# **Divine Liturgy**

November 6, 2022

21st Sunday after Pentecost (7th of Luke)
St. Paul the Confessor, Archbishop of Constantinople





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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 November 6, 2022

**21st SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – Tone 4.** St. Paul the Confessor, Archbishop of Constantinople (350). Ven. Varlaam, Abbot of Khutyn' (Novgorod–1192). Ven. Luke, Steward of the Kiev Caves (Near Caves–13th c.). Repose of St. Herman, Archbishop of Kazan' (1567). Ven. Barlaam of Keret Lake (16th c.). Martyrs Tecusa, Alexandra, Claudia, Matrona, Polactia, Euphrosynē, and Athanasia, of Ancyra (3rd c.). Ven. Luke of Sicily (800-820).

## Fr. Nikolai's Office Hours

Monday, November 7<sup>th</sup> - Fr. Nikolai's Day Off Wednesday, November 9<sup>th</sup> - 12:00 pm - 5:00 pm Friday, November 11<sup>th</sup> - 9:00 am - 2:00 pm

# **Coffee Hour Today**

Coffee Hour today is hosted by The Bessman Family

There will be Choir Rehearsal following Coffee Hour.

# **Weekly & Upcoming Calendar**

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

**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

**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<sup>th</sup> 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

**Saturday, December 3** 4:30 pm - General Panikhida

5:00 pm - Great Vespers

**Sunday, December 4** 25<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

9:10 am - Reading of the Hours

9:30 am - Divine Liturgy

12:00 pm - Yolka

**Monday, December 5** Eve of St. Nicholas Day

6:00 pm - Great Vespers with Litia

Tuesday, December 6

St. Nicholas Day (Patronal Feast)
8:50 am - Reading of the Hours
9:00 am - Divine Liturgy

Saturday, December 10

10:00 am to 6:00 pm - Christmas Bazaar
6:00 pm - Great Vespers

Sunday, December 11

Sunday of the Forefathers
9:10 am - Reading of the Hours
9:30 am - Divine Liturgy

3:30 pm - Christmas Choir Concert

**Monday, December 12** Eve of St. Herman of Alaska 6:00 pm - Great Vespers with Litia

**Tuesday, December 13** St. Herman of Alaska

8:50 am - Reading of the Hours

9:00 am - Divine Liturgy

**Saturday, December 17** 5:00 pm - Great Vespers

**Sunday, December 18** Sunday before Nativity

9:10 am - Reading of the Hours

9:30 am - Divine Liturgy

**Friday, December 23** 9:00 am - Royal Hours

Saturday, December 24 Eve of Nativity

8:50 am - Reading of the Hours

9:00 am - Divine Liturgy

6:00 pm - Compline and Matins

**Sunday, December 25** Nativity of Our Lord, God and Savior, Jesus

Christ

9:10 am - Reading of the Hours

9:30 am - Festal Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the

Great

**Monday, December 26** Synaxis of the Mother of God

8:50 am - Reading of the Hours

9:00 am - Divine Liturgy

**Saturday, December 31** 5:00 pm - Great Vespers

**Sunday, January 1** St. Basil the Great/Circumcision of the Lord

9:10 am - Reading of the Hours

9:30 am - Divine Liturgy

**Thursday, January 5** Eve of Theophany

9:00 am - Royal Hours

6:00 pm - Theophany Compline with Blessing

of Waters

Friday, January 6 Theophany

8:50 am - Reading of the Hours 9:00 am - Festal Divine Liturgy

**Saturday, January 7** 4:30 pm - General Panikhida

5:00 pm - Great Vespers

**Sunday, January 8** Sunday after Theophany

9:10 am - Reading of the Hours

9:30 am - Divine Liturgy

# **Christmas Bazaar Baking and Pierogi Schedule**

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

Thursday, November 18 - roll baking 8:30 am

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

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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 3** Troparion (St. Paul)

For confessing the divine faith, among her priests the Church has shown thee to be another Paul. Abel cries out to the Lord together with thee, as does the righteous blood of Zachariah. Venerable Father, entreat Christ God to grant us His great mercy.

**Tone 4 Kontakion** (Resurrection)

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

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

Paul, thou hast shone on the earth like a star of heavenly splendor; now thou dost enlighten the universal Church for which thou didst suffer, for thou didst lay down thy life, and thy blood cries out to the Lord like that of Zachariah and Abel.

