

Divine Liturgy

Sunday, August 4, 2024

6th Sunday after Pentecost

Holy Seven Youths ("Seven Sleepers") of Ephesus



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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 August 4, 2024

6th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – Tone 5. Holy Seven Youths (“Seven Sleepers”) of Ephesus: Maximilian, Jamblicus, Martinian, John, Dionysius, Exacustodian (Constantine), and Antoninus (250). Martyr Eudoxia of Persia (362-364). Martyr Eleutherius of Constantinople (4th c.).

Fr. Nikolai’s Office Hours

Tuesday, August 6th – Fr. Nikolai’s Day Off
Wednesday, August 7th – 12:00 pm – 5:00 pm
Friday, August 9th – 9:00 am – 2:00 pm

Coffee Hour Today

Coffee hour today will be hosted by The Radio and Roman Families
All proceeds from the coffee hour collection will be put towards the
St. Nicholas bell repair project.

Weekly & Upcoming Calendar

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

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 (*Please note this is one week later than usual*)

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 6:00 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
Wednesday, August 28	6:00 pm - Great Vespers
Thursday, August 29	The Beheading of John The Baptist 8:50 am - Reading of the Hours 9:00 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 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

Updated Pierogi Schedule

Back to making August 5, 6, 7 & August 12, 13, 14
ALL HANDS ON DECK!!! We have lots to make to prepare for the
Halupki Dinner in addition to regular sales

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

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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 Troparion *(Holy Youths)*

Thy seven holy martyrs, O Lord, through their sufferings have received incorruptible crowns from Thee, our God. For having Thy strength, they laid low their adversaries, and shattered the powerless boldness of demons. Through their intercession, save our souls!

Tone 5 Kontakion *(Resurrection)*

Thou didst descend into hell, O my Savior, shattering its gates as Almighty, resurrecting the dead as Creator, and destroying the sting of death. Thou hast delivered Adam from the curse, O Lover of man, and we cry to Thee: "O Lord, save us!"

Tone 4 Kontakion *(Holy Youths)*

The Seven Holy Youths renounced the perishing comforts of this world, preferring the eternal things of Heaven. They were incorrupt after death and rose from the dead and buried the snares of the devils! O faithful, let us then honor them, singing a hymn of praise to Christ!

Tone 5 Prokeimenon *(Resurrection)*

Thou, O Lord, shalt protect us and preserve us from this generation forever.
(Ps. 11:7)

Save me, O Lord, for there is no longer any that is godly! (Ps. 11:1a)

Epistle

Read by David Metz

(Romans 12:6-14) Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, let us prophesy in proportion to our faith; or ministry, let us use it in our ministering; he who teaches, in teaching; he who exhorts, in exhortation; he who gives, with liberality; he who leads, with diligence; he who shows mercy, with cheerfulness. Let love be without hypocrisy. Abhor what is evil. Cling to what is good. Be kindly affectionate to one another with brotherly love, in honor giving preference to one another; not lagging in diligence, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord; rejoicing in hope, patient in tribulation, continuing steadfastly in prayer; distributing to the needs of the saints, given to hospitality. Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse.

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

(Matthew 9:1-8) So He got into a boat, crossed over, and came to His own city. Then behold, they brought to Him a paralytic lying on a bed. When Jesus saw their faith, He said to the paralytic, "Son, be of good cheer; your sins are forgiven you." And at once some of the scribes said within themselves, "This Man blasphemes!" But Jesus, knowing their thoughts, said, "Why do you think evil in your hearts? For which is easier, to say, 'Your sins are forgiven you,' or to say, 'Arise and walk'? But that you may know that the Son of Man has power on earth to forgive sins" - then He said to the paralytic, "Arise, take up your bed, and go to your house." And he arose and departed to his house. Now when the multitudes saw it, they marveled and glorified God, who had given such power to men.

Communion Hymn

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

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Candle Offerings - Sunday, August 4, 2024

Vigils in Altar - Windowsill (2)

Happy Birthday Nancy Sabol, Offered by Elizabeth Sabol

Vigils in Altar - Table of Oblation (2)

In Memory Of Philip Stefanov, Offered by Boris and Marietta

Vigils in Altar - Side Table (2)

Happy Birthday Nick Roman, Offered by Barb, Alex & Greg Roman

Votives in Altar

Happy Anniversary Greg & Rosalie, Offered by Radio & Tomsic Families

Votives in Iconostas

Happy Anniversary Greg & Rosalie, Offered by Ethan, Owen, Talia & Jones

Vigil in Side Candle Holders (2)

Happy Birthday Nicholas Bzik, Offered by The Lezinsky's

Crosses

In Memory Of Anna Hutz, Offered by Ann Marie & Barry Bretz

Vigils on the Tetrapod (2)

In Memory Of Peter Kohudic

Vigils on Icon Table (2)

In Memory Of Peter Kohudic

Vigils - Icon of the Virgin Mary (2)

In Memory Of Peter Kohudic

Votives - Icon of the Virgin Mary

In Memory Of Philip Stefanov, Offered by Family

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

Happy Birthday Yuri Guanowsky, Offered by Glenn, Carol & Taras

Votives - Icon of St. John the Baptist

For Health Of Radu, Offered by The Lungu Family

Vigils on South Wall Window Sill (3)

Happy Birthday Nancy Sabol, Offered by Elizabeth Sabol

Vigils of St. Gregory (1)

Happy Birthday Grandma Nancy Sabol, Offered by The Hodson Family

Vigils of St. Paul (1)

Happy Birthday Yuri Guanowsky, Offered by Glenn, Carol & Taras

Vigils on North Wall Window Sill (3)

Happy Birthday Nancy Sabol, Offered by Elizabeth Sabol

Vigil of St. Michael (1)

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

Vigil of St. Andrew (1)

In Memory Of Dolores Witherspoon, Offered by Patty Felix

Flowers to Adorn the Icon of the Transfiguration of Our Lord

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

Urgent - We Need Cakes!!!

Our Halupki Dinner is coming up on Saturday, August 17 and we need our wonderful parish bakers to help us to provide the delicious desserts that St. Nicholas is known for. Please drop off cakes on Friday, August 16 between 1:00 pm and 6:00 pm or on Saturday, August 17 from 7:00 am to 9:00 am. If you have any questions, please see Pat Grammes.

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

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.

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.

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HALUPKI DINNER

AUGUST 17
3 PM - 6 PM

*Like a
well-oiled
machine, we'll
be ready to
serve you!*

EAT IN OR TAKE OUT

\$12

DINNER INCLUDES:

2 Halupki, 2 Pierogi, Fresh Green Beans, Roll and Homemade Dessert

We are prepared to serve 500 meals.



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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, 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 Witanek, 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.