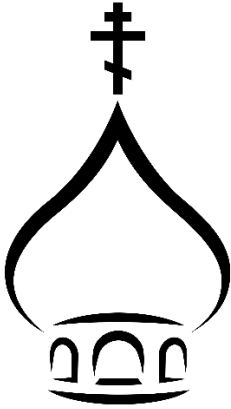


**Divine Liturgy**  
Sunday, May 5, 2024, 2024  
**GREAT AND HOLY PASCHA**



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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 May 5, 2024

**HOLY PASCHA – THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD AND SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST.** [Beginning of the Pentecostarion]. Great Martyr Irene (1st-2nd c.). Uncovering of the Relics of Ven. Jacob (James), Abbot of Zheleznobórovsk.

## Fr. Nikolai's Office Hours

Fr. Nikolai will not have formal office hours this week.  
Please feel free to contact Fr. Nikolai directly if you need to speak with him.

## Weekly & Upcoming Calendar

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

**Sunday, May 5**

11:00 am - Agape Vespers

**Monday, May 6**

**Bright Monday**

8:50 am - Reading of the Hours

9:00 am - Divine Liturgy

**Saturday, May 11**

5:00 pm - Great Vespers

**Sunday, May 12**

**St. Thomas Sunday**

9:10 am - Reading of the Hours

9:30 am - Divine Liturgy

Church School Easter Egg Hunt after Liturgy

2:00 pm - Blessing of the Graves - Union Cemetery

**Monday, May 13**

7:00 pm - Parish Council Meeting

**Saturday, May 18**

5:00 pm - Great Vespers

**Sunday, May 19**

**Sunday of the Myrrh-bearing Women**

9:10 am - Reading of the Hours

9:30 am - Divine Liturgy

Church School Easter Egg Hunt Rain Date

2:00 pm - Blessing of the Graves - Catasauqua

**Saturday, May 25**

5:00 pm - Great Vespers

**Sunday, May 26**

**Sunday of the Paralytic**

9:10 am - Reading of the Hours

9:30 am - Divine Liturgy

# 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. **REMINDER that even when there is not HVAC work scheduled, all activities taking place at the church should be listed on the internal church calendar. Please notify Jennifer Bzik if you have ANY activities planned at the church!**

# **Divine Liturgy**

Sunday, May 5, 2024, 2024  
**GREAT AND HOLY PASCHA**

## **Paschal Troparion**

Christ is Risen from the dead, trampling down death by death and upon those in the tombs bestowing life.

## **Paschal Verses, Psalm 68**

Let God arise, let His enemies be scattered; let those who hate Him flee from before His face! As smoke vanishes, so let them vanish; as wax melts before the fire! So the sinners will perish before the face of god: but let the righteous be glad! This is the day which the Lord has made! Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen

## **The First Antiphon, Tone 2, Psalm 66**

Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth! Sing of His name, give glory to His praise! Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us! Say to God: How awesome are Thy deeds! So great is Thy power that Thy enemies cringe before Thee Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us! Let all the earth worship Thee and praise Thee! Let it praise Thy name, O Most High! Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us!

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us!

## **The Second Antiphon, Tone 2, Psalm 67**

God be bountiful to us and bless us! Show the light of Thy countenance upon us and have mercy on us! O Son of God who arose from the dead, save us who sing to Thee: ALLELUIA! That we may know Thy way upon the earth, and thy salvation among all nations! O Son of God who arose from the dead, save us who sing to

Thee: ALLELUIA! Let the people give thanks to Thee, O God! Let all the people give thanks to Thee! O Son of God who arose from the dead, save us who sing to Thee: ALLELUIA!

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Only-begotten Son and immortal Word of God, Who for our salvation didst will to be incarnate of the holy Theotokos and ever-virgin Mary, Who without change didst become man and was crucified, Who art one of the Holy Trinity, glorified with the Father and the Holy Spirit: O Christ our God, trampling down death by death, save us!

### **The Third Antiphon, Psalm 68**

Let God arise, let His enemies be scattered; let those who hate him flee from before his face!

CHRIST IS RISEN FROM THE DEAD, TRAMPLING DOWN DEATH BY DEATH!  
AND UPON THOSE IN THE TOMBS BESTOWING LIFE!

As smoke vanishes, so let them vanish; as wax melts before the fire!

CHRIST IS RISEN FROM THE DEAD, TRAMPLING DOWN DEATH BY DEATH!  
AND UPON THOSE IN THE TOMBS BESTOWING LIFE!

So the sinners will perish before the face of God; but let the righteous be glad!

