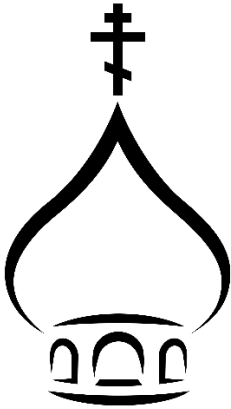


Divine Liturgy

Sunday, October 8, 2023

18th Sunday after Pentecost (3rd of Luke)

Commemoration of the Holy Fathers of the 7th Ecumenical Council



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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 October 9, 2023

18th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – Tone 1. Fathers of the 7th Ecumenical Council. Ven. Pelagía the Penitent (457). Ven. Dosiféi (Dositheus), Abbot of Verkneóstrov (Pskov–1482). Ven. Tryphon, Abbot of Vyatka (1612). Ven. Thaïs (Taíssia) of Egypt (4th c.). Virgin Martyr Pelagía of Antioch (303). Monastic Martyr Ignatius of Prodromou (Mt. Athos–1814).

Fr. Nikolai's Office Hours

Monday, October 9th - Fr. Nikolai's day off
Wednesday, October 11th - 12:00 pm - 5:00 pm
Friday, October 13th - 9:00 am - 2:00 pm

Coffee Hour Today

Coffee Hour today is hosted by The Fundraising Committee. We will be serving leftovers from our recent Texas BBQ. In order to help defray the costs, the suggested donation is \$5 per adult (children free).

Weekly & Upcoming Calendar

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

Sunday, October 8

Fathers of the 7th Ecumenical Council

9:10 am - Reading of the Hours

9:30 am - Divine Liturgy

Thursday, October 12

6:00 pm - Essentials of the Orthodox Faith #5

Saturday, October 14

5:00 pm - Great Vespers

Sunday, October 15

19th Sunday after Pentecost

9:10 am - Reading of the Hours

9:30 am - Divine Liturgy

Saturday, October 21

5:00 pm - Great Vespers

Sunday, October 22

20th Sunday after Pentecost

9:10 am - Reading of the Hours

9:30 am - Divine Liturgy

Monday, October 23

7:00 pm - Parish Council Meeting

Thursday, October 26

6:00 pm - Essentials of the Orthodox Faith #6

Saturday, October 28

5:00 pm - Great Vespers

Sunday, October 29

21st Sunday after Pentecost

9:10 am - Reading of the Hours

9:30 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 8 Troparion *(Fathers)*

Thou art most glorious, O Christ our God, Who hast established the Holy Fathers as lights on the earth. Through them Thou hast guided us to the True Faith. O greatly compassionate One, glory to Thee!

Tone 1 Kontakion *(Resurrection)*

As God, Thou didst rise from the tomb in glory, raising the world with Thyself. Human nature praises Thee as God, for death has vanished. Adam exults, O Master! Eve rejoices, for she is freed from bondage and cries to Thee: "Thou art the Giver of Resurrection to all, O Christ!"

Tone 6 Kontakion *(Fathers)*

The Son Who shone forth from the Father was ineffably born, two-fold in nature, of a woman. Having beheld Him, we do not deny the image of His form, but depict it piously and revere it faithfully. Thus, keeping the True Faith, the Church venerates the icon of Christ Incarnate.

Tone 1 Prokeimenon *(Resurrection)*

Let Thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us as we have set our hope on Thee! *(Ps. 32:22)*

Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous! Praise befits the just! (Ps. 32:1)

Tone 4 Prokeimenon *(Song of the Three Holy Children)*

Blessed art Thou, O Lord God of our fathers, and praised and glorified is Thy Name forever! *(Song of the Three Holy Children, v. 3)*

Epistle

Read by David Metz

(2 Corinthians 9:6-11) But this I say: "He who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully." So let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound toward you, that you, always having all sufficiency in all things, may have an abundance for every good work. As it is written: "He has dispersed abroad, He has given to the poor; His righteousness endures forever." Now may He who supplies seed to the sower, and bread for food, supply and multiply the seed you have sown and increase the fruits of your righteousness, while you are enriched in everything for all liberality, which causes thanksgiving through us to God.

