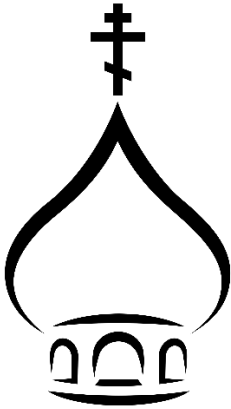


Divine Liturgy

October 23, 2022

**19th Sunday after Pentecost (5th of Luke)
Holy Apostle James, the Brother of the Lord**



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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 October 23, 2022

19th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – Tone 2. Holy Apostle James (Jacob), the Brother of the Lord (ca. 63). Translation of the Relics of Bl. Jacob (James) of Borovichí, Wonderworker of Novgorod (ca. 1540). St. Ignatius, Patriarch of Constantinople (877-878).

Fr. Nikolai's Office Hours

Monday, October 24th – Fr. Nikolai's Day Off
Wednesday, October 26th – 12:00 pm – 5:00 pm
Friday, October 28th – 9:00 am – 2:00 pm

Coffee Hour Today

Coffee Hour today is hosted by Sandi, Patty & Lorraine, in memory of Pauline & Alexander Radchuk, John, Joseph & George Felix, Stephen Chromiak

There will be Choir Rehearsal following Coffee Hour.

Weekly & Upcoming Calendar

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

Saturday, October 29

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

Sunday, October 30

20th 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 st 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 nd 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
Monday, November 21	Entry of the Mother of God into the Temple 8:50 am - Reading of the Hours 9:00 am - Divine Liturgy
Tuesday, November 22	6:00 pm - Lecture Series - Lecture 4, Why We Pray for the Dead/Toll-houses
Saturday, November 26	5:00 pm - Great Vespers
Sunday, November 27	24 th Sunday after Pentecost 9:10 am - Reading of the Hours 9:30 am - Divine Liturgy
Tuesday, November 29	6:00 pm - Lecture Series - Lecture 5, Practical Considerations about Death

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Tone 2 **Troparion** *(Resurrection)*

When Thou didst descend to death, O Life immortal, Thou didst slay hell with the splendor of Thy Godhead. And when from the depths Thou didst raise the dead, all the powers of heaven cried out: "O Giver of life, Christ our God, glory to Thee!"

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

As the Lord's disciple thou didst receive the Gospel, O righteous James; as a martyr thou hast unfailing courage; as God's brother, thou hast boldness; as a hierarch, thou hast the power to intercede. Pray to Christ God that our souls may be saved.

Tone 2 **Kontakion** *(Resurrection)*

Hell became afraid, O almighty Savior, seeing the miracle of Thy Resurrection from the tomb! The dead arose! Creation, with Adam, beheld this and rejoiced with Thee, and the world, my Savior, praises Thee forever.

Tone 4 **Kontakion** *(St. James)*

When God the Word, the Only-begotten of the Father, came to live among us in these last days, He declared thee, venerable James, to be the first shepherd and teacher of Jerusalem and a faithful steward of the spiritual Mysteries. Therefore, we all honor thee, O Apostle.

Tone 2 Prokeimenon (Resurrection)

The Lord is my strength and my song; He has become my salvation. (*Ps. 117:14*)

The Lord has chastened me sorely, but He has not given me over to death.
(*Ps. 117:18*)

Tone 8 Prokeimenon (St. James)

Their proclamation has gone out into all the earth, and their words to the ends of the universe! (*Ps. 18:4*)

Epistle

Read by Reader Matthew Lezinsky

(2 Corinthians 11:31-12:9) The God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who is blessed forever, knows that I am not lying. In Damascus the governor, under Aretas the king, was guarding the city of the Damascenes with a garrison, desiring to arrest me; but I was let down in a basket through a window in the wall, and escaped from his hands. It is doubtless not profitable for me to boast. I will come to visions and revelations of the Lord: I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago - whether in the body I do not know, or whether out of the body I do not know, God knows - such a one was caught up to the third heaven. And I know such a man - whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows - how he was caught up into Paradise and heard inexpressible words, which it is not lawful for a man to utter. Of such a one I will boast; yet of myself I will not boast, except in my infirmities. For though I might desire to boast, I will not be a fool; for I will speak the truth. But I refrain, lest anyone should think of me above what he sees me to be or hears from me. And lest I should be exalted above measure by the abundance of the revelations, a thorn in the flesh was given to me, a messenger of Satan to buffet me, lest I be exalted above measure. Concerning this thing I pleaded with the Lord three times that it might depart from me. And He said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness." Therefore most gladly I will rather boast in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

