

Divine Liturgy

March 19, 2023

Third Sunday of Great Lent

Veneration of the Cross



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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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before entering the church. Thank you.***

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Schedule for the Week of March 19, 2023

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT – Tone 7. Veneration of the Cross. Martyrs Chrysanthus and Daria, and those with them at Rome: Claudius, Hilaria, Jason, Maurus, Diodorus the Presbyter, and Marianus the Deacon (283). Saint Innocent of Komél and Vologda disciple of Saint Nilus of Sora (Vologdá–1521). Martyr Pancharius, at Nicomedia (ca. 302). “Sweet-Kissing” Icon of the Mother of God of Smolensk (1103).

Fr. Nikolai’s Office Hours

Tuesday, March 21st - Fr. Nikolai's Day Off
Wednesday, March 22nd - 12:00 pm - 5:00 pm
Friday, March 24th - 12:00 pm - 6:00 pm

Coffee Hour Today

Today’s coffee hour is hosted by The Lezinsky Family

Weekly & Upcoming Calendar

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

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

Monday, March 27

7:00 pm - Parish Council Meeting

Wednesday, March 29

6:00 pm - Presanctified Liturgy

Thursday, March 30

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

Wednesday, April 5

6:00 pm - Presanctified Liturgy

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 - Vespereal 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 - Vespereal 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

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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 1 Troparion of the Cross

O Lord, save Thy people, and bless Thine inheritance! Grant victories to the Orthodox Christians over their adversaries; and by virtue of Thy Cross, preserve Thy habitation!

Tone 7 Kontakion *(Cross)*

Now the flaming sword no longer guards the gates of Eden; it has been mysteriously quenched by the wood of the Cross. The sting of death and the victory of hell have been vanquished; for Thou, O my Savior, hast come and cried to those in hell: "Enter again into Paradise!"

(Instead of the Trisagion, we sing:)

Before Thy Cross, we bow down in worship, O Master, and Thy holy Resurrection we glorify.

Tone 6 Prokeimenon *(Cross)*

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 Reader Matthew Lezinsky

(Hebrews 4:14-5:6) Seeing then that we have a great High Priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need. For every high priest taken from among men is appointed for men in things pertaining to God, that he may offer both gifts and sacrifices for sins. He can have compassion on those who are ignorant and going astray, since he himself is also subject to weakness. Because of this he is required as for the people, so also for himself, to offer sacrifices for sins. And no man takes this honor to himself, but he who is called by God, just as Aaron was. So also Christ did not glorify Himself to become High Priest, but it was He who said to Him: "You are My Son, today I have begotten You." As He also says in another place: "You are a priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek";

Tone 8

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Remember Thy congregation, which Thou hast purchased of old! (Ps. 73:2)

God is our King before the ages; He has worked salvation in the midst of the earth! (Ps. 73:13)

Gospel

(Mark 8:34-9:1) When He had called the people to Himself, with His disciples also, He said to them, "Whoever desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me. For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake and the gospel's will save it. For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul? For whoever is ashamed of Me and My words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him the Son of Man also will be ashamed when He comes in the glory of His Father with the holy angels." And He said to them, "Assuredly, I say to you that there are some standing here who will not taste death till they see the kingdom of God present with power."

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

Hymn to the Theotokos

All of creation rejoices in thee, O Full of Grace: the assembly of angels and the race of men. O sanctified temple and spiritual paradise, the glory of virgins, from whom God was incarnate and became a Child: our God before the ages. He made thy body into a throne, and thy womb He made more spacious than the heavens. All of creation rejoices in thee, O Full of Grace. Glory to thee!

Communion Hymn

The light of Thy countenance has shone on us, O Lord. *(Ps. 4:7a)*
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Candle Offerings for Sunday, March 19, 2023

Vigils in Altar - Windowsill (2)

In Memory Of Archpriest Eugene Vansuch 15th Anniversary
Offered by Mat. Frances Vansuch

Vigils in Altar - Table of Oblation (2)

In Memory Of Archpriest Eugene Vansuch 15th Anniversary
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Vigils in Altar - Side Table (2)

In Memory Of Archpriest Eugene Vansuch 15th Anniversary
Offered by Patricia Felix

Votives in Altar

Happy Birthday Jacob Lezinsky, Offered by Daddy, Mommy & Sophia

Vigil in Side Candle Holders (2)