**Tone 4 Prokeimenon** (Resurrection)

O Lord, how manifold are Thy works; in wisdom hast Thou made them all. (Ps. 103:26)

Bless the Lord, O my soul! O Lord, my God, Thou art very great! (Ps. 103:1)

#### **Epistle**

Read by Tricia Metz

(Galatians 2:16-20) knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law but by faith in Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Christ Jesus, that we might be justified by faith in Christ and not by the works of the law; for by the works of the law no flesh shall be justified. But if, while we seek to be justified by Christ, we ourselves also are found sinners, is Christ therefore a minister of sin? Certainly not! For if I build again those things which I destroyed, I make myself a transgressor. For I through the law died to the law that I might live to God. I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.

#### Tone 4

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Go forth, prosper and reign, for the sake of meekness, righteousness and truth! (Ps. 44:3b)

For Thou lovest righteousness, and hatest iniquity. (Ps. 44:6)

## Gospel

(Luke 8:41-56) And behold, there came a man named Jairus, and he was a ruler of the synagogue. And he fell down at Jesus' feet and begged Him to come to his house, for he had an only daughter about twelve years of age, and she was dying. But as He went, the multitudes thronged Him. Now a woman, having a flow of blood for twelve years, who had spent all her livelihood on physicians

and could not be healed by any, came from behind and touched the border of His garment. And immediately her flow of blood stopped. And Jesus said, "Who touched Me?" When all denied it, Peter and those with him said, "Master, the multitudes throng and press You, and You say, 'Who touched Me?'" But Jesus said, "Somebody touched Me, for I perceived power going out from Me." Now when the woman saw that she was not hidden, she came trembling; and falling down before Him, she declared to Him in the presence of all the people the reason she had touched Him and how she was healed immediately. And He said to her, "Daughter, be of good cheer; your faith has made you well. Go in peace." While He was still speaking, someone came from the ruler of the synagogue's house, saying to him, "Your daughter is dead. Do not trouble the Teacher." But when Jesus heard it, He answered him, saying, "Do not be afraid; only believe, and she will be made well." When He came into the house, He permitted no one to go in except Peter, James, and John, and the father and mother of the girl. Now all wept and mourned for her; but He said, "Do not weep; she is not dead, but sleeping." And they ridiculed Him, knowing that she was dead. But He put them all outside, took her by the hand and called, saying, "Little girl, arise." Then her spirit returned, and she arose immediately. And He commanded that she be given something to eat. And her parents were astonished, but He charged them to tell no one what had happened.

#### **Communion Hymn**

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

# Candle Offerings for Sunday, November 6, 2022

## Vigils in Altar - Windowsill (2)

In Honor Of Fr. James' Birthday, Offered by Mat. Pat

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

In Honor Of Fr. James' Birthday, Offered by his children and grandchildren

#### **Votives in Altar**

In Honor Of Nicholas & Judith Lezinsky's Wedding Anniversary Offered by Nick & Judy

#### **Crosses**

Offered by Sarah and Peter Jubinski in honor of couples celebrating wedding anniversaries in November. Congratulations! May God grant us many blessed years of good health and happiness.

November 1 - Peter and Patricia Metz November 2 - Peter and Sarah Jubinski November 4 - Peter and Natalie Stepanoff November 9 - Nicholas and Judith Lezinsky November 11 - Joseph and Laura Eck November 12 - Happy Birthday Father Jim November 19 - Father James and Matushka Pat Mason November 19 - Paul and Lili Gaynor November 25 - Michael and Mary Dorosh

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

Happy Birthday Guliana Holobeny, Offered by Barb, Kyra & Gregory

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

In Memory Of Jack Monarek, Offered by Barb, Kyra & Gregory

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

In Memory Of Jack Monarek, Offered by Barb, Kyra & Gregory

# **Honoring Our Veterans**

On this Veterans Day 2022 we honor our men and women who so valiantly served in the United States Armed Forces. We pray for those on active duty and for those veterans who completed their tours of duty. We thank them and wish them God's blessings for many years.