(Hebrews 13:7-16 (Fathers)) Remember those who rule over you, who have spoken the word of God to you, whose faith follow, considering the outcome of their conduct. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever. Do not be carried about with various and strange doctrines. For it is good that the heart be established by grace, not with foods which have not profited those who have been occupied with them. We have an altar from which those who serve the tabernacle have no right to eat. For the bodies of those animals, whose blood is brought into the sanctuary by the high priest for sin, are burned outside the camp. Therefore Jesus also, that He might sanctify the people with His own blood, suffered outside the gate. Therefore let us go forth to Him, outside the camp, bearing His reproach. For here we have no continuing city, but we seek the one to come. Therefore by Him let us continually offer the sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of our lips, giving thanks to His name. But do not forget to do good and to share, for with such sacrifices God is well pleased.

Tone 1

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

God gives vengeance unto me, and subdues people under me. (Ps. 17:48)

He magnifies the salvation of the King and deals mercifully with David, His anointed, and his seed forever. (Ps. 17:51)

Tone 1

The Lord, the God of gods, speaks and summons the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting. (Ps. 49:1)

Gospel

(Luke 7:11-16) Now it happened, the day after, that He went into a city called Nain; and many of His disciples went with Him, and a large crowd. And when He came near the gate of the city, behold, a dead man was being carried out, the only son of his mother; and she was a widow. And a large crowd from the city was with her. When the Lord saw her, He had compassion on her and said to her, "Do not weep." Then He came and touched the open coffin, and those who carried him stood still. And He said, "Young man, I say to you, arise." So he who was dead sat up and began to speak. And He presented him to his mother. Then fear came upon all, and they glorified God, saying, "A great prophet has risen up among us"; and, "God has visited His people."

(John 17:1-13 (Fathers)) Jesus spoke these words, lifted up His eyes to heaven, and said: "Father, the hour has come. Glorify Your Son, that Your Son also may glorify You, as You have given Him authority over all flesh, that He should give eternal life to as many as You have given Him. And this is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent. I have glorified You on the earth. I have finished the work which You have given Me to do. And now, O Father, glorify Me together with Yourself, with the glory which I had with You before the world was. I have manifested Your name to the men whom You have given Me out of the world. They were Yours, You gave them to Me, and they have kept Your word. Now they have known that all things which

You have given Me are from You. For I have given to them the words which You have given Me; and they have received them, and have known surely that I came forth from You; and they have believed that You sent Me. I pray for them. I do not pray for the world but for those whom You have given Me, for they are Yours. And all Mine are Yours, and Yours are Mine, and I am glorified in them. Now I am no longer in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to You. Holy Father, keep through Your name those whom You have given Me, that they may be one as We are. While I was with them in the world, I kept them in Your name. Those whom You gave Me I have kept; and none of them is lost except the son of perdition, that the Scripture might be fulfilled. But now I come to You, and these things I speak in the world, that they may have My joy fulfilled in themselves.

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!

Coffee Hour Hosts Needed

There are several open coffee hour days in the upcoming months, **including several weeks in October**. 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!

A Note of Thanks

Dear Fr. Breckenridge & The Faithful

Fr. John and the faithful of St. Herman's thank you for your support in honoring our Golden Anniversary. It was a beautiful three day celebration of our love and Orthodox faith over the past 50 years. May God's grace be with you!

