

Divine Liturgy

Sunday, August 11, 2024

7th Sunday after Pentecost

Afterfeast of the Transfiguration

Holy Martyr and Archdeacon Euplus of Catania



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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 August 4, 2024

7th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – Tone 6. Afterfeast of the Transfiguration. Holy Martyr and Archdeacon Euplus (Euplius) of Catania (304). Martyrs Basil and Theodore of the Kiev Caves (Near Caves–1098). St. Theodosius (Prince Theodore of Ostrog) of the Kiev Caves (Far Caves–1438). Virgin Martyr Susanna and those with her: Martyrs Gaius, Pope of Rome, Presbyter Gabinus, his brother and the father of Susanna, Maximus, Claudius, and his wife Praepedigna and their sons Alexander and Cutias (295-296). St. Néphon, Patriarch of Constantinople (Mt. Athos–1515).

Fr. Nikolai's Office Hours

Monday, August 12th - Fr. Nikolai's Day Off
Wednesday, August 14th - 12:00 pm - 5:00 pm
Friday, August 16th - 9:00 am - 2:00 pm

Coffee Hour Today

Today, 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.

Weekly & Upcoming Calendar

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

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

Saturday, August 24
Sunday, August 25

9:10 am - Reading of the Hours
9:30 am - Divine Liturgy
5:00 pm - Great Vespers

9th Sunday After Pentecost

9:10 am - Reading of the Hours
9:30 am - Divine Liturgy
6:00 pm - Great Vespers

Wednesday, August 28
Thursday, August 29

The Beheading of John The Baptist

8:50 am - Reading of the Hours
9:00 am - Divine Liturgy
5:00 pm - Great Vespers

Saturday, August 31
Sunday, September 1

10th Sunday After Pentecost

9:10 am - Reading of the Hours
9:30 am - Divine Liturgy

Updated Pierogi Schedule

Pierogi Making August 12, 13, 14,
August 19, 20, 21
August 26, 27, 28

NO pierogi making September 2, 3, 4

Pierogi Making September 9, 10, 11
September 16, 17, 18
September 23, 24, 25

September 30, October 1, 2

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 6 Troparion *(Resurrection)*

The Angelic Powers were at Thy tomb; the guards became as dead men. Mary stood by Thy grave, seeking Thy most pure body. Thou didst capture hell not being tempted by it. Thou didst come to the Virgin, granting life. O Lord, Who didst rise from the dead, glory to Thee.

Tone 7 Troparion *(Feast)*

Thou wast transfigured on the mountain, O Christ God, revealing Thy glory to Thy Disciples as far as they could bear it. Let Thine everlasting Light also shine upon us sinners, through the prayers of the Theotokos! O Giver of Light, glory to Thee!

Tone 4 Troparion *(St. Euplus)*

Thy holy martyr Euplus, O Lord, through his sufferings has received an incorruptible crown from Thee, our God. For having Thy strength, he laid low his adversaries, and shattered the powerless boldness of demons. Through his intercession, save our souls!

Tone 6 Kontakion *(Resurrection)*

When Christ God, the Giver of Life, raised all of the dead from the valleys of misery with His mighty hand, He bestowed resurrection on the human race. He is the Savior of all, the Resurrection, the Life, and the God of all.

Tone 1 Kontakion (St. Euplus)

With the love of Christ as thine only defense, thou didst stand in the midst of thy fight and didst say: "I endure this struggle willingly and with confidence!" Thou didst rejoice, O Euplus, to offer thy head to the sword and so thou didst complete thy course.

Tone 7 Kontakion (Feast)

On the mountain Thou wast transfigured, O Christ God, and Thy Disciples beheld Thy glory as far as they could see it; so that when they would behold Thee crucified, they would understand that Thy suffering was voluntary, and would proclaim to the world that Thou art truly the Radiance of the Father.

Tone 6 Prokeimenon (Resurrection)

O Lord, save Thy people, and bless Thine inheritance! (*Ps. 27:9a*)

To Thee, O Lord, will I call. O my God, be not silent to me! (Ps. 27:1a)

Tone 4 Prokeimenon (Feast)

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

Epistle

Read by Aurora Mascari

(Romans 15:1-7) We then who are strong ought to bear with the scruples of the weak, and not to please ourselves. Let each of us please his neighbor for his good, leading to edification. For even Christ did not please Himself; but as it is written, "The reproaches of those who reproached You fell on Me." For whatever things were written before were written for our learning, that we through the

patience and comfort of the Scriptures might have hope. Now may the God of patience and comfort grant you to be like-minded toward one another, according to Christ Jesus, that you may with one mind and one mouth glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore receive one another, just as Christ also received us, to the glory of God.

Tone 6

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

He who dwelleth in the shelter of the Most High will abide in the shadow of the heavenly God. (Ps. 90:1)

He will say to the Lord: "My Protector and my Refuge; my God, in Whom I trust." (Ps. 90:2)

Tone 8

The heavens are Thine, the earth also is Thine! (Ps. 88:11a)

Gospel

(Matthew 9:27-35) When Jesus departed from there, two blind men followed Him, crying out and saying, "Son of David, have mercy on us!" And when He had come into the house, the blind men came to Him. And Jesus said to them, "Do you believe that I am able to do this?" They said to Him, "Yes, Lord." Then He touched their eyes, saying, "According to your faith let it be to you." And their eyes were opened. And Jesus sternly warned them, saying, "See that no one knows it." But when they had departed, they spread the news about Him in all that country. As they went out, behold, they brought to Him a man, mute and demon-possessed. And when the demon was cast out, the mute spoke. And the multitudes marveled, saying, "It was never seen like this in Israel!" But the

Pharisees said, "He casts out demons by the ruler of the demons." Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every sickness and every disease among the people.

