

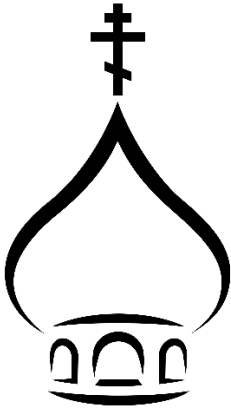
Divine Liturgy

Sunday, August 13, 2023

10th Sunday after Pentecost

Leavetaking of the Transfiguration

St. Tikhon, Bishop of Vorónezh, Wonderworker of Zadónsk and All Russia



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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 August 13, 2023

10th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – Tone 1. Leavetaking of the Transfiguration. St. Tikhon, Bishop of Vorónezh, Wonderworker of Zadónsk and All Russia (1783). Translation of the Relics of St. Maximus the Confessor (662). Uncovering of the Relics of Ven. Maxim of Moscow, Fool-for-Christ (ca. 1547). Martyr Hippolytus of Rome and those with him: Martyr Concordia, Irenæus, and Abundius (258). The Icon “PASSION” of the Mother of God.

Fr. Nikolai’s Office Hours

Monday, August 14th - Fr. Nikolai’s day off
Wednesday, August 16th - 12:00 pm - 5:00 pm
Friday, August 18th - 9:00 am - 2:00 pm

Coffee Hour Today

Coffee Hour today is hosted by Victoria Dimonie

Weekly & Upcoming Calendar

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

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 (with Blessing of Flowers)
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 1 Troparion *(Resurrection)*

When the stone had been sealed by the Jews, while the soldiers were guarding Thy most pure body, Thou didst rise on the third day, O Savior, granting life to the world. The powers of heaven therefore cried to Thee, O Giver of Life: "Glory to Thy Resurrection, O Christ! Glory to Thy Kingdom! Glory to Thy dispensation, O Thou Who lovest mankind!"

Tone 7 Troparion *(Feast)*

Thou wast transfigured on the mountain, O Christ God, revealing Thy glory to Thy Disciples as far as they could bear it. Let Thine everlasting Light also shine upon us sinners, through the prayers of the Theotokos! O Giver of Light, glory to Thee!

Tone 8 Troparion *(St. Tikhon)*

From thy youth thou didst love Christ, O blessed one. Thou hast been an example for all by word, life, love, faith, purity, and humility. Therefore, thou dost now abide in the heavenly mansions, where thou standest before the throne of the All-holy Trinity. Holy Hierarch Tikhon, pray for the salvation of our souls!

Tone 8 Kontakion *(St. Tikhon)*

Successor to the Apostles, adornment of hierarchs, teacher of the Orthodox Faith, beseech the Master of all to grant peace to the world and to our souls great mercy.

Tone 7 Kontakion (Feast)

On the mountain Thou wast transfigured, O Christ God, and Thy Disciples beheld Thy glory as far as they could see it; so that when they would behold Thee crucified, they would understand that Thy suffering was voluntary, and would proclaim to the world that Thou art truly the Radiance of the Father.

Tone 4 Prokeimenon (Feast)

O Lord, how manifold are Thy works; in wisdom hast Thou made them all.
(Ps. 103:26)

Bless the Lord, O my soul! O Lord, my God, Thou art very great! (Ps. 103:1)

Tone 1 Prokeimenon (St. Tikhon)

My mouth shall speak wisdom; the meditation of my heart shall be understanding. (Ps. 48:3)

Epistle

(1 Corinthians 4:9-16) For I think that God has displayed us, the apostles, last, as men condemned to death; for we have been made a spectacle to the world, both to angels and to men. We are fools for Christ's sake, but you are wise in Christ! We are weak, but you are strong! You are distinguished, but we are dishonored! To the present hour we both hunger and thirst, and we are poorly clothed, and beaten, and homeless. And we labor, working with our own hands. Being reviled, we bless; being persecuted, we endure; being defamed, we entreat. We have been made as the filth of the world, the offscouring of all things until now. I do not write these things to shame you, but as my beloved children I warn you. For though you might have ten thousand instructors in Christ, yet you

do not have many fathers; for in Christ Jesus I have begotten you through the gospel. Therefore I urge you, imitate me.

