

# **Divine Liturgy**

Sunday, May 26, 2024, 2024

**4th Sunday of Pascha**

**Paralytic**



**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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before entering the church. Thank you.***

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# Schedule for the Week of May 26, 2024

**4th SUNDAY OF PASCHA – Tone 3. Paralytic.** Apostles Carpus and Alphæus of the Seventy (1st c.). Greatmartyr George the New at Sofia (Bulgaria–1515). Uncovering of the Relics of Ven. Makáry, Abbot of Kalyazin (1521). Martyrs Abercius and Helen, children of the Apostle Alphæus (1st c.). Venerable Confessor John Psykhaïtēs (9th c.). St. Augustine of Canterbury, Evangelizer of England (ca. 605).

## Fr. Nikolai's Office Hours

Tuesday, May 28<sup>th</sup> – Fr. Nikolai's Day Off  
Wednesday, May 29<sup>th</sup> – 9:00 am – 2:00 pm  
Friday, May 31<sup>st</sup> – 9:00 am – 2:00 pm

## Coffee Hour Today

Coffee Hour today is hosted by The Bretz Family  
In Honor Of Barry's 75<sup>th</sup> Birthday

## Weekly & Upcoming Calendar

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

**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

5:00 pm - Great Vespers

**Saturday, June 15**

**Sunday, June 16**

**Fathers of the 1<sup>st</sup> 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**

**Friday, June 28**

7:00 pm - Parish Council Meeting

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**

**1<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Pentecost, All Saints**

9:10 am - Reading of the Hours

9:30 am - Divine Liturgy

## **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.\*\*\**

# Divine Liturgy

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**4th Sunday of Pascha**

**Paralytic**

*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 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 3      Kontakion      (Pentecostarion)**

By Thy divine intercession, O Lord, as Thou didst raise up the Paralytic of old, so raise up my soul, paralyzed by sins and thoughtless acts; so that being saved I may sing to Thee: "Glory to Thy power, O compassionate Christ!"

**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 1      Prokeimenon      (Pentecostarion)**

Let Thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us / as we have set our hope on Thee! (Ps. 32:22)

*Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous! Praise befits the just! (Ps. 32:1)*

## **Epistle**

Read by Reader Matthew Lezinsky

**(Acts 9:32-42)** Now it came to pass, as Peter went through all parts of the country, that he also came down to the saints who dwelt in Lydda. There he found a certain man named Aeneas, who had been bedridden eight years and was paralyzed. And Peter said to him, "Aeneas, Jesus the Christ heals you. Arise and make your bed." Then he arose immediately. So all who dwelt at Lydda and Sharon saw him and turned to the Lord. At Joppa there was a certain disciple named Tabitha, which is translated Dorcas. This woman was full of good works and charitable deeds which she did. But it happened in those days that she became sick and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in an upper room. And since Lydda was near Joppa, and the disciples had heard that Peter was there, they sent two men to him, imploring him not to delay in coming to them. Then Peter arose and went with them. When he had come, they brought him to the upper room. And all the widows stood by him weeping, showing the tunics and garments which Dorcas had made while she was with them. But Peter put them all out, and knelt down and prayed. And turning to the body he said, "Tabitha, arise." And she opened her eyes, and when she saw Peter she sat up. Then he gave her his hand and lifted her up; and when he had called the saints and widows, he presented her alive. And it became known throughout all Joppa, and many believed on the Lord.

## **Tone 5**

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

*I will sing of Thy mercies, O Lord, forever; with my mouth I will proclaim Thy truth from generation to generation. (Ps. 88:1-2)*

*For Thou hast said: Mercy will be established forever; Thy truth will be prepared in the heavens. (Ps. 88:3)*

## **Gospel**

**(John 5:1-15)** After this there was a feast of the Jews, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. Now there is in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate a pool, which is called in Hebrew, Bethesda, having five porches. In these lay a great multitude of sick people, blind, lame, paralyzed, waiting for the moving of the water. For an angel went down at a certain time into the pool and stirred up the water; then whoever stepped in first, after the stirring of the water, was made well of whatever disease he had. Now a certain man was there who had an infirmity thirty-eight years. When Jesus saw him lying there, and knew that he already had been in that condition a long time, He said to him, "Do you want to be made well?" The sick man answered Him, "Sir, I have no man to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up; but while I am coming, another steps down before me." Jesus said to him, "Rise, take up your bed and walk." And immediately the man was made well, took up his bed, and walked. And that day was the Sabbath. The Jews therefore said to him who was cured, "It is the Sabbath; it is not lawful for you to carry your bed." He answered them, "He who made me well said to me, 'Take up your bed and walk.'" Then they asked him, "Who is the Man who said to you, 'Take up your bed and walk'?" But the one who was healed did not know who it was, for Jesus had withdrawn, a multitude being in that place. Afterward Jesus found him in the temple, and said to him, "See, you have been made well. Sin no more, lest a worse thing come upon you." The man departed and told the Jews that it was Jesus who had made him well.

*(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 26, 2024**

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

In Memory Of Peter Kohudic

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

Happy Birthday Hannah Slivka, Offered by Michael & Francine Slivka

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

In Memory Of Philip Stefanov

## **Votives in Altar**

For Health Of Barry Bretz on his Birthday, Offered by Stephanie Pasquel

## **Votives in Iconostas**

In Memory Of Peter Kohudic

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

Happy Birthday Lindsey Slivka, Offered by Michael & Francine Slivka

## **Crosses**

Happy Birthday Barry Bretz, Offered by Ann Marie

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

Happy Birthday Donna Haney, Offered by Patty Felix

## **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 Stetz, Offered by Pat & Tom

**Votives - Icon of the Virgin Mary**

In Memory Of Mary Stetz, Offered by Pat & Tom

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

In Memory Of Jay Radio, Offered by his brother, Greg & Rosalie

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

In Memory Of Philip Stefanov

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

In Memory Of Nicholas Lezinsky, Sr., Offered by The Lezinsky Family

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

In Memory Of Nicholas Lezinsky, Sr., Offered by The Lezinsky Family

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

In Memory Of Nicholas Lezinsky, Sr., Offered by The Lezinsky Family

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

In Memory Of John Radio, Offered by Greg & Rosalie

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

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

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

In Memory Of Nicholas Lezinsky, Sr., Offered by The Lezinsky Family

## 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Treasurer's Report Summary

January 2024	Income:	\$40,215.76
	Expenses:	\$73,160.29
	<u>Net Revenue:</u>	<u>\$(32,944.53)</u>
February 2024	Income:	\$31,648.73
	Expenses	\$24,382.00
	<u>Net Revenue:</u>	<u>\$7,266.73</u>
March 2024	Income:	\$43,456.91
	Expenses:	\$36,362.84
	<u>Net Revenue:</u>	<u>\$7,094.07</u>

### 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

## 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:**

- 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!**

ST. PAUL ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH PRESENTS

# SACRED ALASKA

JUNE 1, 2024

12:00 PM – 2:30 PM

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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**

**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

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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.**