

Divine Liturgy

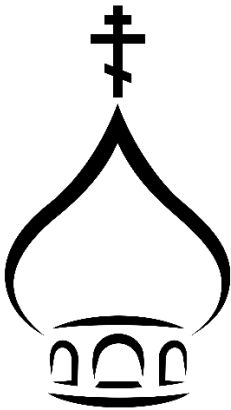
Sunday, September 15, 2024

12th Sunday after Pentecost

Afterfeast of the Exaltation of the Cross

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Greatmartyr Nicetas the Goth



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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 15, 2024

12th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – Tone 3. Afterfeast of the Elevation of the Cross. Sunday after Elevation. Greatmartyr Niketas (Nikita) the Goth (ca. 372). Uncovering of the Relics of St. Acacius, Bishop of Melitene (3rd c.). Martyrs Theodotus, Asclepiodotus, and Maximus, of Adrianopolis (305-311). Martyr Porphyrius the Actor (361). Uncovering of the Relics of the Holy Protomartyr and Archdeacon Stephen (415). St. Philotheus the Presbyter, in Asia Minor (10th c.). Ven. Joseph, Abbot, of Alaverdsk in Georgia (570). St. Joseph the New of Partos, Metropolitan of Timisoara (1656).

Fr. Nikolai's Office Hours

Monday, September 16th - Fr. Nikolai's Day Off

Wednesday, September 18th - 12:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Fr. Nikolai will be away from September 20th to September 23rd

Coffee Hour Today

Coffee Hour today is hosted by The Hrebinka Family
In Thanksgiving for smooth transition to Pennsylvania life

Weekly & Upcoming Calendar

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

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

Monday, September 23 7:00 pm - Parish Council Meeting

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 3 Troparion *(Resurrection)*

Let the heavens rejoice! Let the earth be glad! For the Lord has shown strength with His arm. He has trampled down death by death. He has become the first born of the dead. He has delivered us from the depths of hell, and has granted to the world great mercy.

Tone 1 Troparion *(Feast)*

O Lord, save Thy people, and bless Thine inheritance! Grant victories to the Orthodox Christians over their adversaries; and by virtue of Thy Cross, preserve Thy habitation!

Tone 3 Troparion *(St. Nicetas)*

Thou didst defeat error and didst triumph in martyrdom, Nicetas, namesake of victory; for thou didst conquer the ranks of the enemy and didst end thy contest by fire. Pray to Christ our God to grant us His great mercy!

Tone 3 Kontakion *(Resurrection)*

On this day Thou didst rise from the tomb, O Merciful One, leading us from the gates of death. On this day Adam exults as Eve rejoices; with the Prophets and Patriarchs they unceasingly praise the divine majesty of Thy power.

Tone 2 Kontakion *(St. Nicetas)*

Thou didst stand firm and didst defeat delusion and hast received thy martyr's crown, Nicetas, namesake of victory; thou art rejoicing with the Angels, together with them thou art praying unceasingly to Christ God for us all.

Tone 4 Kontakion (Feast)

As Thou wast voluntarily raised upon the Cross for our sake, grant mercy to those who are called by Thy Name, O Christ God; make all Orthodox Christians glad by Thy power, granting them victories over their adversaries by bestowing on them the invincible trophy, Thy weapon of peace!

Tone 7 Prokeimenon (Sunday After)

Extol the Lord our God: worship at His footstool for He is holy! (Ps. 98:5)

The Lord reigns, let the people tremble! (Ps. 98:1a)

Epistle

Read by Reader Matthew Lezinsky

(Galatians 2:16-20 (Sunday After)) knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law but by faith in Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Christ Jesus, that we might be justified by faith in Christ and not by the works of the law; for by the works of the law no flesh shall be justified. But if, while we seek to be justified by Christ, we ourselves also are found sinners, is Christ therefore a minister of sin? Certainly not! For if I build again those things which I destroyed, I make myself a transgressor. For I through the law died to the law that I might live to God. I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.

(1 Corinthians 15:1-11) Moreover, brethren, I declare to you the gospel which I preached to you, which also you received and in which you stand, by which also you are saved, if you hold fast that word which I preached to you - unless you believed in vain. For I delivered to you first of all that which I also received: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures, and that He was seen by Cephas, then by the twelve. After that He was seen by over five hundred brethren at once, of whom the greater part remain to the present, but some have fallen asleep. After that He was seen by James, then by all the apostles. Then last of all He was seen by me also, as by one born out of due time. For I am the least

of the apostles, who am not worthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and His grace toward me was not in vain; but I labored more abundantly than they all, yet not I, but the grace of God which was with me. Therefore, whether it was I or they, so we preach and so you believed.

