

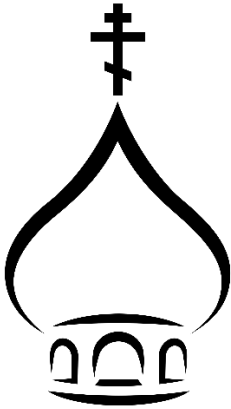
Divine Liturgy

Sunday, February 18, 2024

37th Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday of Zacchaeus

St. Leo the Great, Pope of Rome



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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)

***Please turn off or silence your electronic devices
before entering the church. Thank you.***

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Schedule for the Week of February 18, 2024

37th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – Tone 4. Sunday of Zacchaeus. St. Leo the Great, Pope of Rome (461). Ven Cosmas of Yakhromsk (1492). St. Agapitos the Confessor and Wonderworker, Bishop of Synnada in Phrygia (4th c.). St. Flavian the Confessor, Patriarch of Constantinople (449-450).

Fr. Nikolai's Office Hours

Monday, February 19th - Fr. Nikolai's day off
Wednesday, February 21st - 12:00 pm - 5:00 pm
Friday, February 23rd - 9:00 am - 2:00 pm

Coffee Hour Today

Coffee Hour today is hosted by The Parish Council
ANNUAL PARISH MEETING TODAY!

Weekly & Upcoming Calendar

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

Wednesday, February 21 10:00 am - 1:00 pm - Halushki Sale Order Pick Ups
Thursday, February 22 10:00 am - Essentials of The Orthodox Faith
Session #10 - Who is Christ, and who are we?
Saturday, February 24 5:00 pm - Great Vespers
Sunday, February 25 **Sunday of the Publican and the Pharisee**
9:10 am - Reading of the Hours
9:30 am - Divine Liturgy
Wednesday, February 28 10:00 am - 1:00 pm - Halushki Sale Order Pick Ups
Thursday, February 29 10:00 am - Essentials of The Orthodox Faith
Session #11 - The History of the Church
Saturday, March 9 **Memorial Saturday / 40 Martyrs of Sabaste**
8:50 am - Reading of the Hours
9:00 am - Divine Liturgy
4:00 pm - Great Vespers

Sunday, March 10

Sunday of Last Judgement / Meatfare Sunday

9:10 am - Reading of the Hours

9:30 am - Divine Liturgy

Friday, March 15

4:00 pm - 6:00 pm - Lenten Fish Dinner &
Paska Bread Order Pick Ups

Saturday, March 16

5:00 pm - Great Vespers

Sunday, March 17

Forgiveness Sunday / Cheesefare Sunday

9:10 am - Reading of the Hours

9:30 am - Divine Liturgy (**w/ Archbishop MARK**)

12:00 pm - Forgiveness Vespers

First Week of Lent - Clean Week

Monday, March 18

7:00 pm - Compline with Great Canon of St.
Andrew of Crete

Tuesday, March 19

7:00 pm - Compline with Great Canon of St.
Andrew of Crete

Wednesday, March 20

6:00 pm - Presanctified Liturgy

Thursday, March 21

7:00 pm - Compline with Great Canon of St.
Andrew of Crete (*Moved from Wednesday*)

Friday, March 22

7:00 pm - Compline with Great Canon of St.
Andrew of Crete (*Moved from Thursday*)

