

Divine Liturgy

November 13, 2022

22nd Sunday after Pentecost (8th of Luke)

St. John Chrysostom, Archbishop of Constantinople



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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 November 13, 2022

22nd SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – Tone 5. St. John Chrysostom, Archbishop of Constantinople (407). Stockholm Icon of the Mother of God. Martyrs Nikēphóros, Antoninus, and Germanus of Caesarea, in Palestine (308). Martyr Manetha (307-8). Monastic Martyr Damascene (1681).

Fr. Nikolai's Office Hours

Monday, November 14th – Fr. Nikolai's Day Off
Wednesday, November 16th – 12:00 pm – 5:00 pm
Friday, November 18th – 9:00 am – 2:00 pm

Coffee Hour Today

Coffee Hour today is hosted by The Lungu Family

There will be Choir Rehearsal following Coffee Hour.

Weekly & Upcoming Calendar

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

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
Saturday, December 3	4:30 pm - General Panikhida
Sunday, December 4	5:00 pm - Great Vespers 25 th 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

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 5 Troparion *(Resurrection)*

Let us, the faithful, praise and worship the Word, co-eternal with the Father and the Spirit, born for our salvation from the Virgin; for He willed to be lifted up on the Cross in the flesh, to endure death, and to raise the dead by His glorious Resurrection.

Tone 8 Troparion *(St. John)*

Grace shining forth from thy lips like a beacon has enlightened the universe. It has shown to the world the riches of poverty. It has revealed to us the heights of humility. Teaching us by thy words O Father John Chrysostom, intercede before the Word Christ our God, to save our souls!

Tone 5 Kontakion *(Resurrection)*

Thou didst descend into hell, O my Savior, shattering its gates as Almighty, resurrecting the dead as Creator, and destroying the sting of death. Thou hast delivered Adam from the curse, O Lover of man, and we cry to Thee: "O Lord, save us!"

Tone 6 Kontakion *(St. John)*

Having received divine grace from heaven, with thy mouth thou dost teach all men to worship one God in Trinity. All-blessed and venerable John Chrysostom, we worthily praise thee, for thou art our teacher, revealing things divine.

Tone 5 Prokeimenon *(Resurrection)*

Thou, O Lord, shalt protect us and preserve us from this generation forever.
(Ps. 11:7)

Save me, O Lord, for there is no longer any that is godly! (Ps. 11:1a)

Tone 1 Prokeimenon (St. John)

My mouth shall speak wisdom; the meditation of my heart shall be understanding. *(Ps. 48:3)*

Epistle

Read by Reader Matthew Lezinsky

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

(Hebrews 7:26-8:2 (St. John)) For such a High Priest was fitting for us, who is holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners, and has become higher than the heavens; who does not need daily, as those high priests, to offer up sacrifices, first for his own sins and then for the people's, for this He did once for all when He offered up Himself. For the law appoints as high priests men who have weakness, but the word of the oath, which came after the law, appoints the Son who has been perfected forever. Now this is the main point of the things we are saying: We have such a High Priest, who is seated at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in the heavens, a Minister of the sanctuary and of the true tabernacle which the Lord erected, and not man.

Tone 5

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

I will sing of Thy mercies, O Lord, forever; with my mouth I will proclaim Thy truth from generation to generation. (Ps. 88:1-2)

For Thou hast said: Mercy will be established forever; Thy truth will be prepared in the heavens. (Ps. 88:3)

Tone 2

The mouth of the righteous meditates wisdom and his tongue speaks of judgment. (Ps. 36:31)

Gospel

(Luke 10:25-37) And behold, a certain lawyer stood up and tested Him, saying, "Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" He said to him, "What is written in the law? What is your reading of it?" So he answered and said, "'You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind,' and 'your neighbor as yourself.'" And He said to him, "You have answered rightly; do this and you will live." But he, wanting to justify himself, said to Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" Then Jesus answered and said: "A certain man went down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell among thieves, who stripped him of his clothing, wounded him, and departed, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a certain priest came down that road. And when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. Likewise a Levite, when he arrived at the place, came and looked, and passed by on the other side. But a certain Samaritan, as he journeyed, came where he was. And when he saw him, he had compassion. So he went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine; and he set him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. On the next day, when he departed, he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said to him, 'Take care of him; and whatever more you spend, when I come again, I will repay you.' So which of these three do you think was neighbor to him who fell among the thieves?" And he said, "He who showed mercy on him." Then Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

(John 10:9-16 (St. John)) I am the door. If anyone enters by Me, he will be saved, and will go in and out and find pasture. The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly. I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd gives His life for the sheep. But a hireling, he who is not the shepherd, one who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees; and the wolf catches the sheep and scatters them. The hireling flees because he is a hireling and does not care about the sheep. I am the good shepherd; and I know My sheep, and am known by My own. As the Father knows Me, even so I know the Father; and I lay down My life for the sheep. And other sheep I have which are not of this fold; them also I must bring, and they will hear My voice; and there will be one flock and one shepherd.

