

Divine Liturgy

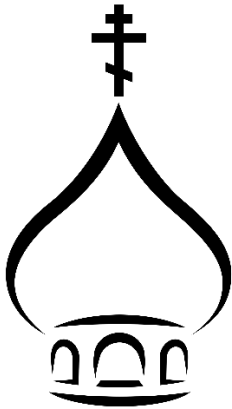
December 4, 2022

25th Sunday after Pentecost (11th of Luke)

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Ven. John of Damascus

**Glorification of New Hieromartyr Protopresbyter Alexander Hotovitzky,
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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 December 4, 2022

25th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – Tone 8. Glorification of Hieromartyr Protopresbyter Alexander (Hotovitzky) (1994). Greatmartyr Barbara and Martyr Juliana, at Heliopolis in Syria (ca. 306). Ven. John of Damascus (776). St. John, Bishop of Polybotum (8th c.).

Fr. Nikolai's Office Hours

Wednesday, December 7th - 12:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Thursday, December 8th - Fr. Nikolai's day off

Friday, December 9th - 9:00 am - 2:00 pm

Coffee Hour Today

Coffee Hour today is hosted by The Heitzenrater Family

There will be Choir Rehearsal following Coffee Hour.

Weekly & Upcoming Calendar

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

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

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Tone 8 Troparion *(Resurrection)*

Thou didst descend from on high, O Merciful One! Thou didst accept the three day burial to free us from our sufferings! O Lord, our Life and Resurrection, glory to Thee!

Tone 8 Troparion *(St. Barbara)*

Let us honor the holy Martyr Barbara, for, as a bird, she escaped the snares of the Enemy, and destroyed them through the help and defense of the Cross!

Tone 8 Kontakion *(Resurrection)*

By rising from the tomb, Thou didst raise the dead and resurrect Adam. Eve exults in Thy Resurrection, and the world celebrates Thy rising from the dead, O greatly Merciful One!

Tone 4 Kontakion *(St. Barbara)*

Singing the praises of the Trinity, thou didst follow God by enduring suffering; thou didst renounce the multitude of idols, O holy martyr Barbara. In thy struggles, thou wast not frightened by the threats of thy torturers, but cried out in a loud voice: "I worship the Trinity in one Godhead."

Tone 8 Prokeimenon *(Resurrection)*

Pray and make your vows before the Lord, our God! *(Ps. 75:10a)*
In Judah God is known; His Name is great in Israel. (Ps. 75:1)

Epistle

Read by Reader Aidan Hintermaier

(Ephesians 4:1-6) I, therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you to walk worthy of the calling with which you were called, with all lowliness and gentleness, with longsuffering, bearing with one another in love, endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called in one hope of your calling; one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all.

Tone 8

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Come, let us rejoice in the Lord! Let us make a joyful noise to God our Savior! (Ps. 94:1)

Let us come before His face with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise! (Ps. 94:2)

Gospel

(Luke 17:12-19) Then as He entered a certain village, there met Him ten men who were lepers, who stood afar off. And they lifted up their voices and said, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" So when He saw them, He said to them, "Go, show yourselves to the priests." And so it was that as they went, they were cleansed. And one of them, when he saw that he was healed, returned, and with a loud voice glorified God, and fell down on his face at His feet, giving Him thanks. And he was a Samaritan. So Jesus answered and said, "Were there not ten cleansed? But where are the nine? Were there not any found who returned to give glory to God except this foreigner? And He said to him, "Arise, go your way. Your faith has made you well."

Communion Hymn

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

Candle Offerings for Sunday, December 4, 2022

Vigils in Altar - Table of Oblation (2)

In Honor Of Nicholas & Grandpa's Name's Day, Offered by Baba

Vigils in Altar - Side Table (2)

Happy Birthday Mary Dorosh, Offered by Nick & Judy

Votives in Altar

In Memory Of Victoria's Parents, Offered by Victoria Dimonie

Votives in Iconostas

In Honor Of Nicholas Bzik's Name Day, Offered by Mommy, Daddy & Lydia

Crosses

In Memory Of Victoria's Parents, Offered by Victoria Dimonie

Vigils on the Tetrapod (2)

In Memory Of Mary Dranichak, Offered by Daughters Nancy & Julianna

Vigils on Icon Table (2)

In Memory Of Mary Dranichak, Offered by Daughters Nancy & Julianna

Votives - Icon of the Virgin Mary

Happy Birthday Miss Mary, Offered by Sophia & Jacob

Vigil of St. Michael (1)

In Memory Of Michael Goth, Offered by Michael Metz

Vigil of St. Andrew (1)

In Memory Of Michael Goth, Offered by Michael Metz

Flowers to Adorn the Icon of St. Nicholas the Wonderworker

For Health Of Nicholas, Austin, Tim, Offered by Stephanie Pasquel

Offering Envelopes

Parish Donation Envelopes are now available. Starting this year, we are returning to our former practice of giving a box of envelopes that cover the entire year. This saves us money, and allows people to more easily plan their entire year of giving well in advance, if they so choose.

