the ears of the deaf, healed the withered hand, cleansed the lepers, raised up the lame and raised the dead, and they nailed Him to a tree! Why would I expect to be treated differently?" As far as pleasing the faithful, there are always a few who will never be happy with any priest. Anyone in a leadership position who talks behind the priest back should resign immediately for the good of the parish and his or her own salvation. A house divided cannot stand.

Our clergy are entrusted with a stewardship by the Lord for which they will answer. Let us pray that our clergy will always rise above seeking the praise of men, and seek to be faithful to their high calling through faithful service, preaching and teaching and seek to be pleasing to the Lord in all things.

For Clergy Appreciation Month, I would ask our Parish Councils to request the faithful of their parish to consider showing their appreciation to their priest and his family in a few ways:

1. Attend the services regularly and all classes intended to enrich our faith.
2. Send a card and state five things you sincerely appreciate about your priest, as well as his matushka and family.
3. Consider either jointly or personally giving gift card(s) for the clergy's favorite coffee shop or restaurant.

Finally, telling your pastor and his family you appreciate them should not just be limited to the month of October. Years ago, I remember hearing from a priest, *'for every negative comment, we need to offer a hundred 'atta boys.'* Let us always seek to build one another up.

Your unworthy father in Christ,

+ Mark

+MARK, 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



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September 30, 2022

INVESTING IN OUR YOUTH

*Train up a child in the way he should go,
And when he is old he will not depart from it. (Proverbs 22:6)*

Dear to God,

Christ is in our midst! This year we ministered to 126 children at the St. Tikhon's Camp Program. Through the program our youth not only learn about their faith, have fellowship with other Orthodox youth, but have the opportunity to develop lifelong relationships. These relationships and their experience help solidify their relationship to Christ and the Church.

Our Diocesan Council wanted to help get our Camp up and going again after a two year hiatus and insure that all children of the Diocese were able to attend. This year the Diocese covered the cost for all children of the Diocese. The cost of \$375 for the first child and \$350 for any siblings, made it quite difficult for families with more than one child. Parents, previously decided if they could not send all their children who were age appropriate, not to send any of them. Thanks be to God, we had numerous children there for the first time!

As a Church we should never want any child unable to attend because of the cost. Secondly, we do not want to embarrass or humiliate parents by having to ask for assistance from their parish or the Diocese, whether it is for one child or more. We as Orthodox Christians need to invest in our youth by supporting all youth ministry fully. In some Orthodox jurisdictions parishes or organizations within the parish make sure every child can go to camp.

Statistically, 70% of our youth once going away to college or entering the workforce fall away from the Church and 2/3 of those never return. We as a Church must do a better job of caring for our youth and providing opportunities for learning, fellowship and growth in their faith. Our Camp program is an important part of addressing the problem and has also contributed to young men and women making decisions to serve the Church in various ways. They want to give back.

In order to make our camp available and accessible to all our youth within the Diocese we are asking our faithful to consider sponsoring a camper with a contribution of \$350. We also ask our parishes to consider helping to underwrite the cost of caring for our youth with an annual contribution of \$500, or a greater amount if your parish sends lots of children to camp, perhaps \$350 per camper. If we can get a commitment of \$30,000 a year through various contributions, we can offer the camp free of charge for all our children. We are also setting up a donation button on our website. You may send contributions to the Diocese of Philadelphia and Eastern Pennsylvania, 325 N Walnut St., Bath, PA 18014 and earmark it St Tikhon's Camp. Thank you for your generosity and concern for our youth.

Your unworthy father in Christ,

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+ MARK (Maymon), Archbishop of Philadelphia and the Diocese of Eastern Pennsylvania
Please post on every parish website and in every parish bulletin.



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October 2, 2022
Protocol 10/001

To the Clergy, Monastics, and Faithful of the Orthodox Church in America,

My Beloved Children in the Lord,

'Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous! Praise befits the upright. Sing to him a new song, play skillfully on the strings, with loud shouts.' (Ps. 33:1, 3). Music suffuses the scriptures, starting from the first pages of the Pentateuch. In the fourth chapter of Genesis we read of Jubal, 'the father of all such as handle the harp and organ' (Gen. 4:21). Songs of holy people are found throughout the Old Testament and the New: the songs of Miriam, Moses, Deborah, Hannah, David, Habakkuk, Isaiah, Jonah, the Three Children, Zachariah, and the most Holy Theotokos, to name but a few.

But of course, even before the first father Adam was formed, when the physical world was first coming into being, the scriptures speak of music: 'the morning stars sang together and all the angels shouted for joy' (Job 38:7). 'Praise the Lord, O sun and moon,' says the psalmist (Ps. 148:3). Music is, in some mysterious way, part of creation and part of redemption, such that even heaven is filled with song. 'With the angels' song we cry to thee, All-powerful: Holy, Holy, Holy art thou, O God' (troparion from the Morning Prayers). And this song, though it begins in time, extends beyond time, and is taken up by the angels and saints forever. As such, the Apocalypse of St. John the Theologian is perhaps the most musically rich text of all scripture, full as it is of canticles and invocations of song: 'And they sing the song of Moses the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb, saying, Great and marvelous are thy works, Lord God Almighty; just and true are thy ways, thou King of saints' (Rev. 5:9, 14:3, 15:3).

Today in our churches, we carry on the tradition of sacred song, bridging the gap, as it were, between those ancient songs sung by prophets and patriarchs and the eternal song sung by angels and saints. Our traditions of church music are both a continuation of the ancient worship of the Old and New Covenants and a participation in the heavenly liturgy. This is why the Holy Synod of Bishops of the Orthodox Church in America has set aside the Sunday following the feast of St. Romanus the Melodist for an annual celebration of church musicianship, to honor singers, choir directors, composers, arrangers, chanters, readers, bell-ringers, hymnologists, translators, hymnographers, and all who help our parishes and their congregations to make a 'joyful noise unto the Lord' (Ps. 98:4) so that our temples resound with the praise of God.

I encourage all of our parishes and institutions to take this opportunity to honor those who contribute to church music, and I urge all church leadership to help foster vocations in this area. May we all of us, at all times, according to our own vocation, praise the Lord with 'psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs' (Eph. 5:19). And may he in turn be well-pleased with our sacrifice of praise, and rejoice over us, and quiet us with his love, and sing over us in his joy (Zeph. 3:17).

With the blessing of the Lord, I remain sincerely yours in Christ,

Archbishop of Washington
Metropolitan of All America and Canada

OCTOBER 2, 2022

CHURCH MUSICIAN SUNDAY

Recognizing the important role of music in our Orthodox Christian worship and honoring the directors, singers, chanters, readers, composers, arrangers, and bell-ringers who serve in this sacred ministry.

*"...beautiful sacred art—and sacred music especially—forces and threatens no one. Rather, it works to soften their hearts, preparing them to receive the things of God without their even realizing it."
-Metropolitan Tikhon*



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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:

Archbishop Mechisedek Pleska

Igumen: Patric Carpenter, 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, Bernard Kusior, Jean Kusior, 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, Joan Stetz, 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.