

Divine Liturgy

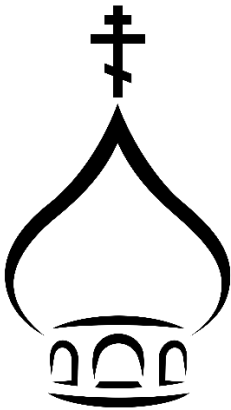
February 5, 2023

34th Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday of the Publican and the Pharisee

Afterfeast of the Meeting

[Beginning of the Lenten Triodion]



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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 February 5, 2023

SUNDAY OF THE PUBLICAN AND THE PHARISEE – Tone 1. Afterfeast of the Meeting. Repose of St. Theodosius of Chernígov (1696). Beginning of the Lenten Triodion. Holy Martyr Agatha of Palermo in Sicily (251). Martyr Theodula of Anazarbus in Cilicia, and with her Martyrs Helladius, Macarius and Evagrius (ca. 304). Icon of the Mother of God “Seeker of the Perishing”.

Fr. Nikolai’s Office Hours

Monday, February 6th - Fr. Nikolai's Day Off
Wednesday, February 8th - 12:00 am - 5:00 pm
Friday, February 10th - 9:00 am - 1:00 pm

Coffee Hour Today

Today’s coffee hour is hosted by Pat Grammes

Weekly & Upcoming Calendar

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

Saturday, February 4	4:30 pm - General Panikhida 5:00 pm - Great Vespers
Sunday, February 5	Publican & Pharisee 9:10 - Reading of the Hours 9:30 - Divine Liturgy
Saturday, February 11	5:00 pm - Great Vespers
Sunday, February 12	Prodigal Son 9:10 - Reading of the Hours 9:30 - Divine Liturgy
Thursday, February 16	St. Nicholas of Japan 8:50 am - Reading of the Hours 9:00 am - Divine Liturgy

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Tone 1 Troparion *(Resurrection)*

When the stone had been sealed by the Jews, while the soldiers were guarding Thy most pure body, Thou didst rise on the third day, O Savior, granting life to the world. The powers of heaven therefore cried to Thee, O Giver of Life: "Glory to Thy Resurrection, O Christ! Glory to Thy Kingdom! Glory to Thy dispensation, O Thou Who lovest mankind!"

Tone 1 Troparion *(Feast)*

Rejoice, O Virgin Theotokos, Full of Grace! From thee shone the Sun of Righteousness, Christ our God, enlightening those who sat in darkness. Rejoice and be glad, O righteous Elder, thou didst accept in thine arms the Redeemer of our souls, Who grants us the Resurrection!

Tone 4 Kontakion *(from the Lenten Triodion)*

Let us flee from the pride of the Pharisee! Let us learn humility from the Publican's tears! Let us cry to our Savior: "Have mercy on us, O only merciful One!"

Tone 1 Kontakion *(Feast)*

By Thy Nativity Thou didst sanctify the Virgin's womb and didst bless Simeon's hands, O Christ God. Now Thou hast come and saved us through love. Grant peace to all Orthodox Christians, O only Lover of Man!

Tone 1 Prokeimenon *(Resurrection)*

Let Thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us as we have set our hope on Thee! *(Ps. 32:22)*

Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous! Praise befits the just! (Ps. 32:1)

Tone 3 Prokeimenon *(Song of the Theotokos)*

My soul doth magnify the Lord, and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Savior.
(Lk. 1:46-47)

Epistle

Read by Reader Matthew Lezinsky

(2 Timothy 3:10-15) But you have carefully followed my doctrine, manner of life, purpose, faith, longsuffering, love, perseverance, persecutions, afflictions, which happened to me at Antioch, at Iconium, at Lystra - what persecutions I endured. And out of them all the Lord delivered me. Yes, and all who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will suffer persecution. But evil men and impostors will grow worse and worse, deceiving and being deceived. But you must continue in the things which you have learned and been assured of, knowing from whom you have learned them, and that from childhood you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.

Tone 1

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

God gives vengeance unto me, and subdues people under me. (Ps. 17:48)

He magnifies the salvation of the King and deals mercifully with David, His anointed, and his seed forever. (Ps. 17:51)

Tone 8

Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace, according to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation! (Luke 2:29)

Gospel

(Luke 18:10-14) "Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, 'God, I thank You that I am not like other men - extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even as this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I possess.' And the tax collector, standing afar off, would not so much as raise his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, 'God, be merciful to me a sinner!' I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other; for everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted."

