

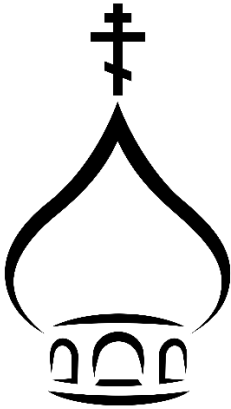
Divine Liturgy

Sunday, November 19, 2023

24th Sunday after Pentecost (9th of Luke)

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Martyr Barlaam of Caesarea



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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 19, 2023

24th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – Tone 7. Prophet Obadiah (Abdia–9th c. B.C.). Martyr Barlaam of Cæsarea in Cappadocia (ca. 304). Ven. Varlaam, Abbot of the Kiev Caves (Near Caves–1065). Finding of the relics of Monastic Martyr Adrian of Poshekhónsk (Yaroslavl’–1625). Martyr Azes of Isauria and 150 soldiers with him (3rd c.). Martyr Heliodorus in Pamphylia (ca. 273). Ven. Hilarion the Wonderworker, Monk of Thessalonica (Georgian–875). Repose of St. Philaret (Drozdov), Metropolitan of Moscow (1867). Saints Barlaam the monk and Prince Ioasaph of India (4th c.).

Fr. Nikolai’s Office Hours

Wednesday, November 15th - 12:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Coffee Hour Today

Coffee Hour today is hosted by The Hodson Family

Weekly & Upcoming Calendar

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

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| 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 for Entry |
| 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 - November Lecture Series 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 |

Monday, November 27 7:00 pm - Parish Council Meeting
Tuesday, November 28 6:00 pm - November Lecture Series
Different Ways of Stewardship
Saturday, December 2 4:30 pm - General Panikhida
5:00 pm - Great Vespers
Sunday, December 3 **26th Sunday after Pentecost**
9:10 am - Reading of the Hours
9:30 am - Divine Liturgy
Tuesday, December 5 6:00 pm - Great Vespers w/ Litia for St. Nicholas
Wed., December 6 **St. Nicholas the Wonderworker**
8:50 am - Reading of the Hours
9:00 am - Divine Liturgy
Thursday, December 7 9:00 am - Akathist - Nurturer of Children
Saturday, December 9 **Christmas Bazaar**
10:00 am - 6:00 pm - Bazaar
6:00 pm - Great Vespers (**NOTE DIFFERENT TIME**)
Sunday, December 10 **Sunday after Pentecost**
9:10 am - Reading of the Hours
9:30 am - Divine Liturgy
3:30 pm - Choir Concert
Tuesday, December 12 6:00 pm - Great Vespers w/ Litia for St. Herman
Wed., December 13 **St. Herman of Alaska**
8:50 am - Reading of the Hours
9:00 am - Divine Liturgy
Saturday, December 16 5:00 pm - Great Vespers
Sunday, December 17 **Sunday before Nativity**
9:10 am - Reading of the Hours
9:30 am - Divine Liturgy
12:00 pm - Parish Yolka
Friday, December 22 9:00 am - Royal Hours
Saturday, December 23 5:00 pm - Great Vespers
Sunday, December 24 **Sunday before / Eve of Nativity**
9:10 am - Reading of the Hours
9:30 am - Divine Liturgy
7:00 pm - Nativity Vigil

Monday, December 25 **Nativity of our Lord**
9:10 am – Reading of the Hours
9:30 am – Divine Liturgy

Tuesday, December 26 **Synaxis of the Mother of God**
8:50 am – Reading of the Hours
9:00 am – Divine Liturgy

Saturday, December 30 5:00 pm – Great Vespers

Sunday, December 31 **Sunday before Theophany**
9:10 am – Reading of the Hours
9:30 am – Divine Liturgy

Friday, January 5 **Eve of Theophany**
9:00 am – Royal Hours
6:00 pm – Compline w/ Blessing of Waters

Saturday, January 6 **Theophany / Epiphany**
8:50 am – Reading of the Hours
9:00 am – Divine Liturgy
4:30 pm – General Panikhida
5:00 pm – Great Vespers

Sunday, January 7 **Sunday after Theophany**
9:10 am – Reading of the Hours
9:30 am – Divine Liturgy

Upcoming Pierogi Making Schedule

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 7 Troparion *(Resurrection)*

By Thy Cross Thou didst destroy death. To the thief Thou didst open Paradise. For the Myrrhbearers Thou didst change weeping into joy, and Thou didst command Thy disciples, O Christ God, to proclaim that Thou art risen, granting the world great mercy.

Tone 4 Troparion *(St. Barlaam)*

Armed with youthful fervor, thou didst endure martyrdom in old age and didst glorify Christ. Thou didst offer Him thy right hand as a whole burnt offering and thy holy soul as a blameless sacrifice. Intercede that all that be granted forgiveness, Great-martyr Barlaam.

