

# **Divine Liturgy**

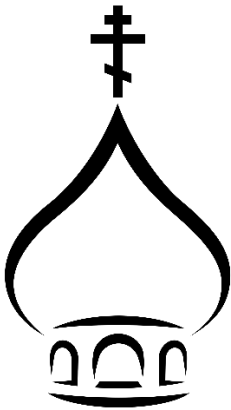
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**Note to our Guests and Friends Visiting St. Nicholas:**

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 April 23, 2022

**ANTIPASCHA. 2nd SUNDAY OF PASCHA – Tone 1. Holy Glorious Greatmartyr, Victorybearer, and Wonderworker George (303). St. Thomas Sunday.** Martyr Alexandra the Empress, wife of Diocletian (303). Martyrs Anatolius and Protoleon, soldiers converted by witnessing the martyrdom of St. George (303).

## Fr. Nikolai's Office Hours

Monday, April 24<sup>th</sup> - Fr. Nikolai's day off  
Wednesday, April 26<sup>th</sup> - 12:00 pm - 5:00 pm  
Friday, April 28<sup>th</sup> - 9:00 am - 2:00 pm

## Coffee Hour Today

In Honor Of Bill Keysock's 75th Birthday

## Weekly & Upcoming Calendar

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

**Sunday, April 16**

11:00 am - Agape Vespers

**Monday, April 17**

**Bright Monday**

8:50 am - Reading of the Hours

9:00 am - Divine Liturgy

**Saturday, April 22**

5:00 pm - Great Vespers

**Sunday, April 23**

**St. Thomas Sunday**

9:10 am - Reading of the Hours

9:30 am - Divine Liturgy

Children's Easter Egg Hunt following Liturgy

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

7:00 pm - Church Council Meeting

**Monday, April 24**

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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*Priest: "Blessed is the Kingdom..."*

*Choir: "Amen."*

*Priest: "Christ is risen... " (2 ½ times)*

*Choir: "and upon those in the tombs bestowing life!"*

*(The Divine Liturgy is begun in this manner until the Leavetaking of Pascha.)*

**Tone 7      Troparion**    *(Pentecostarion)*

From the sealed tomb, Thou didst shine forth, O Life! Through closed doors Thou didst come to Thy Disciples, O Christ God. Renew in us through them an upright spirit, by the greatness of Thy mercy, O Resurrection of all!

**Tone 8      Kontakion**    *(Pentecostarion)*

Thomas touched Thy life-giving side with an eager hand, O Christ God, when Thou camest to Thine Apostles through closed doors. He cried out with all: "Thou art my Lord and my God!"

*(The Trisagion is sung)*

**Tone 3      Prokeimenon**    *(from the Pentecostarion)*

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 David Metz

**(Acts 5:12-20)** And through the hands of the apostles many signs and wonders were done among the people. And they were all with one accord in Solomon's Porch. Yet none of the rest dared join them, but the people esteemed them highly. And believers were increasingly added to the Lord, multitudes of both men and women, so that they brought the sick out into the streets and laid them on beds and couches, that at least the shadow of Peter passing by might fall on some of them. Also a multitude gathered from the surrounding cities to Jerusalem, bringing sick people and those who were tormented by unclean spirits, and they were all healed. Then the high priest rose up, and all those who were with him (which is the sect of the Sadducees), and they were filled with indignation, and laid their hands on the apostles and put them in the common prison. But at night an angel of the Lord opened the prison doors and brought them out, and said, "Go, stand in the temple and speak to the people all the words of this life."

## **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)*

*For the Lord is a great God, and a great King over all the earth. (Ps. 94:3)*

## **Tone 4**

*The righteous shall flourish like the palm tree, and grow like a cedar in Lebanon. (Ps. 91:11)*

## **Gospel**

**(John 20:19-31)** Then, the same day at evening, being the first day of the week, when the doors were shut where the disciples were assembled, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in the midst, and said to them, "Peace be with you." When He had said this, He showed them His hands and His side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. So Jesus said to them again, "Peace to you! As the Father has sent Me, I also send you." And when He had said this, He breathed on them, and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." Now Thomas, called the Twin, one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. The other disciples therefore said to him, "We have seen the Lord." So he said to them, "Unless I see in His hands the print of the nails, and put my finger into the print of the nails, and put my hand into His side, I will not believe." And after eight days His disciples were again inside, and Thomas with them. Jesus came, the doors being shut, and stood in the midst, and said, "Peace to you!" Then He said to Thomas, "Reach your finger here, and look at My hands; and reach your hand here, and put it into My side. Do not be unbelieving, but believing." And Thomas answered and said to Him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Thomas, because you have seen Me, you have believed. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed." And truly Jesus did many other signs in the presence of His disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His name.

