

# **Divine Liturgy**

Sunday, March 24, 2024

**First Sunday of Great Lent**

**Sunday of Orthodoxy**

**Forefeast of the Annunciation**



**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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# Schedule for the Week of March 24, 2024

**FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT – Tone 1. Sunday of Orthodoxy. Forefeast of the Annunciation.** Ven. Zachariah the Recluse. St. Artemius (Artemon), Bishop of Seleucia (1st-2nd c.). Ven. Zachariah, Ascetic, of the Kiev Caves (Far Caves–13th-14th c.). Martyrs Stephen and Peter of Kazan' (1552).

## Fr. Nikolai's Office Hours

Tuesday, March 26<sup>th</sup> - Fr. Nikolai's Day Off  
Wednesday, March 27<sup>th</sup> - 12:00 pm - 5:00 pm  
Friday, March 29<sup>th</sup> - 12:00 pm - 5:00 pm

## Coffee Hour Today

Coffee Hour today is hosted by Pat Grammes  
In Memory Of Joan Stetz on her 40<sup>th</sup> Day  
**TO BENEFIT DEACON GEOFFREY**

## Weekly & Upcoming Calendar

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

**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**

**Wednesday, April 3**

**Thursday, April 4**

**Friday, April 5**

**Saturday, April 6**

**Sunday, April 7**

**Wednesday, April 10**

**Friday, April 12**

**Saturday, April 13**

**Sunday, April 14**

**Wednesday, April 17**

**Thursday, April 18**

**Friday, April 19**

**Saturday, April 20**

**Sunday, April 21**

**St. Gregory Palamas**

9:10 am - Reading of the Hours

9:30 am - Divine Liturgy

6:00 pm - Presanctified Liturgy

9:00 am - Akathist to the Theotokos, Nurturer of Children

9:00 am - Presanctified Liturgy

7:00 pm - Akathist - St. Nicholas

**Memorial Saturday**

8:50 am - Reading of the Hours

9:00 am - Divine Liturgy

4:30 pm - General Panikhida

5:00 pm - Great Vespers

**Sunday of Veneration of the Cross**

9:10 am - Reading of the Hours

9:30 am - Divine Liturgy

6:00 pm - Presanctified Liturgy

9:00 am - Presanctified Liturgy

7:00 pm - Akathist - To Our Lord's Passion

**Memorial Saturday**

8:50 am - Reading of the Hours

9:00 am - Divine Liturgy

5:00 pm - Great Vespers

**St. John Climacus**

9:10 am - Reading of the Hours

9:30 am - Divine Liturgy

6:00 pm - Presanctified Liturgy

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

Andrew of Crete and the Life of St. Mary of Egypt

9:00 am - Presanctified Liturgy

7:00 pm - Akathist - Theotokos

**Akathist Saturday**

8:50 am - Reading of the Hours

9:00 am - Divine Liturgy

5:00 pm - Great Vespers

**St. Mary of Egypt**

9:10 am - Reading of the Hours

**Wednesday, April 24**

**Friday, April 26**

**Saturday, April 27**

**Sunday, April 28**

**Great and Holy Week**

**Monday, April 29**

**Tuesday, April 30**

**Wednesday, May 1**

**Thursday, May 2**

**Friday, May 3**

**Saturday, May 4**

**GREAT AND HOLY PASCHA**

9:30 am - Divine Liturgy

6:00 pm - Presanctified Liturgy

9:00 am - Presanctified Liturgy

7:00 pm - Compline (Lazarus)

