

Divine Liturgy

Sunday, April 30, 2023

3rd Sunday of Pascha

Holy Myrrhbearing Women

Holy Apostle James, the brother of St. John the Theologian



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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 30, 2022

3rd SUNDAY OF PASCHA – Tone 2. Holy Apostle James (Jacob), the brother of St. John the Theologian (44 A.D.). Myrrhbearing Women.

Uncovering of the Relics of St. Nikéetas, Bishop of Novgorod (1558). St. Donatus, Bishop of Euroea in Epirus (ca. 387). Uncovering of the Relics of St. Basil, Bishop of Amasea (4th c.). Martyr Maximus of Ephesus. St. Ignátii (Ignatius) Brianchaninov, Bishop of the Caucasus and Stavropol (1867). The "PASSION" Icon of the Mother of God.

Fr. Nikolai's Office Hours

Monday, May 1st - Fr. Nikolai's day off
Wednesday, May 3rd - 12:00 pm - 5:00 pm
Friday, May 5th - 9:00 am - 2:00 pm

Coffee Hour Today

Coffee Hour today is hosted by Barb & Nick Roman

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

Monday, April 24	7:00 pm - Church Council Meeting
Saturday, April 29	5:00 pm - Great Vespers
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
Thursday, May 4	8:45 am - Akathist to the Theotokos, Nurturer of Children
Saturday, May 6	3:30 pm - General Panikhida 4:00 pm - Great Vespers (Note early Start!)
Sunday, May 7	Sunday of the Paralytic 9:10 am - Reading of the Hours 9:30 am - Divine Liturgy
Saturday, May 13	4:00 pm - Great Vespers (Note Early Start!)
Sunday, May 14	Sunday of the Samaritan Woman 9:10 am - Reading of the Hours 9:30 am - Divine Liturgy
Saturday, May 20	5:00 pm - Great Vespers (Back to Normal Start)
Sunday, May 21	Sunday of the Blind Man 9:10 am - Reading of the Hours 9:30 am - Divine Liturgy
Thursday, May 25	9:00 am - Ascension Liturgy
Saturday, May 27	5:00 pm - Great Vespers
Sunday, May 28	Holy Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council 9:10 am - Reading of the Hours 9:30 am - Divine Liturgy

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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 2 Troparion (Resurrection)

When Thou didst descend to death, O Life immortal, Thou didst slay hell with the splendor of Thy Godhead. And when from the depths Thou didst raise the dead, all the powers of heaven cried out: "O Giver of life, Christ our God, glory to Thee!"

Tone 2 Troparion (Pentecostarion)

The noble Joseph, when he had taken down Thy most pure Body from the Tree, wrapped it in fine linen and anointed it with spices, and placed it in a new tomb. But Thou didst arise on the third day, O Lord, granting the world great mercy.

Tone 8 Troparion (St. James)

Thou wast called to be a disciple and warrior of Christ, one of the exalted choir of Apostles. With thy brother John, thou didst abandon all to follow the Master, O James; thou wast filled with the Holy Spirit and didst proclaim Him to all. Thou didst bow thy head to the sword, the first of the twelve to shed thy blood! We celebrate thy memory, O blessed one!

Tone 2 Kontakion (St. James)

O James, when thou didst hear the voice of the Word calling thee, thou didst abandon thy father's love and ran to Christ, together with thy brother John. With him thou wast accounted worthy to behold the divine Transfiguration of Christ.

Tone 2 Kontakion (Pentecostarion)

Thou didst command the Myrrhbearers to rejoice, O Christ God. By Thy Resurrection, Thou didst stop the lamentation of Eve, the first mother. Thou didst command them to preach to Thine Apostles: "The Savior is risen from the tomb!"

Note: The Kontakion of Pascha is not sung on this day.

Tone 6 Prokeimenon

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)

Tone 8 Prokeimenon (St. James)

Their proclamation has gone out into all the earth, and their words to the ends of the universe. (*Ps. 18:4*)

Epistle

Read by Reader Nicholas Lezinsky

(Acts 6:1-7) Now in those days, when the number of the disciples was multiplying, there arose a complaint against the Hebrews by the Hellenists, because their widows were neglected in the daily distribution. Then the twelve summoned the multitude of the disciples and said, "It is not desirable that we should leave the word of God and serve tables. Therefore, brethren, seek out from among you seven men of good reputation, full of the Holy Spirit and

wisdom, whom we may appoint over this business; but we will give ourselves continually to prayer and to the ministry of the word." And the saying pleased the whole multitude. And they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and the Holy Spirit, and Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolas, a proselyte from Antioch, whom they set before the apostles; and when they had prayed, they laid hands on them. Then the word of God spread, and the number of the disciples multiplied greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests were obedient to the faith.

