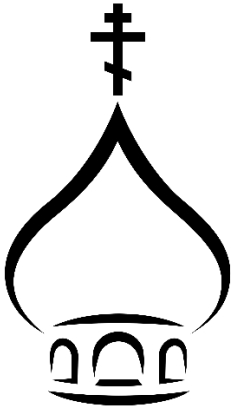


# **Divine Liturgy**

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**Commemoration of the Holy Fathers of the 7th Ecumenical Council**



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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 16, 2022

**18th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – Tone 1.** Martyr Longinus the Centurion, who stood at the Cross of the Lord (1st c.). Ven. Lóngin the Gatekeeper of the Kiev Caves (Far Caves–13th-14th c.). Ven. Lóngin of Yarensk (1544-45). St. Domna of Tomsk (1872).

## Fr. Nikolai's Office Hours

Monday, October 17<sup>th</sup> – Fr. Nikolai's Day Off  
Wednesday, October 19<sup>th</sup> – 12:00 pm – 5:00 pm  
Friday, October 21<sup>st</sup> – 9:00 am – 2:00 pm

## Coffee Hour Today

Coffee Hour today is hosted by The Lezinsky Family

*There will be Choir Rehearsal following Coffee Hour.*

## Weekly & Upcoming Calendar

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

### **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**

19<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
9:10 am – Reading of the Hours  
9:30 am – Divine Liturgy

### **Saturday, October 29**

5:00 pm – Great Vespers  
Readers Course following Great Vespers

**Sunday, October 30**

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

**Tuesday, November 1**

6:00 pm - Lecture Series - Lecture 1, The Nature of the Fall & Death

**Saturday, November 5**

4:30 pm - General Panikhida  
5:00 pm - Great Vespers

**Sunday, November 6**

21<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Pentecost, Holy Unmercenaries  
9:10 am - Reading of the Hours  
9:30 am - Divine Liturgy

**Tuesday, November 8**

6:00 pm - Lecture Series - Lecture 2, The Death of Christ & Our Death in Him

**Saturday, November 12**

5:00 pm - Great Vespers

**Sunday, November 13**

22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost, St. John Chrysostom  
9:10 am - Reading of the Hours  
9:30 am - Divine Liturgy

**Tuesday, November 15**

Beginning of the Nativity Fast  
6:00 pm - Lecture Series - Lecture 3, The Prayers at Death & Funeral Service

**Saturday, November 19**

5:00 pm - Great Vespers

**Sunday, November 20**

Forefeast of the Entry of the Mother of God  
9:10 am - Reading of the Hours  
9:30 am - Divine Liturgy  
Entry of the Mother of God  
5:00 pm - Great Vespers with Litia

<b>Monday, November 21</b>	Entry of the Mother of God into the Temple 8:50 am - Reading of the Hours 9:00 am - Divine Liturgy
<b>Tuesday, November 22</b>	6:00 pm - Lecture Series - Lecture 4, Why We Pray for the Dead/Toll-houses
<b>Saturday, November 26</b>	5:00 pm - Great Vespers
<b>Sunday, November 27</b>	24 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost 9:10 am - Reading of the Hours 9:30 am - Divine Liturgy
<b>Tuesday, November 29</b>	6:00 pm - Lecture Series - Lecture 5, Practical Considerations about Death

## **Christmas Bazaar Baking and Pierogi Schedule**

- 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 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 8      Troparion      *(Fathers)***

Thou art most glorious, O Christ our God, Who hast established the Holy Fathers as lights on the earth. Through them Thou hast guided us to the True Faith. O greatly compassionate One, glory to Thee!

**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 6      Kontakion      *(Fathers)***

The Son Who shone forth from the Father was ineffably born, two-fold in nature, of a woman. Having beheld Him, we do not deny the image of His form, but depict it piously and revere it faithfully. Thus, keeping the True Faith, the Church venerates the icon of Christ Incarnate.