CHRIST IS RISEN FROM THE DEAD, TRAMPLING DOWN DEATH BY DEATH!  
AND UPON THOSE IN THE TOMBS BESTOWING LIFE!

### **Hypakoe**

Before the dawn Mary and the women came and found the stone rolled away from the tomb. They heard the angelic voice: "Why do you seek among the dead as a man the One who is everlasting light? Behold the clothes in the grave! Go and proclaim to the world: The Lord is risen! He has slain death, as He is the Son of God, saving the race of men."

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

### **Kontakion, Tone 8**

Thou didst descent into the tomb, O Immortal. Thou didst destroy. The power of death! In victory didst Thou arise, O Christ God, proclaiming "rejoice" to the myrrh-bearing women, granting peace to Thy apostles and bestowing resurrection on the fallen.

*Instead of the Trisagion:*

As many as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ. Alleluia!

### **Prokeimenon, Tone 8, Psalm 118**

This is the day which the Lord has made! Let us rejoice and be glad in it! O give thanks to the Lord, for He is good, for His mercy endures forever!

### **EPISTLE**

Read by David Metz

**(Acts of the Apostles 1:1-8)** The former account I made, O Theophilus, of all that Jesus began both to do and teach, until the day in which He was taken up, after He through the Holy Spirit had given commandments to the apostles whom He had chosen, to whom He also presented Himself alive after His suffering by many infallible proofs, being seen by them during forty days and speaking of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God. And being assembled together with them, He commanded them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the Promise of the Father, "which," He said, "you have heard from Me; for John truly baptized with water, but you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now." Therefore, when they had come together, they asked Him, saying, "Lord, will You at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?" And He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or seasons which the Father has put in His own authority. But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."

## **Alleluia Verses, Psalm 102 & 33**

Thou didst arise and have mercy on Zion. The Lord looked down from Heaven and saw all the sons of men. This is the day which the Lord has made! Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

## **GOSPEL LESSON FOR PASCHA**

**(John 1:1-17)** In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made. In Him was life, and the life was the light of men. And the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. This man came for a witness, to bear witness of the Light, that all through him might believe. He was not that Light, but was sent to bear witness of that Light. That was the true Light which gives light to every man coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made through Him, and the world did not know Him. He came to His own, and His own did not receive Him. But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name: who were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth. John bore witness of Him and cried out, saying, "This was He of whom I said, 'He who comes after me is preferred before me, for He was before me.'" And of His fullness we have all received, and grace for grace. For the law was given through Moses, but grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.

## **The Hymn to the Theotokos**

The Angel cried to the Lady Full of Grace: Rejoice, O Pure Virgin! And again I say: Rejoice! Your Son is risen from His three days in the tomb! With Himself he has raised all the dead! Rejoice, all ye people! Shine! Shine! O New Jerusalem! The Glory of the Lord has shone on you! Exult now and be glad, Zion! Be radiant, O Pure Theotokos, in the Resurrection of your Son.