(Hebrews 7:26-8:2 (St. Tikhon)) For such a High Priest was fitting for us, who is holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners, and has become higher than the heavens; who does not need daily, as those high priests, to offer up sacrifices, first for his own sins and then for the people's, for this He did once for all when He offered up Himself. For the law appoints as high priests men who have weakness, but the word of the oath, which came after the law, appoints the Son who has been perfected forever. Now this is the main point of the things we are saying: We have such a High Priest, who is seated at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in the heavens, a Minister of the sanctuary and of the true tabernacle which the Lord erected, and not man.

Tone 8

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

The heavens are Thine, the earth also is Thine! (Ps. 88:11a)

Blessed are the people who know the festal shout! (Ps. 88:14b)

Tone 2

The mouth of the righteous shall proclaim wisdom, and his tongue shall speak of judgment. (Ps. 36:31)

Gospel

(Matthew 17:14-23) And when they had come to the multitude, a man came to Him, kneeling down to Him and saying, "Lord, have mercy on my son, for he

is an epileptic and suffers severely; for he often falls into the fire and often into the water. So I brought him to Your disciples, but they could not cure him." Then Jesus answered and said, "O faithless and perverse generation, how long shall I be with you? How long shall I bear with you? Bring him here to Me." And Jesus rebuked the demon, and it came out of him; and the child was cured from that very hour. Then the disciples came to Jesus privately and said, "Why could we not cast it out?" So Jesus said to them, "Because of your unbelief; for assuredly, I say to you, if you have faith as a mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move; and nothing will be impossible for you. However, this kind does not go out except by prayer and fasting." Now while they were staying in Galilee, Jesus said to them, "The Son of Man is about to be betrayed into the hands of men, and they will kill Him, and the third day He will be raised up." And they were exceedingly sorrowful.

(Matthew 5:14-19 (St. Tikhon)) You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do they light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven. Do not think that I came to destroy the Law or the Prophets. I did not come to destroy but to fulfill. For assuredly, I say to you, till heaven and earth pass away, one jot or one tittle will by no means pass from the law till all is fulfilled. Whoever therefore breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches men so, shall be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does and teaches them, he shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven.

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

Tone 4

Magnify, O my soul, the Lord Who was transfigured on Mount Tabor!

Thy childbearing was without corruption; God came forth from thy body clothed in flesh, and appeared on earth and dwelt among men. Therefore we all magnify thee, O Theotokos.

Communion Hymn

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

The righteous shall be in everlasting remembrance! He shall not fear evil tidings!
(Ps. 111:6)

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Candle Offerings Sunday, August 6, 2023

Crosses

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

Vigils - Icon of the Virgin Mary

In Memory Of Esther & Albert Kiechel, Offered by Fran & Mike Slivka

Flowers to Adorn the Icon of The Dormition of the Most Holy Theotokos

In Memory Of Mary Stetz, Offered by Pat & Joan

The Dormition of our Most Holy Lady the Theotokos and Ever Virgin Mary

Concerning the Dormition of the Theotokos, this is what the Church has received from ancient times from the tradition of the Fathers. When the time drew nigh that our Savior was well-pleased to take His Mother to Himself, He declared unto her through an Angel that three days hence, He would translate her from this temporal life to eternity and bliss. On hearing this, she went up with haste to the Mount of Olives, where she prayed continuously. Giving thanks to God, she returned to her house and prepared whatever was necessary for her burial. While these things were taking place, clouds caught up the Apostles from the ends of the earth, where each one happened to be preaching, and brought them at once to the house of the Mother of God, who informed them of the cause of their sudden gathering. As a mother, she consoled them in their affliction as was meet, and then raised her hands to Heaven and prayed for the peace of the world. She blessed the Apostles, and, reclining upon her bed with seemliness, gave up her all-holy spirit into the hands of her Son and God.

