

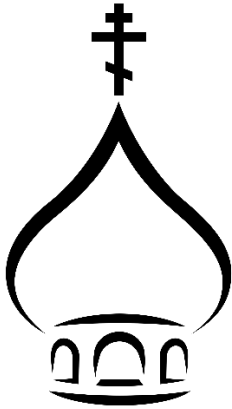
Divine Liturgy

Sunday, May 21, 2023

6th Sunday of Pascha

Blind Man

Holy Equals-to-the-Apostles Emperor Constantine and his mother, Helen



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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 May 21, 2023

6th SUNDAY OF PASCHA – Tone 5. Blind Man. Holy Equals-to-the-Apostles Emperor Constantine and his mother, Helen (Elena) (327). St. Constantine (1129) and his children, Ss. Michael and Theodore, Wonderworkers of Múrom. Ven. Cassian the Greek, of Uglich (1504). The Meeting of the VLADIMIR Icon of the Mother of God (in commemoration of the saving of Moscow from the invasion of the Crimean Khan, Mekhmet-Girei in 1521).

Fr. Nikolai's Office Hours

Monday, May 21st - Fr. Nikolai's day off
Tuesday, May 22nd - 12:00 pm - 5:00 pm
Friday, May 26th - 9:00 am - 2:00 pm

Coffee Hour Today

Coffee hour today 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!

Weekly & Upcoming Calendar

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

Monday, May 22
Thursday, May 25
Saturday, May 27
Sunday, May 28

7:00 pm - Parish Council Meeting
9:00 am - Ascension Liturgy
5:00 pm - Great Vespers
Holy Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council
9:10 am - Reading of the Hours
9:30 am - Divine Liturgy

Thursday, June 1	9:00 am - Akathist to the Theotokos, Nurturer of Children
Saturday, June 3	4:30 pm - General Panikhida 5:00 pm - Great Vespers
Sunday, June 4	Pentecost 9:10 am - Reading of the Hours 9:30 am - Divine Liturgy w/ Kneeling Prayers
Monday, June 5	Day of the Holy Spirit 8:50 am - Reading of the Hours 9:00 am - Divine Liturgy 5:00 pm - Great Vespers
Saturday, June 10	OCMC Presentation - After Great Vespers
Sunday, June 11	Sunday of All Saints 9:10 am - Reading of the Hours 9:30 am - Divine Liturgy
Monday, June 12	Peter and Paul Fast Begins
Saturday, June 17	5:00 pm - Great Vespers
Sunday, June 18	Sunday of All Saints of America and Rus 9:10 am - Reading of the Hours 9:30 am - Divine Liturgy
Saturday, June 24	Nativity of St. John the Baptist 8:50 - Reading of the Hours 9:00 - Divine Liturgy 5:00 pm - Great Vespers
Sunday, June 25	3rd Sunday after Pentecost 9:10 am - Reading of the Hours 9:30 am - Divine Liturgy 5:00 pm - Great Vespers w/ Litia
Wednesday, June 28	
Thursday, June 29	Ss. Peter and Paul 8:50 - Reading of the Hours 9:00 - 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 5 Troparion (Resurrection)

Let us, the faithful, praise and worship the Word, co-eternal with the Father and the Spirit, born for our salvation from the Virgin; for He willed to be lifted up on the Cross in the flesh, to endure death, and to raise the dead by His glorious Resurrection.

Tone 4 Kontakion (Pentecostarion)

I come to Thee, O Christ, blind from birth in my spiritual eyes, and call to Thee in repentance: "Thou art the most radiant Light of those in darkness."

Tone 8 Prokeimenon (Pentecostarion)

Pray and make your vows before the Lord, our God! (*Ps. 75:10a*)

In Judah God is known; His name is great in Israel. (Ps. 75:1)

Epistle

Read by David Metz

(Acts 16:16-34) Now it happened, as we went to prayer, that a certain slave girl possessed with a spirit of divination met us, who brought her masters much profit by fortune-telling. This girl followed Paul and us, and cried out, saying,

"These men are the servants of the Most High God, who proclaim to us the way of salvation." And this she did for many days. But Paul, greatly annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, "I command you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her." And he came out that very hour. But when her masters saw that their hope of profit was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace to the authorities. And they brought them to the magistrates, and said, "These men, being Jews, exceedingly trouble our city; and they teach customs which are not lawful for us, being Romans, to receive or observe." Then the multitude rose up together against them; and the magistrates tore off their clothes and commanded them to be beaten with rods. And when they had laid many stripes on them, they threw them into prison, commanding the jailer to keep them securely. Having received such a charge, he put them into the inner prison and fastened their feet in the stocks. But at midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. Suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were loosed. And the keeper of the prison, awaking from sleep and seeing the prison doors open, supposing the prisoners had fled, drew his sword and was about to kill himself. But Paul called with a loud voice, saying, "Do yourself no harm, for we are all here." Then he called for a light, ran in, and fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. And he brought them out and said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" So they said, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be saved, you and your household." Then they spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. And he took them the same hour of the night and washed their stripes. And immediately he and all his family were baptized. Now when he had brought them into his house, he set food before them; and he rejoiced, having believed in God with all his household.