**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 4      Prokeimenon**      *(Song of the Three Holy Children)*

Blessed art Thou, O Lord God of our fathers, and praised and glorified is Thy Name forever! *(Song of the Three Holy Children, v. 3)*

## **Epistle**

Read by Reader Nicholas Stepanoff

**(2 Corinthians 9:6-11)** But this I say: "He who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully." So let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound toward you, that you, always having all sufficiency in all things, may have an abundance for every good work. As it is written: "He has dispersed abroad, He has given to the poor; His righteousness endures forever." Now may He who supplies seed to the sower, and bread for food, supply and multiply the seed you have sown and increase the fruits of your righteousness, while you are enriched in everything for all liberality, which causes thanksgiving through us to God.

**(Hebrews 13:7-16 (Fathers))** Remember those who rule over you, who have spoken the word of God to you, whose faith follow, considering the outcome of their conduct. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever. Do not be carried about with various and strange doctrines. For it is good that the heart be established by grace, not with foods which have not profited those who have been occupied with them. We have an altar from which those who serve the tabernacle have no right to eat. For the bodies of those animals, whose blood is brought into the sanctuary by the high priest for sin, are burned outside the camp. Therefore Jesus also, that He might sanctify the people with His own blood, suffered outside the gate. Therefore let us go forth to Him, outside the camp, bearing His reproach. For here we have no continuing city, but we seek the one to come. Therefore by Him let us continually offer the sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of our lips, giving thanks to His name. But do not forget to do good and to share, for with such sacrifices God is well pleased.

## **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 1**

*The Lord, the God of gods, speaks and summons the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting. (Ps. 49:1)*

## **Gospel**

**(Luke 8:5-15)** "A sower went out to sow his seed. And as he sowed, some fell by the wayside; and it was trampled down, and the birds of the air devoured it. Some fell on rock; and as soon as it sprang up, it withered away because it lacked moisture. And some fell among thorns, and the thorns sprang up with it and choked it. But others fell on good ground, sprang up, and yielded a crop a hundredfold." When He had said these things He cried, "He who has ears to hear, let him hear!" Then His disciples asked Him, saying, "What does this parable mean?" And He said, "To you it has been given to know the mysteries of the kingdom of God, but to the rest it is given in parables, that 'Seeing they may not see, And hearing they may not understand.'" Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God. Those by the wayside are the ones who hear; then the devil comes and takes away the word out of their hearts, lest they should believe and be saved. But the ones on the rock are those who, when they hear, receive the word with joy; and these have no root, who believe for a while and in time of temptation fall away. Now the ones that fell among thorns are those who, when they have heard, go out and are choked with cares, riches, and pleasures of life, and bring no fruit to maturity. But the ones that fell on the good ground are those who, having heard the word with a noble and good heart, keep it and bear fruit with patience.

**(John 17:1-13 (Fathers))** Jesus spoke these words, lifted up His eyes to heaven, and said: "Father, the hour has come. Glorify Your Son, that Your Son also may glorify You, as You have given Him authority over all flesh, that He should give



eternal life to as many as You have given Him. And this is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent. I have glorified You on the earth. I have finished the work which You have given Me to do. And now, O Father, glorify Me together with Yourself, with the glory which I had with You before the world was. I have manifested Your name to the men whom You have given Me out of the world. They were Yours, You gave them to Me, and they have kept Your word. Now they have known that all things which You have given Me are from You. For I have given to them the words which You have given Me; and they have received them, and have known surely that I came forth from You; and they have believed that You sent Me. I pray for them. I do not pray for the world but for those whom You have given Me, for they are Yours. And all Mine are Yours, and Yours are Mine, and I am glorified in them. Now I am no longer in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to You. Holy Father, keep through Your name those whom You have given Me, that they may be one as We are. While I was with them in the world, I kept them in Your name. Those whom You gave Me I have kept; and none of them is lost except the son of perdition, that the Scripture might be fulfilled. But now I come to You, and these things I speak in the world, that they may have My joy fulfilled in themselves.

