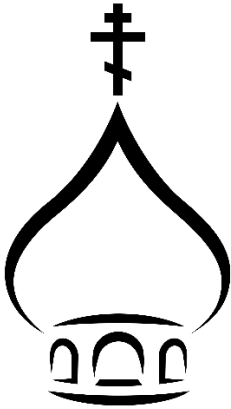


Divine Liturgy

Sunday, February 25, 2024

38th Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday of the Publican and the Pharisee



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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 February 25, 2024

SUNDAY OF THE PUBLICAN AND THE PHARISEE – Tone 5. Beginning of the Lenten Triodion. St. Tarasius, Archbishop of Constantinople (806).

Fr. Nikolai's Office Hours

Monday, February 26th - Fr. Nikolai's day off
Wednesday, February 28th - 12:00 pm - 5:00 pm
Friday, March 1st - 12:00 pm to 4:00 pm

Coffee Hour Today

Coffee Hour today is in honor of
Lara Bessman's Baby Shower

Weekly & Upcoming Calendar

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

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 2 4:30 pm - General Panikhida
5:00 pm - Great Vespers
Sunday, March 3 **Sunday of The Prodigal Son**
9:10 am - Reading of the Hours
9:30 am - Divine Liturgy
Thursday, March 4 9:30 am - Akathist to the Theotokos, Nurturer of Children
Saturday, March 9 **Memorial Saturday / 40 Martyrs of Sabaste**
8:50 am - Reading of the Hours
9:00 am - Divine Liturgy
5:00 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/ Litia for Annunciation

Monday, March 25

Annunciation

9:00 am - Annunciation Vespersal 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 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 4 Kontakion *(from the Lenten Triodion)*

Let us flee from the pride of the Pharisee! Let us learn humility from the Publican's tears! Let us cry to our Savior: "Have mercy on us, O only merciful One!"

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 John Heitzenrater

(2 Timothy 3:10-15) But you have carefully followed my doctrine, manner of life, purpose, faith, longsuffering, love, perseverance, persecutions, afflictions, which happened to me at Antioch, at Iconium, at Lystra - what persecutions I endured. And out of them all the Lord delivered me. Yes, and all who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will suffer persecution. But evil men and impostors will grow worse and worse, deceiving and being deceived. But you must continue in the things which you have learned and been assured of, knowing from whom you have learned them, and that from childhood you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.

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 18:10-14) "Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, 'God, I thank You that I am not like other men - extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even as this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I possess.' And the tax collector, standing afar off, would not so much as raise his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, 'God, be merciful to me a sinner!' I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other; for everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted."

Communion Hymn

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

Candle Offerings **Sunday, February 25, 2024**

Vigils in Altar - Windowsill (2)

Happy Birthday Dad, Offered by Michael & Amber Metz

Vigils in Altar - Table of Oblation (2)

In Honor Of Sarah Jubinski's Birthday, Offered by Peter, Dan & Jean

Vigils in Altar - Side Table (2)

Happy Birthday Sarah, Offered by Greg & Rosalie

Votives in Altar

In Memory Of Philip Stefanov

Votives in Iconostas

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

Vigil in Side Candle Holders (2)

In Memory Of George and Stephen Jubinsky
Offered by Novatnack & Jubinsky Families

Crosses

Happy Birthday Sarah Jubinski, Offered by Barry & Ann Marie

Vigils on the Tetrapod (2)

Happy Birthday Alexander Hodson, Offered by Mama, Dada, Christopher

Vigils on Icon Table (2)

Happy Birthday Ellie Bessman, Offered by The Hodson Family

Vigils - Icon of the Virgin Mary (2)

Happy Birthday Ellie, Offered by Godparents Amber & Michael

Votives - Icon of the Virgin Mary

For Health Of Radio & Tomsic Family, Offered by Rosalie & Greg

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

In Memory Of Joan Stetz, Offered by Pat & Tom

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Vigils on North Wall Window Sill (3)

In Memory Of Dmitry Guanowsky, Offered by the Guanowsky Family

Lenten Pierogi

Lenten Pierogi will be made on March 18. To order sign your name with the number of dozen you want on the sheet in the kitchen by the telephone. Please order by Sunday, March 17 or sooner.

Pierogi Schedule

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.****

Attention Heavenly Host!

Lent is a time for increased prayer and spiritual activity. The Pascha Season elective can provide some guidance on how to increase your effort, but it's important to start early, since attendance at the Canon of St. Andrew of Crete is one of the requirements, and that occurs the first week of Lent. Remember the motto of the Heavenly Host "Be Holy for God is Holy! Have a blessed fast!

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

Fundraiser for Lowry Family

March 3rd coffee hour sponsored by the Lezinsky's

On March 3rd, we will have a fundraiser for the Lowry Family. Mark Thomas is 2 years old and our parish and Father Nikolai have been praying for him since birth. He is in need of a Liver transplant which will be happening in the beginning of April. His mother Yana will be donating part of her liver. Yana is a very



good friend of our daughter Kyra Florenz. Tom (father) was in the

military with Andrew (Kyra's husband). Kyra and Andrew are Godparents to Mark Thomas. Yana and Tom also have 2 other girls, Nina and Vera. This Orthodox family will be having a long road of recovery. Both Yanna and Mark Thomas will need continuous care for over 3 months. We pray that everyone involved will have a complete recovery and hope that we are able to help them with their journey of healing.



Let's Have A Card Shower!

Mr. Walter Grigoruk is turning 90 on March 6th! Let's all send him cards to celebrate this milestone birthday! Mail cards to:

Mr. Walter Grigoruk
LifeQuest
2100 Cherry Blossom Lane, Apt 156
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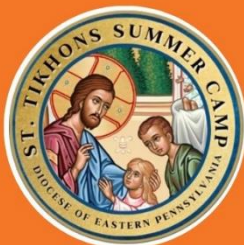
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Coffee or Tea
Delicious Homemade Desserts
Soda & Water - \$1.00

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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:

Archbishops: Melchisedek Pleska, Nathaniel Popp

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, Gordon Roberts, 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 Witaneck

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

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