Tone 1

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Remember Thy congregation, which Thou hast gotten of old! (Ps. 73:2)

God is our King before the ages; He has worked salvation in the midst of the earth! (Ps. 73:13)

Gospel

(Mark 8:34-9:1 (Sunday After)) When He had called the people to Himself, with His disciples also, He said to them, "Whoever desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me. For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake and the gospel's will save it. For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul? For whoever is ashamed of Me and My words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him the Son of Man also will be ashamed when He comes in the glory of His Father with the holy angels." And He said to them, "Assuredly, I say to you that there are some standing here who will not taste death till they see the kingdom of God present with power."

(Matthew 19:16-26) Now behold, one came and said to Him, "Good Teacher, what good thing shall I do that I may have eternal life?" So He said to him, "Why do you call Me good? No one is good but One, that is, God. But if you want to enter into life, keep the commandments." He said to Him, "Which ones?" Jesus said, "'You shall not murder,' 'You shall not commit adultery,' 'You shall not steal,' 'You shall not bear false witness,' 'Honor your father and your mother,' and, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.'" The young man said to Him, "All these things I have kept from my youth. What do I still lack?" Jesus said to him, "If you want to be perfect, go, sell what you have and give to the poor, and you will have

treasure in heaven; and come, follow Me." But when the young man heard that saying, he went away sorrowful, for he had great possessions. Then Jesus said to His disciples, "Assuredly, I say to you that it is hard for a rich man to enter the kingdom of heaven. And again I say to you, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God. When His disciples heard it, they were greatly astonished, saying, "Who then can be saved?" But Jesus looked at them and said to them, "With men this is impossible, but with God all things are possible."

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

Tone 8

Magnify, O my soul, the most precious Cross of the Lord!

Thou art a mystical Paradise, O Theotokos, who, though untilled, hast brought forth Christ; through Him the life-bearing wood of the Cross was planted on earth. Now at its Exaltation, as we bow in worship before it, we magnify thee.

Communion Hymn

Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest! *(Ps. 148:1)*
The light of Thy countenance has been signed upon us, O Lord. *(Ps. 4:7)*
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Upcoming Parish Council Meeting

Parish Council Meeting – Monday, September 23, 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.

Candle Offerings - Sunday, September 14, 2024

Vigils in Altar - Windowsill (2)

Happy Birthday & Good Health Laurel Riley, Offered by Your Beach Buddies

Vigils in Altar - Table of Oblation (2)

In Memory Of Philip Stefanov, Offered by Family

Vigils in Altar - Side Table (2)

In Memory Of Delphina Pociluyko, beloved sister
Offered by Sisters Laurel Riley & Diana Buskirk

Votives in Altar

For Health Of Ray & Karen on their Anniversary, Offered by Mom

Votives in Iconostas

In Honor Of Amber's Saint's Day, Offered by Her Husband

Vigil in Side Candle Holders (2)

In Memory Of Penny Neely, Offered by Amber & Mike Metz

Crosses

In Memory Of Delphina Pociluyko, beloved sister
Offered by Sisters Laurel Riley & Diana Buskirk

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)

Happy Anniversary Alex & Megan Roberts, Offered by Mom & Dad

Votives - Icon of the Virgin Mary

For Health Of Kh. Sophia Shadid on her Name's Day
Offered by Fr. Michael & Mat. Susan Kon

Votives - Icon of St. John the Baptist

In Memory Of Philip Stefanov, Offered by Family

Vigil of St. Michael (1)

In Memory Of Subdn Michael, Offered by Michele Guydan

Save the Date!

Coffee Hour - September 29, 2024

John Heitzenrater has been given a blessing to begin the Diaconal Formation Vocations Program with the Diocese of Philadelphia and Eastern Pennsylvania. In order to raise funds for his tuition (\$1500), he is sponsoring a coffee hour on September 29, 2024. Please come and enjoy some good food and, if you are able, help support him in raising these funds. May God reward your generosity.

Save the Date

Please note that "RO59/NSS" will meet on Sunday, September 22, 2024 at 3:00 pm at the home of Paula & John Lahutsky. Please RSVP to Sandi Keysock

A Note of Thanks

Hello Saint Nicholas Parish!

I wanted to express my gratitude for everyone's generosity and kindness. Your words of encouragement and advice, as well as your gifts are beyond appreciated. You have made the transition into college much easier. Thank you!

Yours in Christ,

Aemelia Heitzenrater

A Note of Thanks

Dear Fr. Nikolai and Faithful Members of St. Nicholas Russian Orthodox Church,

It is with a heavy heart to have our Cathedral to be affected by this fire and sustain so much damage. Our Cathedral and its history has a strong bond with our parishioners, extended family, our community, and faithful friends near and far.