With reverence and many lights, and chanting burial hymns, the Apostles took up that God-receiving body and brought it to the sepulchre, while the Angels from Heaven chanted with them, and sent forth her who is higher than the Cherubim. But one Jew, moved by malice, audaciously stretched forth his hand upon the bed and immediately received from divine judgment the wages of his audacity. Those daring hands were severed by an invisible blow. But when he repented and asked forgiveness, his hands were restored. When they had reached the place called Gethsemane, they buried there with honor the all-immaculate body of the Theotokos, which was the source of Life. But on the third day after the burial, when they were eating together, and raised up the artos (bread) in Jesus' Name, as was their custom, the Theotokos appeared in the air, saying "Rejoice" to them. From this they learned concerning the bodily translation of the Theotokos into the Heavens.

Calling All Bakers for the Texas BBQ on 9/16/23

Fire up the ovens!

It's time for your SCRUMPTIOUS desserts that St. Nicholas is famous for. If you are a returning baker to new task, we welcome your YUMMY desserts. Please keep these things in mind:

- We have very limited refrigerator space, so please consider items that do not require refrigeration.
- Please DO NOT slice your cakes, pies, brownies, etc. The baked goods team will pre-slice items for consistence in serving piece and pricing.
- Feel free to provide a label e.g. German Chocolate Cake, Snickerdoodle Cookies, etc. There is no need to list ingredients, however it is useful to note: "nut free", "egg free", "dairy free" or "sugar free".
- Please provide baked goods on sturdy plates. DO NOT use cardboard because it is often too big and not sturdy.
- Securely label your name on your containers/dishes that you want returned. They will be cleaned and placed on racks in the kitchen where you can pick them up. And, whilst we are very careful with your dishes, DO NOT use precious containers that cannot be replaced if accidentally broken.

Thank you to all the great bakers who contribute to the success of the sale! Your efforts are truly appreciated! If you have any questions, please contact Joann Brusko.

Help Wanted!

Friday, August 18th starting at 7:00 am - making Halushki noodles. Please contact Judy Lezinsky if you can help.

Roll baking - Help will be needed packing rolls at 5:00 pm on the following days:

Thursday, August 31, 2023

Thursday, September 21, 2023

Thursday, September 28, 2023

Please contact Maxine Marsh if you can help.

2nd Quarter Treasurer's Report Summary

April 2023	Income:	\$36,692.33
	Expenses:	\$25,929.25
	<u>Net Revenue:</u>	<u>\$10,763.08</u>
May 2023	Income:	\$56,817.35
	Expenses	\$31,101.54
	<u>Net Revenue:</u>	<u>\$25,715.81</u>
June 2023	Income:	\$34,163.10
	Expenses:	\$32,544.35
	<u>Net Revenue:</u>	<u>\$1,618.75</u>

Housekeeping Notes

Many thanks to all of the parishioners who volunteer to host a coffee hour and allow us all to break our fast in fellowship with our St. Nicholas family. As we all know, cleaning up the hall at the end of coffee hour can be quite a task. In order to make things easier for our hosts, we will be setting up a station with cleaning supplies so that individuals can each tidy up their own table and area. There will be several brooms with long handle dust pans, as well as buckets of soapy water for wiping down the tables. Let's all do our part so that our lovely coffee hour hosts can focus on cleaning up the kitchen and food serving areas.

Also, if you have been in the kitchen, you may have noticed that the area under the counter where paper products are kept now has labels to let you know which items belong to which spots. Keeping these items in their designated area allows us to see at a glance what things may need to be restocked. If you are using these products or helping to clean up, please make sure to put things back in their proper places. Also, please do not get out and open more packages of things until they are really needed. Keeping the packages sealed helps to keep things clean for the next time. And putting things away neatly makes it easier for the next person to find what they need.

Thank you all for helping to make St. Nicholas the beautiful and welcoming place that it is!

Pan-Orthodox Movie Night

Hosted by Orthodox Christians For Life



"The Drop Box"

6:30 pm (movie length 1 hr 19 min)

Friday, August 18, 2023

St. Paul's in Emmaus

RSVP with Kylie by 8/15: 610-417-1023

There will be popcorn and drinks!

"The Drop Box documentary tells the true story of South Korean pastor Lee Jong-rak and his heroic efforts to embrace and protect abandoned children. It is a story about the forgotten, the disabled, the discarded, and the man who gives everything to protect them."

Movie is "unrated" and families are welcome. Recommended for 5th Grade and up due to a few clips of children with severe physical disabilities.

