

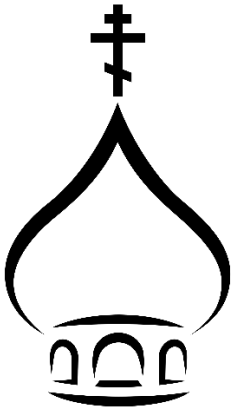
# **Divine Liturgy**

Sunday, August 25, 2024

**9th Sunday after Pentecost**

**Return of the Relics of the Apostle Bartholomew  
from Anastasiopolis to Lipari**

**Holy Apostle Titus of the Seventy, Bishop of Crete**



**SAINT NICHOLAS**  
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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 25, 2024

**9th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – Tone 8.** Return of the Relics of the Apostle Bartholomew from Anastasiopolis to Lipari (6th c.). Holy Apostle Titus of the Seventy, Bishop of Crete (1st c.). Ss. Barse and Eulogius, Bishops of Edessa, and St. Protogenes, Bishop of Carrhæ, Confessors (4th c.). St. Menas, Patriarch of Constantinople (536-552).

## Fr. Nikolai's Office Hours

Monday, August 26<sup>th</sup> - Fr. Nikolai's Day Off  
Wednesday, August 28<sup>th</sup> - 12:00 pm - 5:00 pm

## Coffee Hour Today

Coffee Hour today is hosted by The Heitzenrater Family  
In Honor of Aemelia's Graduation

## Weekly & Upcoming Calendar

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

<b>Tuesday, August 27</b>	7:00 pm - Parish Council Meeting
<b>Wednesday, August 28</b>	6:00 pm - Great Vespers
<b>Thursday, August 29</b>	<b>The Beheading of John The Baptist</b> 8:50 am - Reading of the Hours 9:00 am - Divine Liturgy
<b>Saturday, August 31</b>	5:00 pm - Great Vespers
<b>Sunday, September 1</b>	<b>10<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost</b> 9:10 am - Reading of the Hours 9:30 am - Divine Liturgy
<b>Thursday, September 4</b>	9:00 am - Akathist to the Theotokos, Nurturer of Children
<b>Saturday, September 7</b>	4:30 pm - General Panikhida 5:00 pm - Great Vespers

**Sunday, September 8**      **11<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost, Nativity of the Theotokos**  
9:10 am – Reading of the Hours  
9:30 am – Divine Liturgy

**Friday, September 13**      6:00 pm - Great Vespers

**Saturday, September 14**      **Exaltation of the Cross**  
8:50 am – Reading of the Hours  
9:00 am – Divine Liturgy  
5:00 pm - Great Vespers

**Sunday, September 15**      **12<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost**  
9:10 am – Reading of the Hours  
9:30 am – Divine Liturgy  
5:00 pm - Great Vespers

**Saturday, September 21**      5:00 pm - Great Vespers

**Sunday, September 22**      **13<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost**  
9:10 am – Reading of the Hours  
9:30 am – Divine Liturgy  
5:00 pm - Great Vespers

**Saturday, September 28**      5:00 pm - Great Vespers

**Sunday, September 29**      **14<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost**  
9:10 am – Reading of the Hours  
9:30 am – Divine Liturgy

## Upcoming Parish Council Meeting

Parish Council Meeting – Tuesday, August 27, 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.

## Updated Pierogi Schedule

Pierogi Making 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.\*\*\**

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**Tone 8      Troparion**                    *(Resurrection)*

Thou didst descend from on high, O Merciful One! Thou didst accept the three day burial to free us from our sufferings! O Lord, our Life and Resurrection, glory to Thee!

**Tone 3      Troparion**                    *(Apostles)*

Holy Apostles Bartholomew and Titus, entreat the merciful God, to grant our souls forgiveness of transgressions!

**Tone 8      Kontakion**                    *(Resurrection)*

By rising from the tomb, Thou didst raise the dead and resurrect Adam. Eve exults in Thy Resurrection, and the world celebrates Thy rising from the dead, O greatly Merciful One!

**Tone 4      Kontakion**                    *(St. Bartholomew)*

Thou hast appeared to the universe as a great sun, shining with the radiance of thy teachings and awesome miracles. Thou dost enlighten those who honor thee, O Apostle of the Lord, Bartholomew.

