

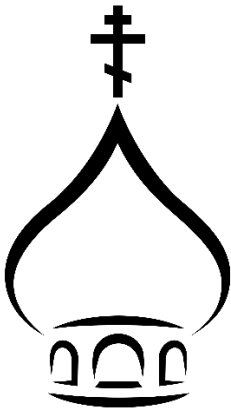
Divine Liturgy

Sunday, April 7, 2024

Third Sunday of Great Lent

Veneration of the Cross

**Repose of St. Tikhon, Patriarch of Moscow and All Russia,
Enlightener of North America**



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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 April 7, 2024

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT – Tone 3. Veneration of the Cross. Repose of St. Tikhon, Patriarch of Moscow and All Russia and Enlightener of North America (1925–March 25 O.S.). St. George the Confessor, Bishop of Mytilene (9th c.). Ven. Daniel, Abbot of Pereslavl-Zalessky (1540). Martyr Calliopos at Pompeiopolis in Cilicia (304). Martyrs Rufinus the Deacon, Aquilina, and 200 soldiers with them at Sinope (ca. 310). Ven. Serapion of Egypt (5th c.).

Fr. Nikolai's Office Hours

Monday, April 8th - Fr. Nikolai's Day Off
Wednesday, April 10th - 12:00 pm - 5:00 pm
Friday, April 12th - 12:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Coffee Hour Today

Coffee Hour today is hosted by Victoria Dimonie & Madalina Dudeanu
In Memory Of Mother & Father

Weekly & Upcoming Calendar

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

Wednesday, April 10	6:00 pm - Presanctified Liturgy
Friday, April 12	9:00 am - Presanctified Liturgy 7:00 pm - Akathist - To Our Lord's Passion
Saturday, April 13	Memorial Saturday 8:50 am - Reading of the Hours 9:00 am - Divine Liturgy 5:00 pm - Great Vespers
Sunday, April 14	St. John Climacus 9:10 am - Reading of the Hours 9:30 am - Divine Liturgy
Wednesday, April 17	6:00 pm - Presanctified Liturgy

Thursday, April 18

7:00 pm - Compline with Great Canon of St. Andrew of Crete and the Life of St. Mary of Egypt

Friday, April 19

9:00 am - Presanctified Liturgy

Saturday, April 20

7:00 pm - Akathist - Theotokos

Akathist Saturday

8:50 am - Reading of the Hours

9:00 am - Divine Liturgy

5:00 pm - Great Vespers

Sunday, April 21

St. Mary of Egypt

9:10 am - Reading of the Hours

9:30 am - Divine Liturgy

Wednesday, April 24

6:00 pm - Presanctified Liturgy

Friday, April 26

9:00 am - Presanctified Liturgy

Saturday, April 27

7:00 pm - Compline (Lazarus)

Lazarus Saturday

9:00 am - Divine Liturgy

5:00 pm - Great Vespers

Sunday, April 28

Palm Sunday

9:10 am - Reading of the Hours

9:30 am - Divine Liturgy

4:00 pm - Bridegroom Matins

Great and Holy Week

Monday, April 29

Holy Monday

9:00 am - Presanctified Liturgy

7:00 pm - Bridegroom Matins

Tuesday, April 30

Holy Tuesday

9:00 am - Presanctified Liturgy

7:00 pm - Bridegroom Matins

Wednesday, May 1

Holy Wednesday

9:00 am - Presanctified Liturgy

7:00 pm - Holy Unction

Thursday, May 2

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

Friday, May 3

Holy Friday

9:00 am - Royal Hours

4:00 pm - Burial Vespers

7:00 pm - Matins Lamentations

All Night Watch

Saturday, May 4

Holy Saturday

9:00 am - Vespers Divine Liturgy of Holy Saturday

GREAT AND HOLY PASCHA

11:30 pm - Paschal Vigil and Paschal Divine Liturgy

Followed by blessing of baskets and Agape meal

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**Rest of St. Tikhon, Patriarch of Moscow and All Russia,
Enlightener of North America**

Tone 3 Troparion *(Resurrection)*

Let the heavens rejoice! Let the earth be glad! For the Lord has shown strength with His arm. He has trampled down death by death. He has become the first born of the dead. He has delivered us from the depths of hell, and has granted to the world great mercy.