**Lazarus Saturday**

9:00 am - Divine Liturgy

5:00 pm - Great Vespers

**Palm Sunday**

9:10 am - Reading of the Hours

9:30 am - Divine Liturgy

4:00 pm - Bridegroom Matins

**Holy Monday**

9:00 am - Presanctified Liturgy

7:00 pm - Bridegroom Matins

**Holy Tuesday**

9:00 am - Presanctified Liturgy

7:00 pm - Bridegroom Matins

**Holy Wednesday**

9:00 am - Presanctified Liturgy

7:00 pm - Holy Unction

**Holy Thursday**

**No Liturgy** - Fr. Nikolai at St. Tikhon's to serve at the Liturgy to end the confecting of Holy Chrism

7:00 pm - Matins of Holy Friday with the 12 Passion Gospels

**Holy Friday**

9:00 am - Royal Hours

4:00 pm - Burial Vespers

7:00 pm - Matins Lamentations

All Night Watch

**Holy Saturday**

9:00 am - Vespereal Divine Liturgy of Holy Saturday

**11:30 pm - Paschal Vigil and Paschal Divine Liturgy**

Followed by blessing of baskets and Agape meal

# Divine Liturgy

Sunday, March 24, 2024

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**Tone 1      Troparion**      *(Resurrection)*

When the stone had been sealed by the Jews, while the soldiers were guarding Thy most pure body, Thou didst rise on the third day, O Savior, granting life to the world. The powers of heaven therefore cried to Thee, O Giver of Life: "Glory to Thy Resurrection, O Christ! Glory to Thy Kingdom! Glory to Thy dispensation, O Thou Who lovest mankind!"

**Tone 2      Troparion**      *(Sunday of Orthodoxy)*

We venerate Thy most pure image, O Good One; and ask forgiveness of our transgressions, O Christ our God. Of Thine own will Thou wast pleased to ascend the Cross in the flesh and deliver Thy creatures from bondage to the Enemy. Therefore with thankfulness we cry aloud to Thee: "Thou hast filled all with joy, O our Savior, by coming to save the world."

**Tone 4      Troparion**      *(Forefeast)*

Today is the prelude of joy for the universe! Let us anticipate the feast and celebrate with exultation: Gabriel is on his way to announce the glad tidings to the Virgin; he is ready to cry out in fear and wonder: "Rejoice, O Full of Grace, the Lord is with thee!"

**Tone 8      Kontakion**      *(Sunday of Orthodoxy)*

No one could describe the Word of the Father; but when He took flesh from thee, O Theotokos, He accepted to be described, and restored the fallen image to its former state by uniting it to divine beauty. We confess and proclaim our salvation in words and images.

**Tone 8      Kontakion**      *(Forefeast)*

Thou art the beginning of salvation for all of us on earth, Virgin Mother of God. For the great Archangel Gabriel, God's minister, was sent from heaven to stand before thee to bring thee joy: Therefore, we all cry to thee: "Rejoice, O unwedded Bride!"

**Tone 4      Prokeimenon      (Song of the Fathers)**

Blessed art Thou, O Lord God of our fathers, and praised and glorified is Thy Name forever! (*Song of the three Holy Children, v. 3*)

*For Thou art just in all that Thou hast done for us! (v. 4)*

**Epistle**

Read by Reader Matthew Lezinsky

**(Hebrews 11:24-26; 32-12:2)** By faith Moses, when he became of age, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter, choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God than to enjoy the passing pleasures of sin, esteeming the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures in Egypt; for he looked to the reward. And what more shall I say? For the time would fail me to tell of Gideon and Barak and Samson and Jephthah, also of David and Samuel and the prophets: who through faith subdued kingdoms, worked righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched the violence of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, out of weakness were made strong, became valiant in battle, turned to flight the armies of the aliens. Women received their dead raised to life again. Others were tortured, not accepting deliverance, that they might obtain a better resurrection. Still others had trial of mockings and scourgings, yes, and of chains and imprisonment. They were stoned, they were sawn in two, were tempted, were slain with the sword. They wandered about in sheepskins and goatskins, being destitute, afflicted, tormented – of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, in dens and caves of the earth. And all these, having obtained a good testimony through faith, did not receive the promise, God having provided something better for us, that they should not be made perfect apart from us. Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

**Tone 4**

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

*Moses and Aaron were among His priests; Samuel also was among those who called on His Name. (Ps. 98:6)*

