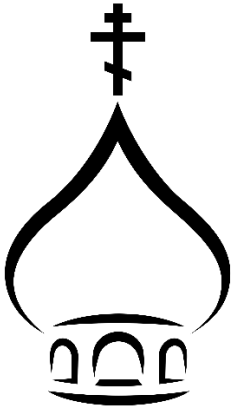


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Blind Man



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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 9, 2024

6th SUNDAY OF PASCHA – Tone 5. Blind Man. Icon of the Mother of God “of the Passion”. St. Cyril, Archbishop of Alexandria (444). Ven. Cyril, Igoumen of White Lake (1427). Ven. Alexander, Abbot of Kushta (Vologdá–1439). Five Nuns beheaded in Persia: Martyrs Thecla, Mariamne, Martha, Mary, and Ennatha (346). St. Columba, Enlightener of Scotland (597).

Fr. Nikolai’s Office Hours

Monday, June 10th Fr. Nikolai’s Day Off
Wednesday, June 12th - 12:00 pm - 5:00 pm
Friday, June 14th - 9:00 am - 2:00 pm

Coffee Hour Today

Coffee Hour today is hosted by The Lezinsky Family

Weekly & Upcoming Calendar

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

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 5 Troparion (Resurrection)

Let us, the faithful, praise and worship the Word, co-eternal with the Father and the Spirit, born for our salvation from the Virgin; for He willed to be lifted up on the Cross in the flesh, to endure death, and to raise the dead by His glorious Resurrection.

Tone 4 Kontakion (Pentecostarion)

I come to Thee, O Christ, blind from birth in my spiritual eyes, and call to Thee in repentance: "Thou art the most radiant Light of those in darkness."

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 8 Prokeimenon (Pentecostarion)

Pray and make your vows before the Lord, our God! (*Ps. 75:10a*)

In Judah God is known; His name is great in Israel. (Ps. 75:1)

Epistle

Read by John Heitzenrater

(Acts 16:16-34) Now it happened, as we went to prayer, that a certain slave girl possessed with a spirit of divination met us, who brought her masters much profit by fortune-telling. This girl followed Paul and us, and cried out, saying, "These men are the servants of the Most High God, who proclaim to us the way of salvation." And this she did for many days. But Paul, greatly annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, "I command you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her." And he came out that very hour. But when her masters saw that their hope of profit was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace to the authorities. And they brought them to the magistrates, and said, "These men, being Jews, exceedingly trouble our city; and they teach customs which are not lawful for us, being Romans, to receive or observe." Then the multitude rose up together against them; and the magistrates tore off their clothes and commanded them to be beaten with rods. And when they had laid many stripes on them, they threw them into prison, commanding the jailer to keep them securely. Having received such a charge, he put them into the inner prison and fastened their feet in the stocks. But at midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. Suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were loosed. And the keeper of the prison, awaking from sleep and seeing the prison doors open, supposing the prisoners had fled, drew his sword and was about to kill himself. But Paul called with a loud voice, saying, "Do yourself no harm, for we are all here." Then he called for a light, ran in, and fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. And he brought them out and said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" So they said, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be saved, you and your household." Then they spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. And he took them the same hour of the night and washed their stripes. And immediately he and all his family were baptized. Now when he had brought them into his house, he set food before them; and he rejoiced, having believed in God with all his household.

Tone 8

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Look upon me and have mercy on me! (Ps.118:132a)

Guide my steps according to Thy word! (Ps. 118:133a)

Gospel

(John 9:1-38) Now as Jesus passed by, He saw a man who was blind from birth. And His disciples asked Him, saying, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" Jesus answered, "Neither this man nor his parents sinned, but that the works of God should be revealed in him. I must work the works of Him who sent Me while it is day; the night is coming when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." When He had said these things, He spat on the ground and made clay with the saliva; and He anointed the eyes of the blind man with the clay. And He said to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which is translated, Sent). So he went and washed, and came back seeing. Therefore the neighbors and those who previously had seen that he was blind said, "Is not this he who sat and begged?" Some said, "This is he." Others said, "He is like him." He said, "I am he." Therefore they said to him, "How were your eyes opened?" He answered and said, "A Man called Jesus made clay and anointed my eyes and said to me, 'Go to the pool of Siloam and wash.' So I went and washed, and I received sight." Then they said to him, "Where is He?" He said, "I do not know." They brought him who formerly was blind to the Pharisees. Now it was a Sabbath when Jesus made the clay and opened his eyes. Then the Pharisees also asked him again how he had received his sight. He said to them, "He put clay on my eyes, and I washed, and I see." Therefore some of the Pharisees said, "This Man is not from God, because He does not keep the Sabbath." Others said, "How can a man who is a sinner do such signs?" And there was a division among them. They said to the blind man again, "What do you say about Him because He opened your eyes?" He said, "He is a prophet." But the Jews did not believe concerning him, that he had been blind and received his sight, until they called the parents of him who had received his sight. And they asked them, saying, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?" His parents answered them and said, "We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; but by what

means he now sees we do not know, or who opened his eyes we do not know. He is of age; ask him. He will speak for himself." His parents said these things because they feared the Jews, for the Jews had agreed already that if anyone confessed that He was Christ, he would be put out of the synagogue. Therefore his parents said, "He is of age; ask him." So they again called the man who was blind, and said to him, "Give God the glory! We know that this Man is a sinner." He answered and said, "Whether He is a sinner or not I do not know. One thing I know: that though I was blind, now I see." Then they said to him again, "What did He do to you? How did He open your eyes?" He answered them, "I told you already, and you did not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become His disciples?" Then they reviled him and said, "You are His disciple, but we are Moses' disciples. We know that God spoke to Moses; as for this fellow, we do not know where He is from." The man answered and said to them, "Why, this is a marvelous thing, that you do not know where He is from; yet He has opened my eyes! Now we know that God does not hear sinners; but if anyone is a worshiper of God and does His will, He hears him. Since the world began it has been unheard of that anyone opened the eyes of one who was born blind. If this Man were not from God, He could do nothing." They answered and said to him, "You were completely born in sins, and are you teaching us?" And they cast him out. Jesus heard that they had cast him out; and when He had found him, He said to him, "Do you believe in the Son of God?" He answered and said, "Who is He, Lord, that I may believe in Him?" And Jesus said to him, "You have both seen Him and it is He who is talking with you." Then he said, "Lord, I believe!" And he worshiped Him.

(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, June 9, 2024

Vigils in Altar - Windowsill (2)

In Memory Of Beloved Father, John Aranjo
Offered by Laurel Riley & Diana Buskirk

Vigils in Altar - Table of Oblation (2)

In Honor Of Amber's Birthday, Offered by Mike Metz

Vigils in Altar - Side Table (2)

In Memory Of Beloved Father, John Aranjo
Offered by Laurel Riley & Diana Buskirk

Votives in Altar

Happy Anniversary Christopher & Jennifer Bzik

Crosses

In Memory Of Philip Stefanov

Vigils on the Tetrapod (2)

Happy Birthday Izabela Roberts, Offered by Uncle Gordon & Aunt Val

Vigils - Icon of the Virgin Mary (2)

Happy Birthday Eric Slivka, Offered by Michael & Francine Slivka

Votives - Icon of the Virgin Mary

For Health Of Kh. Sophia Shadid, Offered by Fr. Michael & Mat. Susan Kon

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

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

Votives - Icon of St. John the Baptist

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Flowers to Adorn the Icon of Ascension of Our Lord & Savior Jesus Christ

In Memory Of Subdeacon Michael, Offered by Michele Guydan

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 12

****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>

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 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.