Saturday, March 23

St. Theodore the Recruit

8:50 am - Reading of the Hours

9:00 am - Divine Liturgy St. Theodore the Recruit

5:00 pm - **Triumph of Orthodoxy Vespers**

w/ Lehigh Valley Brotherhood - **Location TBD**

Sunday, March 24

The Sunday of Orthodoxy

9:10 am - Reading of the Hours

9:30 am - Divine Liturgy

5:00 pm - Great Vespers w/ Lita for Annunciation

Monday, March 25

Annunciation

9:00 am - Annunciation Vespers Divine Liturgy

Wednesday, March 27

6:00 pm - Presanctified Liturgy

Friday, March 29

9:00 am - Presanctified Liturgy

4:00 pm - 6:00 pm - Lenten Fish Dinner &
Paska Bread Order Pick Ups

Saturday, March 30

Memorial Saturday

8:50 am - Reading of the Hours

9:00 am - Divine Liturgy

5:00 pm - Great Vespers

Sunday, March 31

St. Gregory Palamas

9:10 am - Reading of the Hours

9:30 am - Divine Liturgy

Kitchen Closure for HVAC Work

Dear Faithful,

We have now finally received a tentative delivery date for the new HVAC equipment for the Church Hall. This means that we've also been able to schedule the installation. This will involve minimal impact to our weekend life here at St. Nicholas, but it will have a great impact on any activities involving the Kitchen DURING WEEK DAYS. By great impact, I mean, **the kitchen will be off-limits, and unusable during the weeks they are here.** The weekdays are as follows:

- Mon. April 29 - Thurs. May 2
- Mon. May 6 - Fri. May 10
- Mon. May 13 - Fri. May 17
- Mon. May 20 - Fri. May 24
- Tues. May 28 - Fri. May 31
- Mon. June 17 - Fri. June 21
- Mon. June 24 - Fri. June 28
- Mon. July 1 - Fri. July 5 (If Needed)

Thankfully, the majority of these weeks are already times when we would not normally be using the kitchen, but this means that if there are any projects that will need to make use of the kitchen, that needs to be arranged to happen before this block of weeks happens.

Thank you all!

Fr. Nikolai

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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 3 Troparion *(St. Leo)*

You were the Church's instrument in strengthening the teaching of true doctrine; you shone forth from the West like a sun dispelling the errors of heretics. Righteous Leo, entreat Christ God to grant us His great mercy!

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. Leo)*

Seated upon the throne of the priesthood, glorious Leo, you shut the mouths of the spiritual lions. With divinely inspired teachings of the honored Trinity, you shed the light of the knowledge of God upon your flock. Therefore, you are glorified as a divine initiate of the grace of God.

Tone 4 Prokeimenon *(Resurrection)*

O Lord, how manifold are Your works; in wisdom have You made them all.
(Ps. 103:26)

Bless the Lord, O my soul! O Lord, my God, You are very great! (Ps. 103:1)

Epistle

Read by David Metz

(1 Timothy 4:9-15) This is a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptance. For to this end we both labor and suffer reproach, because we trust in the living God, who is the Savior of all men, especially of those who believe. These things command and teach. Let no one despise your youth, but be an example to the believers in word, in conduct, in love, in spirit, in faith, in purity. Till I come, give attention to reading, to exhortation, to doctrine. Do not neglect the gift that is in you, which was given to you by prophecy with the laying on of the hands of the eldership. Meditate on these things; give yourself entirely to them, that your progress may be evident to all.

Tone 4

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

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

For You love righteousness, and hate iniquity. (Ps. 44:6)

Gospel

(Luke 19:1-10) Then Jesus entered and passed through Jericho. Now behold, there was a man named Zacchaeus who was a chief tax collector, and he was rich. And he sought to see who Jesus was, but could not because of the crowd, for he was of short stature. So he ran ahead and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see Him, for He was going to pass that way. And when Jesus came to the place, He looked up and saw him, and said to him, "Zacchaeus, make haste and come down, for today I must stay at your house." So he made haste and came down, and received Him joyfully. But when they saw it, they all complained, saying, "He has gone to be a guest with a man who is a sinner." Then Zacchaeus stood and said to the Lord, "Look, Lord, I give half of my goods to the poor; and if I have taken anything from anyone by false accusation, I restore fourfold." And Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, because he also is a son of Abraham; for the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost."