# **Candle Offerings - Sunday, May 5, 2024**

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

In Memory Of Anna Wallitsch, Offered by daughter, Rosalie & Greg

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

In Memory Of William & Mary Keysock, Offered by Bill & Sandi Keysock

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

In Memory Of Mary Radio, Offered by Greg & Rosalie

## **Votives in Altar**

In Memory Of Philip Stefanov

## **Votives in Iconostas**

Happy Birthday Baba/Mom, Offered by Matthew, Lori, Sophia & Jacob

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

In Honor Of Petrides & Shadid Families  
Offered by Fr. Michael & Mat. Susan Kon

## **Crosses**

Happy Birthday Emily, Offered by Holobeny Family

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

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

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

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

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

Happy Birthday Riley Slivka, Offered by Michael & Francine Slivka

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

Happy Birthday Michele Guydan, Offered by Ann Marie & Barry

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

For Health Of Gregory Monarek on his Birthday, Offered by Barb & Kyra

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

For Health Of Gregory Monarek on his Birthday, Offered by Barb & Kyra

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

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

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

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

**Vigils of St. Paul (1)**

For Health Of Ethan, Owen, Talia & Jones, Offered by Poppy & Baba

**Vigils on North Wall Window Sill (3)**

In Memory Of Mom, Dad & Joan, Offered by Pat & Tom

**Vigil of St. Michael (1)**

In Thanksgiving, Offered by Michele Guydan

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

Happy Birthday Baba

Offered by Sasha, Sophia, Jacob, Brooke, Elena, Victoria, Nicholas

**Flowers to Adorn the Icon of The Resurrection**

In Memory Of Father Eugene Vansuch, Offered by Matushka Fran Vansuch

**Flowers to Adorn the Icon of Our Lord Jesus Christ**

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

**Flowers to Adorn the Icon of The Theotokos**

In Memory Of Sisters, Joan & Mary, Offered by Pat & Tom

# **Pascha Flower Donations**

## **Fresh Flower Donations**

### **Medium Baskets for Iconostas**

In Memory Of Philip Stefanov, Offered by Boris & Marietta

In Memory Of Nancy Junda, Offered by Anastasia & Alexander Junda

In Memory Of John Junda, Offered by Anastasia & Alexander Junda

## **Potted Flower Donations**

### **Easter Lilies**

In Memory Of Departed Family, Offered by Peter & Sarah Jubinski

In Honor Of Family & Friends, Offered by Peter & Sarah Jubinski

In Memory Of Drs. Julius & Anna Herz, Offered by Peter & Sarah Jubinski

In Memory Of Subdn Michael (Frank) Guydan, Offered by Michele D. Guydan

In Memory Of Guydan/Dupay & Antoniak/Kaminsky Families  
Offered by Michele D. Guydan

In Memory Of Peter Kohudic

In Memory Of Departed Family Members, Offered by Dorothy Stafiniak

For Health Of Family Members, Offered by Dorothy Stafiniak

In Memory Of Natalie & Stefan Danchenko, Offered by Halina Danchenko

In Memory Of Natalie & Stefan Danchenko, Offered by Halina Danchenko

## **Begonias**

For Health Of Nicholas, Austin & Timmy, Offered by Stephanie Pasquel

In Memory Of Ray, Stephen & Johanna, Offered by Pasquel Family

For Health Of Scott & Jen, Keri & Scott, Offered by Greg & Rosalie

For Health Of Guydan/Dupay & Antoniak/Kaminsky Families  
Offered by Michele D. Guydan

In Memory Of Paul Havrilko, Offered by The Lezinsky Family

In Memory Of Past Choir Members, Offered by The Lezinsky Family

In Memory Of The Departed of the Kasmer and Chrin Families  
Offered by Terry Butler

For Health Of The Kasmer, Chrin, Stepanoff & Rodzianko Families  
Offered by Terry Butler

## **Hydrangeas**

In Memory Of Selar & Jo-Ann Konsevitch  
Offered by Roberts & Konsevitch Families

In Memory Of Reade & Mary Roberts, Offered by Roberts Families

In Memory Of Mary, John & Jay Radio, Offered by Radio & Tomsic Families

In Memory Of Walter, Anna, Cynthia & Walt Wallitsch  
Offered by Radio & Tomsic Families

In Memory Of Rosalia, John, George & Joseph Felix and Helen Haney  
Offered by Patty Felix

In Memory Of Dorosh & Fera Family, Offered by The Dorosh Family

In Memory Of Peter & Mary Baker, Offered by Fr. James & Mat. Pat Mason

In Memory Of John, Anna & Kathryn Mason  
Offered by Fr. James & Mat. Pat Mason

## **Geraniums**

For Health Of Radio Family, Offered by The Radios

For Health Of Tomsic Family, Offered by The Radios

In Memory Of Natalie & Stefan Danchenko, Offered by Halina Danchenko

In Memory Of Natalie & Stefan Danchenko, Offered by Halina Danchenko

In Memory Of Feckla, Offered by Victoria Lustig

## **Miniature Carnations**

In Memory Of Departed Family & Loved Ones, Offered by The Isbansky Family

For Health Of Our St. Nicholas Family & Friends  
Offered by The Isbansky Family

In Memory Of Departed Hutz/Bretz Family Members  
Offered by Barry & Ann Marie Bretz