Happy Birthday Jacob Lezinsky
Offered by Mr. Moses, Mrs. Carmen, Alex & Christopher

Crosses

Happy Birthday to My Mother, Olga Maksimova, Offered by Guliana Holobeny

Vigils on the Tetrapod (2)

For Health of Pat Telepchak, Offered by A Friend

Vigils - Icon of the Virgin Mary (2)

Happy Birthday Peter Slivka, Offered by Fran & Mike Slivka

Votives - Icon of the Virgin Mary

Happy Birthday Jacob Lezinsky, Offered by Mr. Damian

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

In Memory Of Mary Monarek, Offered by Barb, Kyra & Gregory

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Vigil of St. Andrew (1)

Happy Birthday Jacob Lezinsky, Offered by Mr. Damian

Altar Candles for Great Lent

In Memory Of Michael & Mary Stetz, Offered by Pat & Joan

Flowers to Adorn the Cross

For Health Of Radio & Tomsic Families, Offered by Greg & Rosalie Radio



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2023 LENTEN FISH DINNERS



Menu

Baked or Fried Haddock
Oven Roasted Potatoes
Vegetable Roll
Beverage
Choice of Home Baked Desserts

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 deli
cious sweets!

Frozen potato/cheese pierogies & paska breads for sale.

Kielbasy Sampler Platter Church Fundraiser



Just in time for PASCHA!

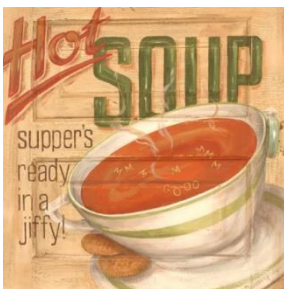
Orders and money due Sunday,
April 2

Pick up Saturday, April 15 after
the morning
liturgy until noon

Checks payable to:

Valerie Roberts
219 Pennsylvania Ave
Catasauqua, PA 18032
Phone: 610-264-7518

Lenten Soup Sale



Every coffee hour during lent we will be hosting a take home quart soup sale. Each week will be different strict Lenten soups. \$10 a quart. While supplies last. All proceeds will go to the HVAC fund. See Judy or Lori if you have any questions.



THIS WEEK:

Potato/White Bean Soup
Veggie Soup (tomato based)
Manhattan Clam Chowder

PS - If possible, please return your empty quart containers so that we may reuse them.



ORTHODOX
CHRISTIANS FOR LIFE
ST. PAUL CHURCH

Is having

• A DIAPER DRIVE FOR •
NATIONAL ORTHODOX
BABY SHOWER MONTH



March 12th-March 25th



*Diapers will go to "Life Choices" in
Phillipsburg, NJ &
"Bright Hope" in Allentown*

*Drop diapers off on
the OClife table in
hall*

**Looking for a volunteer
to assist in the diaper
drop off afterwards.
Please let Kylie Hoyle
know if you are able!
610-417-1023**

Donations Received In Memory

In Memory of Betty Fedora: Offered by Paula & John Lahutsky, Stephanie Pasquel, Greg & Rosalie Radio

In Memory of Mat. MaryAnn Oselinsky: Offered by Barry & Ann Marie Bretz, Damian Drasher, Patricia Felix, Stephanie Pasquel

Pussy Willow Branches



Reminder: It will soon be time for pussy willows to start blooming. Please cut the branches of willows and bring them to the church as soon as they bloom. Since Pascha is April 16th we will need to store the willows until Saturday, April 8th for Palm Sunday, April 9th. Please wrap the willows loosely in newspaper so we can save them for Palm Sunday. Thank you for your help in gathering the willows.



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!

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.

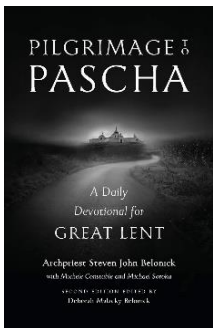
All Grocery Gift Cards Available

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 have sold out at the candle desk, but we can place another order if there are other people who are interested in purchasing them. If you would like a copy, please leave your name at the candle desk so that we can order the appropriate number of additional copies. They are \$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, Julia Romanchak

Servants: Bethany Bruder, Mary Brzuchalski, Helen Cotirgasanu, David G. Cudlic, Roberta Cusick, Val Danchenko, 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, Alyssa Weaver and her newborn son.

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