

Divine Liturgy

Sunday, June 2, 2024

5th Sunday of Pascha

Samaritan Woman



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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 June 2, 2024

5th SUNDAY OF PASCHA – Tone 4. Samaritan Woman. St. Nikephoros the Confessor, Patriarch of Constantinople (828). Greatmartyr John the New of Sochi, who suffered at Belgrade (1330-1340).

Fr. Nikolai's Office Hours

Fr. Nikolai will be on Vacation from Monday, June 3rd – Wednesday, June 5th
Office Hours - Friday, June 7th – 9:00 am – 2:00 pm

Coffee Hour Today

Coffee Hour today is hosted by The Bzik Family
In Honor The Heavenly Host Award Recipients

Weekly & Upcoming Calendar

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

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

Monday, June 24

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

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. 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 4 Troparion (Resurrection)

When the women disciples of the Lord learned from the angel the joyous message of Thy Resurrection, they cast away the ancestral curse and elatedly told the apostles: "Death is overthrown! Christ God is risen, granting the world great mercy!"

Tone 8 Troparion (Midfeast)

In the middle of the feast, O Savior, fill my thirsting soul with the waters of piety, as Thou didst cry to all: "If anyone thirst, let him come to Me and drink!" O Christ God, Fountain of our life, glory to Thee!

Tone 8 Kontakion (Pentecostarion)

The Samaritan Woman came to the well in faith; she saw Thee, the Water of wisdom and drank abundantly. She inherited the Kingdom on high, and is ever glorified!

Tone 4 Kontakion (Midfeast)

Christ God, the Creator and Master of all, cried to all in the midst of the feast of the Law: "Come and draw the water of immortality!" We fall before Thee and faithfully cry: "Grant us Thy mercies, for Thou art the Fountain of our life!"

Tone 3 Prokeimenon (*Pentecostarion*)

Sing praises to our God, sing praises! Sing praises to our King, sing praises!
(*Ps. 46:6*)

Clap your hands, all peoples! Shout to God with loud songs of joy! (Ps. 46:1)

Epistle

Read by Aurora Mascari

(Acts 11:19-26, 29-30) Now those who were scattered after the persecution that arose over Stephen traveled as far as Phoenicia, Cyprus, and Antioch, preaching the word to no one but the Jews only. But some of them were men from Cyprus and Cyrene, who, when they had come to Antioch, spoke to the Hellenists, preaching the Lord Jesus. And the hand of the Lord was with them, and a great number believed and turned to the Lord. Then news of these things came to the ears of the church in Jerusalem, and they sent out Barnabas to go as far as Antioch. When he came and had seen the grace of God, he was glad, and encouraged them all that with purpose of heart they should continue with the Lord. For he was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and of faith. And a great many people were added to the Lord. Then Barnabas departed for Tarsus to seek Saul. And when he had found him, he brought him to Antioch. So it was that for a whole year they assembled with the church and taught a great many people. And the disciples were first called Christians in Antioch. Then the disciples, each according to his ability, determined to send relief to the brethren dwelling in Judea. This they also did, and sent it to the elders by the hands of Barnabas and Saul.

Tone 4

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Go forth, prosper and reign, for the sake of meekness, righteousness and truth!
(*Ps. 44:3b*)

For Thou lovest righteousness, and hatest iniquity. (Ps. 44:6)

Gospel

(John 4:5-42) So He came to a city of Samaria which is called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob gave to his son Joseph. Now Jacob's well was there. Jesus therefore, being wearied from His journey, sat thus by the well. It was about the sixth hour. A woman of Samaria came to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give Me a drink." For His disciples had gone away into the city to buy food. Then the woman of Samaria said to Him, "How is it that You, being a Jew, ask a drink from me, a Samaritan woman?" For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans. Jesus answered and said to her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is who says to you, 'Give Me a drink,' you would have asked Him, and He would have given you living water." The woman said to Him, "Sir, You have nothing to draw with, and the well is deep. Where then do You get that living water? Are You greater than our father Jacob, who gave us the well, and drank from it himself, as well as his sons and his livestock?" Jesus answered and said to her, "Whoever drinks of this water will thirst again, but whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him will never thirst. But the water that I shall give him will become in him a fountain of water springing up into everlasting life." The woman said to Him, "Sir, give me this water, that I may not thirst, nor come here to draw." Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come here." The woman answered and said, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You have well said, 'I have no husband,' for you have had five husbands, and the one whom you now have is not your husband; in that you spoke truly." The woman said to Him, "Sir, I perceive that You are a prophet. Our fathers worshiped on this mountain, and you Jews say that in Jerusalem is the place where one ought to worship." Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe Me, the hour is coming when you will neither on this mountain, nor in Jerusalem, worship the Father. You worship what you do not know; we know what we worship, for salvation is of the Jews. But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for the Father is seeking such to worship Him. God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth." The woman said to Him, "I know that Messiah is coming" (who is called Christ). "When He comes, He will tell us all things." Jesus said to her, "I who speak to you am He." And at this point His disciples came, and they marveled that He talked with a woman; yet no one said,

