

Divine Liturgy

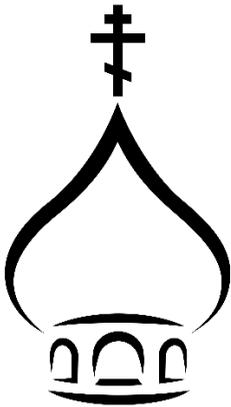
Sunday, October 22, 2023

20th Sunday after Pentecost (5th of Luke)

Holy Equal-to-the-Apostles Abercius,

Bishop and Wonderworker of Hieropolis

The Holy Seven Youths ("Seven Sleepers") of Ephesus



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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 23, 2023

20th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – Tone 3. Holy Equal-to-the-Apostles Abercius the Wonderworker, Bishop of Hieropolis (ca. 167). The Holy Seven Youths (“Seven Sleepers”) of Ephesus: Maximilian, Jamblicus, Martinian, John, Dionysius, Exacustodian (Constantine), and Antonius (ca. 250). Martyrs Alexander the Bishop, Heraclius, Anna, Elizabeth, Theodota, and Glyceria (Glykéria), at Adrianopolis (2nd-3rd c.). The “KAZAN” Icon of the Mother of God (commemorating the deliverance of Moscow and Russia from the Poles in 1612.

Fr. Nikolai’s Office Hours

Monday, October 23rd - Fr. Nikolai’s day off
Wednesday, October 25th - 12:00 pm - 3:00 pm
Friday, October 27th - 9:00 am - 2:00 pm

Coffee Hour Today

Coffee Hour today is hosted by The Lungu Family

Weekly & Upcoming Calendar

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

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
Thursday, November 2	9:00 am - Akathist to the Mother of God, Nurturer of Children 6:00 pm - Essentials of the Orthodox Faith #7
Saturday, November 4	4:30 pm - General Panikhida 5:00 pm - Great Vespers
Sunday, November 5	22nd Sunday after Pentecost 9:10 am - Reading of the Hours 9:30 pm - Divine Liturgy
Thursday, November 9	6:00 pm - Essentials of the Orthodox Faith #8
Saturday, November 11	5:00 pm - Great Vespers

Sunday, November 12

23rd Sunday after Pentecost

9:10 am - Reading of the Hours

9:30 am - Divine Liturgy

Tuesday, November 14

6:00 pm - First of Three Lectures on Stewardship - What is Stewardship?

Wednesday, November 15

BEGINNING OF THE NATIVITY FAST

Saturday, November 18

5:00 pm - Great Vespers

Sunday, November 19

24th Sunday after Pentecost

9:10 am - Reading of the Hours

9:30 am - Divine Liturgy

Monday, November 20

5:00 pm - Great Vespers w/ Litia

Tuesday, November 21

Entry of the Mother of God into the Temple

8:50 am - Reading of the Hours

9:00 am - Divine Liturgy

6:00 pm - Second of Three Lectures on Stewardship - Almsgiving and Salvation

Saturday, November 25

5:00 pm - Great Vespers

Sunday, November 26

25th Sunday after Pentecost

9:10 am - Reading of the Hours

9:30 am - Divine Liturgy

Tuesday, November 23

6:00 pm - Third of Three Lectures on

Stewardship - Different Ways of Stewardship

Upcoming Parish Council Meeting

Parish Council Meeting - Monday, October 23, 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.

Christmas Bazaar Baking & Pierogi Making Schedule through October 2023

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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Tone 3 Troparion *(Resurrection)*

Let the heavens rejoice! Let the earth be glad! For the Lord has shown strength with His arm. He has trampled down death by death. He has become the first born of the dead. He has delivered us from the depths of hell, and has granted to the world great mercy.

Tone 5 Troparion (St. Abercius)

Thou didst emulate the zeal of the Apostles and shone forth like a morning star, and thy works showed thy God-given power: thou didst guide the erring to God, O hierarch Abercius.

Tone 3 Kontakion *(Resurrection)*

On this day Thou didst rise from the tomb, O Merciful One, leading us from the gates of death. On this day Adam exults as Eve rejoices; with the Prophets and Patriarchs they unceasingly praise the divine majesty of Thy power.

Tone 8 Kontakion (St. Abercius)

The whole Church honors thee as a great hierarch and as a companion to the Apostles. By thy prayers keep the Church unconquered and unshaken by heresy, O glorious Abercius.

Tone 3 Prokeimenon *(Resurrection)*

Sing praises to our God, sing praises! Sing praises to our King, sing praises!
(Ps. 46:6)

Clap your hands, all peoples! Shout to God with loud songs of joy! (Ps. 46:1)

Epistle

Read by Patricia Grammes

(Galatians 1:11-19) But I make known to you, brethren, that the gospel which was preached by me is not according to man. For I neither received it from man, nor was I taught it, but it came through the revelation of Jesus Christ. For you have heard of my former conduct in Judaism, how I persecuted the church of God beyond measure and tried to destroy it. And I advanced in Judaism beyond many of my contemporaries in my own nation, being more exceedingly zealous for the traditions of my fathers. But when it pleased God, who separated me from my mother's womb and called me through His grace, to reveal His Son in me, that I might preach Him among the Gentiles, I did not immediately confer with flesh and blood, nor did I go up to Jerusalem to those who were apostles before me; but I went to Arabia, and returned again to Damascus. Then after three years I went up to Jerusalem to see Peter, and remained with him fifteen days. But I saw none of the other apostles except James, the Lord's brother.

