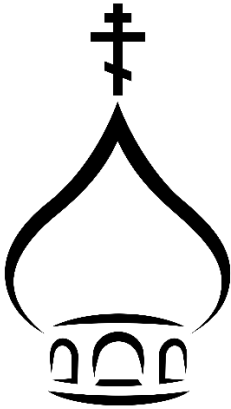


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**All Saints**



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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 11, 2023

**1st SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – Tone 8. All Saints. Holy Apostles Bartholomew and Barnabas** (1st c.). Ven. Barnabas, Abbot of Vetluga (1445). Uncovering of the Relics of Ven. Ephraim, Abbot of Novotórgsk (1572). Synaxis of the “Axion Estin” Icon of the Mother of God (10th c.). Saint Luke of Crimea, the Blessed Surgeon.

## Fr. Nikolai’s Office Hours

Friday, June 16<sup>th</sup> - 9:00 am - 2:00 pm

## Coffee Hour Today

Coffee Hour Today is hosted by Ann Marie and Barry Bretz.  
All money collected will go towards the HVAC Project

## Weekly & Upcoming Calendar

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

**Monday, June 12**

**Saturday, June 17**

**Sunday, June 18**

**Tuesday, June 20**

**Saturday, June 24**

**Sunday, June 25**

**Wednesday, June 28**

**Thursday, June 29**

**Peter and Paul Fast Begins**

5:00 pm - Great Vespers

**Sunday of All Saints of America and Rus**

9:10 am - Reading of the Hours

9:30 am - Divine Liturgy

7:00 pm - Parish Council Meeting

**Nativity of St. John the Baptist**

8:50 - Reading of the Hours

9:00 - Divine Liturgy

5:00 pm - Great Vespers

**3rd Sunday after Pentecost**

9:10 am - Reading of the Hours

9:30 am - Divine Liturgy

5:00 pm - Great Vespers w/ Litia

**Ss. Peter and Paul**

8:50 - Reading of the Hours

9:00 - Divine Liturgy

# **Divine Liturgy**

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**Tone 8      Troparion      *(Resurrection)***

Thou didst descend from on high, O Merciful One! Thou didst accept the three day burial to free us from our sufferings! O Lord, our Life and Resurrection, glory to Thee!

**Tone 4      Troparion      *(All Saints)***

As with fine porphyry and royal purple, Thy Church has been adorned with Thy martyrs' blood shed throughout all the world. She cries to Thee, O Christ God: "Send down Thy bounties on Thy people, grant peace to Thy habitation and great mercy to our souls!"

**Tone 8      Kontakion      *(All Saints)***

The universe offers Thee the God-bearing Martyrs as the first fruits of creation, O Lord and Creator. By their prayers keep Thy Church, Thy habitation, in abiding peace through the Theotokos, O most Merciful One!

**Tone 8      Prokeimenon      *(Resurrection)***

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)*

**Tone 4      Prokeimenon      *(All Saints)***

God is wonderful in His saints, the God of Israel. *(Ps. 67:35a)*

## Epistle

Read by Tricia Metz

**(Hebrews 11:33-12:2)** who through faith subdued kingdoms, worked righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched the violence of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, out of weakness were made strong, became valiant in battle, turned to flight the armies of the aliens. Women received their dead raised to life again. Others were tortured, not accepting deliverance, that they might obtain a better resurrection. Still others had trial of mockings and scourgings, yes, and of chains and imprisonment. They were stoned, they were sawn in two, were tempted, were slain with the sword. They wandered about in sheepskins and goatskins, being destitute, afflicted, tormented - of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, in dens and caves of the earth. And all these, having obtained a good testimony through faith, did not receive the promise, God having provided something better for us, that they should not be made perfect apart from us. Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

## **Tone 4**

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

*The righteous cried and the Lord heard them, and delivered them out of all their troubles. (Ps. 33:17)*

*Many are the afflictions of the righteous; the Lord will deliver them out of them all. (Ps. 33:19)*

## **Gospel**

**(Matthew 10:32-33, 37-38; 19:27-30)** Therefore whoever confesses Me before men, him I will also confess before My Father who is in heaven. But whoever denies Me before men, him I will also deny before My Father who is in heaven. He who loves father or mother more than Me is not worthy of Me. And he who loves son or daughter more than Me is not worthy of Me. And he who does not take his cross and follow after Me is not worthy of Me. Then Peter answered and said to Him, "See, we have left all and followed You. Therefore what shall we have?" So Jesus said to them, "Assuredly I say to you, that in the regeneration, when the Son of Man sits on the throne of His glory, you who have followed Me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. And everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or wife or children or lands, for My name's sake, shall receive a hundredfold, and inherit eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and the last first.

## **Communion Hymn**

Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest! *(Ps. 148:1)*  
Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous; praise befits the just! *(Ps. 32:1)*  
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

# **Candle Offerings**

## **Sunday, June 11, 2023**

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

Happy Birthday Peter Jubinski, Offered by Barry & Ann Marie Bretz

### **Votives in Altar**

Happy Birthday Peter Jubinski, Offered by Sarah, Dan, & Jean Jubinski

### **Votives in Iconostas**

Happy Birthday Kimberly Young, Offered by Patricia Owens

### **Crosses**

In Memory Of Walter Wallitsch, Offered by Rosalie & Greg Radio

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

Happy Birthday Izabela Roberts

Offered by Godparents Gordon & Valerie Roberts

### **Vigils on Icon Table (2)**

In Memory of David Roberts, Offered by Gordon & Valerie Roberts

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

In Honor Of Amber Metz on her Birthday, Offered by Michael Metz

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

In Honor Of Amber Metz on her Birthday, Offered by Michael Metz

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

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

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

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

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

In Memory Of David Roberts, Offered by Sons Jason & Laura, Ryan & Leona

### **Vigils of St. Gregory (1)**

In Memory Of David Roberts, Offered by Nephews & Families

### **Vigils of St. Paul (1)**

In Memory Of David Roberts, Offered by Granddaughter Izabela

### **Vigil of St. Michael (1)**

Happy Birthday Eric Slivka, Offered by Francine & Michael Slivka



*The Orthodox Church in America*  
**DIOCESE OF PHILADELPHIA AND EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA**  
*The Most Rev. Mark, Archbishop of Philadelphia*

