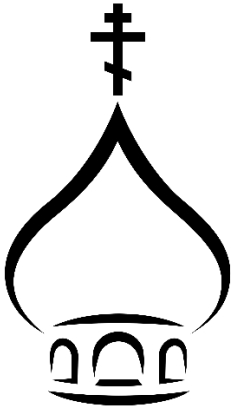


Divine Liturgy

Sunday, May 14, 2023

5th Sunday of Pascha

Samaritan Woman



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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 May 14, 2023

5th SUNDAY OF PASCHA – Tone 4. Samaritan Woman. Martyrs Isidore and Myrope of Chios (251). Ven. Isidore, Fool-for-Christ, Wonderworker of Rostov (1474). St. Niké́tas, Bishop of Novgorod, Recluse of the Kiev Caves. Martyr Maximus (ca. 250). Ven. Serapion of Egypt (5th c.). St. Leontius, Patriarch of Jerusalem (1175). First opening of the Relics of St. Tikhon of Zadonsk (1846).

Fr. Nikolai's Office Hours

Fr. Nikolai will be away on vacation/pilgrimage from Monday, May 8th through Thursday, May 18th. He will not have office hours during this time.

Coffee Hour Today

Coffee Hour today is hosted by The Parish Council
In Honor Of Mother's Day

Weekly & Upcoming Calendar

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

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
Monday, May 22	7:00 pm - Parish Council Meeting
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 4 Troparion (Resurrection)

When the women disciples of the Lord learned from the angel the joyous message of Thy Resurrection, they cast away the ancestral curse and elatedly told the apostles: "Death is overthrown! Christ God is risen, granting the world great mercy!"

Tone 8 Troparion (Midfeast)

In the middle of the feast, O Savior, fill my thirsting soul with the waters of piety, as Thou didst cry to all: "If anyone thirst, let him come to Me and drink!" O Christ God, Fountain of our life, glory to Thee!

Tone 8 Kontakion (Pentecostarion)

The Samaritan Woman came to the well in faith; she saw Thee, the Water of wisdom and drank abundantly. She inherited the Kingdom on high, and is ever glorified!

Tone 4 Kontakion (Midfeast)

Christ God, the Creator and Master of all, cried to all in the midst of the feast of the Law: "Come and draw the water of immortality!" We fall before Thee and faithfully cry: "Grant us Thy mercies, for Thou art the Fountain of our life!"

Tone 3 Prokeimenon (*Pentecostarion*)

Sing praises to our God, sing praises! Sing praises to our King, sing praises!
(*Ps. 46:6*)

Clap your hands, all peoples! Shout to God with loud songs of joy! (Ps. 46:1)

Epistle

Read by Tricia Metz

(Acts 11:19-26, 29-30) Now those who were scattered after the persecution that arose over Stephen traveled as far as Phoenicia, Cyprus, and Antioch, preaching the word to no one but the Jews only. But some of them were men from Cyprus and Cyrene, who, when they had come to Antioch, spoke to the Hellenists, preaching the Lord Jesus. And the hand of the Lord was with them, and a great number believed and turned to the Lord. Then news of these things came to the ears of the church in Jerusalem, and they sent out Barnabas to go as far as Antioch. When he came and had seen the grace of God, he was glad, and encouraged them all that with purpose of heart they should continue with the Lord. For he was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and of faith. And a great many people were added to the Lord. Then Barnabas departed for Tarsus to seek Saul. And when he had found him, he brought him to Antioch. So it was that for a whole year they assembled with the church and taught a great many people. And the disciples were first called Christians in Antioch. Then the disciples, each according to his ability, determined to send relief to the brethren dwelling in Judea. This they also did, and sent it to the elders by the hands of Barnabas and Saul.