(Instead of "It is truly meet...", we sing:)

Tone 4

Magnify, O my soul, the Lord Who was transfigured on Mount Tabor!

Thy childbearing was without corruption; God came forth from thy body clothed in flesh, and appeared on earth and dwelt among men. Therefore we all magnify thee, O Theotokos.

Communion Hymn

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

O Lord, we will walk in the light of Thy countenance, and will exult in Thy Name forever. *(Ps. 88:15)*

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Candle Offerings - Sunday, August 11, 2024

Vigils in Altar - Windowsill (2)

Happy Birthday Adeline Stepanoff, Offered by Godmother Lori

Vigils in Altar - Table of Oblation (2)

In Memory of Philip Stefanov, Offered by Family

Vigils in Altar - Side Table (2)

In Honor Of Peter Lezinsky, Offered by Mom & Dad

Votives in Iconostas

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

Vigil in Side Candle Holders (2)

In Memory of Dolores Witherspoon, Offered by Patty Felix

Crosses

In Memory Of Josephine Bretz, Offered by Barry & Ann Marie Bretz

Vigils on the Tetrapod (2)

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

Vigils on Icon Table (2)

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

Vigils - Icon of the Virgin Mary (2)

In Memory Of Esther & Albert Kiechel, Offered by Michael & Francine Slivka

Votives - Icon of the Virgin Mary

In Memory Of Philip Stefanov, Offered by Family

Flowers to Adorn the Icon of The Dormition of the Theotokos

In Memory Of Mary Stetz, Offered by Pat & Tom

The Dormition of our Most Holy Lady the Theotokos and Ever Virgin Mary

Concerning the Dormition of the Theotokos, this is what the Church has received from ancient times from the tradition of the Fathers. When the time drew nigh that our Savior was well-pleased to take His Mother to Himself, He declared unto her through an Angel that three days hence, He would translate her from this temporal life to eternity and bliss. On hearing this, she went up with haste to the Mount of Olives, where she prayed continuously. Giving thanks to God, she returned to her house and prepared whatever was necessary for her burial. While these things were taking place, clouds caught up the Apostles from the ends of the earth, where each one happened to be preaching, and brought them at once to the house of the Mother of God, who informed them of the cause of their sudden gathering. As a mother, she consoled them in their affliction as was meet, and then raised her hands to Heaven and prayed for the peace of the world. She blessed the Apostles, and, reclining upon her bed with seemliness, gave up her all-holy spirit into the hands of her Son and God.

With reverence and many lights, and chanting burial hymns, the Apostles took up that God-receiving body and brought it to the sepulchre, while the Angels from Heaven chanted with them, and sent forth her who is higher than the Cherubim. But one Jew, moved by malice, audaciously stretched forth his hand upon the bed and immediately received from divine judgment the wages of his audacity. Those daring hands were severed by an invisible blow. But when he repented and asked forgiveness, his hands were restored. When they had reached the place called Gethsemane, they buried there with honor the all-immaculate body of the Theotokos, which was the source of Life. But on the third day after the burial, when they were eating together, and raised up the artos (bread) in Jesus' Name, as was their custom, the Theotokos appeared in the air, saying "Rejoice" to them. From this they learned concerning the bodily translation of the Theotokos into the Heavens.

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.

Welcome Back Children!

Sunday School Begins:

September 8 with a Moleben prayer immediately following Divine Liturgy

September 15 Sunday classes begin just before dismissal

Please see Karen Gowarty if you wish your child/grandchild to be enrolled in our Sunday School program if he/she has not been enrolled before this year. Children must turn 4 by October 1st to begin Sunday School.

Parents - Please also note that we have created an emergency contact form for our students. Please stop by the candle desk and fill out a form for each child enrolled in the Sunday School program. Thank you!

A Note of Thanks

Many thanks to Gordon Roberts, Attorney Scott Steirer and Jennifer Bzik for all of their work over many, many months on the security upgrade projects around the church. Their dedicated efforts are deeply appreciated.

A Note of Thanks

A heartfelt Thank You to all who said prayers for my surgery and subsequent recovery. All went well, glory be to God, and I am looking forward to being back in church soon.

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Church School Background Checks

In accordance with Diocesan policies and OCA statutes, all adults over the age of 18 who have regular contact with the Church School students must pass a background check.

This includes all parents who join their children in Church School regularly and all Church School teachers.

To get background check started, see Carmen Hodson.

2nd Quarter Treasurer's Report Summary

April 2024	Income:	\$70,749.60
	Expenses:	\$22,352.87
	<u>Net Revenue:</u>	<u>\$48,396.73</u>
May 2024	Income:	\$33,017.26
	Expenses	\$53,624.42
	<u>Net Revenue:</u>	<u>\$(20,607.16)</u>
June 2024	Income:	\$32,543.62
	Expenses:	\$31,789.83
	<u>Net Revenue:</u>	<u>\$753.79</u>

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

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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, Robin Haney, Rachel Hardesty, Artemiy Hartman, Kalista Hartman, Nicholas Hazzard, Don Holobeny, 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 Wyslutzky

Please remember them and all our homebound and nursing home parishioners in your daily intercessory prayers.