**Tone 2      Kontakion**                    *(St. Titus)*

Titus, worthy of all praise and preacher of Christ's mysteries, thou wast Paul's companion, and with him taught us the doctrine of God. Therefore we cry out to thee: "Never cease to intercede for the sake of us all!"

**Tone 8      Prokeimenon      (Resurrection)**

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

**(1 Corinthians 3:9-17)** For we are God's fellow workers; you are God's field, you are God's building. According to the grace of God which was given to me, as a wise master builder I have laid the foundation, and another builds on it. But let each one take heed how he builds on it. For no other foundation can anyone lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ. Now if anyone builds on this foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw, each one's work will become clear; for the Day will declare it, because it will be revealed by fire; and the fire will test each one's work, of what sort it is. If anyone's work which he has built on it endures, he will receive a reward. If anyone's work is burned, he will suffer loss; but he himself will be saved, yet so as through fire. Do you not know that you are the temple of God and that the Spirit of God dwells in you? If anyone defiles the temple of God, God will destroy him. For the temple of God is holy, which temple you are.

**Tone 8**

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

*Come, let us rejoice in the Lord! Let us make a joyful noise to God our Savior! (Ps. 94:1)*

*Let us come before His face with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise! (Ps. 94:2)*

## **Gospel**

**(Matthew 14:22-34)** Immediately Jesus made His disciples get into the boat and go before Him to the other side, while He sent the multitudes away. And when He had sent the multitudes away, He went up on the mountain by Himself to pray. Now when evening came, He was alone there. But the boat was now in the middle of the sea, tossed by the waves, for the wind was contrary. Now in the fourth watch of the night Jesus went to them, walking on the sea. And when the disciples saw Him walking on the sea, they were troubled, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out for fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying, "Be of good cheer! It is I; do not be afraid." And Peter answered Him and said, "Lord, if it is You, command me to come to You on the water." So He said, "Come." And when Peter had come down out of the boat, he walked on the water to go to Jesus. But when he saw that the wind was boisterous, he was afraid; and beginning to sink he cried out, saying, "Lord, save me!" And immediately Jesus stretched out His hand and caught him, and said to him, "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?" And when they got into the boat, the wind ceased. Then those who were in the boat came and worshiped Him, saying, "Truly You are the Son of God." When they had crossed over, they came to the land of Gennesaret.

## **Communion Hymn**

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

# **Candle Offerings - Sunday, August 25, 2024**

## **Vigils in Altar - Windowsill (2)**

In Memory Of Archpriest Eugene, Offered by Mat. Fran & Family

## **Vigils in Altar - Table of Oblation (2)**

In Honor of Fr. Alexandros Petrides Names Day  
Offered by Fr. Michael & Mat. Susan

## **Votives in Altar**

In Memory Of Philip Stefanov, Offered by Family

## **Votives in Iconostas**

Happy Anniversary Mom & Dad, Offered by Sophia & Jacob Lezinsky

## **Vigil in Side Candle Holders (2)**

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

## **Crosses**

In Memory of Michael Bretz, Offered by Barry & Ann Marie Bretz

## **Vigils on the Tetrapod (2)**

Happy Birthday Leah Roberts, Offered by Baba & Papa

## **Vigils on Icon Table (2)**

In Honor Of Matthew & Lori Lezinsky, Offered by Mom & Dad

## **Vigils - Icon of the Virgin Mary (2)**

Happy Birthday Alexis Slivka, Offered by Michael & Francine Slivka

## **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**

## **Vigil of St. Michael (1)**

Happy Birthday Fr. Michael Kon, Offered by Mat. Susan Kon



# **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 1<sup>st</sup> 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

## **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.

# 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

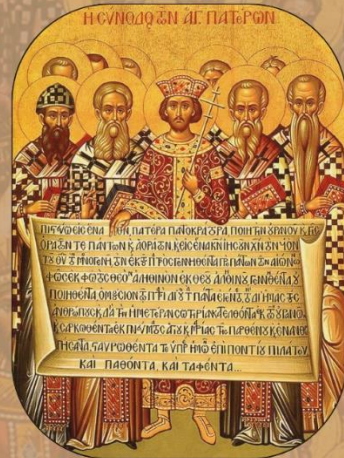
6:00 PM - SESSION #4

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, Tom Grammes, Walter Grigoruk, Robin 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

**Catechumens:** Nicholas Birosik, Jason & Taylor Fogel, John Strom, William Stofko

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