Communion Hymn

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

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Candle Offerings

Sunday, February 18, 2024

Vigils in Altar - Table of Oblation (2)

In Memory Of Mary Keysock, Offered by Bill & Sandi Keysock

Votives in Altar

In Memory Of Philip Stefanov

Votives in Iconostas

For Health Of Nora Marie Shadid, Offered by Fr. Michael & Mat. Susan Kon

Crosses

In Honor Of Don & Jean Jubinski's Anniversary, Offered by Peter & Sarah

Vigils on the Tetrapod (2)

In Memory Of Michael Stetz, Offered by Pat Grammes

Vigils on Icon Table (2)

In Memory Of Michael Stetz, Offered by Pat Grammes

Vigils - Icon of the Virgin Mary (2)

Happy Birthday James Bresee Slivka, Offered by Fran & Mike Slivka

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

In Memory Of Mary Keysock, Offered by Bill & Sandi Keysock

Vigils of St. Gregory (1)

For Health Of Corinne Stuckey, Offered by Danny Stuckey

Vigils of St. Paul (1)

For Health Of Maeve Stuckey, Offered by Danny Stuckey

Vigil of St. Michael (1)

In Memory Of Michael Stetz, Offered by Pat Grammes

Donations Received In Memory

In Memory Of Patric Shea: Offered by Stephen & Mary Doncevic, Catherine Miller, Nick & Barb Roman

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

In Memory Of Vera Stoiancheff: Offered by Paula & John Lahutsky

Pierogi Schedule

Pierogi Making - Feb 19, 20, 21

Pierogi Making - Feb 26, 27, 28

Pierogi Making - Mar 4, 5, 6

Pierogi Making - Mar 11, 12, 13

Pierogi Making - Mar 18, 19, 20

Pierogi Making - Mar 25, 26, 27

Pierogi Making - April 1, 2, 3

Pierogi Making - April 8, 9, 10

Pierogi Making - April 15, 16, 17

Pierogi Making - April 22, 23, 24

NO Pierogi Making - April 29 through May 31

****Please note that this schedule is subject to change.****

A Note Of Thanks

Beloved of God:

The Brotherhood of St. Tikhon's Monastery wants to offer its sincere thanks to you for your donation and gratefully accepts your offering to God and His Church. Be assured of our prayers for you and your intentions and may the blessing of Almighty God be upon you always

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Archimandrite Sergius, Abbot of St. Tikhon's Monastery

Volunteers Needed!

Volunteers needed for Paska baking March 2 9:00 AM through 3:00 PM.

Please call Maxine Marsh 610-837-8063 if interested.

Fish dinners are scheduled for Fridays, March 15 & 29 from 4-6:00 PM.

Please consider helping during these events and contacting Pat Grammes for information.

An "angel" has made a monetary donation to the Christmas bazaar which rounds the net profit to \$27,000.00.

Thank you

Annual Parish Meeting Notice

The Annual Parish Meeting will be held on Sunday, February 18, 2024. The meeting will be held in the church hall immediately following the Divine Liturgy. A light luncheon will be served. All are encouraged to read the agenda and reports thoroughly and prepare their questions to ensure an expedited parish meeting. Please note that there will be no means of virtual participation in the meeting.

According to the bylaws of St. Nicholas Russian Orthodox Church of Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, the required quorum for a parish meeting is the attendance of at least 25% of voting members in good standing. A quorum must be maintained throughout the meeting. If a quorum is not present, the meeting shall then be rescheduled by the Parish Council in consultation with the Rector, at which time the members present will constitute a quorum.

4th Quarter Treasurer's Report Summary

October 2023	Income:	\$43,380.22
	Expenses:	\$54,461.46
	Net Revenue:	<u>\$(11,081.24)</u>
November 2023	Income:	\$31,650.87
	Expenses	\$36,157.08
	Net Revenue:	<u>\$(4,506.21)</u>
December 2023	Income:	\$69,817.49
	Expenses:	\$33,489.81
	Net Revenue:	<u>\$36,327.68</u>

Annual Church Office Elections

What you need to know to vote in the Annual Parish Meeting being held on February 18, 2024 and to run for Church Office: According to our Bylaws in order to vote and participate in the discussions you must be a member at least 18 years of age and in good standing (both financially and sacramentally) for one (1) year. In order to run for Church Office you must be have been a practicing Orthodox Christian for at least one (1) year and a parishioner of this Parish for a prior 12 month period

If you are interested in serving on the Parish Council, please see Fr. Nikolai or any current member of the Parish Council.

Please note the Parish Council Vice President and Secretary are chosen by and from the newly elected Parish Council to serve for one (1) year terms.