Tone 3

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

In Thee, O Lord, have I hoped; let me never be put to shame! (Ps. 30:1a)

Be a God of protection for me, a house of refuge in order to save me! (Ps. 30:2b)

Gospel

(Luke 16:19-31) There was a certain rich man who was clothed in purple and fine linen and fared sumptuously every day. But there was a certain beggar named Lazarus, full of sores, who was laid at his gate, desiring to be fed with the crumbs which fell from the rich man's table. Moreover the dogs came and licked his sores. So it was that the beggar died, and was carried by the angels to Abraham's bosom. The rich man also died and was buried. And being in torments in Hades, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom. Then he cried and said, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus that he may dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am tormented in this flame.' But Abraham said, 'Son, remember that in your lifetime you received your good things, and likewise Lazarus evil things; but now

he is comforted and you are tormented. And besides all this, between us and you there is a great gulf fixed, so that those who want to pass from here to you cannot, nor can those from there pass to us.' Then he said, 'I beg you therefore, father, that you would send him to my father's house, for I have five brothers, that he may testify to them, lest they also come to this place of torment.' Abraham said to him, 'They have Moses and the prophets; let them hear them.' And he said, 'No, father Abraham; but if one goes to them from the dead, they will repent.' But he said to him, 'If they do not hear Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded though one rise from the dead.'"

Communion Hymn

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

Candle Offerings **Sunday, October 22, 2023**

Vigils in Altar - Windowsill (2)

Happy Anniversary Nicholas & Tosha Roberts, Offered by Mom & Dad

Vigils in Altar - Table of Oblation (2)

In Memory Of Pauline Radchuk, Offered by Bill & Sandi Keysock

Vigils in Altar - Side Table (2)

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

Votives in Altar

In Honor Of My Parents' Wedding Anniversary, Offered by Guliana Holobeny

Votives in Iconostas

In Honor Of Chris & Lisa on their Wedding Anniversary
Offered by Michael & Amber Metz

Vigil in Side Candle Holders (2)

In Memory Of Philip Stefanov, Offered by R. Peytcheva

Crosses

Safe Travels Don & Guliana, Offered by Guliana Holobeny

Vigils on the Tetrapod (2)

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

Vigils on Icon Table (2)

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

Vigils - Icon of the Virgin Mary (2)

In Memory Of Pauline Radchuk, Offered by Bill & Sandi Keysock

Votives - Icon of the Virgin Mary

In Honor Of Julianne & Kyle on their Wedding Anniversary
Offered by Michael & Amber Metz

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

In Memory Of Olga Sawarynski, Offered by Bill & Sandi Keysock

Votives - Icon of St. John the Baptist

In Memory Of Mike Stafiniak, Offered by Michele, Joseph, Stephan & Families

Vigils on South Wall Window Sill (3)

In Memory Of Philip Stefanov, Offered by M. Peytcheva

Vigils of St. Gregory (1)

In Memory Of Mike Stafiniak, Offered by Michele, Joseph

Vigils of St. Paul (1)

In Memory Of Mike Stafiniak, Offered by Dorothy Stafiniak

Vigils on North Wall Window Sill (3)

In Memory Of Patricia DiSimo, Offered by Margie & Joe Kavchok

Vigil of St. Michael (1)

In Memory Of Mike Stafiniak, Offered by Dorothy Stafiniak

Vigil of St. Andrew (1)

In Honor Of Andrew Petrides, Offered by Fr. Michael & Mat. Susan Kon

General Candle Donation

In Honor Of Elena Florenz, Offered by Grandma & Grandpa

EASTERN REGION
ORTHODOXY ON TAP

- ON EARTH -
AS IT IS IN HEAVEN

*BECOMING THE GOSPEL
IN TODAY'S WORLD*

W/ Fr. Demetrius Nicoloudakis

- SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22 -

TRIVET DINER

4549 TILGHAM ST

ALLENTOWN PA

4 PM - DINNER, TALK, & FELLOWSHIP

ALL 18 - 35+ ARE WELCOME!

50 PERSON MAX. PLEASE RSVP @
[TINYURL.COM/OOTBETHLEHEM](https://tinyurl.com/ootbethlehem)



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. Demetrius 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!

Save The Date - Sunday November 5, 2023

In honor of the 60th wedding anniversary of Peter and Sarah Jubinski, the coffee hour on Sunday, November 5 will be a fundraiser for St. Tikhon's Seminary. In addition, the Russian Orthodox Catholic Mutual Aid Society, (ROCMAS) will match up to \$500 of coffee hour contributions. Please be generous with your coffee hour contribution. Checks may be made payable to St. Tikhon's Seminary. Thanking you in advance for your generosity. And thank you to ROCMAS for providing the matching funds.

"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!

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, Theresa Butler, Helen Cotirgasanu, David G. Cudlic, Val Danchenko, Christopher 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 Witanek

Handmaidens of God: Lara Bessman, 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.