June 7, 2023

Christ is in our midst! In two short weeks, the 16th Annual Diaconal Liturgical Practicum will be held June 19–23, 2023 on the campus of St Vladimir's Orthodox Theological Seminary in Yonkers, NY. The five-day program will offer intense practical liturgical training for deacons and lay diaconal candidates. The Diaconate Vocation Program has provided a pathway to the diaconate for many candidates who cannot attend seminary on a full-time basis or who might be called to a late vocation.

Our Diocese is taking steps to revitalize interest in the diaconate by promoting and reminding the faithful of the Diaconal Vocations Program, both as developed by the OCA and as the program existed regionally with our Diocese prior to 2020. In an effort to kick-start interest, you will find two attachments to this email:

1. An informational tri-fold .pdf flyer that discusses the Diaconate which can be printed double-sided, distributed with your weekly bulletin with additional copies to be made available wherever you have such materials generally available now.
2. A one-page essay titled "Who is a Deacon?" by Reader William Rusk with links to the OCA DVP program AND a way to register for any Diocesan-wide Diaconal programs, webinars and seminars.

Please make sufficient copies and distribute this information with your bulletin this week. It is our prayer that with a little bit of effort, we can renew widespread interest in this blessed ministry. How wonderful would it be if every parish in our Diocese had its own properly trained deacon to serve alongside with and assist our parish priests? Wonderful indeed!

+ Mark

+ MARK, Archbishop of Philadelphia and the Diocese of Eastern Pennsylvania  
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"Thou hast made us for Thyself, O Lord, and our heart is restless until it finds its rest in Thee." Augustine



## Who is a Deacon?

A member of many of our parishes is missing on Sunday mornings. No, not the young enquirer who was steadily attending Liturgy for months and has now been absent for a while, or the elderly member of our congregation who has slowed down in recent months. These members, whom it is our duty to reach out to and reconnect with as a part of our Christian vocation of service, are not who we have in mind. This missing member of our congregation is written into the service books and has always been a part of the unbroken chain of the Orthodox Church. So, who is this person? The deacon, the first rank of ordained clergy, is rarely seen on most Sunday mornings. But why, one may ask, do we “need” a deacon at all?

Church tradition sees the appointing of seven men “of good repute, full of the Spirit and of wisdom” (Acts 6) as first establishing the clerical rank of deacon. Appointed to “server tables” in aid of the widows in the growing Christian community, the deacon’s chief role was one of service. This role, which is the vocational calling of all Orthodox Christians, remains at the heart of the Diaconate. Called first to serve at the altar, the deacon assists the Bishop and Priest. The necessity of this three-fold clerical order has always been assumed in Church tradition. St. Ignatius of Antioch, a second century bishop and martyr, said, “without these three orders you cannot begin to speak of a church.”

While a long exposition on the steady decline of the diaconate over the centuries is beyond the scope of this introduction, it is sufficed to state that the office of deacon has fallen out of view of the everyday parishioner. Yet, the office remains and every priest and bishop are first ordained a deacon before being elevated. The perception that the diaconate is a “stepping-stone” towards the priesthood, while often times the case, is to forget that the office is for many a life-long vocation. The diaconate is far from a liturgical relic, a historical office which has no place in the modern context, it is a reflection of the vitality of the living Church. In this light, the Church still “needs” deacons, men of ‘good repute’ who feel a calling to serve Christ and His people.

What kind of person becomes a deacon? Potential candidates should be men who feel a calling to serve Christ and His Church at the altar, and desire to serve their parish and the surrounding community. As assistants to the bishop and priest, the deacon’s ministry is one of selfless service to the Church. Often times, deacons are dual-vocational, their ordained ministry in the Church is carried out while maintaining an established career. While multiple avenues of study and formation are available, discerning a calling to serve Christ in ordained ministry must first begin in prayer. If you have ever felt a calling to serve at the altar, attend seminary, or further your theological education, talk to your parish priest, offer your time in service to the community, and pray for guidance on your journey.

**Information Regarding the OCA’s Diaconal Vocation Program can be found here:**

Email: [dvp@oca.org](mailto:dvp@oca.org)

Web: [www.oca.org/about/boards-offices-commissions/dvp](http://www.oca.org/about/boards-offices-commissions/dvp)

**If you would like to receive additional information regarding the Diaconal Vocation Program initiatives within the DIOCESE OF EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA, including zoom webinars and Q&A sessions, please send an email to Subdeacon Greg Polk @ [ipadiakon427@gmail.com](mailto:ipadiakon427@gmail.com) to register, please put “DOEPA DVP REGISTER” in the subject line and provide their NAME, ADDRESS, PHONE #, AGE & HOME PARISH.**

# Fundraising Committee Meeting - June 11<sup>th</sup>

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

## Altar Server Training

There will be an altar server training session on Saturday, June 17<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at 10:00 am for all altar servers. Altar Servers - Please make every effort 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



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## **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

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**Handmaidens of God:** Lydia Hashinger, Krista Irwin, 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.**