

Divine Liturgy

Sunday, November 5, 2023

22nd Sunday after Pentecost (7th of Luke)

Martyr Galacteon and his wife, Epistemis



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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 November 6, 2023

22nd SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – Tone 5. Martyrs Galaction and his wife, Epistemis, at Emesa (3rd c.). Repose of St. Jonah, Archbishop of Novgorod (1470). Apostles Patrobus, Hermes, Linus, Gaius, and Philologus, of the Seventy (1st c.). St. Gregory, Archbishop of Alexandria (9th c.).

Fr. Nikolai's Office Hours

Monday, November 6th - Fr. Nikolai's day off
Wednesday, November 8th - 12:00 pm - 5:00 pm
Friday, November 10th - 9:00 am - 2:00 pm

Coffee Hour Today

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.

Weekly & Upcoming Calendar

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

Tuesday, November 7

6:00 pm - Great Vespers

Wednesday, November 8

Synaxis of the Archangel Michael and the other Bodiless Powers

8:50 am - Reading of the Hours

9:00 am - Divine Liturgy

Thursday, November 9

6:00 pm - Essentials of the Orthodox Faith #8

Saturday, November 11

4:00 pm - Moleben In Honor of Peter & Sarah Jubinski's 60th Wedding Anniversary

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

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 5** 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 5 Troparion *(Resurrection)*

Let us, the faithful, praise and worship the Word, co-eternal with the Father and the Spirit, born for our salvation from the Virgin; for He willed to be lifted up on the Cross in the flesh, to endure death, and to raise the dead by His glorious Resurrection.

Tone 1 Troparion *(Martyrs)*

Let us the faithful honor these two betrothed athletes: Galacteon and modest Epistemis. Their ascetic labors blossomed into martyrdom, Therefore we cry to them: "Glory to Him Who has strengthened you! Glory to Him Who has crowned you! Glory to Him Who through you grants healing to all!"

Tone 5 Kontakion *(Resurrection)*

Thou didst descend into hell, O my Savior, shattering its gates as Almighty, resurrecting the dead as Creator, and destroying the sting of death. Thou hast delivered Adam from the curse, O Lover of man, and we cry to Thee: "O Lord, save us!"

Tone 2 Kontakion *(Martyrs)*

You are numbered among the hosts of martyrs for you were illustrious in mighty contests. Galacteon, together with Epistemis, thy faithful wife and companion in struggle, unceasingly intercede to the one God for us all!

Tone 5 Prokeimenon *(Resurrection)*

Thou, O Lord, shalt protect us and preserve us from this generation forever.
(Ps. 11:7)

Save me, O Lord, for there is no longer any that is godly! (Ps. 11:1a)

Epistle

Read by Tricia Metz

(Galatians 6:11-18) See with what large letters I have written to you with my own hand! As many as desire to make a good showing in the flesh, these would compel you to be circumcised, only that they may not suffer persecution for the cross of Christ. For not even those who are circumcised keep the law, but they desire to have you circumcised that they may boast in your flesh. But God forbid that I should boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision avails anything, but a new creation. And as many as walk according to this rule, peace and mercy be upon them, and upon the Israel of God. From now on let no one trouble me, for I bear in my body the marks of the Lord Jesus. Brethren, the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit. Amen.

Tone 5

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

I will sing of Thy mercies, O Lord, forever; with my mouth I will proclaim Thy truth from generation to generation. (Ps. 88:1-2)

For Thou hast said: Mercy will be established forever; Thy truth will be prepared in the heavens. (Ps. 88:3)

Gospel

(Luke 8:41-56) And behold, there came a man named Jairus, and he was a ruler of the synagogue. And he fell down at Jesus' feet and begged Him to come to his house, for he had an only daughter about twelve years of age, and she was dying. But as He went, the multitudes thronged Him. Now a woman, having a

flow of blood for twelve years, who had spent all her livelihood on physicians and could not be healed by any, came from behind and touched the border of His garment. And immediately her flow of blood stopped. And Jesus said, "Who touched Me?" When all denied it, Peter and those with him said, "Master, the multitudes throng and press You, and You say, 'Who touched Me?'" But Jesus said, "Somebody touched Me, for I perceived power going out from Me." Now when the woman saw that she was not hidden, she came trembling; and falling down before Him, she declared to Him in the presence of all the people the reason she had touched Him and how she was healed immediately. And He said to her, "Daughter, be of good cheer; your faith has made you well. Go in peace." While He was still speaking, someone came from the ruler of the synagogue's house, saying to him, "Your daughter is dead. Do not trouble the Teacher." But when Jesus heard it, He answered him, saying, "Do not be afraid; only believe, and she will be made well." When He came into the house, He permitted no one to go in except Peter, James, and John, and the father and mother of the girl. Now all wept and mourned for her; but He said, "Do not weep; she is not dead, but sleeping." And they ridiculed Him, knowing that she was dead. But He put them all outside, took her by the hand and called, saying, "Little girl, arise." Then her spirit returned, and she arose immediately. And He commanded that she be given something to eat. And her parents were astonished, but He charged them to tell no one what had happened.

