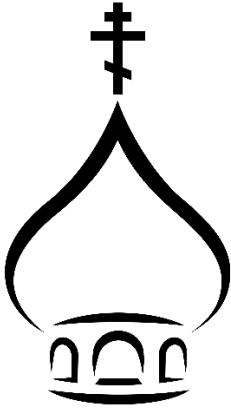


# **Divine Liturgy**

Sunday, March 10, 2024

**Meatfare Sunday - Sunday of the Last Judgment**



**SAINT NICHOLAS**  
**RUSSIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH**



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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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before entering the church. Thank you.***

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# Schedule for the Week of March 10, 2024

**SUNDAY OF MEATFARE – Tone 7. Sunday of the Last Judgment.** Martyr Quadratus and those with him: Cyprian, Dionysius, Anectus, Paul, Crescens, Dionysius (another), Victorinus, Victor, Nikēphóros, Claudius, Diodorus, Serapion, Papias, Leonidas, Chariessa, Nunechia, Basilissa, Nice (Nika, Victoria), Galla, Galina, Theodora, and many others, at Corinth (258, 267-268). Martyrs Quadratus, Saturninus, Rufinus, and the rest, of Nicomedia (3rd c.). St. Anastasia the Patrician of Alexandria (567-568).

## Fr. Nikolai's Office Hours

Monday, March 11<sup>th</sup> – Fr. Nikolai's day off  
Wednesday, March 13<sup>th</sup> – 12:00 pm – 5:00 pm  
Friday, March 15<sup>th</sup> – 9:00 am to 2:00 pm

## Coffee Hour Today

Coffee Hour today is hosted by The Lungu Family

## Weekly & Upcoming Calendar

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

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|----------------------------|---|
| <b>Friday, March 15</b>    | 4:00 pm – 6:00 pm – Lenten Fish Dinner & Paska Bread Order Pick Ups   |
| <b>Saturday, March 16</b>  | 5:00 pm – Great Vespers   |
| <b>Sunday, March 17</b>    | <b>Forgiveness Sunday / Cheesefare Sunday</b><br>9:10 am – Reading of the Hours<br>9:30 am – Divine Liturgy ( <b>w/ Archbishop MARK</b> )<br>12:00 pm – Forgiveness Vespers |
|                            | <b>First Week of Lent - Clean Week</b>  |
| <b>Monday, March 18</b>    | 7:00 pm – Compline with Great Canon of St. Andrew of Crete  |
| <b>Tuesday, March 19</b>   | 7:00 pm – Compline with Great Canon of St. Andrew of Crete  |
| <b>Wednesday, March 20</b> | 6:00 pm – Presanctified Liturgy   |

<b>Thursday, March 21</b>	7:00 pm - Compline with Great Canon of St. Andrew of Crete ( <i>Moved from Wednesday</i> )
<b>Friday, March 22</b>	7:00 pm - Compline with Great Canon of St. Andrew of Crete ( <i>Moved from Thursday</i> )
<b>Saturday, March 23</b>	<b>St. Theodore the Recruit</b> 8:50 am - Reading of the Hours 9:00 am - Divine Liturgy St. Theodore the Recruit 5:00 pm - <b>Triumph of Orthodoxy Vespers</b> w/ Lehigh Valley Brotherhood - St. Paul's - Emmaus
<b>Sunday, March 24</b>	<b>The Sunday of Orthodoxy</b> 9:10 am - Reading of the Hours 9:30 am - Divine Liturgy 5:00 pm - Great Vespers w/ Litia for Annunciation
<b>Monday, March 25</b>	<b>Annunciation</b> 9:00 am - Annunciation Vespers 6:00 pm - Presanctified Liturgy
<b>Wednesday, March 27</b>	9:00 am - Presanctified Liturgy
<b>Friday, March 29</b>	4:00 pm - 6:00 pm - Lenten Fish Dinner & Paska Bread Order Pick Ups
<b>Saturday, March 30</b>	<b>Memorial Saturday</b> 8:50 am - Reading of the Hours 9:00 am - Divine Liturgy 5:00 pm - Great Vespers
<b>Sunday, March 31</b>	<b>St. Gregory Palamas</b> 9:10 am - Reading of the Hours 9:30 am - Divine Liturgy

## Pussy Willow Branches



Reminder: It will soon be time for pussy willows to start blooming. Please cut the branches of willows and bring them to the church as soon as they bloom. Since Pascha is May 5<sup>th</sup> we will need to store the willows until Saturday, April 27<sup>th</sup> for Palm Sunday, April 28<sup>th</sup>. Please wrap the willows loosely in newspaper so we can save them for Palm Sunday. Thank you for your help in gathering the willows.



