

Divine Liturgy

Sunday, November 26, 2023

25th Sunday after Pentecost (10th of Luke)

Ven. Alypius the Stylite of Adrianopolis



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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 26, 2023

25th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – Tone 8. The Righteous Gideon. Ven. Alypius the Stylite of Adrianopolis (7th c.). Dedication of the Church of the Greatmartyr George at Kiev (1051-54). Repose of St. Innocent, first Bishop of Irkutsk (1731). Ven. James the Solitary of Syria (457).

Fr. Nikolai's Office Hours

Monday, November 27th – Fr. Nikolai's day off
Wednesday, November 29th – 12:00 pm – 5:00 pm
Friday, December 1st – 9:00 am – 2:00 pm

Coffee Hour Today

Coffee Hour today is hosted by The Brown Family

Weekly & Upcoming Calendar

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

- 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 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 8 Troparion *(Resurrection)*

Thou didst descend from on high, O Merciful One! Thou didst accept the three day burial to free us from our sufferings! O Lord, our Life and Resurrection, glory to Thee!

Tone 1 Troparion *(Ven. Alypius)*

Thou wast a pillar of patient endurance, having imitated the forefathers, O Venerable One: Job in suffering and Joseph in temptations. Thou didst live like the Bodiless Ones while yet in the flesh, Alypius, our father. Beseech Christ God that our souls may be saved!

Tone 8 Kontakion *(Resurrection)*

By rising from the tomb, Thou didst raise the dead and resurrect Adam. Eve exults in Thy Resurrection, and the world celebrates Thy rising from the dead, O greatly Merciful One!

Tone 8 Kontakion *(Ven. Alypius)*

The Church glorifies and praises thee today, O Alypius, as a perfect example of virtue and the boast of ascetics. Through thy prayers, grant remission of sins to all who venerate thy life and thy struggles!

Tone 8 Prokeimenon *(Resurrection)*

Pray and make your vows before the Lord, our God! *(Ps. 75:10a)*

In Judah God is known; His Name is great in Israel. (Ps. 75:1)

Epistle

Read by Reader Matthew Lezinsky

(Ephesians 4:1-6) I, therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you to walk worthy of the calling with which you were called, with all lowliness and gentleness, with longsuffering, bearing with one another in love, endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called in one hope of your calling; one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all.

Tone 8

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Come, let us rejoice in the Lord! Let us make a joyful noise to God our Savior! (Ps. 94:1)

Let us come before His face with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise! (Ps. 94:2)

Gospel

(Luke 13: 10-17) Now He was teaching in one of the synagogues on the Sabbath. And behold, there was a woman who had a spirit of infirmity eighteen years, and was bent over and could in no way raise herself up. But when Jesus saw her, He called her to Him and said to her, "Woman, you are loosed from your infirmity." And He laid His hands on her, and immediately she was made straight, and glorified God. But the ruler of the synagogue answered with indignation, because Jesus had healed on the Sabbath; and he said to the crowd, "There are six days on which men ought to work; therefore come and be healed on them, and not on the Sabbath day." The Lord then answered him and said, "Hypocrite! Does not each one of you on the Sabbath loose his ox or donkey from the stall, and lead it away to water it? So ought not this woman, being a daughter of Abraham, whom Satan has bound - think of it - for eighteen years, be loosed from this bond on the Sabbath?" And when He said these things, all His adversaries were put to shame; and all the multitude rejoiced for all the glorious things that were done by Him.

Communion Hymn

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

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Candle Offerings

Sunday, November 26, 2023

Votives in Altar

Happy Anniversary Michael & Mary Dorosh
Offered by Murgia & Dorosh Families

Vigil in Side Candle Holders (2)

For Health Of Family, Offered by Patricia Owens

Crosses

In Memory Of Henry Bretz, Offered by Barry & Ann Marie Bretz

Vigils on the Tetrapod (2)

In Memory Of John (Jay) Radio, Offered by Greg & Rosalie Radio

Vigils - Icon of the Virgin Mary (2)

In Memory Of Philip Stefanov

Votives - Icon of the Virgin Mary

In Memory Of Philip Stefanov

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

In Memory Of James Bartos, Offered by Francine & Michael Slivka

Vigil of St. Andrew (1)

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

Cemetery Informational Meeting

Sunday, December 3, 2023

On Sunday, December 3, 2023 after the Divine Liturgy and Coffee Hour, we will be having an informational meeting about the Church Cemetery. If you currently own or plan to use plots in the St. Nicholas Russian Orthodox Church section of the Union Cemetery of Hellertown, please make every effort to attend this brief meeting. If you are considering purchasing plots, please attend to learn more information about Cemetery procedures and rules. For anyone who thinks that they do not need to attend because they already know everything necessary to use plots in the Cemetery, we strongly encourage you to attend to hear updated and important information. If you have any questions, please contact the Cemetery Committee Chair, Jennifer Bzik.

A Note of Thanks

Thank you, thank you. Because of your generosity, the funds collected at the coffee hour on November 5 for St. Tikhon's Seminary totaled \$3,700. The ROCMAS match of \$500.00 brings the total amount to \$4,200.00. This was presented to Father John Parker of the Seminary on November 16. Thank you to ROCMAS (Russian Orthodox Catholic Mutual Aid Society) for the generous matching offer. May God grant all of us many many blessed years of good health and happiness.

Peter and Sarah Jubinski

A Note of Thanks

TO OUR WONDERFUL PARISH FAMILY:

Thank you ever so much for your prayers, best wishes, thoughtful greetings, candle offerings, and financial contributions for St. Tikhon's Seminary. They made our 60th wedding anniversary celebration a truly special and memorable event. As one young guest remarked, "It was awesome." May our Lord and Savior grant all of you many, many blessed years.

Peter and Sarah Jubinski

A Note of Thanks

Thank you to my church family for the wonderful coffee hour on Sunday. I also want to 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.

Remember Our Homebound

As of 11/14/2023

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

Mrs. Olga Frimenko - Landis Homes, 1001 East Oregon Road, Lititz, PA 17554

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

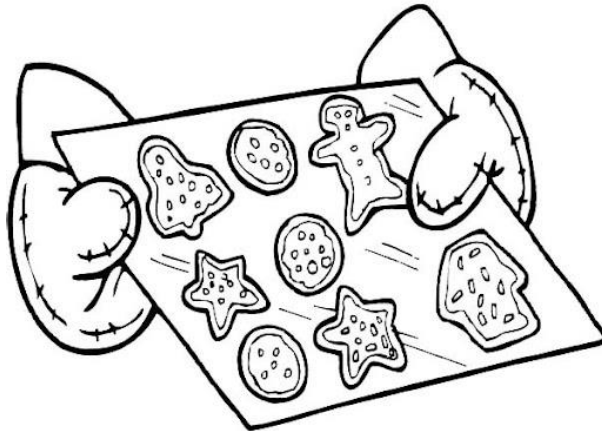
Mrs. Dorothy Stafiniak - 8 Dara Circle, Broomall, PA 19008

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.

Coffee Hour Hosts Needed

There are several open coffee hour days in the upcoming months. 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!

Basket Raffle Donations Wanted

TODAY IS THE DEADLINE FOR BASKET 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, David Gowarty, 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.