

# **Divine Liturgy**

Sunday, September 29, 2024

**14th Sunday after Pentecost (2nd of Luke)**

**Ven. Cyriacus the Hermit, of Palestine**



**SAINT NICHOLAS**  
**RUSSIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH**



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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 29, 2024

**14th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – Tone 5.** Ven. Kyriakos the Anchorite (556). Martyrs Dadas, Gabdelas, and Casdoë (Casdoa) of Persia (4th c.). Ven. Theophanes the Merciful of Gaza.

## Fr. Nikolai's Office Hours

Monday, September 30<sup>th</sup> – Fr. Nikolai's Day Off

Wednesday, October 2<sup>nd</sup> – 12:00 pm – 5:00 pm

Friday, October 4<sup>th</sup> – 9:00 am – 2:00 pm

## Coffee Hour Today

Coffee Hour today is hosted by The Heitzenrater Family

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.

## Weekly & Upcoming Calendar

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

<b>Monday, September 30</b>	6:00 pm - Great Vespers
<b>Tuesday, October 1</b>	<b>Protection of the Theotokos (Pokrov)</b> 8:50 am - Reading of the Hours 9:00 am - Divine Liturgy
<b>Thursday, October 3</b>	9:00 am - Akathist to the Theotokos, Nurturer of Children
<b>Saturday, October 5</b>	4:30 pm - General Panikhida 5:00 pm - Great Vespers
<b>Sunday, October 6</b>	<b>15<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost</b> 9:10 am - Reading of the Hours 9:30 am - Divine Liturgy
<b>Saturday, October 12</b>	5:00 pm - Great Vespers

**Sunday, October 13****16<sup>th</sup> 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****17<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost**

9:10 am - Reading of the Hours

9:30 am - Divine Liturgy

7:00 pm - Parish Council Meeting

**Monday, October 21****Saturday, October 26**

5:00 pm - Great Vespers

**Sunday, October 27****18<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost**

9:10 am - Reading of the Hours

9:30 am - Divine Liturgy

## Pierogi Schedule

Pierogi Making 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 29

12:00 pm - Kiffle dough prep

Wednesday, October 2

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)

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**Tone 5      Troparion**      *(Resurrection)*

Let us, the faithful, praise and worship the Word, co-eternal with the Father and the Spirit, born for our salvation from the Virgin; for He willed to be lifted up on the Cross in the flesh, to endure death, and to raise the dead by His glorious Resurrection.

**Tone 1      Troparion**      *(St. Cyriacus)*

O dweller of the wilderness and angel in the body, thou wast a wonderworker, O our God-bearing Father Cyriacus. Thou didst receive heavenly gifts through fasting, vigil, and prayer, healing the sick and the souls of those drawn to thee by faith. Glory to Him Who gave thee strength! Glory to Him Who granted thee a crown! Glory to Him Who, through thee, grants healing to all!

**Tone 5      Kontakion**      *(Resurrection)*

Thou didst descend into hell, O my Savior, shattering its gates as Almighty, resurrecting the dead as Creator, and destroying the sting of death. Thou hast delivered Adam from the curse, O Lover of man, and we cry to Thee: "O Lord, save us!"

**Tone 8      Kontakion**      *(St. Cyriacus)*

The sacred Lavra honors thee as a mighty champion and helper, and yearly celebrates thy memory. As thou hast boldness before the Lord: preserve us from our enemies so that we may sing: "Rejoice, thrice-blessed Cyriacus!"

**Tone 5      Prokeimenon**      *(Resurrection)*

Thou, O Lord, shalt protect us and preserve us from this generation forever.  
*(Ps. 11:7)*

*Save me, O Lord, for there is no longer any that is godly! (Ps. 11:1a)*

## Epistle

Read by Joseph Kavchok

**(2 Corinthians 1:21-2:4)** Now He who establishes us with you in Christ and has anointed us is God, who also has sealed us and given us the Spirit in our hearts as a guarantee. Moreover I call God as witness against my soul, that to spare you I came no more to Corinth. Not that we have dominion over your faith, but are fellow workers for your joy; for by faith you stand. But I determined this within myself, that I would not come again to you in sorrow. For if I make you sorrowful, then who is he who makes me glad but the one who is made sorrowful by me? And I wrote this very thing to you, lest, when I came, I should have sorrow over those from whom I ought to have joy, having confidence in you all that my joy is the joy of you all. For out of much affliction and anguish of heart I wrote to you, with many tears, not that you should be grieved, but that you might know the love which I have so abundantly for you.

