

Divine Liturgy

Sunday, May 12, 2024, 2024

Antipascha

2nd Sunday of Pascha

St. Thomas Sunday



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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 12, 2024

ANTIPASCHA. 2nd SUNDAY OF PASCHA – Tone 1. St. Thomas Sunday. St. Epiphanius, Bishop of Cyprus (403). St. Germanus (Herman), Patriarch of Constantinople (740). Glorification of Hieromartyr Germogén (Hermogenes), Patriarch of Moscow and All Russia (1913). Ven. Dionisii, Archimandrite of St. Sergius' Monastery (1633). St. Sabinus, Archbishop of Cyprus, and St. Polybius, Bishop in Cyprus (5th c.). Martyr John of Vlachia (Romania–1662).

Fr. Nikolai's Office Hours

Monday, May 13th - 9:00 am - 2:00 pm
Friday, May 17th - 12:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Coffee Hour Today

Happy Mothers' Day! Hosted by the men of the Parish Council

Weekly & Upcoming Calendar

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

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
7:00 pm - Parish Council Meeting

Monday, May 13

Saturday, May 18

Sunday, May 19

5:00 pm - Great Vespers

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
5:00 pm - Great Vespers

Saturday, May 25

Sunday, May 26

Sunday of the Paralytic

9:10 am - Reading of the Hours
9:30 am - Divine Liturgy

****In the event of rain, the Grave Blessings will be postponed by 1 week****

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. 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. **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!**

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Priest: "Blessed is the Kingdom..."

Choir: "Amen."

Priest: "Christ is risen... " (2 ½ times)

Choir: "and upon those in the tombs bestowing life!"

(The Divine Liturgy is begun in this manner until the Leavetaking of Pascha.)

Tone 7 Troparion (Pentecostarion)

From the sealed tomb, Thou didst shine forth, O Life! Through closed doors Thou didst come to Thy Disciples, O Christ God. Renew in us through them an upright spirit, by the greatness of Thy mercy, O Resurrection of all!

Tone 8 Kontakion (Pentecostarion)

Thomas touched Thy life-giving side with an eager hand, O Christ God, when Thou camest to Thine Apostles through closed doors. He cried out with all: "Thou art my Lord and my God!"

(The Trisagion is sung)

Tone 3 Prokeimenon (from the Pentecostarion)

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 Tricia Metz

(Acts 5:12-20) And through the hands of the apostles many signs and wonders were done among the people. And they were all with one accord in Solomon's

Porch. Yet none of the rest dared join them, but the people esteemed them highly. And believers were increasingly added to the Lord, multitudes of both men and women, so that they brought the sick out into the streets and laid them on beds and couches, that at least the shadow of Peter passing by might fall on some of them. Also a multitude gathered from the surrounding cities to Jerusalem, bringing sick people and those who were tormented by unclean spirits, and they were all healed. Then the high priest rose up, and all those who were with him (which is the sect of the Sadducees), and they were filled with indignation, and laid their hands on the apostles and put them in the common prison. But at night an angel of the Lord opened the prison doors and brought them out, and said, "Go, stand in the temple and speak to the people all the words of this life."

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)

For the Lord is a great God, and a great King over all the earth. (Ps. 94:3)

Gospel

(John 20:19-31) Then, the same day at evening, being the first day of the week, when the doors were shut where the disciples were assembled, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in the midst, and said to them, "Peace be with you." When He had said this, He showed them His hands and His side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. So Jesus said to them again, "Peace to you! As the Father has sent Me, I also send you." And when He had said this, He breathed on them, and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." Now Thomas, called the Twin, one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. The other disciples therefore said to him, "We have seen the Lord." So he said to them, "Unless I see in His hands the print of the nails, and put my finger into the print of the nails, and put my hand into His side, I will not believe." And after eight days His disciples were again inside, and Thomas with them. Jesus came, the doors being shut, and stood in the midst, and said, "Peace

to you!" Then He said to Thomas, "Reach your finger here, and look at My hands; and reach your hand here, and put it into My side. Do not be unbelieving, but believing." And Thomas answered and said to Him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Thomas, because you have seen Me, you have believed. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed." And truly Jesus did many other signs in the presence of His disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His name.