“What do You seek?” or, “Why are You talking with her?” The woman then left her waterpot, went her way into the city, and said to the men, Come, see a Man who told me all things that I ever did. Could this be the Christ? Then they went out of the city and came to Him. In the meantime His disciples urged Him, saying, “Rabbi, eat.” But He said to them, “I have food to eat of which you do not know.” Therefore the disciples said to one another, “Has anyone brought Him anything to eat?” Jesus said to them, “My food is to do the will of Him who sent Me, and to finish His work. Do you not say, ‘There are still four months and then comes the harvest’? Behold, I say to you, lift up your eyes and look at the fields, for they are already white for harvest! And he who reaps receives wages, and gathers fruit for eternal life, that both he who sows and he who reaps may rejoice together. For in this the saying is true: ‘One sows and another reaps.’ I sent you to reap that for which you have not labored; others have labored, and you have entered into their labors.” And many of the Samaritans of that city believed in Him because of the word of the woman who testified, “He told me all that I ever did.” So when the Samaritans had come to Him, they urged Him to stay with them; and He stayed there two days. And many more believed because of His own word. Then they said to the woman, “Now we believe, not because of what you said, for we ourselves have heard Him and we know that this is indeed the Christ, the Savior of the world.”

(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 Michael Stafiniak, Offered by His Wife, Dorothy

Vigils in Altar - Table of Oblation (2)

For Health Of Gordon Roberts, Offered by The Roberts Family

Vigils in Altar - Side Table (2)

Happy Birthday Jones Tomsic, Offered by Talia, Ethan & Owen

Votives in Altar

In Memory Of Philip Stefanov

Votives in Iconostas

Happy 13th Birthday Jones, Offered by Uncle Scott & Aunt Jen

Vigil in Side Candle Holders (2)

In Memory Of David Roberts, Offered by Gordon & Valerie Roberts

Crosses

Happy Birthday Nikolai, Offered by The Holobeny Family

Vigils on the Tetrapod (2)

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

Vigils on Icon Table (2)

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

Vigils - Icon of the Virgin Mary (2)

Happy Birthday Francine Slivka, Offered by Husband, Michael Slivka

Votives - Icon of the Virgin Mary

In Memory Of Michael Stafiniak, Offered by His Children & Their Families

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

Happy Birthday Jones Tomsic, Offered by Poppy & Baba

Votives - Icon of St. John the Baptist

Happy Birthday Fr. Nikolai, Offered by Your Church Family

Vigils on South Wall Window Sill (3)

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Vigils of St. Gregory (1)

In Memory Of David Roberts, Offered by Gordon & Valerie Roberts

Vigils of St. Paul (1)

God Grant Many Blessed Years to Carmen Hodson on her Birthday
With Love from Shirley and Mickey Isbanksy

Vigils on North Wall Window Sill (3)

In Memory Of Doris Jonson, Offered by Church Family

Vigil of St. Michael (1)

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Vigil of St. Andrew (1)

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Heavenly Host Awards

Heavenly Host is a structured program based on the Angelic Ranks, providing age-appropriate activities for 8- to 18- year olds. It is intended to provide Orthodox Youth a foundation of Orthodox Christian Knowledge and experience so that they can passionately and intelligently “Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations” for our Lord God, and Savior Jesus Christ! (Matthew 28:19). If you’re not familiar with the program yet, please see Jennifer Bzik for more information.

Please join us in celebrating our Heavenly Host participants:

Everett Brown - Previous Awards: Angel Rank, Camp Elective

Lydia Brown - Previous Awards: Angel Rank, Camp Elective

Lydia Bzik -Previous Awards: Angel Rank, Patron Saint Elective. Awarded Today: Archangel Rank, Paschal Season Elective.

