

Divine Liturgy

Sunday, October 29, 2023

21st Sunday after Pentecost (6th of Luke)

Martyr Anastasia the Roman

Ven. Abramius the Recluse



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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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before entering the church. Thank you.***

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Schedule for the Week of October 30, 2023

21st SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – Tone 4. Monastic Martyr Anastasia of Rome (3rd c.). Ven. Abramius the Recluse, and his niece, Bl. Mary, of Mesopotamia (ca. 360). Ven. Abrámii, Archimandrite of Rostov (1073-77). Martyr Claudius, Asterius, Neon, and Theonilla of Aegæ in Cilicia (285). Righteous Anna of Constantinople (826). Monastic Martyr Timothy of Esphigmenou (Mt. Athos–1820).

Fr. Nikolai's Office Hours

Monday, October 30th - Fr. Nikolai's day off
Wednesday, November 1st - 12:00 pm - 5:00 pm
Friday, November 3rd - 9:00 am - 2:00 pm

Coffee Hour Today

Coffee Hour today is hosted by Patty Felix & Sandi Keysock

Weekly & Upcoming Calendar

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

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

6:00 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

Saturday, November 25

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

Sunday, November 26

5:00 pm - Great Vespers

25th Sunday after Pentecost

9:10 am - Reading of the Hours

9:30 am - Divine Liturgy

Monday, November 27

7:00 pm - Parish Council Meeting

Tuesday, November 28

6:00 pm - Third of Three Lectures on Stewardship - Different Ways of Stewardship

Upcoming Pierogi Making Schedule

Oct 30, 31, Nov 1 - Pierogi making

Nov 6, 7, 8 - NO pierogi making

Nov 13, 14, 15 - Pierogi making

Nov 20, 21, 22 - NO Pierogi making - Happy Thanksgiving

Nov 27, 28, 29 - Lenten pierogi will be made along with regular Pierogi

Please sign up for lenten pierogi on the sheet by the phone in the kitchen.

Please order for Christmas eve.

Dec 4, 5, - PIEROGI MAKING. Please note change because of St Nicholas Day on the 6th. We will make the pierogi on TUESDAY, DEC 6 starting at 9 am.

Dec 11, 12, 13 - Pierogi making. Lunch will be served on Dec 13. More info to follow.

Dec 18, 19, 20, 25, 26, 27. NO Pierogi making - Merry Christmas!

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Tone 4 Troparion *(Resurrection)*

When the women disciples of the Lord learned from the angel the joyous message of Thy Resurrection, they cast away the ancestral curse and elatedly told the apostles: "Death is overthrown! Christ God is risen, granting the world great mercy!"

Tone 4 Troparion *(St. Anastasia)*

Thy lamb Anastasia calls out to Thee, O Jesus, in a loud voice: "I love Thee, my Bridegroom, and in seeking Thee I endure suffering. In baptism I was crucified so that I might reign in Thee, and I died so that I might live with Thee. Accept me as a pure sacrifice, for I have offered myself in love." Through her prayers save our souls, since Thou art merciful!

Tone 4 Kontakion *(Resurrection)*

My Savior and Redeemer as God rose from the tomb and delivered the earth-born from their chains. He has shattered the gates of hell, and as Master, He has risen on the third day!

Tone 3 Kontakion *(St. Anastasia)*

Purified by the waters of virginity, righteous Anastasia, thou wast crowned by the blood of martyrdom. Thou dost grant healing and salvation to those in need, and who call on thee from their hearts, for Christ gives thee strength, pouring out on thee ever-flowing grace.

Tone 4 Prokeimenon (Resurrection)

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)

Epistle

(Galatians 2:16-20) knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law but by faith in Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Christ Jesus, that we might be justified by faith in Christ and not by the works of the law; for by the works of the law no flesh shall be justified. But if, while we seek to be justified by Christ, we ourselves also are found sinners, is Christ therefore a minister of sin? Certainly not! For if I build again those things which I destroyed, I make myself a transgressor. For I through the law died to the law that I might live to God. I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.

