

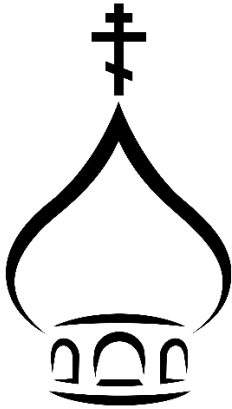
Divine Liturgy

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Church New Year (Indiction)

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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 September 1, 2024

10th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – Tone 1. Church New Year (Indiction). St. Simeon the Stylite (the Elder) and his mother, Ven. Martha (ca. 428). Martyr Aithalas of Persia (380). Holy Forty Women Martyrs and Martyr Ammon the Deacon, their teacher, at Heraclea in Thrace (4th c.). Martyrs Callista and her brothers, Evodius and Hermogenes, at Nicomedia (309). Righteous Joshua the Son of Nun (16th c. B.C.). Synaxis of the Mother of God in the Miasenga Monastery (commemorating the finding of her Icon there–864). “Chernigov-Gethsemane” Icon of the Mother of God (1869).

Fr. Nikolai’s Office Hours

Monday, September 2nd – Fr. Nikolai’s Day Off
Wednesday, September 4th – 12:00 pm – 5:00 pm
Friday, September 6th – 9:00 am – 2:00 pm

Coffee Hour Today

Coffee Hour today is hosted by Sandi Keysock, Lorraine Chromiak & Patty Felix
To benefit the Endowment Fund

Weekly & Upcoming Calendar

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

Thursday, September 5	9:00 am – Akathist to the Theotokos, Nurturer of Children
Saturday, September 7	4:30 pm – General Panikhida 5:00 pm – Great Vespers
Sunday, September 8	11th Sunday After Pentecost, Nativity of the Theotokos 9:10 am – Reading of the Hours 9:30 am – Divine Liturgy

Wednesday, September 11 6:00 pm - Zoom Lecture - The 7 Ecumenical Councils, Session 1 of 5

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 **12th Sunday After Pentecost**
9:10 am - Reading of the Hours
9:30 am - Divine Liturgy

Wednesday, September 18 6:00 pm - Zoom Lecture - The 7 Ecumenical Councils, Session 2 of 5

Saturday, September 21 5:00 pm - Great Vespers

Sunday, September 22 **13th Sunday After Pentecost**
9:10 am - Reading of the Hours
9:30 am - Divine Liturgy

Wednesday, September 25 6:00 pm - Zoom Lecture - The 7 Ecumenical Councils, Session 3 of 5

Saturday, September 28 5:00 pm - Great Vespers

Sunday, September 29 **14th Sunday After Pentecost**
9:10 am - Reading of the Hours
9:30 am - Divine Liturgy

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Tone 1 Troparion *(Resurrection)*

When the stone had been sealed by the Jews, while the soldiers were guarding Thy most pure body, Thou didst rise on the third day, O Savior, granting life to the world. The powers of heaven therefore cried to Thee, O Giver of Life: "Glory to Thy Resurrection, O Christ! Glory to Thy Kingdom! Glory to Thy dispensation, O Thou Who lovest mankind!"

Tone 2 Troparion *(Indiction)*

O Creator of the Universe, Thou didst appoint times by Thine own power; bless the crown of this year with Thy goodness, O Lord! Preserve in safety Thy rulers and Thy cities: and through the intercessions of the Theotokos, save us!

Tone 1 Kontakion *(Resurrection)*

As God, Thou didst rise from the tomb in glory, raising the world with Thyself. Human nature praises Thee as God, for death has vanished. Adam exults, O Master! Eve rejoices, for she is freed from bondage and cries to Thee: "Thou art the Giver of Resurrection to all, O Christ!"

Tone 4 Kontakion *(Indiction)*

O Creator and Master of time and the ages, Triune and Merciful God of all: grant blessings for the course of this year, and in Thy boundless mercy save those who worship Thee and cry out in fear: "O Savior, grant blessings to all mankind!"