(Instead of "It is truly meet...", we sing:)

The Angel cried to the Lady, full of grace: "Rejoice, O pure Virgin! Again, I say: Rejoice, thy Son is risen from His three days in the tomb! With Himself He has raised all the dead." Rejoice, O ye people!

Shine, shine, O new Jerusalem! The glory of the Lord has shone on thee. Exult now, and be glad, O Zion! Be radiant, O pure Theotokos, in the Resurrection of thy Son!

Communion Hymn

Praise the Lord, O Jerusalem! Praise thy God, O Zion! (Ps. 147:1)
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Priest: "In the fear of God..."

Choir: "Blessed is He that comes in the Name of the Lord..."

Priest: "O God, save Thy people..."

Choir: "Christ is risen from the dead..." (sung once, instead of "We have seen the True Light...")

Priest: "Always, now and ever..."

Choir: "Let our mouths be filled..."

At the Dismissal, the Priest says: "Glory to Thee, O Christ..." and the choir sings "Christ is risen from the dead..." (thrice).

And unto us He has given eternal life.

Let us worship His Resurrection on the third day!

Candle Offerings - Sunday, May 12, 2024

Vigils in Altar - Windowsill (2)

Happy Anniversary Scott & Jen Radio, Offered by Greg & Rosalie

Vigils in Altar - Table of Oblation (2)

In Honor Of Fr. Christopher Shadid's Names Day
Offered by Fr. Michael & Mat. Susan Kon

Vigils in Altar - Side Table (2)

In Memory Of Mothers, Offered by Greg & Rosalie

Votives in Altar

In Memory Of Janice Grifone, Offered by Barb Monarek

Votives in Iconostas

In Memory Of Mary Radio, Offered by Greg & Rosalie

Vigil in Side Candle Holders (2)

In Memory Of Anna Wallitsch, Offered by Daughter Rosalie & Family

Crosses

In Memory Of Philip Stefanov

Vigils on the Tetrapod (2)

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

Vigils on Icon Table (2)

In Memory Of Mary Stetz, Offered by Pat & Tom

Vigils - Icon of the Virgin Mary (2)

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

Votives - Icon of the Virgin Mary

Happy Birthday Wash Telepchak, Offered by Pat Telepchak

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

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

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Vigils on South Wall Window Sill (3)

Happy Birthday Wash Telepchak, Offered by Pat Telepchak

Vigils of St. Gregory (1)

Happy Anniversary Jen & Scott

Offered by Ethan, Owen, Talia, Jones, Kody, Ausin, Devon

Vigils of St. Paul (1)

Happy Birthday Wash Telepchak, Offered by Pat Telepchak

Vigils on North Wall Window Sill (3)

Happy Birthday Wash Telepchak, Offered by Pat Telepchak

Vigil of St. Michael (1)

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

Vigil of St. Andrew (1)

In Memory Anna & Josephine, Offered by Ann Marie & Barry

A Note Of Thanks

Dear St. Nicholas Russian Orthodox Church,

Thank you so much for your support in our work! It is such a blessing to see God's faithful promise to care for the poor and those in need, in action, through the support from generous partners like you! Your kindness has a profound impact that will echo through generations to come.

Thank you for being a faithful partner in fighting homelessness. We look forward to your next clothing drive for the Mission and LightHouse!

May you be blessed by blessing others!

Thank you,

Diane Schenk, Director of HopeThrift Distributors

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

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.****

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

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, Monique Haney, Rachel Hardesty, Artemiy Hartman, Kalista Hartman, 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, Barbara Roman, 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.