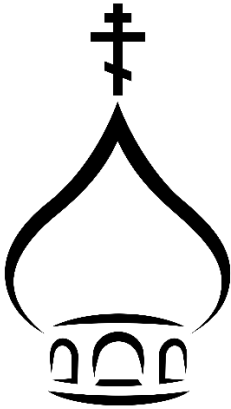


Divine Liturgy
Sunday, May 19, 2024, 2024
3rd Sunday of Pascha
Holy Myrrhbearing Women



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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 May 19, 2024

3rd SUNDAY OF PASCHA – Tone 2. Myrrhbearing Women. Hieromartyr Patrick, Bishop of Prussa, and his companions: Presbyters Acacius, Menander, and Polyenus (2nd-3rd c.). Ven. Cornelius, Abbot of Komel' (Vologdá–1537). Ven. Cornelius, Abbot of Paleostrov (15th c.). Rt. Blv. John, Prince of Uglich, tonsured as Ignatius (Vologdá–1523). Ven. Sergius of Shukhtomsk (1609). St. John, Bishop of the Goths in the Crimea (8th c.). Rt. Blv. Dimitry Donskoy, Grand Prince of Moscow (1389).

Fr. Nikolai's Office Hours

Tuesday, May 21st - Fr. Nikolai's Day Off
Wednesday, 22nd - 12:00 pm - 5:00 pm
Friday, May 24th - 9:00 am - 2:00 pm

Coffee Hour Today

Coffee Hour today is hosted by Guliana Holobeny
In Honor Of the Newly Baptised Felix Bessman

Weekly & Upcoming Calendar

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

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 - Union Cemetery

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

Saturday, June 1

4:30 pm - General Panikhida

5:00 pm - Great Vespers

Sunday, June 2

Sunday of the Samaritan Woman

9:10 am - Reading of the Hours

9:30 am - Divine Liturgy

Thursday, June 6

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

Saturday, June 8

5:00 pm - Great Vespers

Sunday, June 9

Sunday of the Blind Man

9:10 am - Reading of the Hours

9:30 am - Divine Liturgy

Thursday, June 13

Ascension of Our Lord Jesus Christ

8:50 am - Reading of the Hours

9:00 am - Divine Liturgy

Saturday, June 15

5:00 pm - Great Vespers

Sunday, June 16

Fathers of the 1st Ecumenical Council

9:10 am - Reading of the Hours

9:30 am - Divine Liturgy

Saturday, June 22

Memorial Saturday

8:50 am - Reading of the Hours

9:00 am - Divine Liturgy

5:00 pm - Great Vespers

Sunday, June 23

Pentecost

9:10 am - Reading of the Hours

9:30 am - Divine Liturgy

Tuesday, June 25

Nativity of St. John the Baptist

8:50 am - Reading of the Hours

9:00 am - Divine Liturgy

Tuesday, June 25

7:00 pm - Parish Council Meeting

Friday, June 28

6:00 pm - Great Vespers with Litia

Saturday, June 29

Saints Peter & Paul

8:50 am - Reading of the Hours

9:00 am - Divine Liturgy

5:00 pm - Great Vespers

Sunday, June 30

1st Sunday after Pentecost, All Saints

9:10 am - Reading of the Hours

9:30 am - Divine Liturgy

Blessing of the Graves - Catasauqua - To Be Determined

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!**

Divine Liturgy

Sunday, May 19, 2024, 2024

3rd Sunday of Pascha Holy Myrrhbearing Women

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 2 Troparion *(Resurrection)*

When Thou didst descend to death, O Life immortal, Thou didst slay hell with the splendor of Thy Godhead. And when from the depths Thou didst raise the dead, all the powers of heaven cried out: "O Giver of life, Christ our God, glory to Thee!"

Tone 2 Troparion *(Pentecostarion)*

The noble Joseph, when he had taken down Thy most pure Body from the Tree, wrapped it in fine linen and anointed it with spices, and placed it in a new tomb. But Thou didst arise on the third day, O Lord, granting the world great mercy.