Tone 3 Prokeimenon *(Indiction)*

Great is our Lord, and abundant in power, His understanding is beyond measure. *(Ps. 146:5)*

Praise the Lord! For it is good to sing praises to our God! (Ps. 146:1)

Epistle

Read by Reader Nicholas Lezinsky

(1 Timothy 2:1-7 (Indiction)) Therefore I exhort first of all that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks be made for all men, for kings and all who are in authority, that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and reverence. For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God and one Mediator between God and men, the Man Christ Jesus, who gave Himself a ransom for all, to be testified in due time, for which I was appointed a preacher and an apostle – I am speaking the truth in Christ and not lying – a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

(1 Corinthians 4:9-16) For I think that God has displayed us, the apostles, last, as men condemned to death; for we have been made a spectacle to the world, both to angels and to men. We are fools for Christ's sake, but you are wise in Christ! We are weak, but you are strong! You are distinguished, but we are dishonored! To the present hour we both hunger and thirst, and we are poorly clothed, and beaten, and homeless. And we labor, working with our own hands. Being reviled, we bless; being persecuted, we endure; being defamed, we entreat. We have been made as the filth of the world, the offscouring of all things until now. I do not write these things to shame you, but as my beloved children I warn you. For though you might have ten thousand instructors in Christ, yet you do not have many fathers; for in Christ Jesus I have begotten you through the gospel. Therefore I urge you, imitate me.

Tone 4

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

*Praise is due to Thee, O God, in Zion, and to Thee shall vows be performed.
(Ps. 64:1)*

Bless the crown of the year with Thy goodness, O Lord! (Ps. 64:12a)

Tone 4

Blessed is the man who fears the Lord, who greatly delights in His commandments. (Ps. 111:1)

Gospel

(Luke 4:16-22 (Indiction)) So He came to Nazareth, where He had been brought up. And as His custom was, He went into the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and stood up to read. And He was handed the book of the prophet Isaiah. And when He had opened the book, He found the place where it was written: "The Spirit of the LORD is upon Me, because He has anointed Me to preach the gospel to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed; to proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD." Then He closed the book, and gave it back to the attendant and sat down. And the eyes of all who were in the synagogue were fixed on Him. And He began to say to them, "Today this Scripture is fulfilled in your hearing." So all bore witness to Him, and marveled at the gracious words which proceeded out of His mouth. And they said, "Is this not Joseph's son?"

(Matthew 17:14-23) And when they had come to the multitude, a man came to Him, kneeling down to Him and saying, "Lord, have mercy on my son, for he is an epileptic and suffers severely; for he often falls into the fire and often into the water. So I brought him to Your disciples, but they could not cure him." Then Jesus answered and said, "O faithless and perverse generation, how long shall I be with you? How long shall I bear with you? Bring him here to Me." And Jesus rebuked the demon, and it came out of him; and the child was cured from that very hour. Then the disciples came to Jesus privately and said, "Why could we not cast it out?" So Jesus said to them, "Because of your unbelief; for assuredly, I say to you, if you have faith as a mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move; and nothing will be impossible for you. However, this kind does not go out except by prayer and fasting." Now while they were staying in Galilee, Jesus said to them, "The Son of Man is about to be betrayed into the hands of men, and they will kill Him, and the third day He will be raised up." And they were exceedingly sorrowful.

