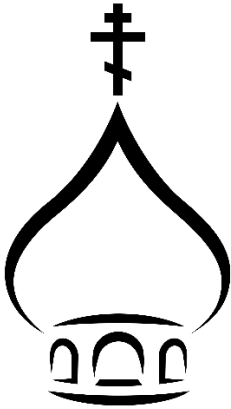


Divine Liturgy

Sunday, October 15, 2023

19th Sunday after Pentecost (4th of Luke)

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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 16, 2023

19th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – Tone 2. Ven. Euthymius the New, of Thessalonica, Monk of Mt. Athos (889). Martyr Lucian, Presbyter of Antioch (312). St. John, Bishop of Suzdal' (14th c.). Hieromartyr Lucian, Presbyter of the Kiev Caves (Far Caves–1243). Martyrs Sarbelius and Bebaia (Barbea) of Edessa (2nd c.). St. Sabinus, Bishop of Catania (760).

Fr. Nikolai's Office Hours

Fr. Nikolai will have no office hours this week, as he will be at the OCA's National Clergy Retreat in Chicago from Tuesday, October 17th - Friday October 20th.

Coffee Hour Today

Coffee Hour today is hosted by Patty Felix & Lorraine Chromiak, In Memory Of John, Joseph, George Felix and Stephan Chromiak

Weekly & Upcoming Calendar

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

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 2 Troparion *(Resurrection)*

When Thou didst descend to death, O Life immortal, Thou didst slay hell with the splendor of Thy Godhead. And when from the depths Thou didst raise the dead, all the powers of heaven cried out: "O Giver of life, Christ our God, glory to Thee!"

Tone 8 Troparion *(Ven. Euthymius)*

The image of God was truly preserved in thee, O Father, for thou didst take up the Cross and follow Christ. By so doing, thou taughtest us to disregard the flesh for it passes away; but to care instead for the soul, for it is immortal. Therefore thy spirit, venerable Euthymius, rejoices with the angels.

Tone 2 Kontakion *(Resurrection)*

Hell became afraid, O almighty Savior, seeing the miracle of Thy Resurrection from the tomb! The dead arose! Creation, with Adam, beheld this and rejoiced with Thee, and the world, my Savior, praises Thee forever.

Tone 2 Kontakion *(Ven. Euthymius)*

Crossing dry-shod through the storms of life, venerable and divinely wise Euthymius, thou didst mightily drown the bodiless foe in the streams of thy tears; thou didst receive the gift of miracles to heal all sufferings. Unceasingly pray for us all!

Tone 2 Prokeimenon *(Resurrection)*

The Lord is my strength and my song; He has become my salvation. *(Ps. 117:14)*

The Lord has chastened me sorely, but He has not given me over to death.
(Ps. 117:18)

Epistle

Read by Joseph Kavchok

(2 Corinthians 11:31-12:9) The God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who is blessed forever, knows that I am not lying. In Damascus the governor, under Aretas the king, was guarding the city of the Damascenes with a garrison, desiring to arrest me; but I was let down in a basket through a window in the wall, and escaped from his hands. It is doubtless not profitable for me to boast. I will come to visions and revelations of the Lord: I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago - whether in the body I do not know, or whether out of the body I do not know, God knows - such a one was caught up to the third heaven. And I know such a man - whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows - how he was caught up into Paradise and heard inexpressible words, which it is not lawful for a man to utter. Of such a one I will boast; yet of myself I will not boast, except in my infirmities. For though I might desire to boast, I will not be a fool; for I will speak the truth. But I refrain, lest anyone should think of me above what he sees me to be or hears from me. And lest I should be exalted above measure by the abundance of the revelations, a thorn in the flesh was given to me, a messenger of Satan to buffet me, lest I be exalted above measure. Concerning this thing I pleaded with the Lord three times that it might depart from me. And He said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness." Therefore most gladly I will rather boast in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

