

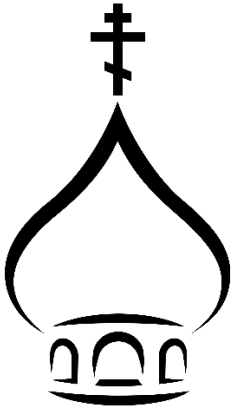
Divine Liturgy

Sunday, September 22, 2024

13th Sunday after Pentecost (1st of Luke)

Hieromartyr Phocas, Bishop of Sinope

Apostle Quadratus of the Seventy



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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 22, 2024

13th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – Tone 4. Hieromartyr Phocas, Bishop of Sinopè (117). Prophet Jonah (8th c. B.C.). St. Jonah the Presbyter (9th c.), father of Ss. Theophanes the Hymnographer and Theodore Graptus. Ven. Jonah, Abbot of Yashezérsk (1589-92). Martyr Phokas the Gardener, of Sinopè (ca. 320). St. Peter the Tax-collector (6th c.). "Hearer" Icon of the Mother of God.

Fr. Nikolai's Office Hours

Fr. Nikolai will be away from September 20th to September 23rd
Wednesday, September 25th - 12:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Coffee Hour Today

Coffee Hour today is hosted by The Lungu Family

Weekly & Upcoming Calendar

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

- 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
- Monday, September 30** 6:00 pm - Great Vespers
- Tuesday, October 1** **Protection of the Theotokos (Pokrov)**
8:50 am - Reading of the Hours
9:00 am - Divine Liturgy
- Thursday, October 3** 9:00 am - Akathist to the Theotokos, Nurturer of Children
- Saturday, October 5** 4:30 pm - General Panikhida
5:00 pm - Great Vespers

Sunday, October 6

15th Sunday After Pentecost

9:10 am - Reading of the Hours

9:30 am - Divine Liturgy

Saturday, October 12

5:00 pm - Great Vespers

Sunday, October 13

16th Sunday After Pentecost

9:10 am - Reading of the Hours

9:30 am - Divine Liturgy

Saturday, October 19

Memorial Saturday

8:50 am - Reading of the Hours

9:00 am - Divine Liturgy

5:00 pm - Great Vespers

Sunday, October 20

17th Sunday After Pentecost

9:10 am - Reading of the Hours

9:30 am - Divine Liturgy

Saturday, October 26

5:00 pm - Great Vespers

Sunday, October 27

18th Sunday After Pentecost

9:10 am - Reading of the Hours

9:30 am - Divine Liturgy

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.

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.

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Tone 4 Troparion *(Resurrection)*

When the women disciples of the Lord learned from the angel the joyous message of Thy Resurrection, they cast away the ancestral curse and elatedly told the apostles: "Death is overthrown! Christ God is risen, granting the world great mercy!"

Tone 3 Troparion *(St. Quadratus)*

Holy Apostle Quadratus, entreat the merciful God to grant our souls forgiveness of transgressions!

Tone 4 Troparion *(St. Phocas)*

By sharing in the ways of the Apostles, thou didst become a successor to their throne. Through the practice of virtue, thou didst find the way to divine contemplation, O inspired one of God; by teaching the word of truth without error, thou didst defend the Faith, even to the shedding of thy blood. O Hieromartyr Phocas, entreat Christ God to save our souls!

Tone 4 Kontakion *(Resurrection)*

My Savior and Redeemer as God rose from the tomb and delivered the earth-born from their chains. He has shattered the gates of hell, and as Master, He has risen on the third day!

Tone 8 Kontakion *(St. Quadratus)*

The universe offers Thee, O Lord, the Apostle Quadratus as a most honored hierarch and athlete of great strength; with hymns it honors his all-venerable

memory and asks that through him Thou grant forgiveness of transgressions to those who sing his praise.

Tone 2 Kontakion (St. Phocas)

The Master established thee as a brilliant sun shining on all the faithful, glorious Hieromartyr Phocas. He has accepted thy life, faith and contest as myrrh, for He is rich in mercy.

Tone 4 Prokeimenon (Resurrection)

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

Bless the Lord, O my soul! O Lord, my God, Thou art very great! (Ps. 103:1)

Epistle

Read by John Heitzenrater

(1 Corinthians 16:13-24) Watch, stand fast in the faith, be brave, be strong. Let all that you do be done with love. I urge you, brethren - you know the household of Stephanas, that it is the firstfruits of Achaia, and that they have devoted themselves to the ministry of the saints - that you also submit to such, and to everyone who works and labors with us. I am glad about the coming of Stephanas, Fortunatus, and Achaicus, for what was lacking on your part they supplied. For they refreshed my spirit and yours. Therefore acknowledge such men. The churches of Asia greet you. Aquila and Priscilla greet you heartily in the Lord, with the church that is in their house. All the brethren greet you. Greet one another with a holy kiss. The salutation with my own hand - Paul's. If anyone does not love the Lord Jesus Christ, let him be accursed. O Lord, come! The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. My love be with you all in Christ Jesus. Amen.