Nicholas Bzik - Previous Awards: Angel Rank, Bible Verses I Elective. Awarded Today: Archangel Rank, Paschal Season Elective

Charles Heitzenrater - Awarded Today: Angel Rank, Angels Elective

Charlotte Heitzenrater - Awarded Today: Angel Rank, Angels Elective

Thomas Heitzenrater - Awarded Today: Angel Rank, Angels Elective

Alexander Hodson - Previous Awards: Angel Rank, Altar Server Elective. Awarded Today: Archangel Rank, Ten Commandments Elective, Winter Retreat Elective

Christopher Hodson - Previous Awards: Angel Rank, Altar Server Elective. Awarded Today: Archangel Rank, Ten Commandments Elective

Aurora Mascari - Previous Awards: Angel Rank, Angels Elective. Awarded Today: Archangel Rank, Psalms 1 Elective

Joseph Mascari IV - Previous Awards: Angel Rank, Altar Server Elective. Awarded Today: Archangel Rank, Psalms 1 Elective

A Note Of Thanks

A heartfelt thank you, to my St. Nicholas family for helping me celebrate my 75th birthday. A special thanks goes to my wife and all of the people who helped us set-up and clean-up, also to Jean for the beautiful and delicious cakes. My birthday coffee hour raised \$250 for the program, activities, and projects of the St. Nicholas Sunday School. I am Blessed.

Barry

Pierogi Schedule

Pierogi Making - June 3, 4, 5

Pierogi Making - June 10, 11, 12

NO Pierogi Making - June 17 through July 5

****Please note that this schedule is subject to change.****

3rd 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>

Help Support Moms & Babies in our Community

Parish Faithful,

I wanted to update you on a wonderful new charity that our St. Nicholas Parish, and in particular our Heavenly Host families will be focusing on in the future. The Cay Galgon Life House is a nonprofit organization in Bethlehem, PA that prepares pregnant women and mothers of infants for a life of self-reliance. Please check out the attached flyer for a little more information.

The Cay Galgon Life House accepts donations of many consumable goods for moms and babies, such as:

- *For Baby:* Diapers (Preemie to size 6), Wipes, Baby Wash, Diaper Cream, Bottles, Pacifiers, Baby Washcloths & Bath Towels, New/gently used Baby Clothing (Preemie through 3t)
- *For Mom:* 2-n-1 Shampoo & Conditioner, Body Wash, Deodorant, Razors, New/gently used maternity clothing

We will be collecting items at St. Nicholas on an ongoing basis to help support their efforts in our community. This Sunday, June 2, we will be hosting coffee hour in honor of our Heavenly Host children, who will be receiving another round of awards. During coffee hour the kids will be coming around to distribute lists of items most urgently needed by the Cay Galgon Life House to support their work.

While they are happy to accept many types of mom & baby consumable goods as donations, the Life House does sometimes have the challenge of being overrun with certain things while lacking others completely. If you would like to get a jump start on shopping for the moms and babies in need in our community, here is the list of items needed most urgently right now:

- Baby wipes
- Baby bottles (4 oz and 8 oz)
- Bibs
- Baby bath towels
- Baby wash cloths

Remember that specific brand names are not as important as getting these vital items into the hands of those that need them. Bargain shopping is a great way to help more families. For these and other consumable items (baby wash, shampoo for moms, etc.), keep in mind that multiple small containers are more useful than large bulk sizes. While one giant size bottle of shampoo might be the better bargain, buying several smaller bottles allows them to be distributed to help multiple families.

If you have any questions, please reach out to me. I look forward to helping to coordinate this effort to make a difference in our local community.

In Christ,

Jennifer N. Bzik

About Us



Cay Galgon Life House is a nonprofit organization in Bethlehem, PA that prepares pregnant women and mothers of infants for a life of self-reliance. We focus on investing in our community's most vulnerable and fostering stability for the next generation. We envision a community where every woman and child are supported, nurtured, and empowered.

It is important to understand that there are complex and multi-layered challenges that lead to homelessness, joblessness, and financial instability for pregnant women and mothers of infants. They include, but are not limited to absent parental figures, rising housing costs, limited job opportunities, wages below the poverty line, a lack of access to childcare, and mental and physical health disparities.

At Life House, we walk with women who are navigating the challenges of motherhood by letting them know they are seen, known, and loved. You can support our families through financial contributions, conducting a BabyBottle Campaign, consumable goods drive or volunteering. Contact us at 610-867-9546 or info@caygalgonlifehouse.org.

We prepare pregnant women and mothers of infants for a life of self-reliance



PROGRAMS/SERVICES

Residential Program

We provide safe, temporary shelter for women who are pregnant and experiencing homelessness, as we help them through these challenging times. In this home environment, we provide intense case management, life skills classes, education support, and agency referrals, with the goal of empowering women to transition to long-term, safe, affordable housing.

Community Outreach Program

We meet the needs of families in the community who are pregnant and parenting children under 12 months of age by working with the whole family during the vulnerable period from pregnancy to postpartum. We offer case management, basic baby necessities, adult hygiene products, consumable goods, and community agency referrals.

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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

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 Holobeney, 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 Witaneck

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.