Tone 4

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

*Go forth, prosper and reign, for the sake of meekness, righteousness and truth!
(Ps. 44:3b)*

For Thou lovest righteousness, and hatest iniquity. (Ps. 44:6)

Gospel

(John 4:5-42) So He came to a city of Samaria which is called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob gave to his son Joseph. Now Jacob's well was there. Jesus therefore, being wearied from His journey, sat thus by the well. It was about the sixth hour. A woman of Samaria came to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give Me a drink." For His disciples had gone away into the city to buy food. Then the woman of Samaria said to Him, "How is it that You, being a Jew, ask a drink from me, a Samaritan woman?" For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans. Jesus answered and said to her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is who says to you, 'Give Me a drink,' you would have asked Him, and He would have given you living water." The woman said to Him, "Sir, You have nothing to draw with, and the well is deep. Where then do You get that living water? Are You greater than our father Jacob, who gave us the well, and drank from it himself, as well as his sons and his livestock?" Jesus answered and said to her, "Whoever drinks of this water will thirst again, but whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him will never thirst. But the water that I shall give him will become in him a fountain of water springing up into everlasting life." The woman said to Him, "Sir, give me this water, that I may not thirst, nor come here to draw." Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come here." The woman answered and said, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You have well said, 'I have no husband,' for you have had five husbands, and the one whom you now have is not your

husband; in that you spoke truly." The woman said to Him, "Sir, I perceive that You are a prophet. Our fathers worshiped on this mountain, and you Jews say that in Jerusalem is the place where one ought to worship." Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe Me, the hour is coming when you will neither on this mountain, nor in Jerusalem, worship the Father. You worship what you do not know; we know what we worship, for salvation is of the Jews. But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for the Father is seeking such to worship Him. God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth." The woman said to Him, "I know that Messiah is coming" (who is called Christ). "When He comes, He will tell us all things." Jesus said to her, "I who speak to you am He." And at this point His disciples came, and they marveled that He talked with a woman; yet no one said, "What do You seek?" or, "Why are You talking with her?" The woman then left her waterpot, went her way into the city, and said to the men, Come, see a Man who told me all things that I ever did. Could this be the Christ? Then they went out of the city and came to Him. In the meantime His disciples urged Him, saying, "Rabbi, eat." But He said to them, "I have food to eat of which you do not know." Therefore the disciples said to one another, "Has anyone brought Him anything to eat?" Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of Him who sent Me, and to finish His work. Do you not say, 'There are still four months and then comes the harvest'? Behold, I say to you, lift up your eyes and look at the fields, for they are already white for harvest! And he who reaps receives wages, and gathers fruit for eternal life, that both he who sows and he who reaps may rejoice together. For in this the saying is true: 'One sows and another reaps.' I sent you to reap that for which you have not labored; others have labored, and you have entered into their labors." And many of the Samaritans of that city believed in Him because of the word of the woman who testified, "He told me all that I ever did." So when the Samaritans had come to Him, they urged Him to stay with

them; and He stayed there two days. And many more believed because of His own word. Then they said to the woman, "Now we believe, not because of what you said, for we ourselves have heard Him and we know that this is indeed the Christ, the Savior of the world."

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

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, May 14, 2023

Vigils in Altar - Windowsill (2)

Happy Mother's Day

Offered by Gordon, Matt, Jess, Alex, Megan, Nick & Tosha

Vigils in Altar - Table of Oblation (2)

Happy Mother's Day Baba, Offered by Emily, Evie, Hannah, Lilli, Leah

Vigils in Altar - Side Table (2)

Safe Travels for Radu & Aliana, Offered by The Lungu Family

Votives in Altar

In Honor Of Daniel's Birthday, Offered by Guliana Holobeny

Votives in Iconostas

In Honor Of Cameron Brusko, Offered by Joann & Greg Brusko

Vigil in Side Candle Holders (2)

In Memory Of Anna Hutz, Offered by Ann Marie & Barry Bretz

Crosses

In Memory Of Mary Radio, Offered by The Radio & Tomsic Family

Vigils on the Tetrapod (2)