Tone 8

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Look upon me and have mercy on me! (Ps.118:132a)

Guide my steps according to Thy word! (Ps. 118:133a)

Tone 1

I have exalted one chosen out of My people. (Ps. 88:18b)

Gospel

(John 9:1-38) Now as Jesus passed by, He saw a man who was blind from birth. And His disciples asked Him, saying, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" Jesus answered, "Neither this man nor his parents sinned, but that the works of God should be revealed in him. I must work the works of Him who sent Me while it is day; the night is coming when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." When He had said these things, He spat on the ground and made clay with the saliva; and He anointed the eyes of the blind man with the clay. And He said to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which is translated, Sent). So he went and washed, and came back seeing. Therefore the neighbors and those who previously had seen that he was blind said, "Is not this he who sat and begged?" Some said, "This is he." Others said, "He is like him." He said, "I am he." Therefore they said to him, "How were your eyes opened?" He answered and said, "A Man called Jesus made clay and anointed my eyes and said to me, 'Go to the pool of Siloam and wash.' So I went and washed, and I received sight." Then they said to him, "Where is He?" He said, "I do not know." They brought him who formerly was blind to the Pharisees. Now it was a Sabbath when Jesus made the clay and opened his eyes. Then the Pharisees also asked him again how he had received his sight. He said to them, "He put clay on my eyes, and I washed, and I see." Therefore some of the Pharisees said, "This Man is not from God, because He does not keep the Sabbath." Others said, "How can a man who is a sinner do

such signs?" And there was a division among them. They said to the blind man again, "What do you say about Him because He opened your eyes?" He said, "He is a prophet." But the Jews did not believe concerning him, that he had been blind and received his sight, until they called the parents of him who had received his sight. And they asked them, saying, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?" His parents answered them and said, "We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; but by what means he now sees we do not know, or who opened his eyes we do not know. He is of age; ask him. He will speak for himself." His parents said these things because they feared the Jews, for the Jews had agreed already that if anyone confessed that He was Christ, he would be put out of the synagogue. Therefore his parents said, "He is of age; ask him." So they again called the man who was blind, and said to him, "Give God the glory! We know that this Man is a sinner." He answered and said, "Whether He is a sinner or not I do not know. One thing I know: that though I was blind, now I see." Then they said to him again, "What did He do to you? How did He open your eyes?" He answered them, "I told you already, and you did not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become His disciples?" Then they reviled him and said, "You are His disciple, but we are Moses' disciples. We know that God spoke to Moses; as for this fellow, we do not know where He is from." The man answered and said to them, "Why, this is a marvelous thing, that you do not know where He is from; yet He has opened my eyes! Now we know that God does not hear sinners; but if anyone is a worshiper of God and does His will, He hears him. Since the world began it has been unheard of that anyone opened the eyes of one who was born blind. If this Man were not from God, He could do nothing." They answered and said to him, "You were completely born in sins, and are you teaching us?" And they cast him out. Jesus heard that they had cast him out; and when He had found him, He said to him, "Do you believe in the Son of God?" He answered and said, "Who is He, Lord, that I may believe in Him?" And Jesus said to him, "You have both seen Him and it is He who is talking with you." Then he said, "Lord, I believe!" And he worshiped 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, May 21, 2023

Vigils in Altar - Windowsill (2)

In Memory Of Peter Kohudic

Vigils in Altar - Table of Oblation (2)

Happy Anniversary Bill & Sandi Keysock, Offered by Their Family

Vigils in Altar - Side Table (2)

In Memory Of Peter Kohudic

Votives in Altar

In Memory Of Ray Pasquel, Offered by The Pasquel Family

Votives in Iconostas

In Memory Of John (Jay) Radio, Offered by Greg & Rosalie Radio

Vigil in Side Candle Holders (2)

In Honor Of Jen Radio on her Birthday, Offered by Greg & Rosalie

Crosses

For Health of Barry Bretz on his Birthday, Offered by Stephanie Pasquel

Vigils on the Tetrapod (2)

For Health Of Regina & Joe Pinkowicz on their Anniversary
Offered by Stephanie Pasquel

Vigils on Icon Table (2)

Happy Anniversary Regina & Joe Pinkowicz
Offered by Barry & Ann Marie Bretz

Vigils - Icon of the Virgin Mary (2)

Happy Birthday Lindsey Slivka, Offered by Francine & Michael Slivka

Votives - Icon of the Virgin Mary

In Honor Of Fr. Alexandros Petrides, Offered by Fr. Michael & Mat. Susan Kon

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

Safe Travels for The Hodson Family

Votives - Icon of St. John the Baptist

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

Vigils on South Wall Window Sill (3)

In Honor Of Talia Tomsic on her Birthday, Offered by Poppy & Baba

Vigils of St. Gregory (1)

Happy Birthday Talia Tomsic, Offered by Ethan & Owne

Vigils of St. Paul (1)

Happy 14th Birthday Talia, Offered by Godfather Scott & Jen

Vigils on North Wall Window Sill (3)

God Grant Many Years to Barry Bretz, Offered by Mike & Shirley Isbanksy

Vigil of St. Michael (1)

For Health of Eric & Lindsey Slivka, Offered by Mike & Fran Slivka

Vigil of St. Andrew (1)

Happy Birthday Barry Bretz, Offered by Ann Marie

Flowers to Adorn the Icon of

The Ascension of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ

In Memory Of Ray Pasquel, Offered by Stephanie Pasquel

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.

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.

A Note Of Thanks

On Sunday 4/23 a light luncheon was hosted in honor of Bill Keysock's 75th birthday. All monies collected were given to St. Basil Pastoral Academy in Mexico through the OCA. NSS will matched the funds up to \$500, which along with all of the donations from our generous parish totaled \$1,100. Thanks to all who supported this coffee to help promote Orthodoxy.

Mother's Day Wishes

Happy Mother's Day Pat, Love Son, Bill
Happy Mother's Day Pat, Love Cindy and Jim
Happy Mother's Day Pat, Love Wash

Tickets go on sale **May 2nd
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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!

Donations Received In Memory

In Memory Of Betty Fedora: Offered by Olga T.

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>

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.

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, 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, Joseph Pinkowicz, 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, 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.