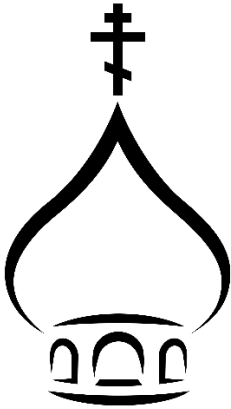


Divine Liturgy

Sunday, July 28, 2024

5th Sunday after Pentecost

**Holy Apostles of the Seventy and Deacons:
Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, and Parmenas**



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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 July 28, 2024

5th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – Tone 4. Holy Apostles of the Seventy and Deacons: Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, and Parmenas (1st c.). St. Pitirím, Bishop of Tambov (1698). Ven. Moses, Wonderworker of the Kiev Caves (Far Caves–13th-14th c.). Martyr Julian of Dalmatia (2nd c.). Martyr Eustathius (Eustace–ca. 321), of Apamea. Ven. Paul of Xeropotamou, founder of the Monastery of St. Paul on Mt. Athos (10th c.). The Smolensk “Hodēgéttria” (“THE GUIDE”) Icon of the Mother of God (brought from Constantinople in 1046). Seraphim-Diveyevo Tenderness Icon of the Mother of God (1885).

Fr. Nikolai’s Office Hours

Monday, July 29th – Fr. Nikolai’s Day Off
Wednesday, July 31st – 12:00 pm – 5:00 pm
Friday, August 2nd – 9:00 am – 2:00 pm

Coffee Hour Today

Coffee hour today will be hosted by Guram & Nina Abaishvili

Weekly & Upcoming Calendar

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

Tuesday, July 30	7:00 pm – Parish Council Meeting
Thursday, August 1	Procession of the Cross 8:50 am – Reading of the Hours 9:00 am – Divine Liturgy
Saturday, August 3	4:30 pm – General Panikhida 5:00 pm – Great Vespers
Sunday, August 4	6th Sunday After Pentecost 9:10 am – Reading of the Hours 9:30 am – Divine Liturgy
Monday, August 5	6:00 pm – Great Vespers
Tuesday, August 6	Transfiguration of Our Lord Jesus Christ 8:50 am – Reading of the Hours 9:00 am – Divine Liturgy

Thursday, August 8	9:00 am - Akathist to the Theotokos, Nurturer of Children (<i>Please note this is one week later than usual</i>)
Saturday, August 10	5:00 pm - Great Vespers
Sunday, August 11	7th Sunday After Pentecost Archbishop MARK Visiting *CORRECTION*
	9:10 am - Reading of the Hours
	9:30 am - Divine Liturgy
Wednesday, August 14	6:00 pm - Great Vespers
Thursday, August 15	Dormition of The Most Holy Theotokos
	8:50 am - Reading of the Hours
	9:00 am - Divine Liturgy
Saturday, August 17	3:00 pm - 6:00 pm - Halupki Dinner
	5:00 pm - Great Vespers
Sunday, August 18	8th Sunday After Pentecost
	9:10 am - Reading of the Hours
	9:30 am - Divine Liturgy
Saturday, August 24	5:00 pm - Great Vespers
Sunday, August 25	9th Sunday After Pentecost
	9:10 am - Reading of the Hours
	9:30 am - Divine Liturgy
Saturday, August 31	5:00 pm - Great Vespers
Sunday, September 1	10th Sunday After Pentecost
	9:10 am - Reading of the Hours
	9:30 am - Divine Liturgy

Upcoming Parish Council Meeting

Parish Council Meeting - Tuesday, July 30, 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.

Please note that Gordon Roberts will be presenting a brief review of the security grant project finalization at this meeting.

Sunday, July 28, 2024
5th Sunday after Pentecost
Holy Apostles of the Seventy and Deacons:
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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 3 Troparion *(Apostles)*

Holy Apostles Próchorus, Nícanor, Tímon, and Parménas, entreat the merciful God, to grant our souls forgiveness of transgressions!

Tone 4 Kontakion *(Resurrection)*

My Savior and Redeemer as God rose from the tomb and delivered the earth-born from their chains. He has shattered the gates of hell, and as Master, He has risen on the third day!

Tone 1 Kontakion *(Apostles)*

The glorious Nícanor, Próchorus, Parménas, and Tímon, the honored deacons and eyewitnesses of the Word, have been revealed as chosen vessels of the Faith. Therefore, we celebrate your holy memory today, blessing you with gladness of heart.

Tone 4 Prokeimenon *(Resurrection)*

O Lord, how manifold are Thy works; in wisdom hast Thou made them all.
(Ps. 103:26)

Bless the Lord, O my soul! O Lord, my God, Thou art very great! (Ps. 103:1)

Epistle

Read by Reader Nicholas Lezinsky

(Romans 10:1-10) Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is that they may be saved. For I bear them witness that they have a zeal for God, but not according to knowledge. For they being ignorant of God's righteousness, and seeking to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted to the righteousness of God. For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to everyone who believes. For Moses writes about the righteousness which is of the law, "The man who does those things shall live by them." But the righteousness of faith speaks in this way, "Do not say in your heart, 'Who will ascend into heaven?' (that is, to bring Christ down from above) or, 'Who will descend into the abyss?'" (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). But what does it say? "The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith which we preach): that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

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

(Matthew 8:28-9:3) When He had come to the other side, to the country of the Gergesenes, there met Him two demon-possessed men, coming out of the tombs, exceedingly fierce, so that no one could pass that way. And suddenly they cried out, saying, "What have we to do with You, Jesus, You Son of God? Have You come here to torment us before the time?" Now a good way off from them there was a herd of many swine feeding. So the demons begged Him, saying, "If You cast us out, permit us to go away into the herd of swine." And He said to them, "Go." So when they had come out, they went into the herd of swine. And suddenly the whole herd of swine ran violently down the steep place into the sea, and perished in the water. Then those who kept them fled; and they went away into the city and told everything, including what had happened to the demon-possessed men. And behold, the whole city came out to meet Jesus. And when they saw Him, they begged Him to depart from their region. So He got into a boat, crossed over, and came to His own city.