# Divine Liturgy

Sunday, March 10, 2024

## Meatfare Sunday - Sunday of the Last Judgment

**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 1**      **Kontakion**      *(from the Lenten Triodion)*

When Thou, O God, shalt come to earth with glory, all things shall tremble, and the river of fire shall flow before Thy judgment seat; the books shall be opened, and the hidden things disclosed; then deliver me from the unquenchable fire, and make me worthy to stand at Thy right hand, O Righteous Judge!

**Tone 3**      **Prokeimenon**      *(from the Lenten Triodion)*

Great is our Lord, and abundant in power, His understanding is beyond measure. *(Ps. 146:5)*

*Praise the Lord! For it is good to sing praises to our God! (Ps. 146:1)*

### Epistle

Read by Reader Nicholas Lezinsky

**(1 Corinthians 8:8-9:2)** But food does not commend us to God; for neither if we eat are we the better, nor if we do not eat are we the worse. But beware lest somehow this liberty of yours become a stumbling block to those who are weak. For if anyone sees you who have knowledge eating in an idol's temple, will not the conscience of him who is weak be emboldened to eat those things offered to idols? And because of your knowledge shall the weak brother perish, for whom Christ died? But when you thus sin against the brethren, and wound their weak conscience, you sin against Christ. Therefore, if food makes my brother

stumble, I will never again eat meat, lest I make my brother stumble. Am I not an apostle? Am I not free? Have I not seen Jesus Christ our Lord? Are you not my work in the Lord? If I am not an apostle to others, yet doubtless I am to you. For you are the seal of my apostleship in the Lord.

## **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 presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise. (Ps. 94:2)*

## **Gospel**

**(Matthew 25:31-46)** When the Son of Man comes in His glory, and all the holy angels with Him, then He will sit on the throne of His glory. All the nations will be gathered before Him, and He will separate them one from another, as a shepherd divides his sheep from the goats. And He will set the sheep on His right hand, but the goats on the left. Then the King will say to those on His right hand, 'Come, you blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world: for I was hungry and you gave Me food; I was thirsty and you gave Me drink; I was a stranger and you took Me in; I was naked and you clothed Me; I was sick and you visited Me; I was in prison and you came to Me.' Then the righteous will answer Him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see You hungry and feed You, or thirsty and give You drink? When did we see You a stranger and take You in, or naked and clothe You? Or when did we see You sick, or in prison, and come to You?' And the King will answer and say to them, 'Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did it to one of the least of these My brethren, you did it to Me.' Then He will also say to those on the left hand, 'Depart from Me, you cursed, into the everlasting fire prepared for the devil and his angels: for I was hungry and you gave Me no food; I was thirsty and you gave Me no drink; I was a stranger and you did not take Me in, naked and you did not clothe Me, sick and in prison and you did not visit Me.' Then they also will answer Him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see You hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to You?' Then He will answer them,

saying, 'Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to Me.' And these will go away into everlasting punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

## **Communion Hymn**

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

# **Candle Offerings** **Sunday, March 10, 2024**

## **Vigils in Altar - Table of Oblation (2)**

In Honor Of the Birth of Nathan Selar Roberts  
Offered by Uncle Alex, Aunt Megan, Emily

## **Vigils in Altar - Side Table (2)**

In Honor Of the Birth of Nathan Selar Roberts  
Offered by Uncle Matt, Aunt Jess, Evie, Hannah

## **Votives in Altar**

In Memory Of Philip Stefanov, Offered by Family

## **Votives in Iconostas**

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

## **Vigil in Side Candle Holders (2)**

In Honor Of the Birth of Nathan Selar Roberts, Offered by Baba & Papa

## **Crosses**

In Memory Of Betty Fedora, Offered by The Cudlic & Eck Families

## **Vigils on the Tetrapod (2)**

In Memory Of Alexander Radchuk, Offered by Bill & Sandi Keysock

### **Vigils on Icon Table (2)**

In Memory Of Joan Stetz, Offered by Pat & Tom

### **Vigils - Icon of the Virgin Mary (2)**

In Honor Of the Birth of Nathan Selar Roberts  
Offered by Mommy, Daddy, Lili & Leah