(Galatians 1:11-19 (St. James)) But I make known to you, brethren, that the gospel which was preached by me is not according to man. For I neither received it from man, nor was I taught it, but it came through the revelation of Jesus Christ. For you have heard of my former conduct in Judaism, how I persecuted the church of God beyond measure and tried to destroy it. And I advanced in Judaism beyond many of my contemporaries in my own nation, being more exceedingly zealous for the traditions of my fathers. But when it pleased God, who separated me from my mother's womb and called me through His grace, to reveal His Son in me, that I might preach Him among the Gentiles, I did not immediately confer with flesh and blood, nor did I go up to Jerusalem to those who were apostles before me; but I went to Arabia, and returned again to Damascus. Then after three years I went up to Jerusalem to see Peter, and remained with him fifteen days. But I saw none of the other apostles except James, the Lord's brother.

Tone 2

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

May the Lord hear thee in the day of trouble! May the name of the God of Jacob protect thee! (Ps. 19:1)

Save the King, O Lord, and hear us on the day we call! (Ps. 19:9)

Tone 1

The heavens will praise Thy wonders, O Lord; and Thy truth in the congregation of the saints. (Ps. 88:5)

Gospel

(Luke 16:19-31) There was a certain rich man who was clothed in purple and fine linen and fared sumptuously every day. But there was a certain beggar named Lazarus, full of sores, who was laid at his gate, desiring to be fed with the crumbs which fell from the rich man's table. Moreover the dogs came and licked his sores. So it was that the beggar died, and was carried by the angels to

Abraham's bosom. The rich man also died and was buried. And being in torments in Hades, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom. Then he cried and said, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus that he may dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am tormented in this flame.' But Abraham said, 'Son, remember that in your lifetime you received your good things, and likewise Lazarus evil things; but now he is comforted and you are tormented. And besides all this, between us and you there is a great gulf fixed, so that those who want to pass from here to you cannot, nor can those from there pass to us.' Then he said, 'I beg you therefore, father, that you would send him to my father's house, for I have five brothers, that he may testify to them, lest they also come to this place of torment.' Abraham said to him, 'They have Moses and the prophets; let them hear them.' And he said, 'No, father Abraham; but if one goes to them from the dead, they will repent.' But he said to him, 'If they do not hear Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded though one rise from the dead.'"

(Matthew 13:54-58 (St. James)) When He had come to His own country, He taught them in their synagogue, so that they were astonished and said, "Where did this Man get this wisdom and these mighty works? Is this not the carpenter's son? Is not His mother called Mary? And His brothers James, Joses, Simon, and Judas? And His sisters, are they not all with us? Where then did this Man get all these things?" So they were offended at Him. But Jesus said to them, "A prophet is not without honor except in his own country and in his own house." Now He did not do many mighty works there because of their unbelief.

Communion Hymn

Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest! *(Ps. 148:1)*
Their proclamation has gone out into all the earth, and their words to the ends
of the universe! *(Ps. 18:4)*
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Candle Offerings for Sunday, October 23, 2022

Vigils in Altar - Windowsill (2)

Happy Birthday Michael & Alex Lustig, Offered by Guliana Holobeny

Vigils in Altar - Table of Oblation (2)

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

Votives in Altar

Safe Travels Don & Guliana Holobeny, Offered by Guliana

Vigil in Side Candle Holders (2)

In Memory Of Michael Stafiniak, Offered by Dorothy Stafiniak

Crosses

Many Years to All Parishioners on the 43rd Anniversary of
The Consecration of our Church

Vigils on the Tetrapod (2)

Happy Birthday Thomas Grammes

Vigils on Icon Table (2)

Happy Birthday Thomas Grammes

Vigils - Icon of the Virgin Mary (2)

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

Votives - Icon of the Virgin Mary

In Memory Of Michael Stafiniak, Offered by Dorothy Stafiniak

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

In Memory Of Michael Stafiniak, Offered by Children & Grandchildren

Votives - Icon of St. John the Baptist

In Memory Of Michael Stafiniak, Offered by Children & Grandchildren

Save the Date

On October 30th 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.