Communion Hymn

Thou shalt bless the crown of the year with Thy goodness, O Lord! (*Ps. 64:12a*)
The righteous shall be in everlasting remembrance! He shall not fear evil tidings! (*Ps. 111:6*)
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Candle Offerings - Sunday, September 1, 2024

Vigils in Altar - Windowsill (2)

In Memory Of Philip Stefanov, Offered by Family

Vigils in Altar - Table of Oblation (2)

In Memory Of Dr. Julius Herz, Offered by Peter & Sarah Jubinski

Vigils in Altar - Side Table (2)

In Memory Of Dr. Julius Herz, Offered by Dan & Jean Jubinski

Votives in Altar

Happy Birthday Dan Jubinski, Offered by Jean, Peter & Sarah

Votives in Iconostas

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

Vigil in Side Candle Holders (2)

Happy 1st Anniversary Becky & Jerry Volkert
Offered by Gordon & Valerie Roberts

Crosses

Happy Birthday Dan Jubinski, Offered by Barry & Ann Marie

Vigils on the Tetrapod (2)

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

Vigils on Icon Table (2)

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

Vigils - Icon of the Virgin Mary (2)

Happy Anniversary Peter & Jamee Slivka, Offered by Francine & Michael Slivka

Votives - Icon of the Virgin Mary

In Memory Of Philip Stefanov, Offered by Family

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

For Health Of Radu, Offered by Barry & Ann Marie

Votives - Icon of St. John the Baptist

For Health Of Ryan Roberts, Offered by Uncle Gordon & Aunt Val

Vigils on South Wall Window Sill (3)

For Health Of Ruth Fink, Offered by Gordon & Val Roberts

Vigils of St. Gregory (1)

In Memory Of Dennis Chrush, Offered by Judy & Nick

Vigils of St. Paul (1)

In Memory Of Dennis Chrush, Offered by Judy & Nick

Vigils on North Wall Window Sill (3)

In Memory Of Dennis Chrush, Offered by Judy & Nick

Vigil of St. Michael (1)

In Memory of Lynn Chrush, Offered by Judy & Nick

Vigil of St. Andrew (1)

In Memory Of Lynn Chrush, Offered by Judy & Nick

Thoughts for the New Year - A Time for Renewal

The first day of the New Year is a traditional time we evaluate our past and set new goals for the coming year. Often we couch these as “resolutions.” We commit to losing weight, exercising more, improving our business and so forth. We might even commit ourselves to reading the Scriptures every day or making a commitment to daily prayer or regularly attending church and participating in the fasts and sacraments regularly. These efforts to seek to better our life physically and spiritually are important. Yet there are only a few such resolutions that last more than a few weeks.

Why is this? Simply because we don't set out to make a habit out of what we commit to, making them part of our normal life routine. We are so influenced by our culture that we expect instant results. We are impatient, too used to comfort, and quickly tire of things that require discipline and hard work. But if we truly seek to be an Orthodox Christian we must do both of these. This is what the Orthodox way of life is all about. Our spiritual growth does not come without effort and discipline. This is how the apostle Peter puts it: Make every effort to add to your faith goodness; and to goodness, knowledge; and to knowledge, self-control; and to self-control, perseverance; and to perseverance, godliness; and to godliness, brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness, love (2 Peter 1:5-7).

Being an Orthodox Christian is about a way of life. We must seek to live in a way that we become the “aroma of Christ” to our surroundings (2 Cor 2:15). This means that we must develop a presence that influences others by our way of living and acting.

This is a good time to review the following ten principles of an Orthodox Way of life and reflect on our own life style. asking what changes do I need to make to improve my “aroma.”

1. Praying Daily: Have a regular prayer rule that includes morning and evening prayer.
2. Worshiping and Participating in Sacraments: Attend and participate in the Divine Liturgy receiving Holy Communion regularly as well as regular participation in Confession.

3. Honoring the Liturgical Cycle of the Church: Follow the seasons of the church and participate in the fasts and feasts of the Church.
4. Using the Jesus Prayer: Repeat the Holy name whenever possible throughout the day or night.
5. Slowing Down and Ordering Your Life: Set priorities and reduce the stress and friction caused by a hurried life.
6. Being Watchful: Give full attention to what you are doing at the moment.
7. Taming the Passions: Overcome your habits, attachment to your likes and dislikes, and learn to practice the virtues.. Putting Others First: Free yourself from your selfishness and find joy in helping others.
9. Spiritual Fellowship: Spend time regularly with other Orthodox Christians for support and inspiration.:
10. Reading the Scriptures and Holy Fathers: Be inspired by the lessons of the Holy Scriptures, the wisdom of the Holy Fathers and the lives of the Saints of the Church.

