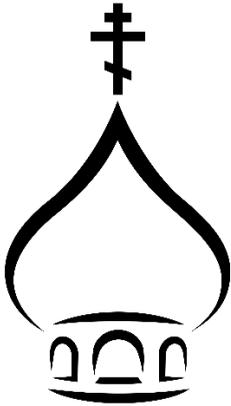


Divine Liturgy

Sunday, July 30, 2023

8th Sunday after Pentecost

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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 July 30, 2023

8th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – Tone 7. Apostles Silas and Silvanus of the Seventy, and those with them: Crescens, Epenetus, and Andronicus (1st c.). Martyr John the soldier at Constantinople. Uncovering of the Relics of Ven. Herman of Solovétsky Monastery (1484). Hieromartyr Polychronius, Bishop of Babylon, and Martyrs Parmenius, Helimenas, and Chrysotelus–Presbyters, Luke and Moscius–Deacons, and Abdon, Sennen, Maximus and Olympius (ca. 251). Hieromartyr Valentine, Bishop of Interamna (Terni) in Italy, and Martyrs Proculus, Ephebus, Apollonius and Abundius, youths (ca. 273).

Fr. Nikolai's Office Hours

Monday, July 30th – Fr. Nikolai's day off
Wednesday, August 2nd – 12:00 pm – 6:00 pm
Friday, August 4th – 9:00 am – 2:00 pm

Coffee Hour Today

Please remember Subdeacon Michael's 40th day by joining us TODAY following Liturgy for a Panikhida. A repast will be held! July 30th is also "Prison Ministry Awareness Sunday". We will be having a matching fund drive at the repast with all donations going to the Orthodox Christian Prison Ministry in his memory! Your generosity is greatly appreciated! "I was in prison and you ministered to me."

Most Sincerely,
Michele Guydan

Weekly & Upcoming Calendar

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

Thursday, August 3 9:00 am - Akathist to the Theotokos, Nurturer of children

Saturday, August 5

4:30 pm - General Panikhida

5:00 pm - Great Vespers w/ Litia

Sunday, August 6

Transfiguration

9:10 am - Reading of the Hours

9:30 am - Divine Liturgy

Saturday, August 12

5:00 pm - Great Vespers

Sunday, August 13

10th Sunday after Pentecost

9:10 am - Reading of the Hours

9:30 am - Divine Liturgy

Monday, August 14

6:00 pm - Great Vespers w/ Litia

Tuesday, August 15

Dormition

8:50 am - Reading of the Hours

9:00 am - Divine Liturgy

Saturday, August 19

5:00 pm - Great Vespers

Sunday, August 20

11th Sunday after Pentecost

9:10 am - Reading of the Hours

9:30 am - Divine Liturgy

Saturday, August 26

5:00 pm - Great Vespers

Sunday, August 27

12th Sunday after Pentecost

9:10 am - Reading of the Hours

9:30 am - Divine Liturgy

Tuesday, August 29

Beheading of St. John

8:50 am - Reading of the Hours

9:00 am - Divine Liturgy

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Tone 7 Troparion *(Resurrection)*

By Thy Cross Thou didst destroy death. To the thief Thou didst open Paradise. For the Myrrhbearers Thou didst change weeping into joy, and Thou didst command Thy disciples, O Christ God, to proclaim that Thou art risen, granting the world great mercy.

Tone 3 Troparion *(Apostles)*

Holy Apostles Silas and Silvanus, entreat the merciful God to grant our souls forgiveness of transgressions!

Tone 7 Kontakion *(Resurrection)*

The dominion of death can no longer hold men captive, for Christ descended, shattering and destroying its powers. Hell is bound, while the Prophets rejoice and cry: "The Savior has come to those in faith; enter, you faithful, into the Resurrection!"

Tone 4 Kontakion *(Apostles)*

You were revealed to be branches of the vine of Christ, O wise ones, bearing clusters of virtues that pour out on us the wine of salvation. Receiving it, we are filled with gladness, and we celebrate your most honored memory, Apostles of the Lord, Silas and Silvanus. Therefore, intercede that great mercy and remission of sins may be granted to us.