In Memory Of Pauline Radchuk, Offered by Bill & Sandi Keysock

Vigils on Icon Table (2)

In Memory Of Mary Keysock, Offered by Bill & Sandi Keysock

Vigils - Icon of the Virgin Mary (2)

In Memory Of Janice Grifone, Offered by Friend, Barb Monarek

Votives - Icon of the Virgin Mary

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

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

Votives - Icon of St. John the Baptist

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Vigils on South Wall Window Sill (3)

In Memory Of Doris Jonson, Offered by A Friend

Vigils of St. Gregory (1)

In Memory Of Josephine Bretz, Offered by Barry & Ann Marie Bretz

Vigils of St. Paul (1)

In Memory Of Josephine Bretz, Offered by Barry & Ann Marie Bretz

Vigils on North Wall Window Sill (3)

In Memory Of Vincentine Brusko, Offered by Joann & Greg Brusko

Vigil of St. Michael (1)

In Memory Of Mary Stetz, Offered by Pat & Joan

Vigil of St. Andrew (1)

In Memory Of Mary Stetz, Offered by Pat & Joan

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Hope Rescue Mission needs your HELP!



St. Nicholas Russian Orthodox Church is collecting coats, hats, boots, belts, men's clothing for the men at Hope Rescue Mission and for the women's and children's shelter (Lighthouse). We will take all seasons of clothing for men, women, and children. We have a need for new men's underwear, undershirts, and sweatpants all in sizes medium to xxxl.

You can drop items off in the designated containers in the Chernay Fellowship Hall. Please make all donations by **Sunday, June 4, 2023.**

This clothing helps provide food, clothing, and shelter for the men at Hope Rescue and the women and children at Lighthouse.

Thank you in advance for your donations!

Upcoming Parish Council Meeting

Parish Council Meeting - Monday, May 22, 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.

1st Quarter Treasurer's Report Summary

January 2023	Income:	\$30,811.96
	Expenses:	\$29,540.77
	<u>Net Revenue:</u>	<u>\$1,271.19</u>
February 2023	Income:	\$30,890.36
	Expenses	\$25,606.41
	<u>Net Revenue:</u>	<u>\$5,283.95</u>
March 2023	Income:	\$26,782.94
	Expenses:	\$39,161.21
	<u>Net Revenue:</u>	<u>\$(12,378.27)</u>

Save the Date

Coffee hour on Sunday May 21st will be hosted by Nancy Kohudic and Sandi Keysock in memory of Peter Kohudic.. All proceeds will benefit the Miracle League of Northampton County (MLNC). The MLNC provides the children in our communities who can't participate in a sport on a conventional field with a place to play baseball in easily accessible field environment. NSS (National Slovak Society) will match up to \$500. So come to coffee hour and have a hotdog and soda. Thank you!

A Note Of Thanks

Greetings, fellow parishioners,

Christ Is Risen!

Thank you for your sponsorship this weekend for the Walk for Life support of the Lehigh Valley BrightHope Pregnancy Support Centers (Allentown and Easton), and their new Medical Mobile Unit which will bring life-affirming services to those most vulnerable. All of BrightHope's services are donor funding, so, thanks be to God, our parish's donations helped us meet their \$50,000 goal!

With deep appreciation for your generous participation,
Fr. Michael and Mat. Susan Kon

Help Wanted - Fundraising Committee

The St. Nicholas Parish Council is seeking volunteers to form a Fundraising Committee to help guide and coordinate our fundraising efforts. If you are interested in participating, please sign up at the Candle Desk or contact Fr. Nikolai or Jennifer Bzik.

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.

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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, Val Danchenko, Christopher Felix, Patricia 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 Witaneck

Handmaidens of God: Lydia Hashinger, Julianna Kahl, Amanda Riley, and their unborn children, Kaylee Riley and Alyssa Weaver and their newborn children.

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