

Divine Liturgy

Sunday, June 4, 2023

8th Sunday of Pascha

Holy Pentecost - Feast of the Holy Trinity



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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 June 4, 2023

8th SUNDAY OF PASCHA – Tone 7. Holy Pentecost: Feast of the Holy Trinity. St. Metrophanes, first Patriarch of Constantinople (325-326). Righteous Martha and Mary, the sisters of Lazarus (1st c.). Ven. Methodius “Peshnosh”, disciple of Ven. Sergius of Rádonezh (1392). Martyrs Frontasius, Severinus, Severian, and Silanus, of Gaul (1st c.). Martyr Concordius of Spoleto (ca. 175). Hieromartyr Astius, Bishop of Dyrrachium in Macedonia (ca. 110). Venerable Father Zosima the Bishop of Babylon (6th c.).

Fr. Nikolai’s Office Hours

Monday, June 5th – Fr. Nikolai’s day off
Wednesday, June 7th – 12:00 pm – 5:00 pm
Friday, June 9th – 9:00 am – 2:00 pm

Coffee Hour Today

Coffee Hour Today is hosted by The Bzik Family

Weekly & Upcoming Calendar

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

Monday, June 5

Day of the Holy Spirit

8:50 am – Reading of the Hours
9:00 am – Divine Liturgy

Saturday, June 10

10:00 am – Spring Clean Up
5:00 pm – Great Vespers

OCMC Presentation – After Great Vespers

Sunday, June 11

Sunday of All Saints

9:10 am – Reading of the Hours
9:30 am – Divine Liturgy
Fundraising Committee Meeting during coffee hour

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

Tuesday, June 20

7:00 pm - Parish Council Meeting

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

Wednesday, June 28

5:00 pm - Great Vespers w/ Litia

Thursday, June 29

Ss. Peter and Paul

8:50 - Reading of the Hours

9:00 - Divine Liturgy

LAST DAY - 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!

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The First Antiphon

The heavens are telling the glory of God; and the firmament proclaims His handiwork. *(Ps. 18:1)*

Refrain: Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us!

Day to day pours forth speech, and night to night declares knowledge. *(Ps. 18:2)*
(Refrain)

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

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen. *(Refrain)*

The Second Antiphon

The Lord answer thee in the day of trouble; the Name of the God of Jacob protect thee! *(Ps. 19:1)*

Refrain: O Gracious Comforter, save us who sing to Thee: Alleluia!

May He send thee help from the sanctuary and give thee support from Zion!
(Ps. 19:2) *(Refrain)*

May He remember all thine offerings, and fulfill all thy plans! *(Ps. 19:3)* *(Refrain)*

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

("Only-begotten Son and immortal Word of God... ")

The Third Antiphon

In Thy strength the king rejoices, O Lord, and exults greatly in Thy salvation.
(Ps. 20:1)

Tone 8 Troparion

Blessed art Thou, O Christ our God, Who hast revealed the fishermen as most wise by sending down upon them the Holy Spirit, and through them Thou didst draw the world into Thy net. O Lover of Man, glory to Thee!

Thou hast given him his heart's desire, and hast not withheld the request of his lips. (Ps. 20:2)

Troparion of the Feast

For Thou dost meet him with goodly blessings; Thou dost set a crown of fine gold upon his head. (Ps. 20:3)

Troparion of the Feast

Entrance Verse

Be Thou exalted, O Lord, in Thy strength! We will sing and praise Thy power!
(Ps. 20:13)

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Tone 8 Kontakion

When the Most High came down and confused the tongues, He divided the nations; but when He distributed the tongues of fire, He called all to unity. Therefore, with one voice we glorify the All-holy Spirit.

(Instead of the Trisagion, we sing:)

As many as have been baptized into Christ, have put on Christ. Alleluia.

