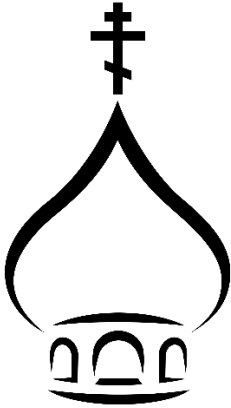


Divine Liturgy

February 19, 2023

Meatfare Sunday - Sunday of the Last Judgment



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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 19, 2023

SUNDAY OF MEATFARE – Tone 3. Sunday of the Last Judgment. Apostles of the Seventy Archippus (Arkhipp) and Philemon, and Martyr Apphia (1st c.). Martyrs Maximus, Theodotus, Hesychius, and Asclepiodota, of Adrianopolis (305-311). Ss. Eugene and Macarius, Presbyters and Confessors, at Antioch (363). Ven. Dositheus of Palestine, disciple of Ven. Abba Dorotheus (7th c.). St. Rabulas of Samosata (ca. 530). Ven. Theodore of Sanaxar (1791).

Fr. Nikolai's Office Hours

Monday, February 20th - Fr. Nikolai's Day Off
Wednesday, February 22nd - 12:00 am - 5:00 pm
Friday, February 24th - 9:00 am - 1:00 pm

Coffee Hour Today

Today's coffee hour is hosted by The Parish Council
Please stay for the Annual Parish Meeting immediately following coffee hour.

Weekly & Upcoming Calendar

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

Friday, February 24	6:00 am - 5:00 pm - Paska Bread Baking
Saturday, February 25	5:00 pm - Great Vespers
Sunday, February 26	Forgiveness Sunday / Cheesefare Sunday 9:10 am - Reading of the Hours 9:30 am - Divine Liturgy 12:00 pm - Forgiveness Vespers
Monday, February 27	7:00 pm - Compline with Great Canon of St. Andrew of Crete
Tuesday, February 28	7:00 pm - Compline with Great Canon of St. Andrew of Crete
Wednesday, March 1	6:00 pm - Presanctified Liturgy
Thursday, March 2	6:00 am - 5:00 pm - Paska Bread Baking 7:00 pm - Compline with Great Canon of St. Andrew of Crete

Friday, March 3

7:00 pm - Compline with Great Canon of St. Andrew of Crete

Saturday, March 4

St. Theodore the Recruit

8:50 am - Reading of the Hours

9:00 am - Divine Liturgy St. Theodore the Recruit

4:30 pm - General Panikhida

5:00 pm - Great Vespers

Sunday, March 5

The Sunday of Orthodoxy

9:10 am - Reading of the Hours

9:30 am - Divine Liturgy

Wednesday, March 8

6:00 pm - Presanctified Liturgy

Friday, March 10

9:00 am - Presanctified Liturgy

7:00 pm - Akathist - St. Nicholas

Saturday, March 11

Memorial Saturday

8:50 am - Reading of the Hours

9:00 am - Divine Liturgy

5:00 pm - Great Vespers

Sunday, March 12

St. Gregory Palamas

9:10 am - Reading of the Hours

9:30 am - Divine Liturgy

Wednesday, March 15

6:00 pm - Presanctified Liturgy

Friday, March 17

9:00 am - Presanctified Liturgy

7:00 pm - Akathist - to our Lord's Passion

Saturday, March 18

Memorial Saturday

8:50 am - Reading of the Hours

9:00 am - Divine Liturgy

5:00 pm - Great Vespers

Sunday, March 19

Sunday of the Cross

9:10 am - Reading of the Hours

9:30 am - Divine Liturgy

Wednesday, March 22

6:00 pm - Presanctified Liturgy

Friday, March 24

Eve of Annunciation

9:00 am - Presanctified Liturgy

4:00 pm - 6:00 pm Lenten Fish Dinner

7:00 pm - Vigil for Annunciation

Saturday, March 25

Annunciation

8:50 am - Reading of the Hours

9:00 am - Festal Divine Liturgy

5:00 pm - Great Vespers

Sunday, March 26

St. John Climacus

9:10 am - Reading of the Hours

9:30 am - Divine Liturgy

7:00 pm - Parish Council Meeting

Monday, March 27

Wednesday, March 29

Thursday, March 30

6:00 pm - Presanctified Liturgy

7:00 pm - Compline with Great Canon of St.