Pierogi Making Schedule

We will be making pierogi:

Monday, August 14, Tuesday, August 15, Wednesday August 16

NO Pierogi Making:

Monday, August 21, Tuesday, August 22, Wednesday, August 23

Please plan on coming to make our superb Halupki!

BACK TO MAKING

Monday, August 28, Tuesday, August 29, Wednesday, August 30

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. Children must turn 4 by October 1st to begin Sunday School.

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.

Coffee Hour Hosts Needed

There are several open coffee hour days in the upcoming months. Please consider signing up if you haven't hosted in the past! There are copies of the guidelines for hosting coffee hour available in the signup book at the candle desk if you are not familiar with what to do. Contact Jennifer Bzik if you need help or have questions. Thank you!

HALUPKI 2022 - AUGUST 20th -23th (and maybe 24th)

Dear Parish Family,

We are getting ready for the tremendous task of making around 4,000 halupki. This is a big job, with many steps, requiring a lot of help. Please see the schedule and tasks below. Any and all help will be appreciated. Lunches will be provided each day. Please contact Val Roberts (610-264-7518) if you can help.

Sunday, August 20th after coffee hour:

Steam and devein cabbage, cook and mix 8-10 batches of rice/onions/seasoning, pick up meat for Monday, chop and cook cabbage for halushki, make sauce, rip foil for wrapping halupki and cabbage for halushki, count out trays for packs of 4 halupki, clean up and dishes

Monday, August 21st:

7:00: mix meat and make balls, steam cabbage, core rest of cabbage

8:00: roll halupki, cook and mix 6-8 batches of rice/onions/seasoning, make sauce

After rolling: devein cabbage, chop and cook cabbage for halushki, clean up and dishes

Late afternoon/evening: Repack trays into 4 packs with sauce, steam more cabbage and Wrap/freeze remaining large trays of halupki

Tuesday, August 22nd:

7:00: mix meat and make balls, steam cabbage if needed

8:00: roll halupki, cook and mix 4-6 batches of rice/onions/seasoning, make sauce

After rolling: devein if needed, chop and cook cabbage for halushki if needed, clean up and dishes

Late afternoon/evening: Repack trays into 4 packs with sauce, steam more cabbage and Wrap/freeze remaining large trays of halupki

Wednesday, August 23rd:

7:00: mix meat and make balls

8:00: roll halupki, make sauce

After rolling: Clean up and dishes

After halupki are all cooked: Wipe down roasters, break down halupki room, scrub floors - kitchen, hall by roasters and rolling tables, halupki room

Late afternoon/evening: Repack trays into 4 packs with sauce, steam more cabbage and Wrap/freeze remaining large trays of halupki

Thursday, August 24th:

If not done Wednesday - Scrub floors - kitchen, hall by roasters and rolling tables, halupki room

**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

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

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09-16-2023

ESSENTIALS OF THE ORTHODOX FAITH

FALL SESSIONS - 1 THROUGH 8

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

6:00 PM - SESSION #1
CREATION AND THE FALL

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

6:00 PM - SESSION #2
THE KINGDOM OF GOD
AND THE WORLD

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

6:00 PM - SESSION #3
GOD, JESUS, AND THE
CHRISTIAN LIFE

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 5

6:00 PM - SESSION #4
WORSHIP

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 12

6:00 PM - SESSION #5
THE COMMUNION OF SAINTS IN
THE ORTHODOX CHURCH

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 26

6:00 PM - SESSION #6
THE HOLY TRINITY

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 2

6:00 PM - SESSION #7
THE SCRIPTURES IN THE
ORTHODOX CHURCH

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 9

6:00 PM - SESSION #8
MEETING CHRIST,
UNDERSTANDING, AND
BEING TRANSFORMED

**COMING THURSDAYS, STARTING
SEPTEMBER 14TH - AT 6:00 PM**

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If you are interested in purchasing a shopping pass for \$5.00, please contact Jennifer Bzik. Passes will also be available for sale at the candle desk, during weekly Pierogi sales, and at the Texas Barbecue on September 16<sup>th</sup>. This is a great opportunity to get an early start on your holiday shopping. All proceeds go directly to St. Nicholas Russian Orthodox Church. Thank you for your support!

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, Tosha Roberts 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.**