On behalf of our Parish Council and our entire Parish community, we thank you for your generous donation to our Cathedral of \$564 along with additional donors from your parish. Thank you for remembering us.

We greatly appreciate this kind and thoughtful gesture of support at this time, and we keep you all in our prayers. We also ask for your continued prayers for our wisdom and strength in this process of restoring our beloved St. Theodosius Orthodox Christian Cathedral.

In Christ,

Priest Jan Cizmar, St. Theodosius Orthodox Christian Cathedral

Basket Raffle Donations Wanted

We will once again be hosting a Basket Raffle this year during the holiday season and we are looking for volunteers to donate baskets. We have a track record of offering beautiful baskets and we are hoping to uphold tradition. If you are able to make a basket, please contact Jennifer Bzik to let her know in advance.

Don't be shy if you have never made a basket for the raffle before! Jennifer will be happy to help you out. If you are interested in supporting the Basket Raffle but are not able to make a basket, please consider making a cash donation. Jennifer (and her daughter Lydia 😊) will be happy to do the shopping and prepare a basket on your behalf!

This year the Basket Raffle will be open on two weekends to allow for plenty of time to check out all those wonderful goodies. The Basket Raffle will open on Saturday, December 7th during the Christmas Bazaar and Sunday, December 8th for Coffee Hour, as well as during Coffee Hour on Sunday, December 15th. The last chance to get those tickets in will be on Sunday, December 15th before our Christmas Choir Concert, which begins at 3:30 pm. The Basket Raffle Drawing will be held following the conclusion of the concert on Sunday, December 15th.

If you are planning to make a cash donation, please do so as soon as possible (no later than Sunday, November 24, 2024) so that we have an opportunity to shop and prepare a basket using those funds. **All donated baskets must be brought to the church by noon on Sunday, December 1, 2024.** If you have any questions or would like to make a donation, please contact Jennifer Bzik. Thank you so much for your support!

Coffee Hour Hosts Needed

The following Sundays are without a Coffee Hour Host:

October 27, 2024

Many weeks in November and December

Please consider signing up if you haven't hosted in the past! There are copies of the guidelines for hosting coffee hour available in the signup book at the candle desk if you are not familiar with what to do. Contact Jennifer Bzik if you need help or have questions. Thank you!

Halupki Dinner

We are thrilled to announce \$6,000 profit from the Halupki Dinner held on August 17th. Many thanks to all those who worked so hard for the success of this event for the benefit of St. Nicholas Russian Orthodox Church

Pierogi Schedule

Pierogi Making September 16, 17, 18

September 23, 24, 25

September 30, October 1, 2

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

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 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)
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)

Covered Dish Dinner - Saturday, October 5, 2024

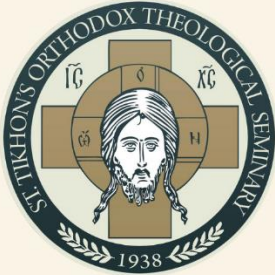
Let's show a warm welcome to the visiting St. Tikhon's Seminary Mission Choir by hosting a Covered Dish Dinner following Great Vespers on Saturday, October 5, 2024. Please sign up at the candle desk.



**ST. TIKHON'S
SEMINARY
MISSION
CHOIR**

**OCTOBER 5, 2024 | 5:00PM
GREAT VESPERS**

**OCTOBER 6, 2024 | 9:30AM
DIVINE LITURGY**



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CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

FUNDRAISER
ETHNIC FOODS & BAKE SALE

& FROZEN PIEROGI FOR SALE

SATURDAY, DEC 7

10 AM - 4 PM

EAT IN OR TAKE OUT

COME BACK ON SUNDAY DEC 15 AT 3:30 FOR OUR ANNUAL
ACAPELLA CHRISTMAS CHOIR CONCERT

Christmas Bazaar "LITTLE RUSSIAN DAYS" features ethnic foods like Halupki, Pierogi, Potato Pancakes, Halushki, Borscht, Pelmeni and our much celebrated Home Baked Goods plus Basket Raffle and Holiday Shopping



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12-07-2024

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A Cappella Choir

Presents

Orthodox Hymns and Christmas Carols



Sunday, December 15, 2024
3:30 p.m.

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Fellowship & Refreshments following the concert.
For additional information please call 610-868-9468

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 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 Witanek, Sandra Wyslutsky

Catechumens: Nicholas Birosik, Jason & Taylor Fogel, Lee & Jess Snekot, John Strom, William Stofko

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