Parish Council Officer Positions

Parish Council President (one year)

Treasurer (one year)

Financial Secretary (one year)

Auditor Positions

Four (4) one year terms

Parish Council Positions

Two (2) three year terms

Cemetery Committee Chair

One (1) one year term

Diocesan Assembly Positions

Diocesan Assembly Delegate

Diocesan Assembly Alternate

Voting Members

A voting member is a parishioner who has the privilege of attending, being counted when determining the number required for a quorum, taking part in discussion, and voting at any annual or special parish meeting. A voting member may also have the privilege of being elected as a member of the Parish Council if he or she possesses the appropriate gifts and disposition for working with others. A voting member is in "good standing" if he or she:

- a.** Is a baptized and chrismated an Orthodox Christian;
- b.** Is at least eighteen (18) years of age;
- c.** Partakes of the Sacraments of Confession and Holy Communion in this Parish at least once during the previous 12 month period;
- d.** Has been a practicing Orthodox Christian for at least one (1) year and a parishioner of this Parish for a prior 12 month period;
- e.** Has demonstrated commitment to the defined financial obligation during the previous 12 month period. (\$520 per year) If the financial obligation cannot be reached, an exemption can be requested and given by the Rector;
- f.** "Good standing" is determined in collaboration with the Rector and the Council President;
- g.** Voting membership in two or more Orthodox parishes is not permitted.
- h.** A Voting Member has accepted the right, privilege, and responsibility to vote in Parish Assemblies. A Voting Member may be considered for election to office in appropriate Parish bodies. A Voting Member is eligible for election as a delegate to the Diocesan Assembly and the All-American Council.

Annual Parish Meeting Reports Available

The Annual Parish Meeting will be held on Sunday, February 18, 2024. Please be advised that printed copies of the agenda and reports will be available at the candle desk beginning on Sunday, February 4, 2024. Please stop by to pick up a copy at your convenience. If you would like a copy emailed to you or mailed to you, please contact the Administrative Assistant at Assistant4StNicholas@outlook.com. Please note that due to postal delays, we cannot guarantee that mailed copies will arrive prior to the meeting.

PLEASE JOIN US FOR A

*Baby
shower*

CELEBRATING MAMA-TO-BE

LARA BESSMAN

FEBRUARY 25TH AT 11 AM
ST. NICHOLAS ORTHODOX CHURCH
980 BRIDLE PATH RD.
BETHLEHEM PA 18017
RSVP TO CHRISTINA
972-313-5167

Greetings
ISLAND



2024 Lenten Fish Dinners



Menu

Baked or Fried Fish
Oven Roasted Potatoes
Vegetable & Dinner Roll
Coffee or Tea
Delicious Homemade Desserts
Soda & Water - \$1.00

Vendors

Treasures of Russia
Boutique for authentic gift items
Imported from Russia
Mom's Candy Kitchen
For delicious sweets!

Frozen potato/cheese pierogi & paska breads for sale.



HALUSHKI SALE!

\$10 per quart

Order your quart of halushki to go.
Just heat it up and enjoy delicious cabbage and
homemade noodles!

Wednesday February 21st and 28th

**Pick up at the church
10:00 am to 1:00 pm**



**Orders must be placed by
calling 610-867-0402
option 5 (the pierogi
hotline). Please specify
how many quarts and
what date you are picking
up your order.**

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, Lydia Bzik, Helen Cotirgasanu, David G. Cudlic, Val Danchenko, Christopher Felix, Olga Frimenko, David Gowarty, Walter Grigoruk, Monique Haney, Rachel Hardesty, Nicholas Hazzard, Don Holobeny, Jonathan Hontz, Sherry Hromiak, Krista Irwin, Michael H. Isbansky, Sarah Jubinski, Alexandra Keysock, William 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, Janice Shumbata, Francine Slivka, Michael Slivka, Julia Smith, Dorothy Stafiniak, Corinne Stuckey, Maeve Stuckey, Patricia Telepchak, Irene Witanek

Handmaidens of God: Lara Bessman, Tosha Roberts and their unborn children, and Yana Fedorenko and her newborn child.

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