(Instead of "It is truly meet...", we sing:)

Tone 3

○ Virgin Theotokos, hope of all Christians, protect, preserve, and save those who hope in thee!

In the shadow and letter of the Law, let us the faithful discern a figure: every male [child] that opens the womb is holy to God. Therefore we magnify the firstborn Word of the Father Who has no beginning, the Son firstborn of a Mother who had not known man.

Communion Hymn

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

I will receive the cup of salvation and call on the Name of the Lord. *(Ps. 115:4)*

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Candle Offerings for Sunday, February 5, 2023

Vigils in Altar - Windowsill (2)

In Memory Of Ludmilla Stepanoff

Offered by Jocelyn, Grandkids & Greatgrandkids

Vigils in Altar - Table of Oblation (2)

Happy Birthday Nicholas Florenz,

Offered by Uncle Matthew, Aunt Lori, Sophia & Jacob

Vigils in Altar - Side Table (2)

Happy Birthday Nicholas Florenz, Offered by Grandpa & Baba

Votives in Altar

In Memory Of Mat. Maryann Oselinsky, Offered by Fr. James & Mat. Pat

Vigils - Icon of the Virgin Mary (2)

In Memory Of Marianne Blachinski, Offered by Bill & Sandi Keysock

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

In Memory of Anna Kanerva, Offered by Barb, Kyra and Gregory

Votives - Icon of St. John the Baptist

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Vigils on North Wall Window Sill (3)

Happy Anniversary Carmen & Moses Hodson

Offered by Mike & Shirley Isbansky



The Orthodox Church in America
DIOCESE OF PHILADELPHIA AND EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA
The Most Rev. Mark, Archbishop of Philadelphia

February 2, 2023

St. Nicholas Church
980 Bridle Path Rd
Bethlehem, PA 18017

Dear Fr. Nikolai and faithful,

Christ is in our midst! He is and shall be. Thank you once again for hosting the 59th Diocesan Assembly of the Diocese of Philadelphia and Eastern Pennsylvania. Your hospitality and warm welcome are a reflection on you and the faithful of the whole parish. Clergy remarked it was the best Assembly they attended in their priesthood.

The environment was gracious, warm and welcoming and the hospitality appropriate for such an occasion. We thank you and the faithful for providing an appropriate environment for a Hierarchical Divine Liturgy for the Ordination of Fr Nathan Claussion to the Holy Priesthood and Dn. Kirill Zawatski to the Holy Diaconate. Ordinations within our parishes were a rare event provide the faithful with hope for life and continuance of our rich Faith for the coming generations.

All the labors of the faithful for hospitality a prayerful environment and hospitality are greatly appreciated. May our Lord continue to bless you and the faithful who labored on behalf of our Diocese with good health and many year blessed years.

Your unworthy father in Christ,

+ Mark

+MARK, Archbishop of Philadelphia and the Diocese of Eastern Pennsylvania
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"Thou hast made us for Thyself, O Lord, and our heart is restless until it finds its rest in
Thee." Augustine

St. Nicholas Scouts

Michael Dorosh, Alpha Omega, Order of Arrow, Eagle (1958)
Daniel Jubinski, Alpha Omega, Order of Arrow, Eagle (1987)
Jacob Lezinsky, Cub Scout, Wolf rank, Saint George Recipient
Harvey Marsh, Cub Scout, Webelo rank
Teddy Marsh, Cub Scout, Wolf rank
Fr. James Mason, Order of Arrow, Scout Master
Christopher Metz - Star
David Metz - Star
Julianne Metz - Girl Scout, Junior
Kimberly Metz - Girl Scout, Senior
Michael Metz - Life
Peter Metz- Star
William Podlusky - Life
Dr. Gregory Radio, Order of Arrow, Eagle (1964)
Gordon Roberts, Eagle
Patric Shea, Order of Arrow, Eagle (1948)
Wash Telepchak, Eagle (1946)

Upcoming Coffee Hours

On March 26th, Aliana Lungu will be hosting a coffee hour to help defray the cost of providing for a traditional Orthodox burial for Julia Smolenski. At the time of Julia's passing, the Parish Council authorized that \$5,000 be contributed towards this effort, as her estate was not sufficient to cover the entire cost. The Parish Council has faith that the generosity of the St. Nicholas parishioners will ultimately come through to provide for this important effort for a valued member of our parish family.