In Memory Of Nicholas Roberts, Offered by Damian Drasher

In Memory Of Family and Friends, Offered by Damian Drasher

For Health Of Ethan, Owen, Talia & Jones, Offered by Poppy & Baba

For Health Of Ethan, Owen, Talia & Jones, Offered by Poppy & Baba

For Health Of Family Children, Offered by Michele D. Guydan

In Memory Of Yarostow Tatusko, Offered by O. Tatusko

In Memory Of Richard Stevenback, Offered by O. Tatusko

# Paschal Greetings from Around the World

From <https://www.oca.org/orthodoxy/paschal-greetings>

<b>Language</b>	<b>Greeting &amp; Response</b>
Aleut:	Khristus anahgrecum! Alhecum anahgrecum!
Aleut:	Khris-tusax agla-gikux! Agangu-lakan agla-gikux!
Albanian:	Krishti U Ngjall! Vertet U Ngjall!
Alutuq:	Khris-tusaq ung-uixtuq! Pijii-nuq ung-uixtuq!
Amharic:	Kristos tenestwal! Bergit tenestwal!
Anglo-Saxon:	Crist aras! Crist sodhlice aras!
Arabic:	El Messieh kahm! Hakken kahm!
Armenian:	Kristos haryav ee merelotz! Orhnial eh harootyunuh kristosee!
Athabaskan:	Xristosi banuytashch'ey! Gheli banuytashch'ey!
Bulgarian:	Hristos voskrese! Vo istina voskrese!
Byelorussian:	Khrystos uvaskros! Saprawdy uvaskros!
Chinese:	Helisituosi fuhuole! Queshi fuhuole!
Coptic:	Pchristos aftooun! Alethos aftooun!
Czech:	Kristus vstal a mrtvych! Opravdi vstoupil!
Danish:	Kristus er opstanden! Ja, sandelig opstanden!
Dutch:	Christus is opgestaan! Ja, hij is waarlijk opgestaan!
English:	Christ is risen! Indeed He is risen!
Eritrean-Tigre:	Christos tensiou! Bahake tensiou!
Esperanto:	Kristo levigis! Vere levigis!
Estonian:	Kristus on üles tõusnud! Ta on tõesti üles tõusnud!
Ethiopian:	Christos t'ensah em' muhtan! Exai' ab-her eokala!
Finnish:	Kristus nousi kuolleista! Totisesti nousi!
French:	Le Christ est réssuscité! En verite il est réssuscité!
Gaelic:	Taw creest ereen! Taw shay ereen guhdyne!
Georgian:	Kriste aghsdga! Cheshmaritad aghsdga!
German:	Christus ist auferstanden! Wahrlich Er ist auferstanden!
Greek:	Christos anesti! Alithos anesti!
Hawaiian:	Ua ala hou 'o Kristo! Ua ala 'I 'o no 'oia!

Hebrew:	Ha Masheeha houh quam! Be emet quam!
Hungarian:	Krisztus feltamadt! Valoban feltamadt!
Ibo ( Nigeria):	Jesu Kristi ebiliwo! Ezia o' biliwo!
Indian (Malayalam):	Christu uyirthezhunnettu! Theerchayayum uyirthezhunnettu!
Indonesian:	Kristus telah bangkit! Benar dia telah bangkit!
Italian:	Cristo e' risorto! Veramente e' risorto!
Japanese:	Harisutos Fukkatsu! Jitsu ni Fukkatsu!
Javanese:	Kristus sampun wungu! Tuhu sampun wungu!
Korean:	Kristo gesso! Buhar ha sho nay!
Latin:	Christus resurrexit! Vere resurrexit!
Latvian:	Kristus ir augsham sales! Teyasham ir augsham sales vinsch!
Lugandan:	Kristo ajukkide! Amajim ajukkide!
Norwegian:	Christus er oppstanden! Sandelig han er oppstanden!
Polish:	Khristus zmartwyckwstal! Zaprawde zmartwyckwstal!
Portuguese:	Cristo ressuscitou! Em verdade ressuscitou!
Romanian:	Hristos a inviat! Adevărat a înviat!
Russian:	Khristos voskrese! Voistinu voskrese!
Sanskrit:	Kristo'pastitaha! Satvam upastitaha!
Serbian:	Hristos vaskrse! Vaistunu vaskrse!
Slovak:	Kristus vstal zmr'tvych! Skutoc ne vstal!
Spanish:	Cristo ha resucitado! En verdad ha resucitado!
Swahili:	Kristo amefufukka! Kweli amefufukka!
Swedish:	Kristus är uppstånden! Han är sannerligen uppstånden!
Syriac:	M'shee ho dkom! Ha koo qam!
Tlingit:	Xristos Kuxwoo-digoot! Xegaa-kux Kuxwoo-digoot!
Turkish:	Hristos diril - di! Hakikaten diril - di!
Ugandan:	Kristo ajukkide! Kweli ajukkide!
Ukrainian:	Khristos voskres! Voistinu voskres!
Welsh:	Atgyfododd Crist! Atgyfododd yn wir!
Yupik:	Xris-tusaq Ung-uixtuq! Iluumun Ung-uixtuq!
Zulu:	Ukristu uvukile! Uvukile kuphela!