Communion Hymn

Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest! *(Ps. 148:1)*
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Candle Offerings - Sunday, July 28, 2024

Vigils in Altar - Windowsill (2)

In Memory Of Parents, Offered by Victoria Dimonie

Vigils in Altar - Table of Oblation (2)

In Memory Of Philip Stefanov

Votives in Altar

In Memory Of Stephen Chomko, Offered by The Pasquel Family

Votives in Iconostas

In Memory Of Walter Wallitsch, Offered by Greg & Rosalie Radio

Crosses

Happy Birthday Nicholas Bzik, Offered by Mommy, Daddy & Lydia

Vigils on the Tetrapod (2)

Safe Travels for Parents, Offered by The Lungu Family

Vigils on Icon Table (2)

For Health Of Radu, Offered by The Lungu Family

Vigils - Icon of the Virgin Mary (2)

Happy Birthday Emily Strausser, Offered by Baba & PaPa

Votives - Icon of the Virgin Mary

In Memory Of Philip Stefanov

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

In Memory Of Helen Lackatos, Offered by Barb, Kyra & Gregory

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Vigils on South Wall Window Sill (3)

Happy Birthday Nicholas Bzik, Offered by The Hodson Family

Vigils on North Wall Window Sill (3)

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

Vigil of St. Michael (1)

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

Flowers to Adorn the Icon of Procession of the Cross

In Thanksgiving, Offered by The Heitzenrater Family

Special Parish Meeting Notice - August 18, 2024

A Special Parish Meeting will be held on Sunday, August 18, 2024. The meeting will be held in the church hall immediately following the Divine Liturgy. The Meeting Agenda is attached for review.

According to the bylaws of St. Nicholas Russian Orthodox Church of Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, the required quorum for a parish meeting is the attendance of at least 25% of voting members in good standing. A quorum must be maintained throughout the meeting. If a quorum is not present, the meeting shall then be rescheduled by the Parish Council in consultation with the Rector, at which time the members present will constitute a quorum.

Special Parish Meeting Agenda **August 18, 2024**

Opening

Prayer

Current Business

Presentation of Investment Committee's recommendation for Endowment Fund portfolio allocation

Presentation of Parish Council's recommendation for Fire Safety System

Discussion

Open Discussion

Meeting Conclusion

Prayer and Adjournment

Blessing of Vehicles

The blessing of vehicles will be TODAY, Sunday, July 28th, following the Divine Liturgy. Feel free to bring your car, truck, bike, or motorcycle for the blessing.

Let's Have A Card Shower!

Mrs. Nancy Sabol is turning 80 on August 5th!
Let's all send her cards to celebrate this milestone birthday! Mail cards to:

Mrs. Nancy Sabol
2443 Black River Road
Apartment 4
Bethlehem, PA 18015

A Note of Thanks

Dear Parish Family,

I've been remiss in thanking you for joining me, David and Gabriel in celebrating my 60th birthday a few Sundays ago. Thank you for your good wishes. My breakfast celebration with you was the start of a wonderful birthday. Thank you also for your generous donations toward the church's Bell Restoration Fund. We collected \$514. God bless you and keep you.

With love in christ,
Karen Gowarty

Transfiguration - Blessing of Fruit

The blessing of fruit will be on August 6, 2024, following the Divine Liturgy. Feel free to bring fruit for the blessing.

Upcoming Coffee Hour - August 11, 2024

On Sunday, August 11, 2024, Deacon Geoffrey LoBalbo will be hosting coffee hour in memory of Matushka Marianne LoBalbo. All proceeds from the coffee hour collection will be put towards the St. Nicholas bell repair project. Please plan to give generously in Matushka Marianne's Memory

A Note of Thanks

A very special thank you for the generous donations for St Theodosius Cathedral. \$3,437 was collected at the coffee hour and \$563 was donated by the Pierogi Workers for a total of \$4,000.00 for the Cathedral Restoration. May God grant all of us many, many blessed years.

Sarah Jubinski.

Updated Pierogi Schedule

NO PIEROGI MAKING July 29, 30, 31

Back to making August 5, 6, 7

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

Media Opt-Out Information

As many of you know, from time to time we (St. Nicholas Church) record, photograph or videotape various events and activities that reflect an active parish. These pieces of communication may be published on our website, in our bulletin, on our social media page, on the OCA website, or used on other printed material. Some people may choose not to have their photos used and if you are among them, we ask that you fill-out the Media Opt-Out Form that can be found at the information table outside the church hall. Please return it to the church administrative assistant so that we may have a copy on file. If you are okay with the use of media, you do not have to do anything. Thank you.

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, Radu Lungu, 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, Sandra Wyslutsky

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.