Tone 7 Prokeimenon (Resurrection)

The Lord shall give strength to His people. The Lord shall bless His people with peace. (Ps. 28:11)

Offer to the Lord, O you sons of God! Offer young rams to the Lord! (Ps. 28:1a)

Epistle

Read by Reader Michael Metz

(1 Corinthians 1:10-18) Now I plead with you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment. For it has been declared to me concerning you, my brethren, by those of Chloe's household, that there are contentions among you. Now I say this, that each of you says, "I am of Paul," or "I am of Apollos," or "I am of Cephas," or "I am of Christ." Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, lest anyone should say that I had baptized in my own name. Yes, I also baptized the household of Stephanas. Besides, I do not know whether I baptized any other. For Christ did not send me to baptize, but to preach the gospel, not with wisdom of words, lest the cross of Christ should be made of no effect. For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

Tone 7

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

It is good to give thanks to the Lord, to sing praises to Thy Name, O Most High. (Ps. 91:1)

To declare Thy mercy in the morning, and Thy truth by night. (Ps. 91:2a)

Gospel

(Matthew 14:14-22) And when Jesus went out He saw a great multitude; and He was moved with compassion for them, and healed their sick. When it was evening, His disciples came to Him, saying, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is already late. Send the multitudes away, that they may go into the villages and buy themselves food." But Jesus said to them, "They do not need to go away. You give them something to eat." And they said to Him, "We have here only five loaves and two fish." He said, "Bring them here to Me." Then He commanded the multitudes to sit down on the grass. And He took the five loaves and the two fish, and looking up to heaven, He blessed and broke and gave the loaves to the disciples; and the disciples gave to the multitudes. So they all ate and were filled, and they took up twelve baskets full of the fragments that remained. Now those who had eaten were about five thousand men, besides women and children. Immediately Jesus made His disciples get into the boat and go before Him to the other side, while He sent the multitudes away.

Communion Hymn

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

Candle Offerings

Sunday, July 30, 2023

Vigils in Altar - Windowsill (2)

Happy 40th Anniversary Radu & Aliana Lungu, Offered by The Lungu Family

Vigils in Altar - Table of Oblation (2)

Happy 40th Anniversary Radu & Aliana Lungu, Offered by The Lungu Family

Vigils in Altar - Side Table (2)

Happy Birthday Nicholas Bzik, Offered by The Lezinskys

Votives in Altar

IN Memory Of Stephen Chomko, Offered by The Pasquel Family

Votives in Iconostas

Happy Anniversary to the Lungus, Thanking God for 40 Blessed Years!
Offered by The Lungu Family

Vigil in Side Candle Holders (2)

Happy Anniversary to the Lungus, Thanking God for 40 Blessed Years!
Offered by The Lungu Family

Crosses

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Vigils on the Tetrapod (2)

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Vigils on Icon Table (2)

In Memory Of Frank Michael Guydan, Offered by Radu & Aliana Lungu

Vigils - Icon of the Virgin Mary (2)

In Memory Of Helen Lackatos, Offered by Barb, Kyra & Gregory

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

In Memory Of the Newly Departed David Keysock
Offered by Bill & Sandi Keysock

Vigil of St. Michael (1)

In Memory Of Subdeacon Frank, Offered by Pat & Joan

Vigil of St. Andrew (1)

In Memory Of Subdeacon Frank, Offered by Pat & Joan

Welcome Back Children!

Sunday School Begins:

September 10 with a Moleben prayer immediately following Divine Liturgy

September 17 Sunday classes begin just before dismissal

Please see Karen Gowarty if you wish your child/grandchild to be enrolled in our Sunday School program if he/she has not been enrolled before this year.

Parents - Please also note that we have created an emergency contact form for our students. Please stop by the candle desk and fill out a form for each child enrolled in the Sunday School program. Thank you!

Church School Background Checks

In accordance with Diocesan policies and OCA statutes, all adults over the age of 18 who have regular contact with the Church School students must pass a background check.

This includes all parents who join their children in Church School regularly and all Church School teachers.

To get background check started, see Carmen Hodson.

Donations Received In Memory

In Memory Of Subdeacon Michael Guydan: Offered by Barry & Ann Marie Bretz, Michael & Mary Dorosh, Julianna Dranichak, Michael Dupay, Patricia Felix, Karen Gowarty, Thomas & Patricia Grammes, William & Alexandra Keysock, Nadia Koblosh, Nancy Kohudic, Jo Ann Metz, Stephanie Pasquel, Joseph & Regina Pinkowicz, Gregory & Rosalie Radio, Anna Rodzianko, Barbara Roman, Michael & Francine Slivka, Joan Stetz, The Zawertany Family.

Upcoming Parish Council Meeting

Parish Council Meeting - Tuesday, August 8, 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

Many thanks to all who volunteered to make our Halupki Dinner a success!!! These events would not be possible without the work of many people, both seen and unseen. Special thanks to the pierogi workers who donated all of the pierogi for the event!

Order Your Kowalonek's Kielbasy Sampler Platter For Your September Tailgate!!



Orders and money due by **Sunday, September 3**

Pick up **Saturday, September 16** at our church BBQ

1:00 - 5:00

Just in time for your next football tailgate!

Checks payable to Valerie Roberts 610-264-7518
219 Pennsylvania Ave., Catasauqua, PA 18032

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

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, 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: Krista Irwin, Julianna Kahl, and their unborn children, Lydia Hashinger, Amanda Riley, Kaylee Riley and their newborn children.

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