Tone 2 Troparion *(Pentecostarion)*

The Angel came to the myrrhbearing women at the tomb and said: "Myrrh is fitting for the dead; but Christ has shown Himself a stranger to corruption! So proclaim: 'The Lord is risen, granting the world great mercy.'"

Tone 2 Kontakion *(Pentecostarion)*

Thou didst command the Myrrhbearers to rejoice, O Christ God. By Thy Resurrection, Thou didst stop the lamentation of Eve, the first mother. Thou didst command them to preach to Thine Apostles: "The Savior is risen from the tomb!"

Tone 8 Kontakion (Pascha)

Thou didst descend into the tomb, O Immortal, Thou didst destroy the power of death. In victory didst Thou arise, O Christ God, proclaiming, "Rejoice!" to the Myrrhbearing Women, granting peace to Thine Apostles, and bestowing Resurrection on the fallen.

Tone 6 Prokeimenon

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)

Epistle

Read by John Heitzenrater

(Acts 6:1-7) Now in those days, when the number of the disciples was multiplying, there arose a complaint against the Hebrews by the Hellenists, because their widows were neglected in the daily distribution. Then the twelve summoned the multitude of the disciples and said, "It is not desirable that we should leave the word of God and serve tables. Therefore, brethren, seek out from among you seven men of good reputation, full of the Holy Spirit and wisdom, whom we may appoint over this business; but we will give ourselves continually to prayer and to the ministry of the word." And the saying pleased the whole multitude. And they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and the Holy Spirit, and Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolas, a proselyte from Antioch, whom they set before the apostles; and when they had prayed, they laid hands on them. Then the word of God spread, and the number of the disciples multiplied greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests were obedient to the faith.

Tone 8

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

O Lord, Thou hast been gracious to Thy land; Thou hast turned back the captivity of Jacob. (Ps. 84:1)

Mercy and truth are met together, righteousness and peace have kissed each other. (Ps. 84:10)

Gospel

(Mark 15:43-16:8) Joseph of Arimathea, a prominent council member, who was himself waiting for the kingdom of God, coming and taking courage, went in to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Pilate marveled that He was already dead; and summoning the centurion, he asked him if He had been dead for some time. So when he found out from the centurion, he granted the body to Joseph. Then he bought fine linen, took Him down, and wrapped Him in the linen. And he laid Him in a tomb which had been hewn out of the rock, and rolled a stone against the door of the tomb. And Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Joses observed where He was laid. Now when the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, that they might come and anoint Him. Very early in the morning, on the first day of the week, they came to the tomb when the sun had risen. And they said among themselves, "Who will roll away the stone from the door of the tomb for us?" But when they looked up, they saw that the stone had been rolled away - for it was very large. And entering the tomb, they saw a young man clothed in a long white robe sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed. You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He is risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid Him. But go, tell His disciples - and Peter - that He is going before you into Galilee; there you will see Him, as He said to you." So they went out quickly and fled from the tomb, for they trembled and were amazed. And they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

(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

Receive the Body of Christ; taste the fountain of immortality!
Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest! *(Ps. 148:1)*
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 19, 2024

Vigils in Altar - Windowsill (2)

In Memory Of Philip Stefanov

Vigils in Altar - Table of Oblation (2)

In Memory Of Ray Pasquel, Offered by Ann Marie & Barry

Vigils in Altar - Side Table (2)

For Health Of Regina & Joe Pinkowicz's Anniversary
Offered by Stephanie Pasquel

Votives in Altar

In Memory Of Ray Pasquel, Offered by the Pasquel Family

Votives in Iconostas

Happy Birthday Talia Rose, Offered by Poppy & Baba

Vigil in Side Candle Holders (2)

Happy Birthday Talia Rose Tomsic, Offered by Mom & Dad

Crosses

Happy Birthday Daniel Holobeny, Offered by Family

Vigils on the Tetrapod (2)