### **Votives - Icon of the Virgin Mary**

In Honor Of Nora Marie Shadid, Offered by Fr. Michael & Mat. Susan Kon

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

In Memory Of Michael & Mary Stetz, Offered by Pat & Tom

### **Vigils on South Wall Window Sill (3)**

In Memory Of Steve & Anna Sherbechuk, Offered by Family

### **Vigils of St. Gregory (1)**

For Health Of Ray & Susan Sherbechuk, Offered by Family

## **Donations Received In Memory**

**In Memory Of Philip Stefanov:** Offered by Marietta Peytcheva & Boris Stefanov, The Stefanov Family

**In Memory Of Joan Stetz:** Offered by Peggy & Don Butler, Terry Butler, Victoria Dimonie, Debbie Frew, Olga Frimenko, William & Sandi Keysock, Nancy Kohudic, Maxine Marsh, Jackie & Bob Melusky, Pattie & Charles Miller, Barbara Monarek, Anna Olexa, Elaine Pisco, Rosalie & Greg Radio, Gordon & Valerie Roberts, Santo Salome, Lorraine & Jerry Schulman, Lynn Ann & Bob Sinko, Dorothy Stafiniak, Ola Tatusko, Sandra Wyslutsky,



## **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!

## **A Note of Thanks**

Glory to God! Thank you to everyone who made the Lowry Family fundraiser a huge success! The \$6,700 raised will be given to the family. Thank you to all St. Nicholas Parishioners and Organizations who donated so generously to this coffee hour. May God Bless each and every one of you with good health! Many years to St. Nicholas Parish.

Yours in Christ,  
Judy

## **Volunteers Needed!**

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.

Thank you

## **Reminder - Fish Dinner Baked Goods**

Reminder: We need those delicious cakes! If you are able to bake a dessert for the Lenten Fish Dinners, please deliver to the church between 7:00 am and 2:00 pm on March 15<sup>th</sup> and/or March 29<sup>th</sup>. If you have any questions, please contact Pat Grammes.

## **A Note Of Thanks**

Thank you for your extremely generous contribution of \$225 received on 2/15/2024.

The Academy is starting out 2024 with grateful hearts and busy minds. Our students, faculty, and staff are already hard at work in the classroom, teaching and learning.

Your generosity is the precise reason we continue to operate this unique institution. Not many places in America can claim to be both academically vigorous and also authentically Orthodox.

The world is in such desperate need of institutions like this Academy, and we are striving every day to fill this need. This hard work is paying off and the community is taking notice. As you know, we have already doubled our enrollment from last year, and are expecting a full slate of students to begin in the fall as well.

I cannot thank you enough for your partnership with our Academy. I am so grateful you have chosen to join us in this exciting and extraordinary journey. You are the Reason we firmly believe that this school will not only survive but thrive.

Thank you again.

Sincerely,

Josh Williams

Fundraising Coordinator, Chrysostom Academy.

## **A Note Of Thanks**

Thank you to everyone for Lara's wonderful baby shower! It was absolutely perfect, being far beyond anything we had expected. The food was delicious, the decorations beautiful, and the gifts thoughtful. As many of you know, we have no family in the area, and I do not think we would be on our fourth child without the love and generosity of this parish. You are our church family, and we are eternally thankful to God for you!

With love and gratitude,  
The Bessmans

# 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 - 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

Pierogi Making - June 3, 4, 5

Pierogi Making - June 10, 11, 12

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

## REMINDER - Kitchen Closure for HVAC Work

Due to scheduled HVAC replacement work, **the kitchen will be off-limits, and completely unusable on the following days:**

- Mon. April 29 - Thurs. May 2
- Tues. May 7 - 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)

If you anticipate needing to use the kitchen (on weekends) for anything other than normal Sunday coffee hour activities, please contact Jennifer Bzik as far in advance as possible to coordinate.

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, Donna 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, Leah 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.**