Yours in the love of Christ,
St. Herman's Parish

Candle Offerings

Sunday, October 8, 2023

Vigils in Altar - Table of Oblation (2)

In Memory Of Philip Stefanov, Offered by B. Stefanov & M. Peytcheva

Votives in Altar

In Honor Of Emily & Daniel's Wedding Anniversary
Offered by Guliana Holobeny

Votives in Iconostas

In Honor Of Joann & Greg Brusko's 35 Anniversary

Vigil in Side Candle Holders (2)

In Memory Of Philip Stefanov, Offered by R. Peytcheva

Vigils - Icon of the Virgin Mary (2)

Happy Birthday Pat Telepchak, Offered by Barry & Ann Marie

Votives - Icon of the Virgin Mary

In Honor Of Kh. Sophia Shadid, Offered by Fr. Michael & Mat. Susan Kon

Vigils on South Wall Window Sill (3)

In Honor Of Joann & Greg Brusko's 35th Anniversary

Vigils on North Wall Window Sill (3)

In Honor Of Joann & Greg Brusko's 35th Anniversary

Donations Received In Memory

In Memory Of Mat. Priscilla Shipley: Offered by Julianna Dranichak

In Memory Of Philip Boris Stefanov: Offered by Rossitza Peytcheva

A Note Of Thanks

To: Father Nikolai, St, Nicholas Family and Friends,

With sincere appreciation and love, I send my own prayers and thanks to everyone for your prayers, flowers, calls to see how I was doing, gifts and cards during and after my recent cardiac event and hospitalization. While my surgeon will not allow me to return to full activity, I feel stronger every day, and I try to do more with and for you. You are all forever in my prayers. May God grant you all many years!

With love,
Rosalie Radio

Christmas Bazaar Baking & Pierogi Making Schedule for August through October 2023

PLEASE NOTE: THE START TIME FOR PIEROGI PREP ON MONDAYS HAS CHANGED TO 7:30 AM GOING FORWARD!

Monday, October 9 - pierogi prep 7:30 AM

Tuesday, October 10 - pierogi prep 6:30 AM

Wednesday, October 11 - pierogi making 6:30-11:00 AM & kiffle baking 11:00 AM-3:00PM; packing kiffles at 5:00 PM

Saturday, October 14 - kiffle prep 8:30-Noon

Monday, October 16 - pierogi prep 7:30 AM

Tuesday, October 17 - pierogi prep 6:30 AM

Wednesday, October 18 - pierogi making 6:30-11:00 AM & kiffle baking 11:00 AM-3:00 PM; packing kiffles at 5:00 PM

Friday, October 20 - kiffle prep 8:30-Noon

Monday, October 23 - pierogi prep 7:30 AM

Tuesday, October 24 - pierogi prep 6:30 AM

Wednesday, October 25 - pierogi making 6:30-11:00 AM & kiffle baking 11:00 AM-3:00 PM; packing kiffles at 5:00 PM



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October is Clergy Appreciation Month

Dear to God,

Christ is in our midst! October is clergy appreciation month and the 2nd Sunday, October 08 is nationally recognized as Pastor Appreciation Day. Our clergy are available 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Clergy often have family events interrupted, including vacation time to minister to one of their flock.

Sadly, clergy are more likely to hear when someone is unhappy, but like the Ten Lepers in the Gospel, those who are pleased with their pastor often say nothing. The rate of clergy burnout is astounding (<https://www.pastoralcareinc.com/statistics/>), with around 1500 clergy a month leaving active ministry. There is a disturbing article in 'Leaders & Pastors' reporting that as of November 2021 38% of pastors gave serious consideration to resigning. In January of 2021 it was 29%. In a few short months the percentage increased significantly (<https://www.barna.com/research/pastors-well-being/>).

Unfortunately, some people believe the role of the clergy is to make them happy! Yet, the role of the priest is not to make people happy, it is to make them Holy! When I went to my second parish the council chairman greeted me and said, Fr. Mark your only role here is to make people happy. Without skipping a beat, I responded, "Our Lord, took on our Humanity, opened the eyes of the blind, the ears of the deaf, healed the withered hand, cleansed the lepers, raised up the lame and raised the dead, and they nailed Him to a tree! Why would I expect to be treated differently?" As far as pleasing the faithful, there are always a few who will never be happy with any priest. Anyone in a leadership position who talks behind their spiritual leader's priest back should resign immediately for the good of the parish and his or her own salvation. A house divided cannot stand.

Our clergy are entrusted with a stewardship by the Lord for which they will answer. Let us pray that our clergy will always rise above seeking the praise of men, and seek to be faithful to their high calling through faithful service, preaching and teaching and seek to be pleasing to the Lord in all things.