(Acts 12:1-11 (St. James)) Now about that time Herod the king stretched out his hand to harass some from the church. Then he killed James the brother of John with the sword. And because he saw that it pleased the Jews, he proceeded further to seize Peter also. Now it was during the Days of Unleavened Bread. So when he had arrested him, he put him in prison, and delivered him to four squads of soldiers to keep him, intending to bring him before the people after Passover. Peter was therefore kept in prison, but constant prayer was offered to God for him by the church. And when Herod was about to bring him out, that night Peter was sleeping, bound with two chains between two soldiers; and the guards before the door were keeping the prison. Now behold, an angel of the Lord stood by him, and a light shone in the prison; and he struck Peter on the side and raised him up, saying, "Arise quickly!" And his chains fell off his hands. Then the angel said to him, "Gird yourself and tie on your sandals"; and so he did. And he said to him, "Put on your garment and follow me." So he went out and followed him, and did not know that what was done by the angel was real, but thought he was seeing a vision. When they were past the first and the second guard posts, they came to the iron gate that leads to the city, which

opened to them of its own accord; and they went out and went down one street, and immediately the angel departed from him. And when Peter had come to himself, he said, "Now I know for certain that the Lord has sent His angel, and has delivered me from the hand of Herod and from all the expectation of the Jewish people."

Tone 8

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

O Lord, Thou hast been gracious to Thy land; Thou hast turned back the captivity of Jacob. (Ps. 84:1)

Mercy and truth are met together, righteousness and peace have kissed each other. (Ps. 84:10)

Tone 1

The heavens will praise Thy wonders, O Lord; and Thy truth in the congregation of the saints. (Ps. 88:5)

Gospel

(Mark 15:43-16:8) Joseph of Arimathea, a prominent council member, who was himself waiting for the kingdom of God, coming and taking courage, went in to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Pilate marveled that He was already dead; and summoning the centurion, he asked him if He had been dead for some time. So when he found out from the centurion, he granted the body to Joseph. Then he bought fine linen, took Him down, and wrapped Him in the linen. And he laid Him in a tomb which had been hewn out of the rock, and rolled a stone against the door of the tomb. And Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Joses observed where He was laid. Now when the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, that they

might come and anoint Him. Very early in the morning, on the first day of the week, they came to the tomb when the sun had risen. And they said among themselves, "Who will roll away the stone from the door of the tomb for us?" But when they looked up, they saw that the stone had been rolled away - for it was very large. And entering the tomb, they saw a young man clothed in a long white robe sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed. You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He is risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid Him. But go, tell His disciples - and Peter - that He is going before you into Galilee; there you will see Him, as He said to you." So they went out quickly and fled from the tomb, for they trembled and were amazed. And they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

(Luke 5:1-11 (St. James)) So it was, as the multitude pressed about Him to hear the word of God, that He stood by the Lake of Gennesaret, and saw two boats standing by the lake; but the fishermen had gone from them and were washing their nets. Then He got into one of the boats, which was Simon's, and asked him to put out a little from the land. And He sat down and taught the multitudes from the boat. When He had stopped speaking, He said to Simon, "Launch out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch." But Simon answered and said to Him, "Master, we have toiled all night and caught nothing; nevertheless at Your word I will let down the net." And when they had done this, they caught a great number of fish, and their net was breaking. So they signaled to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both the boats, so that they began to sink. When Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord!" For he and all who were with him were astonished at the catch of fish which they had taken; and so also

were James and John, the sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. And Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid. From now on you will catch men." So when they had brought their boats to land, they forsook all and followed Him.

(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

Receive the Body of Christ; taste the fountain of immortality!
Their proclamation has gone out into all the earth, and their words to the ends of the universe. *(Ps. 18:4)*
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!

Candle Offerings

Sunday, April 23, 2023

Crosses

Happy Birthday Megan Roberts, Offered by Mom & Dad Roberts

Vigils on Icon Table (2)

In Memory Of Ann Marie Carl, Offered by Fran & Michael Slivka

Vigils - Icon of the Virgin Mary (2)

In Memory Of Anita Ziatyk Lichtenwalner, Offered by Gordon & Valerie Roberts

Vigils on South Wall Window Sill (3)

For Health Of vandenHeuvel Family, Offered by Sonya

Vigils of St. Gregory (1)

In Honor Of Keri & Jason Tomsic, Offered by The Radio Family

*Akathist to the Mother of God
Nurturer of Children*



**ALL ORTHODOX MOTHERS
ARE CORDIALLY INVITED**

*The First Thursday
of Every Month*

**ST. NICHOLAS ORTHODOX CHURCH (OCA)
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Akathist - 8:45 am

Beginning Thursday, May 4th

Special Parish Meeting Notice - May 21, 2023

A Special Parish Meeting will be held on Sunday, May 21, 2023. The meeting will be held in the church hall immediately following the Divine Liturgy. The meeting will be for the purpose of presenting the Parish Council's recommended Proposal for the Church HVAC replacement project. The recommended proposal will be available for review by the parish at large in the very near future. Paper copies of any of the non-recommended bids we received will be available only upon request so as to save printing resources.

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.

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!

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

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

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.