Communion Hymn

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

Candle Offerings

Sunday, November 5, 2023

Vigils in Altar - Windowsill (2)

Happy Anniversary Peter & Sarah, Offered by Bill & Sandi Keysock

Vigils in Altar - Table of Oblation (2)

In Memory Of Philip Stefanov, Offered by M. Peycheva, B. Stefanov

Vigils in Altar - Side Table (2)

In Honor Of Sarah & Peter, Offered by Kathy Lichtenwalner

Votives in Altar

In Honor Of Peter & Sarah's Anniversary, Offered by The Lezinsky Family

Votives in Iconostas

In Honor Of Sarah & Peter, Offered by Kathy Lichtenwalner

Vigil in Side Candle Holders (2)

In Honor Of Sarah & Peter, Offered by Kathy Lichtenwalner

Crosses

Offered by Sarah and Peter Jubinski in honor of couples celebrating wedding anniversaries in November. Congratulations! May God grant us many blessed years of good health and happiness.

November 1 - Peter and Patricia Metz

November 2 - Peter and Sarah Jubinski

November 4 - Peter and Natalie Stepanoff

November 9 - Nicholas and Judith Lezinsky

November 11 - Joseph and Laura Eck

November 12 - Happy Birthday Father Jim

November 19 - Father James and Matushka Pat Mason

November 19 - Paul and Lili Gaynor

November 25 - Michael and Mary Dorosh

Vigils on the Tetrapod (2)

In Memory Of Anna Kavchok, Offered by Margie & Joe Kavchok

Vigils on Icon Table (2)

Happy Anniversary Baba & Grandpa
Offered by Sasha, Elena, Nicholas, Sophia, Jacob, Brooke, Victoria

Vigils - Icon of the Virgin Mary (2)

In Memory Of Jack Monarek, Offered by Barb, Kyra & Gregory

Votives - Icon of the Virgin Mary

In Memory Of Jack Monarek, Offered by Barb, Kyra & Gregory

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

In Honor Of Peter & Sarah's Anniversary
Offered by Barb, Kyra & Gregory Monarek

Votives - Icon of St. John the Baptist

In Honor Of Jared Scheetz on his birthday, Offered by Michael & Amber Metz

Vigils on South Wall Window Sill (3)

In Honor Of Sarah & Peter, Offered by Tom, Pat, Joan

Vigils of St. Gregory (1)

In Honor Of Sarah & Peter, Offered by Tom, Pat, Joan

Vigils of St. Paul (1)

In Honor Of Sarah & Peter, Offered by Tom, Pat, Joan

Vigils on North Wall Window Sill (3)

In Honor Of Sarah & Peter, Offered by Tom, Pat, Joan

Vigil of St. Michael (1)

In Honor of Fr. Michael Kon, Offered by Mat. Susan Kon

Vigil of St. Andrew (1)

Happy Birthday Jamie Rex, Offered by Patricia Owens

Flowers to Adorn the Icon of St. Nicholas

In Honor Of Peter & Sarah Jubinski's 60th Wedding Anniversary

Honoring Our Veterans

On this Veterans Day 2023 we honor our men and women who so valiantly served in the United States Armed Forces. We pray for those on active duty and for those veterans who completed their tours of duty. We thank them and wish them God's blessings for many years.

Active Duty

Reader, Captain Daniel Holobeny, U. S. Air Force

Jonathan Hontz, U.S. Navy

Veterans

V. Rev. James Mason, U.S. Navy

Leo Tony Anicola, U.S. Air Force

Barry Bretz, U.S. Navy

Stephen Chromiak, U.S. Navy

Stephen Doncevic, U. S. Army

Michael Dorosh, U.S. Navy

Paul Dragovich, U.S. Marines

Donald Dudash, U.S. Army

Walter Grigoruk, U.S. Marines

Donna Haney, U.S. Navy

Andrew Hasenecz, U.S. Air Force

Michael Isbansky, U.S. Army

Joseph Kavchok, Jr. U.S. Air Force

William Keysock, U.S. Navy

Gary Kiechel, U.S. Army

Walter Logechnik - US Army

Michael Matsko, U.S. Navy

John Mikita, U.S. Navy

David Monarek, U.S. Marines

Joseph Pinkowicz, U. S. Army

William J. Potter, U.S. Air Force

Patric Shea, U.S. Marines

Michael Slivka, U.S. Air Force

Dorothy Stafiniak, U.S. Air Force

Wash Telepchak, U.S. Army

Keith Atlee, (4 years) ROTC

DECEASED

Further, we pray for those sons and daughters of our parish who have given their lives in battle and for those who served their tours of duty and have passed on to eternal rest. May their Memory Be Eternal.

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

Shiple 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

Boscov's Fundraiser

Thank you to all who participated in the Boscov's Shopping Pass Fundraiser! We raised \$140 for St. Nicholas Church. I hope everyone enjoyed their shopping spree! ~~~ Jennifer Bzik

Calling All Bakers for the 12/9 Christmas Bazaar Fire up the ovens!

It's time for your SCRUMPTIOUS desserts that St. Nicholas is famous for. If you are a returning baker or new to the 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 consistency 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! Baked goods may be dropped off on Friday, December 8th from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. If you have any questions, please contact Maxine Marsh at 610-837-8063.

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THREE LECTURES ON STEWARDSHIP

A small green seedling with four leaves growing out of a globe held in a hand. The globe is positioned in the lower right quadrant of the image, and the seedling is growing upwards from it. The background is a soft, out-of-focus green and yellow bokeh.

AT 6:00 PM ON

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 14
WHAT IS STEWARDSHIP?

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 21
ALMSGIVING AND SALVATION

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 28
DIFFERENT WAYS OF STEWARDSHIP

ATTEND IN PERSON AT THE CHERNAY FELLOWSHIP
HALL, OR REGISTER FOR THE ZOOM LINKS AT:

stnicholasoca.org/stewarshiplectures

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 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, 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.