

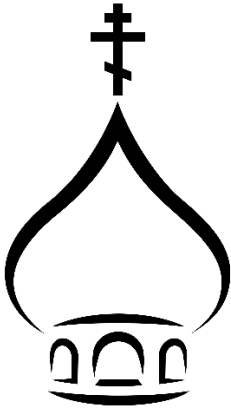
Divine Liturgy

Sunday, August 18, 2024

8th Sunday after Pentecost

Afterfeast of the Dormition

Martyrs Florus and Laurus of Illyria



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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 11, 2024

8th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – Tone 7. Afterfeast of the Dormition.
Martyrs Florus and Laurus of Illyria (2nd c.). Martyrs Hermes, Serapion and Polyænus, of Rome (2nd c.). Hieromartyr Emilian and with him Martyrs Hilarion, Dionysius, and Hermippus (4th c.). Ss. John (674) and George (683), Patriarchs of Constantinople. Ven. Macarius, Monk. Repose of Ven. John, Abbot of Rila (946). Ven. Sophronius of St. Anne’s Skete (Mt. Athos). Ven. Arsenios of Paros (1877).

Fr. Nikolai’s Office Hours

Monday, August 19th - Fr. Nikolai’s Day Off
Wednesday, August 21st - 12:00 pm - 5:00 pm
Friday, August 23rd - 9:00 am - 2:00 pm

Coffee Hour Today

Coffee Hour today is hosted by Boris Stefanov and Marietta Peytcheva in memory of Philip Stefanov

Weekly & Upcoming Calendar

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

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

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Tone 7 Troparion *(Resurrection)*

By Thy Cross Thou didst destroy death. To the thief Thou didst open Paradise. For the Myrrhbearers Thou didst change weeping into joy, and Thou didst command Thy disciples, O Christ God, to proclaim that Thou art risen, granting the world great mercy.

Tone 1 Troparion *(Feast)*

In giving birth thou didst preserve thy virginity. In falling asleep thou didst not forsake the world, O Theotokos. Thou wast translated to life, O Mother of Life, and by thy prayers thou dost deliver our souls from death.

Tone 4 Troparion *(Martyrs)*

Let us praise as is meet, O faithful, the most comely, radiant and divinely wise martyrs: Most blessed Florus and all-venerable Laurus, who proclaimed to all the uncreated Trinity. Suffering unto bloodshed, they were adorned with brilliant crowns. Entreat Christ our God to save our souls!

Tone 7 Kontakion *(Resurrection)*

The dominion of death can no longer hold men captive, for Christ descended, shattering and destroying its powers. Hell is bound, while the Prophets rejoice and cry: "The Savior has come to those in faith; enter, you faithful, into the Resurrection!"

Tone 8 Kontakion *(Martyrs)*

Today all the world honors in glory the divinely wise Florus and Laurus as pious martyrs who suffered for Christ. Through their prayers may we receive grace and mercy and be delivered from calamity and temptation, and from wrath and sorrow on the Day of Judgment!

Tone 2 Kontakion (*Feast*)

Neither the tomb, nor death, could hold the Theotokos, who is constant in prayer and our firm hope in her intercessions. For being the Mother of Life, she was translated to life by the One Who dwelt in her virginal womb.

Tone 7 Prokeimenon (*Resurrection*)

The Lord shall give strength to His people. The Lord shall bless His people with peace. (*Ps. 28:11*)

Offer to the Lord, O you sons of God! Offer young rams to the Lord! (Ps. 28:1a)

Tone 3 Prokeimenon (*Song of the Theotokos*)

My soul doth magnify the Lord, and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Savior. (*Lk. 1:46-47*)

Epistle

Read by David Metz

(1 Corinthians 1:10-18) Now I plead with you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment. For it has been declared to me concerning you, my brethren, by those of Chloe's household, that there are contentions among you. Now I say this, that each of you says, "I am of Paul," or "I am of Apollos," or "I am of Cephas," or "I am of Christ." Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, lest anyone should say that I had baptized in my own name. Yes, I also baptized the household of Stephanas. Besides, I do not know whether I baptized any other. For Christ did not send me to baptize, but to preach the gospel, not with wisdom of words, lest the cross of Christ should be made of no effect. For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

Tone 7

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

It is good to give thanks to the Lord, to sing praises to Thy Name, O Most High. (Ps. 91:1)