For Clergy Appreciation Month, I would ask our Parish Councils to request the faithful of their parish to consider showing their appreciation to their priest and his family in a few ways:

1. Attend the services regularly and all classes intended to enrich our faith.
2. Send a card and state five things you sincerely appreciate about your priest, as well as his matushka and family.
3. Consider either jointly or personally giving gift card(s) for the clergy's favorite coffee shop or restaurant.
4. Consider some form of recognition for clergy wives and families for their sacrifices as well.

Finally, telling your pastor and his family you appreciate them should not just be limited to the month of October. Years ago, I remember hearing from a priest, *'for every negative comment, we need to offer a hundred 'atta boys.'* Let us always seek to build one another up.

Your unworthy father in Christ,

+ 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

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SCAN ME

Fr. Demetrius joins OOT for the second time as dynamic speaker. He has completed extensive studies in Church History and theology. As the current Orthodox pastor at St. Matthew's in Blandon, PA, Fr. Demetrios is also an active minister to the incarcerated.

Covered Dish Coffee Hour November 12, 2023

We're celebrating and we need your help! On Sunday, November 12, 2023 we will be celebrating two big events at St. Nicholas - Fr. James Mason's 90th Birthday and the first round of awards for our children's Heavenly Host program. Please help us honor these events by bringing a covered dish to share for Coffee Hour. There is a sign up sheet at the candle desk to let us know what you'll be bringing.

Basket Raffle Donations Wanted

We will once again be hosting a Basket Raffle this year during the holiday season and we are looking for volunteers to donate baskets. We have a track record of offering beautiful baskets and we are hoping to uphold tradition. If you are able to make a basket, please contact Jennifer Bzik to let her know in advance.

Don't be shy if you have never made a basket for the raffle before! Jennifer will be happy to help you out. If you are interested in supporting the Basket Raffle but are not able to make a basket, please consider making a cash donation. Jennifer (and her daughter Lydia 😊) will be happy to do the shopping and prepare a basket on your behalf!

This year the Basket Raffle will be open on three weekends to allow for the most time to check out all those wonderful goodies. The Basket Raffle will open during Coffee Hour after the Divine Liturgy on Sunday, December 3rd, and will be open on Saturday, December 9th during the Christmas Bazaar and Sunday, December 10th for Coffee Hour and for the Christmas Choir Concert at 3:30 pm. Last chance to get those tickets in will be on Sunday, December 17th from 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm, following our Children's Yolka Program. The Basket Raffle Drawing will begin at 2:00 pm on Sunday, December 17th.

If you are planning to make a cash donation, please do so as soon as possible (no later than Sunday, November 18, 2023) so that we have an opportunity to shop and prepare a basket using those funds. **All donated baskets must be brought to the church by noon on Sunday, November 25, 2023.** If you have any questions or would like to make a donation, please contact Jennifer Bzik. Thank you so much for your support!

"One Can Can Help" Annual Food Drive

Sponsored by: RO59/NSS

We will be collecting non-perishable food products to benefit the Allentown Rescue Mission starting in October until the November 5, 2023.

Please leave your generous donations in the boxes on either side of the entrance doors to the hall. They will accept nonperishable food items as well as paper products.

Thank you so much!

A Note Of Thanks

Dear parishioners - thank you for your generosity in support of Matushka Priscilla's family. May God bless you , save you and grand you many blessed years.

Thank you all who cooked, served and cleaned up. Contributions are still coming in for this fundraiser , so total amount will be announced later.

Hope Rescue Mission needs your HELP!



St. Nicholas Russian Orthodox Church is collecting all types of gently used clothing including 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, November 12, 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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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 and during weekly Pierogi sales. 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:**

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**Igumen: Patric Carpenter, David Lewis**

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**Priests:** Nikolai Breckenridge, John Nightingale

**Deacons:** Geoffrey LoBalbo

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**Handmaidens of God:** Julianna Kahl, Tosha Roberts and their unborn children, Nina Abaishvilli and her newborn child.

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