Tone 8 Prokeimenon *(Pentecostarion)*

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

The heavens are telling the glory of God, and the firmament proclaims His handiwork. (Ps. 18:1)

Epistle

Read by Reader Nicholas Lezinsky

(Acts 2:1-11) When the Day of Pentecost had fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. Then there appeared to them divided tongues, as of fire, and one sat upon each of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance. And there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men, from every nation under heaven. And when this sound occurred, the multitude came together, and were confused, because everyone heard them speak in his own language. Then they were all amazed and marveled, saying to one another, "Look, are not all these who speak Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each in our own language in which we were born? Parthians and Medes and Elamites, those dwelling in Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya adjoining Cyrene, visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes,

Cretans and Arabs - we hear them speaking in our own tongues the wonderful works of God."

Tone 1

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

By the Word of the Lord the heavens were made; and all their host by the Spirit of His mouth. (Ps. 32:6)

The Lord looked down from heaven, and saw all the sons of men. (Ps. 32:13)

Gospel

(John 7:37-52; 8:12) On the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried out, saying, "If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and drink. He who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, out of his heart will flow rivers of living water." But this He spoke concerning the Spirit, whom those believing in Him would receive; for the Holy Spirit was not yet given, because Jesus was not yet glorified. Therefore many from the crowd, when they heard this saying, said, "Truly this is the Prophet." Others said, "This is the Christ." But some said, "Will the Christ come out of Galilee? Has not the Scripture said that the Christ comes from the seed of David and from the town of Bethlehem, where David was?" So there was a division among the people because of Him. Now some of them wanted to take Him, but no one laid hands on Him. Then the officers came to the chief priests and Pharisees, who said to them, "Why have you not brought Him?" The officers answered, "No man ever spoke like this Man!" Then the Pharisees answered them, "Are you also deceived? Have any of the rulers or the Pharisees believed in Him? But this crowd that does not know the law is accursed."

Nikodemos (he who came to Jesus by night, being one of them) said to them, "Does our law judge a man before it hears him and knows what he is doing?" They answered and said to him, "Are you also from Galilee? Search and look, for no prophet has arisen out of Galilee." Then Jesus spoke to them again, saying, "I am the light of the world. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life."

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

Rejoice, O Queen, glory of mothers and virgins! No tongue, however sweet or fluent, is eloquent enough to praise thee worthily. Every mind is overawed by thy childbearing. Therefore, with one voice, we glorify thee.

Communion Hymn

Let Thy good Spirit lead me on a level path! (*Ps. 142:12a*)
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Candle Offerings

Sunday, June 4, 2023

Vigils in Altar - Table of Oblation (2)

In Honor Of Fr. James' 61st Anniversary of Ordination, Offered by Mat. Pat

Votives in Altar

Happy Birthday David Roberts, Offered by Gordon & Valerie Roberts

Vigil in Side Candle Holders (2)

Many Years to David & Janice Cudlic for their Anniversary
Offered by Laura & Joe Eck and David Cudlic

Crosses

In Honor Of Jones Tomsic's Birthday, Offered by Poppy & Baba Radio

Vigils on the Tetrapod (2)

Happy Birthday Jones, Offered by Ethan & Owen Radio

Vigils on Icon Table (2)

Happy Birthday Carmen Hodson, Offered by Moses, Alex & Christopher

Vigils - Icon of the Virgin Mary (2)

Happy Birthday Francine Slivka, Offered by Michael Slivka

Votives - Icon of the Virgin Mary

Happy Birthday Carmen Hodson, Offered by The Lezinskys

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

Happy Birthday Craig Haney, Offered by Patty Felix

Vigils of St. Gregory (1)

In Memory Of Vincentine Brusko, Offered by The Brusko Family

Vigils on North Wall Window Sill (3)

God Grant Many Blessed Years to Carmen Hodson on her Birthday

With Love from Mike & Shirley Isbansky

Vigil of St. Michael (1)

In Memory Of Vincentine Brusko, Offered by The Brusko Family

Vigil of St. Andrew (1)

In Memory Of Vincentine Brusko, Offered by The Brusko Family

Flowers to Adorn the Icon of The Descent of the Holy Spirit

In Honor Of Fr. James' Anniversary of Ordination

Offered by The Mason, Podlusk, Guiducci & Hockman Families

Fundraising Committee Meeting - June 11th

The Fundraising Committee will meet for the first time during coffee hour on June 11, 2023. All are welcome to attend.