Tone 2

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

May the Lord hear thee in the day of trouble! May the name of the God of Jacob protect thee! (Ps. 19:1)

Save the King, O Lord, and hear us on the day we call! (Ps. 19:9)

Gospel

(Luke 8:5-15) "A sower went out to sow his seed. And as he sowed, some fell by the wayside; and it was trampled down, and the birds of the air devoured it. Some fell on rock; and as soon as it sprang up, it withered away because it lacked moisture. And some fell among thorns, and the thorns sprang up with it and choked it. But others fell on good ground, sprang up, and yielded a crop a hundredfold." When He had said these things He cried, "He who has ears to hear, let him hear!" Then His disciples asked Him, saying, "What does this parable mean?" And He said, "To you it has been given to know the mysteries of the kingdom of God, but to the rest it is given in parables, that 'Seeing they may not see, And hearing they may not understand.' Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God. Those by the wayside are the ones who hear; then the devil comes and takes away the word out of their hearts, lest they should believe and be saved. But the ones on the rock are those who, when they hear, receive the word with joy; and these have no root, who believe for a while and in time of temptation fall away. Now the ones that fell among thorns are those who, when they have heard, go out and are choked with cares, riches, and pleasures of life, and bring no fruit to maturity. But the ones that fell on the good ground are those who, having heard the word with a noble and good heart, keep it and bear fruit with patience.

Communion Hymn

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

Candle Offerings

Sunday, October 15, 2023

Vigils in Altar - Windowsill (2)

Happy Birthday Victoria Lezinsky, Offered by Baba & Grandpa

Vigils in Altar - Table of Oblation (2)

Happy Birthday Lori Lezinsky, Offered by Mom & Dad

Vigils in Altar - Side Table (2)

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

Votives in Altar

In Memory Of Johanna Chomko, Offered by The Pasquel Family

Votives in Iconostas

Happy Birthday Mommy & Daddy, Offered by Sophia & Jacob

Vigil in Side Candle Holders (2)

Happy Birthday Matthew Lezinsky, Offered by Mom & Dad

Vigils on the Tetrapod (2)

Happy Birthday Joe Kavchok Jr., Offered by Margie & Mascari Family

Vigils on Icon Table (2)

Happy Wedding Anniversary Joe & Larissa Mascari, offered by Mom & Dad

Vigils - Icon of the Virgin Mary (2)

Happy Birthday Daddy & Mommy, Offered by Sophia & Jacob

Votives - Icon of the Virgin Mary

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

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

In Memory Of John, Joseph, George Felix, Offered by Patty Felix

Votives - Icon of St. John the Baptist

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

Vigils on South Wall Window Sill (3)

In Memory Of Philip Stefanov, Offered by R. Peycheva

Vigils of St. Gregory (1)

Happy Birthday Gregory Konsevitch, Offered by Gordon & Valerie Roberts

Vigils of St. Paul (1)

Happy Birthday Leona Roberts, Offered by Gordon & Valerie Roberts

Vigils on North Wall Window Sill (3)

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

Vigil of St. Michael (1)

Happy Birthday Dale Konsevitch, Offered by Gordon & Valerie Roberts

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

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

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.

Christmas Bazaar Baking & Pierogi Making Schedule through October 2023

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

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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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.

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!

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:**

**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, George Hasenecz, Emilian Hutnyan

**Priests:** Nikolai Breckenridge, John Nightingale

**Deacons:** Geoffrey LoBalbo

**Matushki:** Liudmyla Breckenridge, Marie Mason, Johanna Bohush, Evelyn Edwards, Paraskeva Vansuch, Myra Kovalak, Gloria Martin, Katia Vansuch, Lisa Weremedic, Stephanie Onofrey, Julia Romanchak

**Servants:** Bethany Bruder, Mary Brzuchalski, Lydia Bzik, 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, Krista Irwin 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, Maeve Stuckey, Patricia Telepchak, Irene Witaneck

**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.**