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

The Angel cried to the Lady, full of grace: "Rejoice, O pure Virgin! Again, I say: Rejoice, thy Son is risen from His three days in the tomb! With Himself He has raised all the dead." Rejoice, O ye people! Shine, shine, O new Jerusalem! The glory of the Lord has shone on thee. Exult now, and be glad, O Zion! Be radiant, O pure Theotokos, in the Resurrection of thy Son!

## **Communion Hymn**

Praise the Lord, O Jerusalem! Praise thy God, O Zion! (*Ps. 147:1*)  
The righteous shall be in everlasting remembrance! He shall not fear evil tidings! (*Ps. 111:6*)  
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

*Priest: "In the fear of God..."*

*Choir: "Blessed is He that comes in the Name of the Lord..."*

*Priest: "O God, save Thy people..."*

*Choir: "Christ is risen from the dead..." (sung once, instead of "We have seen the True Light...")*

*Priest: "Always, now and ever..."*

*Choir: "Let our mouths be filled..."*

*At the Dismissal, the Priest says: "Glory to Thee, O Christ..." and the choir sings "Christ is risen from the dead..." (thrice).*

And unto us He has given eternal life. Let us worship His Resurrection on the third day!

## **Coffee Hour Hosts Needed**

There are several open coffee hour days in the upcoming months. Please consider signing up if you haven't hosted in the past! There are copies of the guidelines for hosting coffee hour available in the signup book at the candle desk if you are not familiar with what to do. Contact Jennifer Bzik if you need help or have questions. Thank you!

# **Candle Offerings**

## **Sunday, April 23, 2023**

### **Vigils in Altar - Table of Oblation (2)**

Happy Anniversary Jason & Kery Tomsic, Offered by Mom & Dad

### **Vigils in Altar - Side Table (2)**

For Health Of Nicholas Petrides, Offered by Fr. Michael & Mat. Susan Kon

### **Votives in Altar**

In Memory Of Ray Pasquel, Offered by The Pasquel Family

### **Crosses**

In Memory Of Ray Pasquel, Offered by Barry & Ann Marie Bretz

### **Vigils on the Tetrapod (2)**

Happy 75<sup>th</sup> Birthday Bill Keysock, Offered by Wife Sandi

### **Vigils - Icon of the Virgin Mary (2)**

Happy Anniversary Keri & Jason Tomsic, Offered by Talia & Jones

### **Votives - Icon of the Virgin Mary**

For Health Of vandenHeuvel Family, Offered by Sonya

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

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### **Votives - Icon of St. John the Baptist**

For Health Of Ray & Susan Sherbechuk, Offered by Sonya

### **Vigils on South Wall Window Sill (3)**

In Memory Of Steve & Anna Sherbechuk, Offered by Sonya

### **Vigils on North Wall Window Sill (3)**

In Memory Of Mary Radick, Offered by Peter & Patricia Metz & Family



## **A Note of Thanks**

Christ is Risen! Indeed He is Risen!

Thank you to everyone who purchased a Fundraiser Kielbasi Platter from Kowalonek's. I heard many positive comments about them, and have to agree, they were delicious! 44 platters were sold with \$6.50 on each going back to the church. So a total of \$286 will be given to the church. Blessings to all.

Val Roberts

## **BrightHope Walk for Life**

Dear faithful parishioners,

Christ is Risen Indeed!

Thank you for your kind donations for the upcoming BrightHope Walk for Life. I will be away this coming weekend, so any contributions you may still be inspired to contribute, please do so on Saturday 4/22 or Sunday 4/23 in order for me to pick them up before the Walk on Saturday April 29. Please check out the table in the narthex for those moms who need support for new life.

Love in Christ,  
Mat. Susan

## **Upcoming Parish Council Meeting**

Parish Council Meeting - Monday, April 24, 2023, at 7:00 pm.

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.

## **Easter Egg Hunt**

There will be an Easter Egg Hunt for all children on Sunday, April 23, after the Divine Liturgy. Rain date: Sunday, April 30.

## **Coffee Hour Today**

On Sunday 4/23 we will have a light luncheon in honor of Bill Keysock's 75th birthday. All monies collected will be given to St. Basil Pastoral Academy in Mexico through the OCA. NSS will match the funds up to \$500. Thank you in advance for your generous donations!

## **A Note Of Thanks**

Thank you to all who supported the recent Pierogi fundraiser to benefit the HVAC system. Pierogi workers donated a check for \$1,274 and NSS gave a check for \$500, for a total of \$1,774 donated towards the HVAC project.

## **A Note Of Thanks**

Thank you to everyone who participated in our Lenten Soup Sale! We made \$2,000. What a great success! Thank you to everyone who bought soup, made soup, and helped in any way to make this soup sale a huge success.

So grateful,  
Judy & Lori

## **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.)

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 Melchisedek 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, 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, Patricia Telepchak, Irene Witanek

**Handmaidens of God:** Lydia Hashinger, Julianna Kahl, 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.**