Communion Hymn

Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest! *(Ps. 148:1)*
The righteous shall be in everlasting remembrance. He shall not fear evil tidings. *(Ps. 111:6)*
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Candle Offerings for Sunday, November 13, 2022

Crosses

Happy Birthday Joe Pinkowicz, Offered by Ann Marie & Barry Bretz

Vigils - Icon of the Virgin Mary (2)

Happy Birthday Barbara Monarek, Offered by Gregory & Kyra Monarek

Votives - Icon of the Virgin Mary

Happy Birthday Susan Nielsen, Offered by Barb, Kyra & Greg Monarek

Upcoming Parish Council Meeting

Parish Council Meeting - Wednesday, November 17th, at 7:00 pm.

Some may not know, but Council Meetings are open to all Parishioners to observe. If you wish to attend, please let Fr. Nikolai or Jen know, so we know to expect you.

A Note of Thanks

To my parish family:

I would like to thank you all for your prayers, compassion, and assistance throughout my recent injury and sickness over the past year. It was a very difficult time for me and you all helped make it a lot easier for me. You are all in my prayers and I would like to wish you all a very joyous Lenten season and Feast of the Nativity.

Deacon Geoffrey

Change of Address

Betty Fedora's new permanent address:

Mrs. Elizabeth Fedora

Atria Bethlehem

1745 W. Macada Rd, Room 319

Bethlehem, PA 18017

Betty's Phone Number remains 610-868-8166

Save the Date!

On Sunday, November 27, 2022, Peter Lezinsky & the Lezinsky Family will host the coffee hour after the Divine Liturgy, in support of the Gettysburg Mission Church. For more information about the Gettysburg Mission Church, please see the enclosed flyer. Please plan to give generously to support this growing Orthodox Christian community.

Slavic Celebration Wrap Up Meeting

On Wednesday, November 9, 2022 we were able to have our wrap up meeting. I would like to thank everyone involved and who worked to make this a successful event. Thank you to all who baked and added to our success.

Total amount brought in \$30,981.00

Expenses. \$5,905.52

Total Net. \$25,075.48

Thank you to everyone who participated. May God bless you and grant you many years.

Judith Lezinsky

A Note of Thanks

Thank You Everyone,

What a relief, I just got the PICC line removed this afternoon (Monday) and I am looking forward to coming back to "work". I want to thank everyone for the kind phone calls, cards and personal contacts I received during the last 6 weeks. It always keep me grounded knowing our St. Nicholas Parish family is with me in prayers and love.

With love in Christ and heartfelt gratitude,
Patty Felix

A Note Of Thanks

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

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.

Giving Tree

On the Holiday tree in the vestibule, you will find tags for residents of Northampton County (children, youth, elderly adults and persons with mental health diagnosis). **Please select a tag and remove only the bottom portion of the tag.** The tag will indicate the gender, age, and suggestion for a Christmas Gift. These suggestions come from County Caseworkers or from a wish shared by the individual to the caseworker. Please bring your gift unwrapped in a gift bag or a bag to contain/separate your item from the others when placed in the large collection box in the vestibule. Please ensure that the bottom half of the tag is firmly attached to the gift(s). (If wrapped IT WILL BE OPENED!) **Gifts are due in by 12/11** -no exception, as the gifts will be distributed 12/23 and 12/24.

Some general guidelines: Do not wrap your gift. (Gift bags are welcomed) Please do not include any weapons or sharp items in your gift. Please note that because Northampton County is ultimately responsible for distributing gifts they cannot distribute religious materials; please refrain from including such items as they will be removed. Your participation is truly appreciated by the County staff. Often the County staff reports that this project can make a difficult situation for child, elderly person, or person with a disability more tolerable by the GIFT OF KINDNESS. **Thank you in advance.**

3rd Quarter Treasurer's Report Summary

July 2022	Income:	\$36,489.18
	Expenses:	\$26,741.84
	<u>Net Revenue:</u>	<u>\$9,747.34</u>
August 2022	Income:	\$23,778.01
	Expenses	\$38,806.33
	<u>Net Revenue:</u>	<u>\$(15,028.32)</u>
September 2022	Income:	\$57,500.45
	Expenses:	\$29,716.62
	<u>Net Revenue:</u>	<u>\$27,783.83</u>

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.

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

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.

Coffee Hour Hosts Needed

There are several open coffee hour days in the upcoming months. Please consider signing up if you haven't hosted in the past! There are copies of the guidelines for hosting coffee hour available in the signup book at the candle desk if you are not familiar with what to do. Contact Lori Lezinsky if you need help or have questions. Thank you!

"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 last Sunday in November.**

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!

ATTENTION!!

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

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!

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 Witaneck

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.