Andrew of Crete and the Life of St. Mary of Egypt

Friday, March 31

9:00 am - Presanctified Liturgy

7:00 pm - Akathist - Theotokos

Saturday, April 1

Akathist Saturday

8:50 am - Reading of the Hours

9:00 am - Divine Liturgy

4:30 pm - General Panikhida

5:00 pm - Great Vespers

Sunday, April 2

St. Mary of Egypt

9:10 am - Reading of the Hours

9:30 am - Divine Liturgy

6:00 pm - Presanctified Liturgy

Wednesday, April 5

Friday, April 7

9:00 am - Presanctified Liturgy

4:00 pm - 6:00 pm Lenten Fish Dinner

7:00 pm - Compline (Lazarus)

Saturday, April 8

Lazarus Saturday

8:00 am - Baptism of Andrew Goth

9:00 am - Divine Liturgy

5:00 pm - Great Vespers

Sunday, April 9

Palm Sunday

9:10 am - Reading of the Hours

9:30 am - Divine Liturgy

4:00 pm - Bridegroom Matins

Monday, April 10

Holy Monday

9:00 am - Presanctified Liturgy

7:00 pm - Bridegroom Matins

Tuesday, April 11

Holy Tuesday

9:00 am – Presanctified Liturgy

7:00 pm – Bridegroom Matins

Wednesday, April 12

Holy Wednesday

9:00 am – Presanctified Liturgy

7:00 pm – Holy Unction

Thursday, April 13

Holy Thursday

8:50 am – Reading of the Hours

9:00 am – Vespertal Liturgy of St. Basil the Great

7:00 pm – Matins of Holy Friday with the 12 Passion Gospels

Friday, April 14

Holy Friday

9:00 am – Royal Hours

4:00 pm – Burial Vespers

7:00 pm – Matins Lamentations

All Night Watch

Saturday, April 15

Holy Saturday

9:00 am – Vespertal Divine Liturgy of Holy Saturday

GREAT AND HOLY PASCHA

11:30 pm – Paschal Vigil and Paschal Divine Liturgy

Followed by the blessing of baskets & Agape meal

11:00 am – Agape Vespers

Sunday, April 16

Monday, April 17

Bright Monday

8:50 am – Reading of the Hours

9:00 am – Divine Liturgy

5:00 pm – Great Vespers

Saturday, April 22

Sunday, April 23

St. Thomas Sunday

9:10 am – Reading of the Hours

9:30 am – Divine Liturgy

2:00 pm – Blessing of the Graves – Union Cemetery

5:00 pm – Great Vespers

Saturday, April 29

Sunday, April 30

Sunday of the Myrrh-bearing Women

9:10 am – Reading of the Hours

9:30 am – Divine Liturgy

2:00 pm – Blessing of the Graves – Catasauqua

Divine Liturgy

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Meatfare Sunday - Sunday of the Last Judgment

Tone 3 **Troparion** *(Resurrection)*

Let the heavens rejoice! Let the earth be glad! For the Lord has shown strength with His arm. He has trampled down death by death. He has become the first born of the dead. He has delivered us from the depths of hell, and has granted to the world great mercy.

Tone 1 **Kontakion** *(from the Lenten Triodion)*

When Thou, O God, shalt come to earth with glory, all things shall tremble, and the river of fire shall flow before Thy judgment seat; the books shall be opened, and the hidden things disclosed; then deliver me from the unquenchable fire, and make me worthy to stand at Thy right hand, O Righteous Judge!

Tone 3 **Prokeimenon** *(from the Lenten Triodion)*

Great is our Lord, and abundant in power, His understanding is beyond measure. *(Ps. 146:5)*

Praise the Lord! For it is good to sing praises to our God! (Ps. 146:1)

Epistle

Read by Reader Aidan Hintermaier

(1 Corinthians 8:8-9:2) But food does not commend us to God; for neither if we eat are we the better, nor if we do not eat are we the worse. But beware lest somehow this liberty of yours become a stumbling block to those who are weak. For if anyone sees you who have knowledge eating in an idol's temple, will not the conscience of him who is weak be emboldened to eat those things offered to idols? And because of your knowledge shall the weak brother perish, for whom Christ died? But when you thus sin against the brethren, and wound their weak conscience, you sin against Christ. Therefore, if food makes my brother

stumble, I will never again eat meat, lest I make my brother stumble. Am I not an apostle? Am I not free? Have I not seen Jesus Christ our Lord? Are you not my work in the Lord? If I am not an apostle to others, yet doubtless I am to you. For you are the seal of my apostleship in the Lord.