Tone 1 Troparion of the Cross

O Lord, save Thy people, and bless Thine inheritance! Grant victories to the Orthodox Christians over their adversaries; and by virtue of Thy Cross, preserve Thy habitation!

Tone 1 Troparion *(St. Tikhon)*

Let us praise Tikhon, the Patriarch of All Russia, and Enlightener of North America, an ardent follower of the apostolic traditions, and good pastor of the Church of Christ, who was elected by Divine Providence, and laid down his life for his sheep! Let us sing to him with faith and hope, and ask for his hierarchical intercessions: keep the Church in Russia in tranquility, and the Church in North America in peace; gather her scattered children into one flock, bring to repentance those who have renounced the True Faith, preserve our lands from civil strife, and entreat God's peace for all people!

Tone 2 Kontakion *(St. Tikhon)*

A gentle manner adorned thee: thou didst show kindness and compassion to those who repented; thou wast firm and unbending in confessing the Orthodox Faith, and zealous in loving the Lord. O holy Hierarchy of Christ and Confessor Tikhon, pray for us that we may not be separated from the love of God, which is of Christ Jesus, our Lord!

Tone 7 Kontakion (Cross)

Now the flaming sword no longer guards the gates of Eden; it has been mysteriously quenched by the wood of the Cross. The sting of death and the victory of hell have been vanquished; for Thou, O my Savior, hast come and cried to those in hell: "Enter again into Paradise!"

(Instead of the Trisagion, we sing:)

Before Thy Cross, we bow down in worship, O Master,
and Thy holy Resurrection we glorify.

Tone 6 Prokeimenon (Cross)

O Lord, save Thy people, and bless Thine inheritance! *(Ps. 27:9a)*

To Thee, O Lord, will I call. O my God, be not silent to me! (Ps. 27:1a)

Tone 1 Prokeimenon (St. Tikhon)

My mouth shall speak wisdom; the meditation of my heart shall be understanding. *(Ps. 48:3)*

Epistle

Read by John Heitzenrater

(Hebrews 4:14-5:6) Seeing then that we have a great High Priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need. For every high priest taken from among men is appointed for men in things pertaining to God, that he may offer both gifts and sacrifices for sins. He can have compassion on those who are ignorant and going astray, since he himself is also subject to weakness. Because of this he is required as for the people, so also for himself, to offer sacrifices for sins. And no man takes this honor to himself, but he who is called by God, just as Aaron was. So also

Christ did not glorify Himself to become High Priest, but it was He who said to Him: "You are My Son, today I have begotten You." As He also says in another place: "You are a priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek";

(Hebrews 7:26-8:2 (St. Tikhon)) For such a High Priest was fitting for us, who is holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners, and has become higher than the heavens; who does not need daily, as those high priests, to offer up sacrifices, first for his own sins and then for the people's, for this He did once for all when He offered up Himself. For the law appoints as high priests men who have weakness, but the word of the oath, which came after the law, appoints the Son who has been perfected forever. Now this is the main point of the things we are saying: We have such a High Priest, who is seated at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in the heavens, a Minister of the sanctuary and of the true tabernacle which the Lord erected, and not man.

Tone 8

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Remember Thy congregation, which Thou hast purchased of old! (Ps. 73:2)

God is our King before the ages; He has worked salvation in the midst of the earth! (Ps. 73:13)

Tone 2

The mouth of the righteous shall proclaim wisdom, and his tongue shall speak of judgment. (Ps. 36:31)

Gospel

(Mark 8:34-9:1) When He had called the people to Himself, with His disciples also, He said to them, "Whoever desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me. For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake and the gospel's will save it. For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul? For whoever is ashamed of Me and My words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him the Son of Man also will be ashamed when He comes in the glory of His Father with the holy

angels." And He said to them, "Assuredly, I say to you that there are some standing here who will not taste death till they see the kingdom of God present with power."

(John 10:9-16 (St. Tikhon)) I am the door. If anyone enters by Me, he will be saved, and will go in and out and find pasture. The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly. I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd gives His life for the sheep. But a hireling, he who is not the shepherd, one who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees; and the wolf catches the sheep and scatters them. The hireling flees because he is a hireling and does not care about the sheep. I am the good shepherd; and I know My sheep, and am known by My own. As the Father knows Me, even so I know the Father; and I lay down My life for the sheep. And other sheep I have which are not of this fold; them also I must bring, and they will hear My voice; and there will be one flock and one shepherd.