Tone 4

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

*Go forth, prosper and reign, for the sake of meekness, righteousness and truth!
(Ps. 44:3b)*

For Thou lovest righteousness, and hatest iniquity. (Ps. 44:6)

Gospel

(Luke 5:1-11) So it was, as the multitude pressed about Him to hear the word of God, that He stood by the Lake of Gennesaret, and saw two boats standing by the lake; but the fishermen had gone from them and were washing their nets. Then He got into one of the boats, which was Simon's, and asked him to put out a little from the land. And He sat down and taught the multitudes from the boat. When He had stopped speaking, He said to Simon, "Launch out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch." But Simon answered and said to Him, "Master, we have toiled all night and caught nothing; nevertheless at Your word I will let down the net." And when they had done this, they caught a great number of fish, and their net was breaking. So they signaled to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both the boats, so that they began to sink. When Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord!" For he and all who were with him were astonished at the catch of fish which they had taken; and so also were James and John, the sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. And Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid. From now on you will catch men." So when they had brought their boats to land, they forsook all and followed Him.

Communion Hymn

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

Candle Offerings - Sunday, September 22, 2024

Vigils in Altar - Windowsill (2)

Happy Birthday & Good Health Sandi Keysock, Offered by Susan & Bill

Vigils in Altar - Table of Oblation (2)

Happy 70th Birthday Sandi Keysock, Offered by Bill Keysock

Vigils in Altar - Side Table (2)

In Memory Of William Radick, Offered by Peter & Patricia Metz

Votives in Altar

Happy Birthday Jennifer Bzik, Offered by Chris, Nic & Lydia

Votives in Iconostas

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

Crosses

In Memory Of Philip Stefanov, Offered by Family

Vigils on the Tetrapod (2)

Happy Birthday Sandi Keysock, Offered by Barry & Ann Marie

Vigils on Icon Table (2)

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

Vigils - Icon of the Virgin Mary (2)

Happy Birthday Ruth Fink, Offered by Gordon & Valerie Roberts

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

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

Vigils of St. Paul (1)

For Health of Mircea, Offered by the Lungu Family

Wedding Banns

Peter Joseph Lezinsky & Erin Elizabeth Clare

On Saturday, October 12, 2024, Peter Joseph Lezinsky and Erin Elizabeth Clare will be united in Holy Matrimony at St. Nicholas Russian Orthodox Church, Bethlehem, PA. As far as we know, there is no impediment, and the parties are free to marry. Any information to the contrary should be forwarded to Fr. Nikolai immediately.

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

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 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)

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

Pierogi Schedule

Pierogi Making September 23, 24, 25
September 30, October 1, 2

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

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.

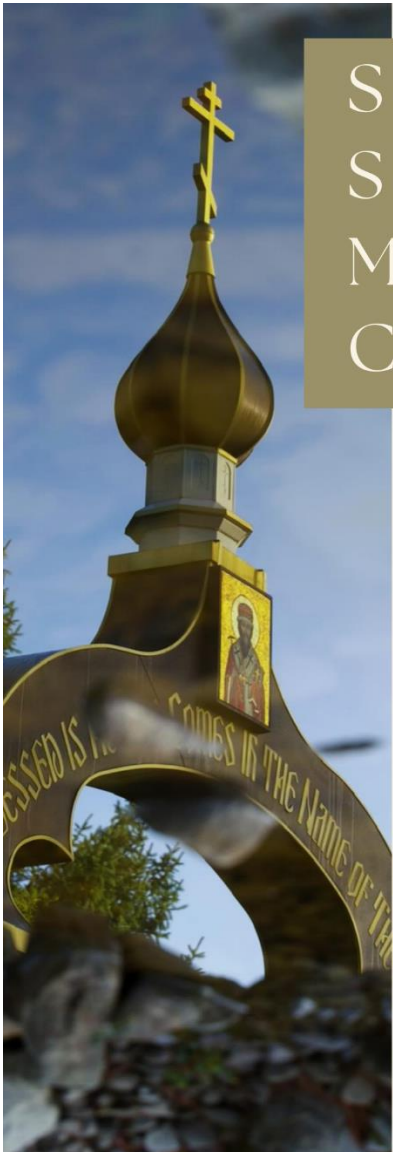
Don't be shy if you have never made a basket for the raffle before! Jennifer will be happy to help you out. If you are interested in supporting the Basket Raffle but are not able to make a basket, please consider making a cash donation. Jennifer (and her daughter Lydia 😊) will be happy to do the shopping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

Covered Dish Dinner - Saturday, October 5, 2024

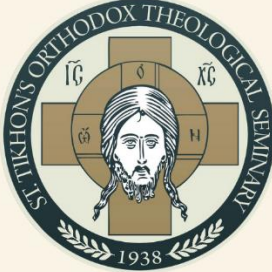
Let's show a warm welcome to the visiting St. Tikhon's Seminary Mission Choir by hosting a Covered Dish Dinner following Great Vespers on Saturday, October 5, 2024. Please sign up at the candle desk.



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Thursday evening reception. Friday and Saturday lunch and dinner provided, as well as coffee throughout the day. Registration begins at 5pm, Thursday.

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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: Nikolai Breckenridge, Thomas Edwards, John Perich, James Mason, Claude Vinyard, Dimitri Oselinsky, David Shewczyk, Ian Shipley, Dennis Swenki, James Weremedic, John Onofrey, George Hasenecz, Emilian Hutnyan

Priest: John Nightingale

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Catechumens: 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.