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 presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise. (Ps. 94:2)

Gospel

(Matthew 25:31-46) When the Son of Man comes in His glory, and all the holy angels with Him, then He will sit on the throne of His glory. All the nations will be gathered before Him, and He will separate them one from another, as a shepherd divides his sheep from the goats. And He will set the sheep on His right hand, but the goats on the left. Then the King will say to those on His right hand, 'Come, you blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world: for I was hungry and you gave Me food; I was thirsty and you gave Me drink; I was a stranger and you took Me in; I was naked and you clothed Me; I was sick and you visited Me; I was in prison and you came to Me.' Then the righteous will answer Him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see You hungry and feed You, or thirsty and give You drink? When did we see You a stranger and take You in, or naked and clothe You? Or when did we see You sick, or in prison, and come to You?' And the King will answer and say to them, 'Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did it to one of the least of these My brethren, you did it to Me.' Then He will also say to those on the left hand, 'Depart from Me, you cursed, into the everlasting fire prepared for the devil and his angels: for I was hungry and you gave Me no food; I was thirsty and you gave Me no drink; I was a stranger and you did not take Me in, naked and you did not clothe Me, sick and in prison and you did not visit Me.' Then they also will answer Him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see You hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to You?' Then He will answer them,

saying, 'Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to Me.' And these will go away into everlasting punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

Communion Hymn

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

Candle Offerings for Sunday, February 19, 2023

Vigils in Altar - Table of Oblation (2)

Happy Birthday Alex Hodson, Offered by Sophia & Jacob

Vigil in Side Candle Holders (2)

Happy Birthday Ellie Bessman

Offered by Mr. Moses, Mrs. Carmen, Alex & Christopher

Crosses

Happy Birthday Ellie, Offered by Godparents

Vigils - Icon of the Virgin Mary (2)

Happy Birthday Jamee Bresee Slivka, Offered by Mike & Fran Slivka

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

Happy Birthday Alex Hodson, Offered by Mama, Daddy & Christopher



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2023 LENTEN FISH DINNERS



Menu

Baked or Fried Fish
Oven Roasted Potatoes
Vegetable
Roll
Beverage
Assorted Desserts
Eat In or Take Out.

Basket Raffle

Drawing on Friday
April 7 at 6:00pm

You don't need to be
present to win.

Vendors

Treasures of Russia
boutique for authentic gift
items imported from Russia

Mom's Candy Kitchen for
delicious sweets!

Frozen potato/cheese pierogies & paska breads for sale.

Basket Raffle Donations Wanted

We will once again be hosting a Basket Raffle this year during our Lenten Fish Dinners, 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, March 12, 2023) 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, March 19, 2023. If you have any questions or would like to make a donation, please contact Jennifer Bzik. Thank you so much for your support!

A Note of Thanks

I want to thank Fr. Nikolai for his visit to Kirkland and for his prayers to me in Russian and English. They brought back so many memories from over the generations. Thank you also to the choir for their many lovely carols. It was so beautiful that the whole floor talked about it endlessly. Thank you again to the pierogi women who came with a gigantic platter of blue-ribbon home baked cookies. It brought smiles to our faces for many days. Thank you to all who remembered me in so many heartfelt ways during this tumultuous time in my life.

Olga Frimenko

A Note of Thanks

Thank you from the bottom of my heart for all your beautiful birthday wishes. God bless you all.

Thank you.
Dorothy Havrilko

Lenten Pierogi

Lenten Pierogi will be made Wednesday March 8. To order sign your name with the number of dozen you want on the sheet in the kitchen by the telephone. Please order by Sunday, March 5 or sooner.

Fund Raiser for New HVAC System

On Wednesday, March 15, all the money collected from the sale of pierogi will be put towards a grant from ROCMAS. They will match up to \$500.00. For example, if we collect \$600 from pierogi sales (and we should), ROCMAS will match \$500.00 and the new HVAC system gets \$1,100. Please order pierogi for Wednesday, March 15 so we can take advantage of this generous offer from ROCMAS. Questions, please see Sandi Keysock.

Upcoming Coffee Hour

On March 26th, Guliana Holobeny 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.

Bakers - Come Get Your Dishes by 2/26!

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. **Any items not claimed by February 26th will be donated.**

Paska Baking Schedule

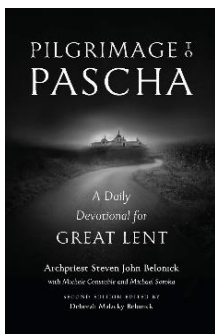
We will be baking Paska Bread on Friday, February 24 and Thursday, March 2. The process begins at 6:00 am and goes until approximately 5:00 pm, but you do not need to commit to staying the entire time. If you have any questions, please contact Pat Grammes or Maxine Marsh.

All Grocery Gift Cards Available

Grocery gift cards are the ideal gift that everyone can use. When you purchase a gift card from our parish, you are helping our parish earn 5% income every time on each card.

We have cards available from all participating stores: Redner's, Giant , Weis Markets and Valley Farm Market. Cards are available in a variety of denominations. Cards do not expire, so please consider purchasing a Grocery Gift Card the next time you need to buy a gift for someone. Better yet, why not get yourself a grocery gift card to use for your weekly shopping purchases and help earn some money for our parish!

Please see Judy Lezinsky for Grocery Gift Cards, or call for any special orders. 610-868-9468 (Cash or checks please.)



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.

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, 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, Michael 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.