(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

The light of Thy countenance has shone on us, O Lord. *(Ps. 4:7a)*

The righteous shall be in everlasting remembrance! He shall not fear evil tidings! *(Ps. 111:6)*

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Candle Offerings

Sunday, April 7, 2024

Vigils in Altar - Windowsill (2)

In Memory Of John Radio, Offered by Son, Gregory & Rosalie

Vigils in Altar - Table of Oblation (2)

Happy Birthday Jean, Offered by Greg & Rosalie

Votives in Altar

Happy Birthday Jean Jubinski, Offered by Dan, Peter & Sarah

Votives in Iconostas

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

Vigil in Side Candle Holders (2)

In Memory Of Victoria's Parents, Offered by Victoria Dimonie

Crosses

Happy Birthday Jean Jubinski, Offered by Ann Marie & Barry

Vigils on the Tetrapod (2)

Happy Birthday Becky, Offered by Gordon & Valerie Roberts & Family

Vigils on Icon Table (2)

In Memory Of Philip Stefanov, Offered by Family

Vigils - Icon of the Virgin Mary (2)

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

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 Peter L. Slivka, Offered by Son Michael & Francine Slivka

Votives - Icon of St. John the Baptist

Happy Birthday Jason Roberts, Offered by Uncle Gordon and Aunt Val

Vigil of St. Michael (1)

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

Vigil of St. Andrew (1)

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

Flowers to Adorn the Cross

In Memory Of Ray Pasquel, Offered by The Pasquel Family

Coffee Hour Hosts Needed

There are several open coffee hour days in the upcoming months. Please consider signing up if you haven't hosted in the past! There are copies of the guidelines for hosting coffee hour available in the signup book at the candle desk if you are not familiar with what to do. Contact Jennifer Bzik if you need help or have questions. Thank you!

A Note of Thanks

Thank you to everyone for their generosity at our Coffee Hour on March 24. We raised \$1,064 to assist Deacon Geoffrey during his recovery. Thank you to the entire St. Nicholas Parish Family!

Donations Received In Memory

In Memory Of Philip Stefanov: Offered by Marietta Peytcheva & Boris Stefanov

In Memory Of Joan Stetz: Offered by Dorothy Havrilko, Judy Lezinsky

Hope Rescue Mission needs your HELP!

St. Nicholas Russian Orthodox Church is collecting all types of gently used clothing including coats, hats, boots, belts, men's clothing for the men at Hope Rescue Mission and for the women's and children's shelter (Lighthouse). We will take all seasons of clothing for men, women, and children. We have a need for new men's underwear, undershirts, and sweatpants all in sizes medium to xxxl.

You can drop items off in the designated containers in the Chernay Fellowship Hall. Please make all donations by **Palm Sunday, April 28, 2024.**

This clothing helps provide food, clothing, and shelter for the men at Hope Rescue and the women and children at Lighthouse.

Thank you in advance for your donations!



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- **KEYNOTE:** Dr. Timothy Patitsas, Academic Dean at Helenic College, Assistant Professor of Ethics at Holy Cross Seminary
- **Saturday, April 13, 2024** 11:00am–1:00pm
- St. John Chrysostom Academy, Upper School Gymnasium
395 Bridle Path Road, Bethlehem, PA 18017 —
light refreshments will be served
- **Film showing 3:00pm–4:00pm**
Amphilochios: Saint of Patmos by Dr. Patitsas
at AMC CLASSIC Allentown 16,
1700 Catasauqua Road, Allentown, PA 18109

TICKETS:



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.

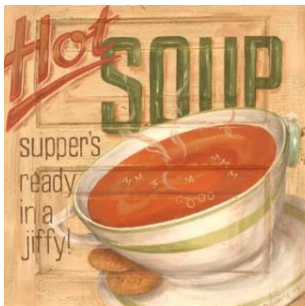
When: Sunday April 14th after Liturgy during Coffee Hour



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Lenten Soup Sale



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.



THIS WEEK:

White Bean Tuscany Soup
Vegetable Soup

Pierogi Schedule

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 31st, 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.