Grocery Gift Cards To Be Discontinued

The Grocery Gift Card fundraiser is being discontinued. All cards that are on hand will be sold, but no new cards will be ordered. Please see Judy Lezinsky if you are interested in purchasing any of the remaining cards. Thank you to all who have supported this fundraiser for the church. God bless you and thank you! ~~ Judy Lezinsky

Spring Clean Up at St. Nicholas

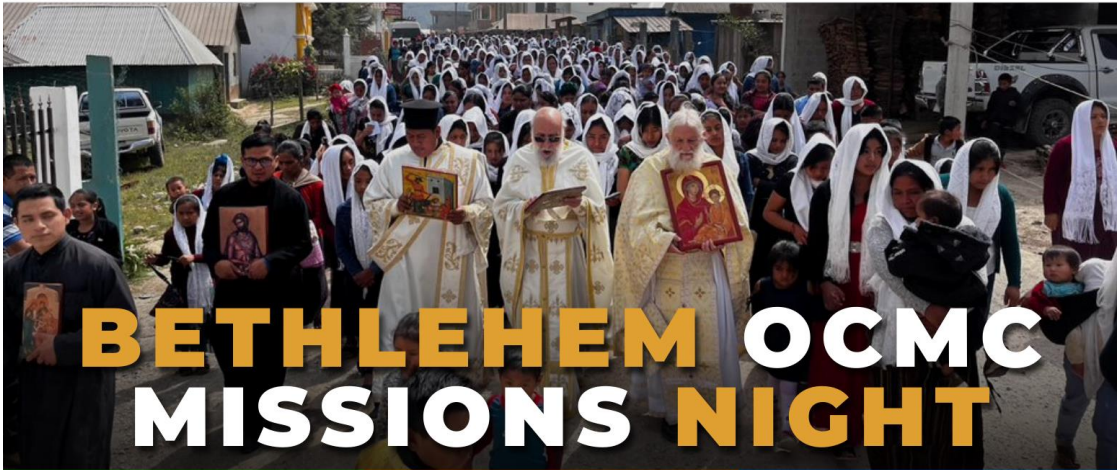
MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK! ~~~On June 10th at 10:00 am (weather permitting) we will be working on the spring clean up of the church property, including weeding, trimming shrubs, etc. Please join us if you are available. Contact Pat Grammes for more information.

A Note Of Thanks

Dear Parish Family,

Thank you to so many who have called offering all kinds of assistance, prayers and sent cards. Especially to Father Nikolai for his prayers along with all of yours. Your heartfelt care has touched me deeply. This is truly a loving parish family and I am blessed. Thank you from the bottom of my heart.

Patty Felix



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Saturday, June 10

Great Vespers 5PM | Presentation 6 PM

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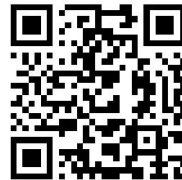
Questions? Contact the church office at (610) 867-0402 or OCMC staff at events@ocmc.org



Missions Presentation By:

Fr. Christopher Rowe

OCMC Assistant Director of Development



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A structured program based on the Angelic Ranks, providing age-appropriate activities for 8 to 18 year-olds.

Required tasks at each level will include:

- Prayer
- Scripture
- Fasting
- Almsgiving
- Service

There will also be electives, such as:

The Paschal Season, the Psalms, Women in the Bible, Choir singing, Iconography, Patron Saints, and more...

Pins and badges will be awarded to

We won't become angels, but we can all be a part of the Heavenly Host!

For more information, please contact Jennifer Bzik.

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.