Tone 4

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Go forth, prosper and reign, for the sake of meekness, righteousness and truth!
(Ps. 44:3b)

For Thou lovest righteousness, and hatest iniquity. (Ps. 44:6)

Gospel

(Luke 8:26-39) Then they sailed to the country of the Gadarenes, which is opposite Galilee. And when He stepped out on the land, there met Him a certain man from the city who had demons for a long time. And he wore no clothes, nor did he live in a house but in the tombs. When he saw Jesus, he cried out, fell

down before Him, and with a loud voice said, "What have I to do with You, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg You, do not torment me!" For He had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. For it had often seized him, and he was kept under guard, bound with chains and shackles; and he broke the bonds and was driven by the demon into the wilderness. Jesus asked him, saying, "What is your name?" And he said, "Legion," because many demons had entered him. And they begged Him that He would not command them to go out into the abyss. Now a herd of many swine was feeding there on the mountain. So they begged Him that He would permit them to enter them. And He permitted them. Then the demons went out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd ran violently down the steep place into the lake and drowned. When those who fed them saw what had happened, they fled and told it in the city and in the country. Then they went out to see what had happened, and came to Jesus, and found the man from whom the demons had departed, sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. And they were afraid. They also who had seen it told them by what means he who had been demon-possessed was healed. Then the whole multitude of the surrounding region of the Gadarenes asked Him to depart from them, for they were seized with great fear. And He got into the boat and returned. Now the man from whom the demons had departed begged Him that he might be with Him. But Jesus sent him away, saying, "Return to your own house, and tell what great things God has done for you." And he went his way and proclaimed throughout the whole city what great things Jesus had done for him.

Communion Hymn

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

Candle Offerings

Sunday, October 29, 2023

Vigils in Altar - Windowsill (2)

Happy Anniversary Sarah & Peter, Offered by The Lezinsky's

Vigils in Altar - Table of Oblation (2)

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

Vigils in Altar - Side Table (2)

Happy Anniversary Peter & Sarah Jubinski, Offered by Dan & Jean Jubinski

Votives in Altar

In Memory Of Ray Pasquel, Offered by Stephanie Pasquel

Crosses

Happy Birthday Maxine Marsh, Offered by Ann Marie & Barry

Vigils on the Tetrapod (2)

Happy Birthday Tom Grammes, Offered by Pat

Vigils on Icon Table (2)

Happy Birthday Tom Grammes, Offered by Pat

Vigils - Icon of the Virgin Mary (2)

Happy Anniversary Peter & Sarah, Offered by Barry & Ann Marie

Votives - Icon of the Virgin Mary

In Honor Of Mom & Dad on their wedding anniversary
Offered by Michael & Amber Metz

Vigils of St. Gregory (1)

For Health Of Pierogi Workers

Vigils of St. Paul (1)

For Health Of Those Who Purchase Our Pierogies

Vigil of St. Michael (1)

In Honor Of Raphael on his Birthday
Offered by Godparents Michael & Amber Metz

3rd Quarter Treasurer's Report Summary

July 2023	Income:	\$746,639.75
	Expenses:	\$404,835.29
	<u>Net Revenue:</u>	<u>\$341,804.48</u>
August 2023	Income:	\$39,397.33
	Expenses	\$125,006.89
	<u>Net Revenue:</u>	<u>\$(85,609.56)</u>
September 2023	Income:	\$41,326.54
	Expenses:	\$35,354.54
	<u>Net Revenue:</u>	<u>\$5,972.00</u>

Additional Notes:

Texas BBQ proceeds - \$3,823.82

Halupki Dinner proceeds - \$3,616.26

Shipley family donation - \$5,700

A Note Of Thanks

Dear Fr. Nikolai and Faithful of St. Nicholas,

Christ is in our midst! Thank you so much for your very generous check and lovely card! It means a lot to me and the children to know that our family in Christ is supporting us in prayer and in deeds of love. I love you all and I'm thankful for the blessing of having such friends in Christ.

With love in the Lord,
Father Ian

Donations Received In Memory

In Memory Of Mary Strohecker: Offered by Michele Guydan, Rosalie & Greg 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.

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.