### **Active Duty**

Reader, Lt. Daniel Holobeny, U. S. Air Force Jonathan Hontz, U.S. Navy

#### **Veterans**

V. Rev. James Mason, U.S. Navy

Subdeacon Michael Guydan, U.S. Air Force

Leo Tony Anicola, U.S. Air Force

Barry Bretz, U.S. Navy

Stephen Chromiak, U.S. Navy

Stephen Doncevic, U. S. Army

Michael Dorosh, U.S. Navy

Paul Dragovich, U.S. Marines

Donald Dudash, U.S. Army

Walter Grigoruk, U.S. Marines

Donna Haney, U.S. Navy

Andrew Hasenecz, U.S. Air Force

Michael Isbansky, U.S. Army

Joseph Kavchok, Jr. U.S. Air Force

William Keysock, U.S. Navy

Gary Kiechel, U.S. Army

Walter Logechnik - US Army

Michael Matsko, U.S. Navy

John Mikita, U.S. Navy

David Monarek, U.S. Marines

Joseph Pinkowicz, U. S. Army

William J. Potter, U.S. Air Force

Patric Shea, U.S. Marines

Michael Slivka, U.S. Air Force

Dorothy Stafiniak, U.S. Air Force

Wash Telepchak, U.S. Army

Keith Atlee, (4 years) ROTC

#### **DECEASED**

Further, we pray for those sons and daughters of our parish who have given their lives in battle and for those who served their tours of duty and have passed on to eternal rest. May their Memory Be Eternal.

# **Help Wanted!**

Traditionally, our annual Yolka St. Nicholas Day celebration (December 4) and coffee hour is hosted by our Sunday school. Since teachers are helping the students to prepare for their concert and to allow time for teachers/students to eat, we are asking for volunteers to help us setup, serve and clean up afterwards. We would appreciate your help. Please see Karen Gowarty with your intent: text 610-810-6290 email: kareng18020@gmail.com.

## **Poinsettias for Christmas**

If you wish to sponsor the Poinsettias that will decorate the church during the Nativity season, please sign up in the book at the candle desk. Red and White Poinsettias are available for a \$12.00 donation and may be taken home at the end of the Nativity Season.

# **3rd Quarter Treasurer's Report Summary**

July 2022	Income:	\$36,489.18
	Expenses:	\$26,741.84
	Net Revenue:	\$9,747.34
August 2022	Income:	\$23,778.01
	Expenses	\$38,806.33
	Net Revenue:	\$(15,028.32)
September 2022	Income:	\$57,500.45
	Expenses:	\$29,716.62
	Net Revenue:	\$27,783.83
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## A Note Of Thanks

Thank you so much for your generous contributions at the coffee hour hosted by the Choir on October 30<sup>th</sup>. We were able to raise \$1,200 to be put towards HVAC project. Thank you!

## A Note of Thanks

Words cannot express the appreciation and thanks to all for the prayers, cards, calls and gifts sent to me. They really brightened by days and reminded me of all the love and friendship I have felt over the past 50 plus years. I am getting stronger and spoiled by Michele and her family. Joe & Stephen have also been great. I am so blessed with a great family and friends.

Thank you and God bless you all.

Love in Christ, Dorothy Stafiniak

## A Note of Thanks

Thank you to The Pierogi Project for their generosity in covering the cost of new window treatments for the rectory! The old blinds in the rectory were in desperate need of replacement. Some were broken, some were falling off the wall, and some windows didn't have any blinds at all! The rectory is as much a part of St. Nicholas as our beloved church and we should keep it beautiful and maintained, as well.

Don't forget about the delicious hand pinched pierogies the dedicated women and men make every week... some say "best in the Lehigh Valley!" Call the Pierogi Hotline to place your order, only \$7.00/dozen. 610-867-0402 ext. 5

Thank you, again!

# **Lenten Pierogies**

Lenten (no eggs, no cheese) pierogies will be made Tuesday, November 29. If you would like to order lenten pierogies, please sign your name and the quantity on the clipboard by the phone in the kitchen. Cost is \$7.00 per dozen. Thank you.

# "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!

## **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 guestions. Thank you!

# 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

## **ATTENTION!!**

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

## **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!



#### FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Contact: Lydia Given

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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" (*ConcertoNet*) 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 <a href="https://www.benedictsheehanmusic.com">www.benedictsheehanmusic.com</a>

#### 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 <a href="https://www.sainttikhonchoir.org">www.sainttikhonchoir.org</a>

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, Amber Metz, 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 Witanek

**Handmaidens of God:** Alyssa Weaver and their unborn children, Lisa Metz, Molly Polacco, Tosha Roberts and their newborn children.

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