Please pick your box up at the candle desk!

Upcoming Parish Council Meeting

Parish Council Meeting - Monday, December 12, at 7:00 pm (following Great Vespers)

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.

Theophany Eve Supper

We're looking for a host for the annual strict lenten supper traditionally held on Theophany Eve. If you are interested in hosting, please contact Lori Lezinsky or Jennifer Bzik.

Request for Annual Church Organization Reports

Please note that all Church Organization Reports must be submitted to the Administrative Assistant by January 15, 2022 in order to prepare the packets for the Annual Parish Assembly. Packets will be distributed to parishioners from the candle desk beginning on January 29, 2022 for their review prior to the meeting on February 19, 2022.

A Note of Thanks

Thank you to the parishioners and organizations of St. Nicholas Parish. I cannot thank you enough for your generosity for the Gettysburg Mission. I am overwhelmed by your donations. I am able to give the Gettysburg Mission over \$4000.00 in donations. This will help our parish grow. May God bless each and everyone of you. Thank you again from the bottom of my heart.

Mnohya Leyta
Yours In Christ,
Peter Lezinsky

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.

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.

ATTENTION!!

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

Remember Our Homebound

As of 12/01/2022

Kathleen Berge - 2 Gracedale Ave, Tower #6, Nazareth, PA 18064

Fr. Thomas & Mat. Evelyn Edwards - 4052 Lehigh Drive, Northampton, PA 18067

Mrs. Elizabeth Fedora - Atria Bethlehem, 1745 W. Macada Rd, Room 319, Bethlehem, PA 18017

Mrs. Olga Frimenko - 2205 Jennings Street, Bethlehem, PA 18017

Mr. Walter Grigoruk - Sacred Heart Senior Living by Saucon Creek, 4851 Saucon Creek Rd, Center Valley, PA 18034, Attn: Walter Grigoruk, Room 330

Subdeacon Michael (Frank) & Michele Guydan - 3045 Oak Hills Drive, Northampton, PA 18067-9583

Mr. Andrew Hasenecz - 315 Balleck Road, Riegelsville, PA 18077-9606

Mr. Michael Isbansky - 2022 Arlington Street, Bethlehem, PA 18017-4879

Ms. Mary Koretski - 3060 West Blvd, Apt. A, Bethlehem, PA 18017

Mrs. Antoinette Lebeduik - 832 Wellington Road, Manchester, NH 03104

Mrs. Michele Lovell - PO Box 20031, Lehigh Valley, PA 18002-0031

Ms. Nancy Sabol - 2443 Black River Road #4, Bethlehem, PA 18015

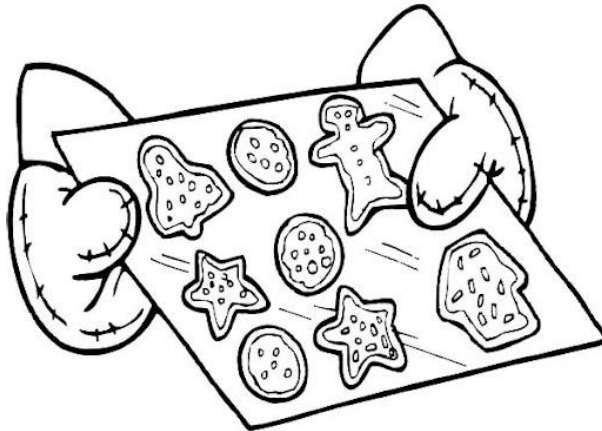
Mrs. Julia Smolenski - Easton Manor Care, 2600 Northampton St. Room 201A, Easton, PA 18045

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!!!





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Christmas Bazaar **Pierogi & Bake Sale**

Saturday, December 10, 2022 from 10:00am - 6:00pm

EAT IN OR TAKE OUT

Ethnic Food

Halupki • Pierogi • Potato Pancakes
Halushki • Turkey Sandwiches
Pelmeni Soup (sirloin steak dumplings)
Borscht Soup (red beet soup)
Coffee, Tea, Soda

Bake Sale

Homemade Baked Goods Like:
Rolls • Kiffles • Cakes • Paskas
Assorted Cookie Trays
Holiday Treats

Holiday Shopping

Treasures of Russia (Russian Gifts, Jewelry, Icons, and Devotional Items)
Mom's Kitchen (Homemade Candies, Chocolates and Fudge)
DW Creations (Wreaths and Home Décor)
Wunderler's Creations for Kids
Basket Raffle

**COME BACK ON SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11 AT 3:30PM FOR OUR ANNUAL
ACAPELLA CHRISTMAS CHOIR CONCERT.**

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

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)

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.**

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: Amanda Riley, Kaylee Rile, 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.