*They called to the Lord and He answered them. (Ps. 98:7a)*

## **Gospel**

**(John 1:43-51)** The following day Jesus wanted to go to Galilee, and He found Philip and said to him, "Follow Me." Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found Him of whom Moses in the law, and also the prophets, wrote - Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph." And Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward Him, and said of him, "Behold, an Israelite indeed, in whom is no deceit!" Nathanael said to Him, "How do You know me?" Jesus answered and said to him, "Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you." Nathanael answered and said to Him, "Rabbi, You are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" Jesus answered and said to him, "Because I said to you, 'I saw you under the fig tree,' do you believe? You will see greater things than these." And He said to him, "Most assuredly, I say to you, hereafter you shall see heaven open, and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man."

*(Instead of "It is truly meet...", we sing the following)*

## **Hymn to the Theotokos**

All of creation rejoices in thee, O Full of Grace: the assembly of angels and the race of men. O sanctified temple and spiritual paradise, the glory of virgins, from whom God was incarnate and became a Child: our God before the ages. He made thy body into a throne, and thy womb He made more spacious than the heavens. All of creation rejoices in thee, O Full of Grace. Glory to thee!

## **Communion Hymn**

Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest! *(Ps. 148:1)*  
Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous; praise befits the just! *(Ps. 32:1)*  
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!



# **Candle Offerings**

## **Sunday, March 24, 2024**

### **Vigils in Altar - Windowsill (2)**

For Health Of Reginia Pinkowicz on her Birthday, Offered by Stephanie Pasquel

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

In Memory Of Fr. Eugene Vansuch, Offered by Matushka Fran

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

In Memory Of Fr. Eugene Vansuch, Offered by Matushka Fran

### **Votives in Altar**

Happy Birthday Christopher Bzik, Offered by Jen, Nic & Lydia

### **Votives in Iconostas**

Happy Birthday Dad & In Memory Of Pop Pop

Offered by Amber & Michael Metz

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

Happy Birthday Jacob Lezinsky, Offered by Daddy, Mommy & Sophia

### **Crosses**

Happy Birthday Regina Pinkowicz, Offered by Ann Marie & Barry

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

In Memory Of Linda Gardner, Offered by The Bzik Family

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

Happy Birthday Jacob Lezinsky, Offered by Daddy, Mommy & Sophia

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

In Memory Of Philip Stefanov, Offered by Family

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

In Memory Of Philip Stefanov, Offered by Family

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

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

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

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

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

Happy Birthday Taras, Offered by Glenn, Carol & Yuri

### **Vigil of St. Andrew (1)**

Happy Birthday Godfather Christopher Bzik, Offered by Amber Metz

### **Flowers to Adorn the Icon of**

### **The Annunciation of the Most Holy Theotokos**

In Memory Of Joan Stetz, Offered by Pat & Tom

# **SYNODIKON**

## **of the Sunday of Orthodoxy**

As the prophets beheld, as the Apostles have taught,  
As the Church has received,  
As the teachers have dogmatized,  
As the universe has agreed, as grace has shown forth,  
As falsehood has been dissolved,  
As wisdom has presented,  
As Christ awarded,  
Thus we declare,  
Thus we assert,  
Thus we preach Christ our true God,  
And honor His saints in words, in writings,  
In thoughts, in sacrifices, in churches, in Holy Icons;  
On the one hand worshipping and reverencing  
Christ as God and Lord;  
And on the other hand,  
Honoring as true servants of the same  
Lord of all and accordingly offering them veneration.

This is the Faith of the Apostles!

This is the faith of the Fathers!

This is the faith of the Orthodox!

This is the faith which has established the Universe!

# 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.



## 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.

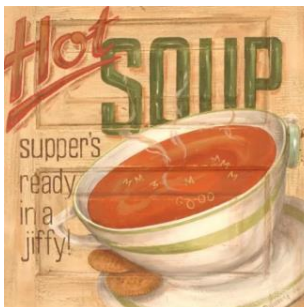
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## Lenten Soup Sale



**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.

Lentil Soup

Ina Garten's Winder Minestrone 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 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 Witanek

**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.**