Candle Prices

- Decorated Candles \$10 each
- Tall Thin Beeswax Tapers \$1 each
- Short Thick Beeswax Tapers \$2 each
- Vigils in Colored Glass \$4 each
- 4 hr votives \$.50 each

4th Quarter Treasurer's Report Summary

October 2022	Income:	\$24,957.42
	Expenses:	\$37,944.82
	<u>Net Revenue:</u>	<u>\$(12,987.40)</u>
November 2022	Income:	\$48,686.43
	Expenses	\$38,167.09
	<u>Net Revenue:</u>	<u>\$10,519.34</u>
December 2022	Income:	\$63,074.68
	Expenses:	\$29,145.22
	<u>Net Revenue:</u>	<u>\$33,929.46</u>

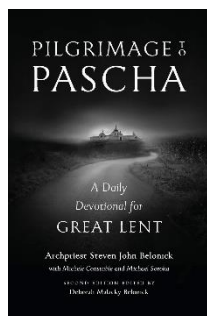
Bakers - Come Get Your Dishes!

We have an accumulation of dishes, cookie containers, baking dishes, etc. belonging to our talented parish bakers. Please come claim yours! Check the table just inside the fellowship hall doors on the left.

Paska Baking Schedule

We will be baking Paska Bread on Friday, February 17, Friday, February 24 and Thursday, March 2. The process begins at 6:00 am and goes until approximately 5:00 pm, but you do not need to commit to staying the entire time. If you have any questions, please contact Pat Grammes or Maxine Marsh.

Pilgrimage to Pascha Books Available



Copies of Pilgrimage to Pascha: A Daily Devotional for Great Lent by Archpriest Steven John Belonick with Michele Constable and Michael Soroka are now available at the candle desk for \$15 each. All proceeds go to St. Nicholas Russian Orthodox Church.

Annual Parish Meeting Notice

The Annual Parish Meeting will be held on Sunday, February 19, 2023. The meeting will be held in the church hall immediately following the Divine Liturgy. A light luncheon will be served. All are encouraged to read the agenda and reports thoroughly and prepare their questions to ensure an expedited parish meeting. Please note that there will be no means of virtual participation in the meeting.

According to the bylaws of St. Nicholas Russian Orthodox Church of Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, the required quorum for a parish meeting is the attendance of at least 25% of voting members in good standing. A quorum must be maintained throughout the meeting. If a quorum is not present, the meeting shall then be rescheduled by the Parish Council in consultation with the Rector, at which time the members present will constitute a quorum.

Parish Member in Good Standing

A member of the Parish is "in good standing" if he/she is no less than eighteen years of age; partakes of the Sacraments of Confession and Holy Communion at least once a year in his/her home parish; and regularly fulfills his/her financial obligations as established by the All-American Councils, Diocesan Assemblies and Parish Annual Meeting.

The required minimum financial obligation to remain "in good standing" is \$520.00 per member and is due by December 31st of each year. Parishioners who are unable to meet this obligation are encouraged to speak with the pastor about other ways to support the work of the Church. Parishioners who have not met this obligation for two years will be deleted from the Parish, Diocesan, and national membership lists.

Annual Parish Meeting Reports Available

The Annual Parish Meeting will be held on Sunday, February 19, 2023. Please be advised that printed copies of the agenda and reports will be available at the candle desk beginning on Sunday, January 29, 2023. Please stop by to pick up a copy at your convenience. If you would like a copy emailed to you or mailed to you, please contact the Administrative Assistant at Assistant4StNicholas@outlook.com. Please note that due to postal delays, we cannot guarantee that mailed copies will arrive prior to the meeting.

Annual Church Office Elections

What you need to know to vote in the Annual Parish Meeting being held on February 19, 2023 and to run for Church Office: According to our Bylaws in order to vote and participate in the discussions you must be a member at least 18 years of age and in good standing (both financially and sacramentally) for one (1) year. In order to run for Church Office you must be a member in good standing for two (2) years, same as above.

If you are interested in serving on the Parish Council, please see Fr. Nikolai or any current member of the Parish Council.

Please note the Parish Council Vice President and Secretary are chosen by and from the newly elected Parish Council to serve for one (1) year terms.

Parish Council Officer Positions

Parish Council President (one year)
Treasurer (one year)
Financial Secretary (one year)

Auditor Positions

Four (4) one year terms

Parish Council Positions

Two (2) three year terms

Cemetery Committee Chair

One (1) one year term

Diocesan Assembly Positions

Diocesan Assembly Delegate

Diocesan Assembly Alternate

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, Dorothy Stafiniak, Joan Stetz, Mary Strohecker, Ola Tatusko, Irene Witanek

Handmaidens of God: Lydia Hashinger, Amanda Riley, Kaylee Riley, and their unborn children, Lisa Metz, Molly Polacco, Alyssa Weaver and their newborn children.

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