### **Communion Hymn**

Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest! *(Ps. 148:1)*  
Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous; praise befits the just! *(Ps. 32:1)*  
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

## **Candle Offerings for Sunday, October 16, 2022**

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

In Memory Of Olga Sawarynski

Offered by Protodeacon Mikail & Mat. Martha Sawarynski

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

Happy Birthday Matthew Lezinsky, Offered by Mom & Dad

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

Happy Birthday Lori Lezinsky, Offered by Mom & Dad

**Votives in Altar**

In Memory Of Johanna Chomko, Offered by The Pasquel Family

**Votives in Iconostas**

Happy Birthday Mommy & Daddy, Offered by Sophia & Jacob

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

Happy Birthday Joseph Kavchok, Jr.  
Offered by the Kavchok & Mascari Families

**Crosses**

Happy Wedding Anniversary Mom & Dad, Offered by Guliana Holobeny

**Vigils on the Tetrapod (2)**

In Memory Of Pauline Radchuk, Offered by Bill & Sandi Keysock

**Vigils on Icon Table (2)**

Happy Anniversary Joseph & Larissa Mascari, Love Mom & Dad

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

In Honor Of My Parents' Wedding Anniversary, Offered by Guliana Holobeny

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

In Memory Of John, Joseph and George Felix, Offered by Patty Felix

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

In Memory Of Olga Sawarynski  
Offered by Protodeacon Mikail & Mat. Martha Sawarynski

**Vigil of St. Michael (1)**

In Memory Of Olga Sawarynski, Offered by Goddaughter Sandi

**Vigil of St. Andrew (1)**

In Memory Of Olga Sawarynski, Offered by Goddaughter Sandi

## **Save the Date**

On October 30<sup>th</sup> there will be a fundraiser coffee hour luncheon in support of the HVAC system updates. Suggested donation of \$7.00 or more (no less). Please plan to attend and help defray the costs so the parish can be cool in the summer and warm in the winter.

## **“One Can Can Help” Annual Food Drive**

Sponsored by: RO59/NSS

We will be collecting non-perishable food products to benefit the Allentown Rescue Mission starting in October until the first Sunday in December.

Please leave your generous donations in the boxes on either side of the entrance doors to the hall. They will accept nonperishable food items as well as paper products.

Thank you so much!

## **A Card Shower**

Betty Fedora is currently at Kirkland Village. Let's brighten up her days with some cards and calls:

Elizabeth Fedora  
3100 Kirkland Village Circle  
Health Center Rm 130  
Bethlehem, PA 18017  
610-691-4749

## **A Note Of Thanks**

Thank you so much for your donation and support towards my son's medical needs. This has blessed my family and we are grateful for this selfless act of kindness.

In Christ,  
The Morasse Family  
#AtticusTheBrave

## **Readers Course**

All the tonsured Readers, as well as those who are interested in the order of Divine Services, are invited and encouraged to join in on 2 courses outlining the information needed to function properly as Readers in the Orthodox Church. We will cover the daily order of services, the books required to serve them, and the way they are assembled. These will be held after Great Vespers on Saturday, October 15th, and Saturday, October 29th.

## **SAVE THE DATES!**

We sold so many halupki at our Slavic Celebration (1200), that we dipped into our store for the Christmas Bazaar! We now will be making a small batch of 600 halupki and need your help.

Sunday, November 6 we will be steaming, deveining, and making rice.  
Monday, November 7 we will be mixing meat, rolling and cooking.  
All help is appreciated! See Val Roberts if you can help. Thank you!

# **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!

## **ATTENTION!!**

We have frozen 4-packs of halupki for sale! They are \$15. Please see Val Roberts.

## **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



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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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

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, Don Holobeny, 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.**