May 5, 2024  
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To the Clergy, Monastics, and Faithful of the Orthodox Church in America,

My Beloved Children in the Lord,

**CHRIST IS RISEN!  
INDEED HE IS RISEN!**



*Now all is filled with light: heaven and earth and the lower regions. Let all creation celebrate the rising of Christ: in him we are established.* (St. John of Damascus, Paschal Canon, Ode Three)

Today we greet the most radiant feast of feasts, the king and lord of days, the Pascha of Christ our true God. Standing in the light of the Resurrection, we glimpse the true and unfading joy of the life to come.

To be sure, even on this chosen and holy day of light-bearing festival, my own heart remains heavy as I look out upon the world and behold wars and terrorism, unjust imprisonment and persecution, civil strife and political divisions. Indeed, “the dark places of the earth are full of the habitations of iniquity” (Ps. 73:20). The world and its troubles present a threefold temptation to Christians who behold this multitude of “dark places”: we are tempted to despair; we are tempted to indifference; and we are tempted to conform and subordinate our holy Orthodox Christian faith to some worldly political program or ideology.

However, with his Pascha, Christ offers us a different response: a hope beyond this world, yet already present in this world. As we sing in the Paschal Canon of St. John of Damascus, everything is filled with the light of the Resurrection, even the lower regions. Life has burst forth from the grave; a light has shone in darkness (Jn. 1:5).

We dwell in a world of real trouble, real sorrow, real pain. The Lord came down into this world and became a man of sorrows, acquainted with grief, and he felt pain in his heart—on the night in which he was given up, his soul was “exceedingly sorrowful, even unto death”—and pain in his flesh (Is. 53:3;



Mt. 26:38). But out of pain, the Lord has brought forth healing; out of sorrow, he has wrought an incorruptible source of joy. He died, but now he lives forever, and he offers us the same hope: eternal life.

And the eternal life that he offers is not just an extension of life in this world, with its ups and downs, sorrows and joys, sins and foibles and accidents. Rather he offers us abundant life, true life, by restoring our communion with God, who is the Source of life.

This true and incorruptible life, a life of constant trust and love and joy, is not only available in the world to come. Whenever we believe in Christ and his Resurrection and accept the joy of his Pascha, we are already, through faith and hope, getting a foretaste of that life—a life without fear of suffering or death, that sees sorrow as a source of joy, since even in sorrow, Christ, the Man of Sorrows, is there, ready to draw near to us in a union of love.

It is because of this that the holy Psalmist could write: "If I go up into heaven, thou art there; if I go down into hell, thou art present. If I take up my wings at dawn and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea, even there shall thy hand guide me, and thy right hand shall hold me" (Ps. 138:8–10).

Wherever we are, whatever troubles we experience in our lives, whatever troubles we behold in this world, Christ is there with us, suffering with us in our suffering and offering us the hope of the unending happiness of his Pascha, inviting us to be in the world and not of the world, storing up all our hope and all the treasure of our hearts with him, in the kingdom that has no end, where neither moth nor rust can destroy and where no thief can break in and steal (Mt. 6:20).

May he who rose from the dead on the third day, kindling the light of hope for all the world, always shine upon our hearts with Paschal light, filling us with a joy-making desire for the good things to come and changing all our troubles and cares into opportunities to hope and trust.

To him, the Risen Lord, be all glory and adoration, together with his Father and his All-holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages!

Yours in the Risen Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tikhon', written in a cursive style.

+Tikhon

Archbishop of Washington

Metropolitan of All America and Canada

## **Upcoming Parish Council Meeting**

Parish Council Meeting - Monday, May 13, 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.

## **A Note of Thanks**

A huge thank you to everyone who supported the Lenten Soup Sales!!! We appreciate everyone who participated by making soup, buying soup, etc. We made \$2,245 for St. Nicholas Church. Thank you again.

Judy & Lori

## **Bright Monday Hot Dog Luncheon**

Please join us for the annual Bright Monday Hot Dog Luncheon after the Divine Liturgy on Monday, May 6, 2024. Please sign up to bring a dish to share on the sign up sheet at the candle desk.

## **Pierogi Schedule**

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.\*\*\**

## **St. Nicholas Church**

### **Higher Education Scholarship Notice**

Members of the church who are entering their second, third, or fourth year of full-time studies at an accredited two year, four year college/university or Orthodox Seminary are invited and urged to apply for the several scholarships available. For further information and applications, please contact Nancy Kohudic at 610-391-1257 or [ndk175@ptd.net](mailto:ndk175@ptd.net) no later than May 28, 2024.

Thank you for your consideration.

Nancy Kohudic

## **Church School Announcements**

- The Pascha Easter egg hunt (open to all children) will be after liturgy on Sunday, May 12, 2024 with rain date of May 19, 2024.
- Last day of Sunday School is May 19, 2024

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**

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