The starting point is always prayer coupled with regular participation in the Divine Liturgy and regular preparation and partaking of Holy Communion. Fasting and the practice of the Jesus prayer can help build the necessary discipline and a attitude of repentance where we are constantly asking for God's mercy and help.

If you seek spiritual enrichment in the coming year, then don't let yourself fall into a dull slumber of inattention to what really matters. Engage yourself in your spiritual development and allow the Holy Spirit to transform you from the inside out. Don't seek instant results from God like he was an ATM machine. Seek and thirst after him. Don't fret about how distant He seems. Commit yourself to live the life He has provided for you through His Church. The Church is given to us for our benefit. It outlines for us how we can become self-disciplined and gain His help to transform our lives so that we truly live in Him and He in us as the Scripture says.

May God enlighten you and bring you many Blessings in the Coming New Year.

Deacon Haralambos (Charles) Joiner
Saint George Greek Orthodox Cathedral
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Upcoming Baking Schedule

Many hands make light work, and we have lots to do to prepare for the upcoming Christmas Bazaar! Please consider helping out if you are able. Contact Pat Grammes if you have any questions.

Sunday, September 1	12:00 pm - Kiffle dough prep
Wednesday, September 4	8:00 am - Kiffle filling/baking
Thursday, September 12	9:00 am - Roll baking
Sunday, September 15	12:00 pm - Kiffle dough prep
Wednesday, September 18	12:00 pm - Kiffle filling/baking (after pierogi)
Sunday, September 22	12:00 pm - Kiffle dough prep
Wednesday, September 25	12:00 pm - Kiffle filling/baking (after pierogi)
Sunday, September 29	12:00 pm - Kiffle dough prep
Wednesday, October 2	12:00 pm - Kiffle filling/baking (after pierogi)
Sunday, October 13	12:00 pm - Kiffle dough prep
Wednesday, October 16	12:00 pm - - Kiffle filling/baking (after pierogi)
Sunday, October 20	12:00 pm - Halushki noodle making
Thursday, October 24	9:00 am - Roll baking
Sunday, October 27	12:00 pm - Kiffle dough prep
Wednesday, October 30	12:00 pm - Kiffle filling/baking (after pierogi)
Sunday, November 3	12:00 pm - Kiffle dough prep
Wednesday, November 6	12:00 pm - Kiffle filling/baking (after pierogi)
Thursday, November 7	9:00 am - Roll baking
Sunday, November 10	12:00 pm - Kiffle dough prep
Wednesday, November 13	12:00 pm - Kiffle filling/baking (after pierogi)
Sunday, November 17	12:00 pm - Kiffle dough prep
Wednesday, November 20	12:00 pm - Kiffle filling/baking (after pierogi)

Church Property Outside Clean Up Day

On Saturday, September 7, 2024 at 10:00 am we will be meeting to clean up the exterior of the church property. If you are available to help out, please let Pat Grammes know. No tools are necessary, but if you have hedge clippers it would be helpful to bring those along.

Pierogi Schedule

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!

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

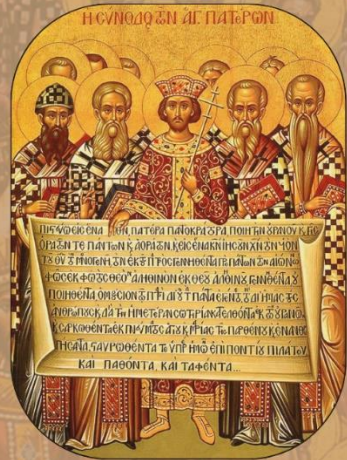
6:00 PM - SESSION #4

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.