Happy Birthday Rosemary Jubinsky
Offered by Riley, Addison, Jacob & Joshua

Vigils on Icon Table (2)

Happy 15th Birthday Talia, Offered by Jones, Ethan & Owen

Vigils - Icon of the Virgin Mary (2)

For Health Of Eric & Lindsey Slivka, Offered by Michael & Francine Slivka

Votives - Icon of the Virgin Mary

In Memory Of Philip Stefanov

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

For Health Of Peter & Jamee Bresee Slivka

Offered by Michael & Francine Slivka

Votives - Icon of St. John the Baptist

In Honor Of Nora Shadid's Baptism, Offered by Fr. Michael & Mat. Susan Kon

Vigils on South Wall Window Sill (3)

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

Vigils of St. Gregory (1)

Happy Birthday Jen Radio, Offered by Greg & Rosalie

Vigils of St. Paul (1)

Happy Birthday Jen Radio

Offered by Scott, Ethan, Owen, Kody, Austin, Devon

Vigils on North Wall Window Sill (3)

Happy Birthday Rosemary, Ellen & Bob Novatnack

Vigil of St. Michael (1)

Happy Birthday Rosemary Jubinsky, Offered by Jennifer & Andrea

Vigil of St. Andrew (1)

Happy Birthday Rosemary Jubinsky, Linda, Ellen, Andy

Cleanliness is Next to Godliness

We have noticed that in recent months there has been an unusual increase in the number of messes left around the church and hall. In particular, both men's and women's restrooms have frequently been left in a decidedly unclean manner. As a reminder, while our dedicated cleaning staff works hard to maintain our beautiful facility, it is not their responsibility to clean up after individual people, whether adults or children. If there are crumbs left around your pew from young children snacking, please clean them up. If there is a spill in the fellowship hall during coffee hour, please clean it up. In restrooms, please make sure to flush toilets properly and dispose of all trash (paper towels, diapers/wipes, sanitary products, etc.) in the trash can. Please make sure that young children are always accompanied to the restrooms and in general around the church. If you notice a mess of any kind, please either handle it if you are able, or notify a parish council member so that it can be handled promptly. It is our shared responsibility to maintain the house of Our Lord. Your help in this matter is deeply appreciated.

A Note Of Thanks

Dear St. Nicholas Family,

We are beyond grateful for your generosity and support of our family. Mark and I (Yana) are a little over two weeks post surgery, and we are both doing well! We will be staying in Pittsburgh for another month or so for Mark's recovery, and you have certainly made it easier for us! Thank you for your continuous prayers! May God bless you for your kindness!

In Christ,

The Lowry Family (Tom, Yana, Nina, Vera & Mark)

A Note Of Thanks

Christ is Risen I want to thank the members of the choir who visited me proclaiming that Christ has Risen. Very uplifting and beautiful. I really appreciated their visit. I miss seeing everyone at church. TV church is not the same.

With love in the newly Risen Lord.

Mat. Pat

Thank You To The Choir

Many thanks to the choir members who gave up your Saturday to come to our home and sing the beautiful hymns of The Paschal Canon. You touched our hearts greatly. Your visit was especially meaningful in that we had just learned of the repose of our very dear friend, the ever to be remembered +Sub-Deacon Peter Eagler who so greatly loved these Hymns of the Resurrection. We thank you especially for singing Eternal Memory/Christos Voskrese for him. You helped to ease the ache in our heart as we mourn his leaving us. Your visit exemplifies the practice of several Christian Works of Mercy we find in the Gospel: Visiting the sick and shut-in, Mourning with those who mourn and Feeding the hungry with the delicious church made Pascha Bread. As we enjoy this bread we are reminded of your visit and this brings on-going joy. May you and your families be blessed with everything needful for Christ is Risen !

Love,
Fr. Tom & Matushka Evelyn

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

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.****

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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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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

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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.