Tone 7 Kontakion *(Resurrection)*

The dominion of death can no longer hold men captive, for Christ descended, shattering and destroying its powers. Hell is bound, while the Prophets rejoice and cry: "The Savior has come to those in faith; enter, you faithful, into the Resurrection!"

Tone 3 Kontakion *(St. Barlaam)*

Though weak with old age thou didst vanquish the Evil One in thy mighty contest, O Barlaam. Thou didst endure the rack like one without a body, and didst steadfastly endure the burning of thy hand. Therefore, God the Word has crowned thee with a crown of glory.

Tone 7 Prokeimenon *(Resurrection)*

The Lord shall give strength to His people. The Lord shall bless His people with peace. *(Ps. 28:11)*

Offer to the Lord, O you sons of God! Offer young rams to the Lord! (Ps. 28:1a)

Epistle

Read by Reader Nicholas Lezinsky

(Ephesians 2:14-22) For He Himself is our peace, who has made both one, and has broken down the middle wall of separation, having abolished in His flesh the enmity, that is, the law of commandments contained in ordinances, so as to create in Himself one new man from the two, thus making peace, and that He might reconcile them both to God in one body through the cross, thereby putting to death the enmity. And He came and preached peace to you who were afar off and to those who were near. For through Him we both have access by one Spirit to the Father. Now, therefore, you are no longer strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief cornerstone, in whom the whole building, being fitted together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord, in whom you also are being built together for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit.

Tone 7

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

*It is good to give thanks to the Lord, to sing praises to Thy Name, O Most High.
(Ps. 91:1)*

To declare Thy mercy in the morning, and Thy truth by night. (Ps. 91:2a)

Gospel

(Luke 12:16-21) Then He spoke a parable to them, saying: "The ground of a certain rich man yielded plentifully. And he thought within himself, saying, 'What shall I do, since I have no room to store my crops?' So he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build greater, and there I will store all my crops and my goods. 'And I will say to my soul, "Soul, you have many goods laid up for many years; take your ease; eat, drink, and be merry.'" But God said to him, 'Fool! This night your soul will be required of you; then whose will those things be which you have provided?' So is he who lays up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God."

Communion Hymn

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

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Candle Offerings

Sunday, November 19, 2023

Vigils in Altar - Windowsill (2)

Happy Birthday Ryan Roberts, Offered by Uncle Gordon & Aunt Val

Vigils in Altar - Table of Oblation (2)

In Honor Of Fr. James & Mat. Pat's 62nd Anniversary

Vigils in Altar - Side Table (2)

God Grant You Many Years Dorothy Stafiniak
Offered by Michael & Shirley Isbansky

Votives in Altar

In Memory Of Philip Stefanov

Crosses

In Memory Of Frederick Budnar's 40th Day
Offered by Nielsen & Hasenecz Families

Vigils on the Tetrapod (2)

In Memory Of Frederick Budnar's 40th Day, Offered by Bill & Sandi Keysock

Vigils - Icon of the Virgin Mary (2)

In Memory Of Mary Strohecker, Offered by Pat & Joan

Flowers to Adorn the Icon of The Entry of the Theotokos into the Temple

In Honor Of Greg's 76th Birthday
Offered by Rosalie Radio, Scott & Family, Keri & Family

Bulletin Announcements

Please note that due to the Thanksgiving Holiday, the bulletin for Sunday, November 26 will be printed early. If you have any announcements that you wish to have included, please get them to Jennifer Bzik no later than Noon on Tuesday, November 21, 2023. Thank you!

A Note of Thanks

Thank you to my church family for the wonderful coffee hour on Sunday. I also want to thank those who sent cards, prayers and gifts. They were greatly appreciated. I am so happy that at 90 I can still stand and serve at the Altar, May God bless each one of you and grant you all many blessed years!

With love in Christ

Fr. James

A Note of Thanks

Dear Fr. Nikolai & Parishioners - Christ is in our midst! We continue to be blessed and humbled by the checks that keep coming our way. Thank you for the support and love. Please let your parishioners know that I have nothing but love and appreciation for them. Thanks again Father & everyone.

In Christ,

Father Ian

Poinsettias for Christmas

If you wish to sponsor the Poinsettias that will decorate the church during the Nativity season, please sign up in the book at the candle desk. Red and White Poinsettias are available for a \$12.00 donation and may be taken home at the end of the Nativity Season.

Upcoming Parish Council Meeting

Parish Council Meeting – Monday, November 27, 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.

A Note of Thanks

A very sincere thank you to the members of our Parish family and others that helped clean up the two dead trees and the spent flowers from the summer. It was an enormous job, but it saved the church a great deal of money. A few things left to do so listen for an announcement to finish up before it gets cold.

Patrica Grammes

Coffee Hour Hosts Needed

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

Wonderworker

Fr. Nikolai will be working on the next edition of The Wonderworker in the coming weeks. If you or your church organization have photos or other information that you wish to include, please send to Fr. Nikolai or Jennifer Bzik by Wednesday, November 22, 2023. Thank you!

