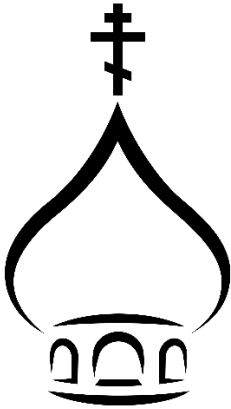


# **Divine Liturgy**

Sunday, March 17, 2024

**Cheesefare Sunday (Forgiveness Sunday)**

**The Expulsion of Adam from Paradise**



**SAINT NICHOLAS**  
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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 17, 2024

**SUNDAY OF CHEESEFARE – Tone 8. The Expulsion of Adam and Eve from Paradise.** Ven. Aleksey (Alexius) the Man of God (411). Ven. Macarius the Wonderworker, Abbot of Kalyázinsk (Tver’–1483). Martyr Marinus. St. Patrick, Bishop of Armagh, Enlightener of Ireland (ca. 461).

## Fr. Nikolai’s Office Hours

Fr. Nikolai will have no official office hours as he will be trying to spend much of his time in quiet reflection and prayer.

## Coffee Hour Today

Coffee Hour today is hosted by The Mikhalik Family

## Weekly & Upcoming Calendar

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

### First Week of Lent - Clean Week

<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 40 <sup>th</sup> Day Panikhida for Joan Stetz 5:00 pm - <b>Triumph of Orthodoxy Vespers</b> w/ Lehigh Valley Brotherhood - St. Paul’s - Emmaus

**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 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

## Upcoming Parish Council Meeting

Parish Council Meeting - Monday, April 1, 2024 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.

## 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 (PLEASE DO NOT WRAP IN PLASTIC!) so we can save them for Palm Sunday. Thank you for your help in gathering the willows.



# Divine Liturgy

Sunday, March 17, 2024

## Cheesefare Sunday (Forgiveness Sunday) The Expulsion of Adam from Paradise

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

O Master, Teacher of wisdom, Bestower of virtue, Who teachest the thoughtless and protectest the poor, strengthen and enlighten my heart! O Word of the Father, let me not restrain my mouth from crying to Thee: "Have mercy on me, a transgressor, O merciful Lord!"

**Tone 8**      **Prokeimenon**      *(from the Lenten Triodion)*

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 Nicholas Lezinsky

**(Romans 13:11-14:4)** And do this, knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep; for now our salvation is nearer than when we first believed. The night is far spent, the day is at hand. Therefore let us cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armor of light. Let us walk properly, as in the day, not in revelry and drunkenness, not in lewdness and lust, not in strife and envy. But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to fulfill its lusts. Receive one who is weak in the faith, but not to disputes over doubtful things. For one believes he may eat all things, but he who is weak eats only vegetables. Let not him who eats despise him who does not eat, and let not him who does not eat judge him who eats; for God has received him. Who are you to judge another's servant? To his own master he stands or falls. Indeed, he will be made to stand, for God is able to make him stand.

## **Tone 6**

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**

**(Matthew 6:14-21)** For if you forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. But if you do not forgive men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses. Moreover, when you fast, do not be like the hypocrites, with a sad countenance. For they disfigure their faces that they may appear to men to be fasting. Assuredly, I say to you, they have their reward. But you, when you fast, anoint your head and wash your face, so that you do not appear to men to be fasting, but to your Father who is in the secret place; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you openly. Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal; but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

## **Communion Hymn**

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

# **Candle Offerings Sunday, March 17, 2024**

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

In Memory Of JoAnn Konsevitch, Offered by Roberts & Konsevitch Families

## **Votives in Altar**

In Memory Of Philip Stefanov, Offered by Family

### **Crosses**

Happy Birthday Olga (my mother), Offered by Guliana Holobeny

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

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

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

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

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

Happy Birthday Peter Slivka, Offered by Mike & Fran Slivka

### **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 Mary Monarek, Offered by Barb, Kyra & Gregory

### **Votives - Icon of St. John the Baptist**

In Memory Of Mary Monarek, Offered by Barb, Kyra & Gregory

## **News from St. Tikhon's Seminary**

During its recent celebration of serving the Lord for 85 years, St. Tikhon's Theological Seminary announced that the Association of Theological Schools awarded it full accreditation for a period of 10 years, the highest level of achievement. The extensive accreditation process included submitting a comprehensive self study exploring all aspects of the Seminary's mission of preparing men for the priesthood, followed by a four day visit by an ATS committee.

God grant many years to Archbishop Michael, Rector, Fr. John Parker, Dean, Fr. Paul Witek, Director of the Self Study, Board of Trustees, all administration, faculty, staff, and the entire Seminary Community.

Please keep St. Tikhon's Seminary in your prayers and consider increasing your generous support of the Spring, Fall and Sustainer appeals allowing the Seminary to maintain this high level of achievement.

## **A Note of Thanks**

My brothers and sisters of the parish,

Thank you so much for all the thoughtful words and amazing messages you have given me on my 90th birthday. I'm so blessed to have such a wonderful group of friends. You really made my day great.

Sincerely,  
Walter Grigoruk

## **A Note of Thanks**

Dear Fr. Nikolai and St. Nicholas Friends--

Paddy and I were both blessed by all your kind words in cards, calls and visits, and by the many gifts you sent, while he was suffering his last illness, and I deeply appreciate all who were able to be there weeks later for his funeral service on that snowy morning. Thank you all for the many calls and cards and gifts that followed. I am happy to know of all the donations to the parish given in his memory. Your love and prayers were a great comfort to me. You will always be in my prayers.

With love,  
Cate Shea

## **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**

Dear parish family,

Thank you for your prayers, cards, and meals in our time of need during David's hospitalization. He was away from us for 106 days and we are happy to report that he is now home and on his way to recovery doing quite well, thanks be to God. Your prayers and constant interest in David's well being meant the world to us. We are blessed in so many ways. Thank you again. Glory to God for all things.

With love in Christ,  
Karen and Gabriel Gowarty and Kay Keimer

## **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!**

The second Fish Dinners is scheduled for Friday, March 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 29<sup>th</sup>. If you have any questions, please contact Pat Grammes.

UPCOMING EVENT

# Come and See

Join us for a presentation from Mr. Joshua Williams, the Fundraising Coordinator for Chrysostom Academy, about different ways your state taxes can support the School.

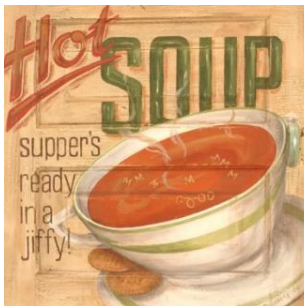
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## Lenten Soup Sale



**THIS WEEK:**

Every coffee hour during lent we will be hosting a take home quart soup sale. Each week will be different strict Lenten soups. \$10 a quart. While supplies last. All proceeds will go to St. Nicholas Russian Orthodox Church. See Judy or Lori if you have any questions.

Carrot Soup  
Italian Cabbage Soup



# 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 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 or hall AT ALL for anything other than normal Sunday coffee hour activities between now and July 31<sup>st</sup>,** please contact Jennifer Bzik as far in advance as possible to coordinate. In addition to the days listed above, the HVAC workers are coming by at various times to do preliminary setup. If Jen does not know that you have something planned, you may be interrupted by workers or unable to use the kitchen or other parts of the facility as you had planned.

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, 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, Yana Kotliar, Tosha Roberts and their newborn children.

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