A Note of Thanks

Many thanks to my parish family for all of your prayers, phone calls, and cards. Your thoughtfulness is greatly appreciated. Hope to see everyone soon!

Catherine Miller

"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

A Note of Thanks

I want to thank my parish family for all the get well wishes and prayers. I really appreciate them. It's been a long struggle but I hope soon there will be light at the end of the tunnel.

With love in Christ
Mat. Pat

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!

ATTENTION!!

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

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!

Christmas Bazaar Baking and Pierogi Schedule

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



THE SAINT TIKHON CHOIR

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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GRAMMY®-Nominated Saint Tikhon Choir to Perform Benedict Sheehan's *Vespers* at First Presbyterian Church in Bethlehem

[South Canaan, PA] - The Saint Tikhon Choir is pleased to announce the world premiere concert series of Benedict Sheehan's modern masterwork *Vespers*, which will culminate at 4:00pm on November 13, 2022, at the First Presbyterian Church of Bethlehem. Two-time GRAMMY®-nominated conductor and composer Benedict Sheehan will lead the choir in this unique and powerful musical exploration that has been called, "luminous and uplifting" (*Choir & Organ*) and a work of "unique musical genius" (*Fanfare Magazine*).

Inspired by Rachmaninoff's *All-Night Vigil*, Sheehan's unique musical and linguistic expression expands the genre. He adorns full-length Psalms and hymns with a deep understanding of beauty, faith, and humanity.

The professional choristers of the Saint Tikhon Choir will be joined for this performance by specially selected students from the Lehigh Valley Charter High School for the Arts, along with their director David Macbeth, who is also organist and music director at First Presbyterian in Bethlehem.

The performance will feature solos by some of the country's leading vocal artists, including celebrated American basso profundo Glenn Miller, who will perform "The Song of Simeon", composed by Sheehan especially for him. The movement boasts some of the lowest notes ever written for a soloist.

For tickets and information, visit www.brownpapertickets.com/event/5584164

Benedict Sheehan

Two-time GRAMMY® nominee and American Prize-winner Benedict Sheehan has been called "a choral conductor and composer to watch in the 21st century" (*Concerto.Net*) and "a remarkable musician" (*Choral Journal*). He is Artistic Director and Founder of the Saint Tikhon Choir and Artefact Ensemble, and Director of Music at St. Tikhon's Monastery and Seminary in Pennsylvania. His works are published by Oxford University Press and others, and his award-winning choral recordings and performances have received widespread critical acclaim. Learn more at www.benedictsheehanmusic.com

The Saint Tikhon Choir

Founded with a mission to foster and build up the American Orthodox choral tradition at the highest artistic level, the twice GRAMMY®-Nominated Saint Tikhon Choir has been steadily breaking new ground since its inception in 2015. *Vespers* is the fourth recording released by the Saint Tikhon Choir. Past recordings include the *Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom*, which garnered a GRAMMY® nomination in 2022 for Best Choral Performance, and Kastalsky's *Requiem for Fallen Brothers*, in conjunction with the Kansas City Chorale, The Clarion Choir, the Cathedral Choral Society, soloists Anna Dennis and Joseph Beutel, and the Orchestra of Saint Luke's under the leadership of conductor Leonard Slatkin, which also received a GRAMMY® nomination in 2020 for Best Choral Performance. The Saint Tikhon Choir is the first professional ensemble associated with an Orthodox monastery in America. Learn more at www.sainttikhonchoir.org



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

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.