Remember Our Homebound

As of 11/14/2023

Fr. Thomas & Mat. Evelyn Edwards - 4052 Lehigh Drive, Northampton, PA 18067

Mrs. Olga Frimenko - 2205 Jennings Street, Bethlehem, PA 18017

Mr. Walter Grigoruk - The Village at LifeQuest, 2100 Cherry Blossom Ln, Apt 156, Quakertown, PA 18951

Mr. Andrew Hasenecz - 315 Balleck Road, Riegelsville, PA 18077-9606

Mr. Michael & Mrs. Shirley Isbansky - 2022 Arlington Street, Bethlehem, PA 18017-4879

Ms. Mary Koretski - 3060 West Blvd, Apt. A, Bethlehem, PA 18017

Mrs. Antoinette Lebeduik - 832 Wellington Road, Manchester, NH 03104

Mrs. Michele Lovell - PO Box 20031, Lehigh Valley, PA 18002-0031

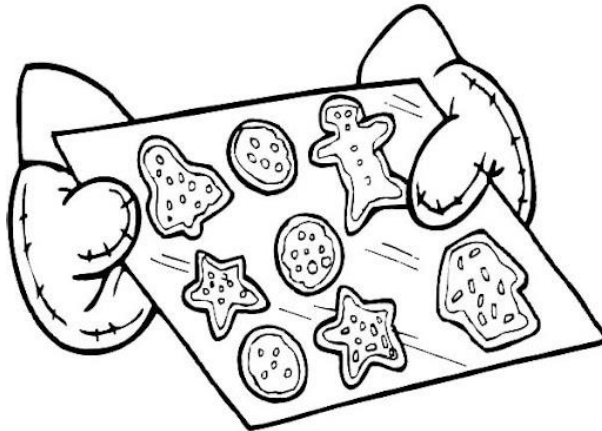
Ms. Nancy Sabol - 2443 Black River Road #4, Bethlehem, PA 18015

It's time again for COOKIES!!!

We will be making cookie trays to sell at the Christmas Bazaar and would appreciate your help.

- 🍪 Please make at least 4 dozen cookies (more is totally fine)
- 🍪 Notify Judy Lezinsky or Jean Jubinski what kind you would like to make (We would like to prevent duplicate flavors)
- 🍪 Please bring in your cookies in sealed containers/bags on Sunday, December 3, 2023. There will be a rack in the Church Hall for cookies to be placed on.
- 🍪 Please no cookies that have to be refrigerated.

Thank you!!!



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.

Basket Raffle Donations Wanted

TODAY IS THE DEADLINE FOR CASH DONATIONS!!!

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 19, 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 26, 2023.** If you have any questions or would like to make a donation, please contact Jennifer Bzik. Thank you so much for your support!

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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:

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CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

"LITTLE" RUSSIAN DAYS
ETHNIC FOODS & BAKE SALE

& FROZEN PIEROGI & HALUPKI FOR SALE

DEC 9 FROM 10 AM - 6 PM
EAT IN OR TAKE OUT

COME BACK ON SUNDAY DEC 10 AT 3:30 FOR OUR ANNUAL
ACAPELLA CHRISTMAS CHOIR CONCERT

Christmas Bazaar "LITTLE RUSSIAN DAYS" features ethnic foods like Halupki, Pierogi, Potato Pancakes, Halushki, Borscht, Pelmeni and our much celebrated Home Baked Goods plus Holiday Shopping



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12-09-2023

St. Nicholas Russian Orthodox Church

A Cappella Choir

Presents

Orthodox Hymns and Christmas Carols



Sunday, December 10, 2023
3:30 p.m.

980 Bridle Path Road
Bethlehem, PA 18017

Fellowship & Refreshments following the concert.
For additional information please call 610-868-9468



2023 Christmas Basket Raffle



Sunday, December 3 - Basket Raffle opens during
Coffee Hour after the Divine Liturgy

Saturday, December 9 - Basket Raffle will be open from
10:00 am to 6:00 pm during the Christmas Bazaar

Sunday, December 10 - Basket Raffle will be open during
Coffee Hour after the Divine Liturgy AND before and after
the Christmas Choir Concert at 3:30 pm.



Sunday, December 17 - From 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm (after our Children's
Yolka Program) is your final opportunity to check out the Basket Raffle
goodies. Light refreshments will be available for purchase. **The Basket
Raffle Drawing begins at 2:00 pm on Sunday, December 17.** You do
not need to be present to win. Winners who are not present will be
notified during the following week.



Tickets:
1 ticket for \$1.00
7 tickets for \$5.00
15 tickets for \$10.00
40 tickets for \$20.00

Contact Jennifer Bzik for more information.

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, Tosha Roberts and their unborn children, Nina Abaishvilli, Julianne Kahl and their newborn children.

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