

Divine Liturgy

November 20, 2022

23rd Sunday after Pentecost (9th of Luke)

Forefeast of the Entrance into the Temple



SAINT NICHOLAS
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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 November 20, 2022

23rd SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – Tone 6. Forefeast of the Entry Into the Temple of the Most-holy Theotokos. Ven. Gregory Decapolites (816). St. Proclus, Archbishop of Constantinople (446-447). Ven. Diodorus, Abbot of Yuregórsk (1633). Martyr Dasius of Dorostorum (3rd c.). Martyrs Eustace, Thespesius, and Anatolius of Nicea (312). Hieromartyrs Nerses and Joseph; John, Saverius, Isaac, and Hypatius, Bishops of Persia; Martyrs Azades the Eunuch, Savonius, Thecla, Anna, and many other men and women who suffered in Persia (343).

Fr. Nikolai's Office Hours

Wednesday, November 23rd – 12:00 pm – 5:00 pm
Friday, November 25th – Fr. Nikolai's Day Off

Coffee Hour Today

Coffee Hour today is hosted by The Metz & Kahl Families

There will be Choir Rehearsal following Coffee Hour.

Weekly & Upcoming Calendar

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

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
Thursday, November 24	9:00 am - Thanksgiving Day Moleben
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
	5:00 pm - Great Vespers
Sunday, December 4	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
	7:00 pm - Parish Council Meeting
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

Monday, November 21 - Cut out cookie baking starting at 9:00 am (Please come to help for the day or just a few hours. Also - please bring red & green sugar crystal sprinkles if you are able.)

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

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Tone 6 Troparion *(Resurrection)*

The Angelic Powers were at Thy tomb; the guards became as dead men. Mary stood by Thy grave, seeking Thy most pure body. Thou didst capture hell not being tempted by it. Thou didst come to the Virgin, granting life. O Lord, Who didst rise from the dead, glory to Thee.

Tone 4 Troparion *(Forefeast)*

Today Anna bequeaths joy to all instead of sorrow, by bringing forth her fruit, the only ever-Virgin. In fulfillment of her vow, today with joy she brings to the temple of the Lord the true temple and pure Mother of God the Word.

Tone 6 Kontakion *(Resurrection)*

When Christ God, the Giver of Life, raised all of the dead from the valleys of misery with His mighty hand, He bestowed resurrection on the human race. He is the Savior of all, the Resurrection, the Life, and the God of all.

Tone 4 Kontakion *(Forefeast)*

Today the universe is filled with joy at the glorious feast of the Mother of God, and cries out: "She is the heavenly tabernacle."

Tone 6 Prokeimenon *(Resurrection)*

O Lord, save Thy people, and bless Thine inheritance! *(Ps. 27:9a)*

To Thee, O Lord, will I call. O my God, be not silent to me! (Ps. 27:1a)

Epistle

Read by Tricia Metz

(Ephesians 2:4-10) But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), and raised us up together, and made us sit together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, that in the ages to come He might show the exceeding riches of His grace in His kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast. For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.

Tone 6

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

He who dwelleth in the shelter of the Most High will abide in the shadow of the heavenly God. (Ps. 90:1)

He will say to the Lord: "My Protector and my Refuge; my God, in Whom I trust." (Ps. 90:2)

Gospel

(Luke 12:16-21) Then He spoke a parable to them, saying: "The ground of a certain rich man yielded plentifully. And he thought within himself, saying, 'What shall I do, since I have no room to store my crops?' So he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build greater, and there I will store all my crops and my goods. 'And I will say to my soul, "Soul, you have many goods laid up for many years; take your ease; eat, drink, and be merry.'" But God said to him, 'Fool! This night your soul will be required of you; then whose will those things be which you have provided?' So is he who lays up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God."

Communion Hymn

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

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Candle Offerings for Sunday, November 20, 2022

Vigils in Altar - Windowsill (2)

For Health Of Fr. James & Mat. Pat on their 61st Wedding Anniversary
Offered by Mat. Pat

Vigils on the Tetrapod (2)

For Health Of Joan Stetz, Offered by Bill & Sandi Keysock

Vigils - Icon of the Virgin Mary (2)

Happy Birthday Anna & Alexandra Vansuch, Offered by Mat. Fran Vansuch

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

Happy Birthday Susan Nielsen, Offered by Bill & Sandi Keysock

Flowers to Adorn the Icon of The Entry of the Theotokos into the Temple

In Memory Of Mary, Elizabeth, Robert & William
Offered by Peter & Patricia Metz

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. Checks can be made payable to: Gettysburg Orthodox Christian Mission.

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 keeps me grounded knowing our St. Nicholas Parish family is with me in prayers and love.

With love in Christ and heartfelt gratitude,
Patty Felix

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.

Grocery Card Donation

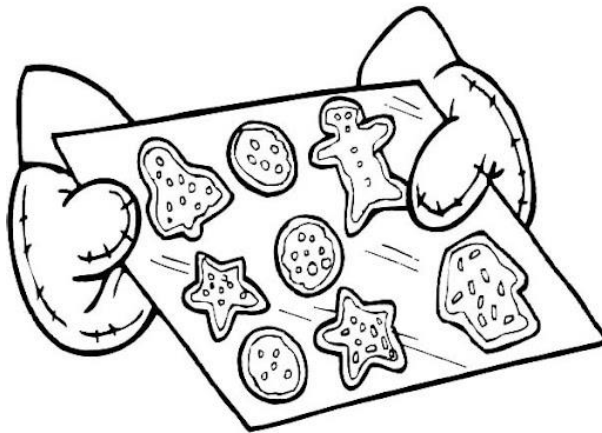
Please consider purchasing a Grocery Store card from Judy Lezinsky to benefit a child, family, or elderly person in emergency need of food in Northampton County. During the holiday season and throughout the upcoming new year, these cards are given to those Northampton County residents in urgent need of food. These cards are equally distributed to **Northampton County Area on Aging, Children, Youth, and Families, and Emergency Services Caseworkers** for emergency use when food pantries are not open. Any contribution is GREATLY appreciated as this purchase goes entirely to someone in need! Thank you in advance. (Due by 12/11/2022)

It's time again for COOKIES!!!

We will be making cookie trays to sell at the Christmas Bazaar and would appreciate your help.

- 🍪 Please make at least 3 dozen cookies (more is totally fine)
- 🍪 Notify Joann Brusko or Jean Jubinski what kind you would like to make (We would like to prevent duplicate flavors)
- 🍪 Please bring in your cookies in sealed containers/bags by 10:00 am on Wednesday, December 7, 2022. (Starting Sunday, December 4 there will be a rack in the Church Hall for cookies.)
- 🍪 Please no cookies that have to be refrigerated.

Thank you!!!



St. Nicholas Russian Orthodox Church

A Cappella Choir

Presents

Orthodox Hymns and Christmas Carols



Sunday, December 11, 2022
3:30 p.m.

980 Bridle Path Road
Bethlehem, PA 18017

Fellowship & Refreshments following the concert.
For additional information please call 610-868-9468

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.**

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.

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 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, 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.