## Tone 5

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

*I will sing of Thy mercies, O Lord, forever; with my mouth I will proclaim Thy truth from generation to generation. (Ps. 88:1-2)*

*For Thou hast said: Mercy will be established forever; Thy truth will be prepared in the heavens. (Ps. 88:3)*

## Gospel

**(Luke 6:31-36)** And just as you want men to do to you, you also do to them likewise. But if you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. And if you lend to those from whom you hope to receive back, what credit is that to you? For even sinners lend to sinners to receive as much back. But love your enemies, do good, and lend, hoping for nothing in return; and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High. For He is kind to the unthankful and evil. Therefore be merciful, just as your Father also is merciful.

## Communion Hymn

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

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

# **Candle Offerings - Sunday, September 29, 2024**

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

Happy Birthday Greyson Mulcahy, Offered by Chochi Val & Uncle Gordon

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

Happy 7<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Mike & Amber Metz

## **Crosses**

In Memory Of Philip Stefanov, Offered by Family

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

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

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

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## **Votives - Icon of the Virgin Mary**

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

## **Vigils of St. Paul (1)**

For Health Of Mircea, Offered by The Lungu Family

## **Flowers to Adorn the Icon of The Protection of the Theotokos (Pokrov)**

Offered by Michele Guydan In Thanksgiving

# **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**

Parish Family,

Thank you all for your many thoughts, prayers, calls and cards during my recent illness and for my birthday. They are truly appreciated! God Bless You All!  
In Christ,      Laurel Riley

# Church Property Outside Clean Up Day

On Saturday, Saturday, October 26, 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.

## 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.

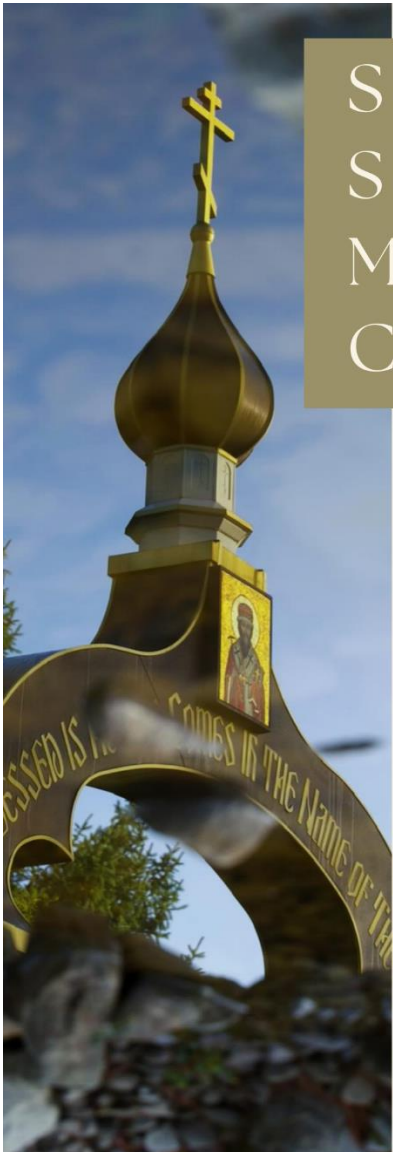
Don't be shy if you have never made a basket for the raffle before! Jennifer will be happy to help you out. If you are interested in supporting the Basket Raffle but are not able to make a basket, please consider making a cash donation. Jennifer (and her daughter Lydia 😊 ) will be happy to do the shopping 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 7<sup>th</sup> during the Christmas Bazaar and Sunday, December 8<sup>th</sup> for Coffee Hour, as well as during Coffee Hour on Sunday, December 15<sup>th</sup>. The last chance to get those tickets in will be on Sunday, December 15<sup>th</sup> 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 15<sup>th</sup>.

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.

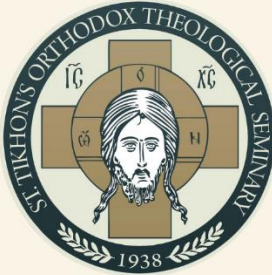


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OCTOBER 5, 2024 | 5:00PM  
GREAT VESPERS

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OCTOBER 6, 2024 | 9:30AM  
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Keynote addresses by Dr. Christopher Perrin, head of Classical Academic Press and director of Scholé Academy, and Dr. Joshua Moritz, Head of Science, Chrysostom Academy. The conference includes other talks (shorter vignettes) on Orthodoxy & Public Schools, Orthodoxy & Charter Schools, Orthodoxy & Orthodox Schools, Orthodoxy & Home Schools, Orthodoxy & Homeschool Coops.

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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.

Hotels are conveniently located within 5–10 minutes.



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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

**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, 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:** Jason & Taylor Fogel, Chris Kiris, Lee & Jess Sneketa, John Strom, William Stofko

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