

Divine Liturgy

November 27, 2022

24th Sunday after Pentecost (10th of Luke)

Greatmartyr Jacob (James) the Persian



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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 27, 2022

24th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – Tone 7. Greatmartyr James the Persian (421). Ven. Palladius of Thessalonica (6th-7th c.). St. Jacob the Wonderworker, Bishop of Rostov (1392). Uncovering of the Relics of St. Vsévolod (Gabriel) of Pskov (1192). Seventeen Monastic Martyrs in India (4th c.). St. Romanus the Wonderworker (5th c.). Repose of Ven. Diodorus, Abbot of Yuriev Monastery (Solovétsky Monastery–1633). Commemoration of the Weeping Icon of the Mother of God, called “ZNAMENIYE” (“THE SIGN”) at Novgorod in 1170, and the other Icons of the Mother of God, “OF THE SIGN”: the “KURSK-ROOT” (1295), “ABALATSKAYA” (1637), and others.

Fr. Nikolai’s Office Hours

Monday, November 28th – Fr. Nikolai’s day off
Wednesday, November 30th – 12:00 pm – 5:00 pm
Friday, December 2nd – 9:00 am – 2:00 pm

Coffee Hour Today

Coffee Hour today is hosted by Peter Lezinsky to benefit
The Gettysburg Mission Church

TODAY!

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.

There will be Choir Rehearsal following Coffee Hour.

Weekly & Upcoming Calendar

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

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
Tuesday, December 13	7:00 pm - Parish Council Meeting 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 30 - pierogi making 6:30 AM - Noon

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Tone 7 Troparion *(Resurrection)*

By Thy Cross Thou didst destroy death. To the thief Thou didst open Paradise. For the Myrrhbearers Thou didst change weeping into joy, and Thou didst command Thy disciples, O Christ God, to proclaim that Thou art risen, granting the world great mercy.

Tone 4 Troparion *(St. James)*

Long-suffering James, thou didst astound all by enduring horrible tortures with great patience. As the evil assembly performed the slaughter, thou didst utter prayers of thanksgiving to the Lord. Through thy sufferings thou didst receive thy crown, and didst come to the throne of the heavenly King, Christ God. Entreat Him to save our souls!

Tone 7 Kontakion *(Resurrection)*

The dominion of death can no longer hold men captive, for Christ descended, shattering and destroying its powers. Hell is bound, while the Prophets rejoice and cry: "The Savior has come to those in faith; enter, you faithful, into the Resurrection!"

Tone 2 Kontakion *(St. James)*

Thou didst listen to thy faithful wife and didst contemplate the judgment of God, holy James; thou didst despise the threats and commands of the Persians, accepting the cutting of thy body as though thou wast a vine. Therefore thou wast revealed as a martyr worthy of honor.

Tone 7 Prokeimenon (Resurrection)

The Lord shall give strength to His people. The Lord shall bless His people with peace. (Ps. 28:11)

Offer to the Lord, O you sons of God! Offer young rams to the Lord! (Ps. 28:1a)

Epistle

Read by Reader Nicholas Lezinsky

(Ephesians 2:14-22) For He Himself is our peace, who has made both one, and has broken down the middle wall of separation, having abolished in His flesh the enmity, that is, the law of commandments contained in ordinances, so as to create in Himself one new man from the two, thus making peace, and that He might reconcile them both to God in one body through the cross, thereby putting to death the enmity. And He came and preached peace to you who were afar off and to those who were near. For through Him we both have access by one Spirit to the Father. Now, therefore, you are no longer strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief cornerstone, in whom the whole building, being fitted together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord, in whom you also are being built together for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit.

Tone 7

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

It is good to give thanks to the Lord, to sing praises to Thy Name, O Most High. (Ps. 91:1)

To declare Thy mercy in the morning, and Thy truth by night. (Ps. 91:2a)

Gospel

(Luke 13:10-17) Now He was teaching in one of the synagogues on the Sabbath. And behold, there was a woman who had a spirit of infirmity eighteen years, and was bent over and could in no way raise herself up. But when Jesus saw her, He called her to Him and said to her, "Woman, you are loosed from your infirmity." And He laid His hands on her, and immediately she was made straight, and glorified God. But the ruler of the synagogue answered with indignation, because Jesus had healed on the Sabbath; and he said to the crowd, "There are six days on which men ought to work; therefore come and be healed on them, and not on the Sabbath day." The Lord then answered him and said, "Hypocrite! Does not each one of you on the Sabbath loose his ox or donkey from the stall, and lead it away to water it? So ought not this woman, being a daughter of Abraham, whom Satan has bound - think of it - for eighteen years, be loosed from this bond on the Sabbath?" And when He said these things, all His adversaries were put to shame; and all the multitude rejoiced for all the glorious things that were done by Him.

Communion Hymn

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

Candle Offerings for Sunday, November 27, 2022

Crosses

In Memory Of Henry Bretz

Offered by Barry & Ann Marie Bretz

Vigils - Icon of the Virgin Mary (2)

In Memory Of James Bartos

Offered by Fran & Mike Slivka

Vigil of St. Michael (1)

In Memory Of Michael Bzik

Offered by The Bzik Family

St. Nicholas Day Yolka Coffee Hour Collection

Sunday School is hosting the annual St. Nicholas Day Yolka Coffee hour. Our advent donation collection will be offered to benefit of St. John Chrysostom Academy. Please be as generous as you are able in support of our very own local Orthodox Christian school, which also benefits some of the children in our parish who are students of the school. If you wish to make a donation by personal check, you may make it out to the school. Thank you so much for your generosity and support.

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

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.

ATTENTION!!

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

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)

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!

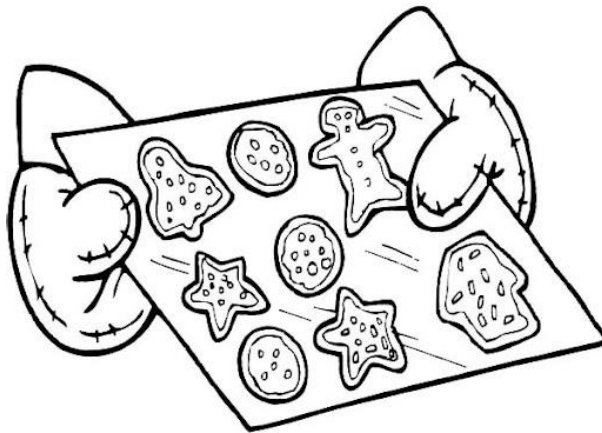
If you are planning to make a cash donation, please do so as soon as possible (no later than Sunday, November 27, 2022) so that we have an opportunity to shop and prepare a basket using those funds. All donated baskets must be brought to the church by noon on Sunday, December 4, 2022. If you have any questions or would like to make a donation, please contact Jennifer Bzik. Thank you so much for your support!

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.

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.