To declare Thy mercy in the morning, and Thy truth by night. (Ps. 91:2a)

Tone 8

Arise, O Lord, into Thy rest, Thou and the Ark of Thy sanctification! (Ps. 131:8)

Gospel

(Matthew 14:14-22) And when Jesus went out He saw a great multitude; and He was moved with compassion for them, and healed their sick. When it was evening, His disciples came to Him, saying, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is already late. Send the multitudes away, that they may go into the villages and buy themselves food." But Jesus said to them, "They do not need to go away. You give them something to eat." And they said to Him, "We have here only five loaves and two fish." He said, "Bring them here to Me." Then He commanded the multitudes to sit down on the grass. And He took the five loaves and the two fish, and looking up to heaven, He blessed and broke and gave the loaves to the disciples; and the disciples gave to the multitudes. So they all ate and were filled, and they took up twelve baskets full of the fragments that remained. Now those who had eaten were about five thousand men, besides women and children. Immediately Jesus made His disciples get into the boat and go before Him to the other side, while He sent the multitudes away.

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

The Angels, as they looked upon the Dormition of the Virgin, were struck with wonder, seeing how the Virgin went up from earth to heaven. The limits of nature are overcome in thee, O Pure Virgin: for birthgiving remains virginal, and life is united to death; a virgin after childbearing and alive after death, thou dost ever save thine inheritance, O Theotokos.

Communion Hymn

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

I will receive the cup of salvation and call on the Name of the Lord. *(Ps. 115:4)*

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Candle Offerings - Sunday, August 18, 2024

Vigils in Altar - Windowsill (2)

In Memory Of Michael Stafiniak, Offered by Dorothy Stafiniak

Vigils in Altar - Table of Oblation (2)

In Memory Of Michael Stafiniak, Offered by Dorothy Stafiniak

Vigils in Altar - Side Table (2)

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

Votives in Altar

In Memory Of Philip Stefanov, Offered by His Family

Votives in Iconostas

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

Crosses

For Health Of Leah Roberts, Offered by Mommy, Daddy, Liliana & Nathan

Vigils on the Tetrapod (2)

For Health Of Leah Roberts

Offered by Uncle Matt, Aunt Jess, Uncle Alex, Aunt Megan, Emily, Evie, Hannah

Vigils on Icon Table (2)

For Health Of Leah Roberts, Offered by Baba & Papa

Vigils - Icon of the Virgin Mary (2)

Happy Birthday Natalie Slivka, Offered by Michael & Francine Slivka

Votives - Icon of the Virgin Mary

In Memory Of Dolores Witherspoon, Offered by Patty Felix

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

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

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Updated Pierogi Schedule

Pierogi Making 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

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

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

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who sent birthday cards to mom for her 80th birthday. She was delighted to receive so many well wishes! It's wonderful that she has such a generous and supportive church family. We both appreciated the kindness and thoughtfulness that you showed her, despite her not being able to attend services and events like she used to. Thank you again for making her 80th birthday something special for both of us.

Elizabeth A. Sabol for Nancy A. Sabol

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

THE 7 ECUMENICAL COUNCILS

5 ZOOM LECTURES

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

6:00 PM - SESSION #1

WHAT ARE THE ECUMENICAL COUNCILS?

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

6:00 PM - SESSION #2

COUNCILS 1 - 3

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

6:00 PM - SESSION #3

COUNCILS 4 - 6

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 2

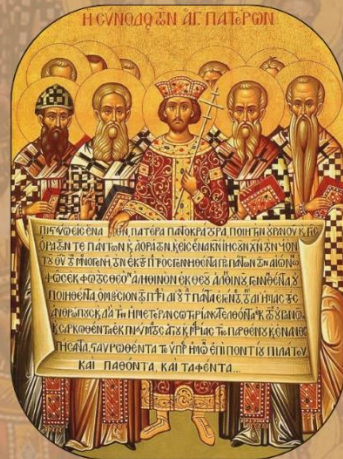
6:00 PM - SESSION #4

THE 7TH COUNCIL (ICONOCLASM)

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 9

6:00 PM - SESSION #5 (FINAL)

ARE THERE REALLY ONLY 7 ECUMENICAL COUNCILS?



**COMING WEDNESDAYS, STARTING
SEPTEMBER 11TH - AT 6:00 PM**

ZOOM ONLY!

**TO REGISTER, PLEASE VISIT:
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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.