

Divine Liturgy

Sunday, October 13, 2024

16th Sunday after Pentecost (4th of Luke)

Commemoration of the Holy Fathers of the 7th Ecumenical Council



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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 October 13, 2024

15th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – Tone 6. Glorification of St. Innocent, Metropolitan of Moscow, Enlightener of the Aleuts, and Apostle to the Americas (1977–Sept 23rd O.S.). Holy and Glorious Apostle Thomas (1st c.). Monastic Martyr Macarius of St. Anne Skete (Mt. Athos–1590). “O All-Hymned Mother” Icon of the Mother of God .

Fr. Nikolai’s Office Hours

Monday, October 14th – Fr. Nikolai’s Day Off
Wednesday, October 16th – 12:00 pm – 5:00 pm
Friday, October 18th – 12:00 pm – 5:00 pm

Coffee Hour Today

Coffee Hour today is hosted by The Lezinsky Family
In Honor Of Peter & Erin’s Wedding

Weekly & Upcoming Calendar

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

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

Tuesday, October 22

7:00 pm – Parish Council Meeting (***Please note the change from Monday to Tuesday***)

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

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Tone 7 Troparion *(Resurrection)*

By Thy Cross Thou didst destroy death. To the thief Thou didst open Paradise. For the Myrrhbearers Thou didst change weeping into joy, and Thou didst command Thy disciples, O Christ God, to proclaim that Thou art risen, granting the world great mercy.

Tone 8 Troparion *(Fathers)*

Thou art most glorious, O Christ our God, Who hast established the Holy Fathers as lights on the earth. Through them Thou hast guided us to the True Faith. O greatly compassionate One, glory to Thee!

Tone 7 Kontakion *(Resurrection)*

The dominion of death can no longer hold men captive, for Christ descended, shattering and destroying its powers. Hell is bound, while the Prophets rejoice and cry: "The Savior has come to those in faith; enter, you faithful, into the Resurrection!"

Tone 6 Kontakion *(Fathers)*

The Son Who shone forth from the Father was ineffably born, two-fold in nature, of a woman. Having beheld Him, we do not deny the image of His form, but depict it piously and revere it faithfully. Thus, keeping the True Faith, the Church venerates the icon of Christ Incarnate.

Tone 7 Prokeimenon *(Resurrection)*

The Lord shall give strength to His people. The Lord shall bless His people with peace. *(Ps. 28:11)*

Offer to the Lord, O you sons of God! Offer young rams to the Lord! (Ps. 28:1a)

Tone 4 Prokeimenon (*Song of the Three Holy Children*)

Blessed art Thou, O Lord God of our fathers, and praised and glorified is Thy Name forever! (*Song of the Three Holy Children, v. 3*)

Epistle

Read by John Heitzenrater

(2 Corinthians 6:1-10) We then, as workers together with Him also plead with you not to receive the grace of God in vain. For He says: "In an acceptable time I have heard You, and in the day of salvation I have helped You." Behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation. We give no offense in anything, that our ministry may not be blamed. But in all things we commend ourselves as ministers of God: in much patience, in tribulations, in needs, in distresses, in stripes, in imprisonments, in tumults, in labors, in sleeplessness, in fastings; by purity, by knowledge, by longsuffering, by kindness, by the Holy Spirit, by sincere love, by the word of truth, by the power of God, by the armor of righteousness on the right hand and on the left, by honor and dishonor, by evil report and good report; as deceivers, and yet true; as unknown, and yet well known; as dying, and behold we live; as chastened, and yet not killed; as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing all things.

(Hebrews 13:7-16 (Fathers)) Remember those who rule over you, who have spoken the word of God to you, whose faith follow, considering the outcome of their conduct. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever. Do not be carried about with various and strange doctrines. For it is good that the heart be established by grace, not with foods which have not profited those who have been occupied with them. We have an altar from which those who serve the tabernacle have no right to eat. For the bodies of those animals, whose blood is brought into the sanctuary by the high priest for sin, are burned outside the camp. Therefore Jesus also, that He might sanctify the people with His own blood, suffered outside the gate. Therefore let us go forth to Him, outside the camp, bearing His reproach. For here we have no continuing city, but we seek the one to come. Therefore by Him let us continually offer the sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of our lips, giving thanks to His name. But do not forget to do good and to share, for with such sacrifices God is well pleased.

Tone 7

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

*It is good to give thanks to the Lord, to sing praises to Thy Name, O Most High.
(Ps. 91:1)*

To declare Thy mercy in the morning, and Thy truth by night. (Ps. 91:2a)

Tone 1

The Lord, the God of gods, speaks and summons the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting. (Ps. 49:1)

Gospel

(Luke 8:5-15) "A sower went out to sow his seed. And as he sowed, some fell by the wayside; and it was trampled down, and the birds of the air devoured it. Some fell on rock; and as soon as it sprang up, it withered away because it lacked moisture. And some fell among thorns, and the thorns sprang up with it and choked it. But others fell on good ground, sprang up, and yielded a crop a hundredfold." When He had said these things He cried, "He who has ears to hear, let him hear!" Then His disciples asked Him, saying, "What does this parable mean?" And He said, "To you it has been given to know the mysteries of the kingdom of God, but to the rest it is given in parables, that 'Seeing they may not see, And hearing they may not understand.' Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God. Those by the wayside are the ones who hear; then the devil comes and takes away the word out of their hearts, lest they should believe and be saved. But the ones on the rock are those who, when they hear, receive the word with joy; and these have no root, who believe for a while and in time of temptation fall away. Now the ones that fell among thorns are those who, when they have heard, go out and are choked with cares, riches, and pleasures of life, and bring no fruit to maturity. But the ones that fell on the good ground are those who, having heard the word with a noble and good heart, keep it and bear fruit with patience.

(John 17:1-13 (Fathers)) Jesus spoke these words, lifted up His eyes to heaven, and said: "Father, the hour has come. Glorify Your Son, that Your Son also may glorify You, as You have given Him authority over all flesh, that He should give eternal life to as many as You have given Him. And this is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent. I have glorified You on the earth. I have finished the work which You have given Me to do. And now, O Father, glorify Me together with Yourself, with the glory which I had with You before the world was. I have manifested Your name to the men whom You have given Me out of the world. They were Yours, You gave them to Me, and they have kept Your word. Now they have known that all things which You have given Me are from You. For I have given to them the words which You have given Me; and they have received them, and have known surely that I came forth from You; and they have believed that You sent Me. I pray for them. I do not pray for the world but for those whom You have given Me, for they are Yours. And all Mine are Yours, and Yours are Mine, and I am glorified in them. Now I am no longer in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to You. Holy Father, keep through Your name those whom You have given Me, that they may be one as We are. While I was with them in the world, I kept them in Your name. Those whom You gave Me I have kept; and none of them is lost except the son of perdition, that the Scripture might be fulfilled. But now I come to You, and these things I speak in the world, that they may have My joy fulfilled in themselves.

Communion Hymn

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

Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous; praise befits the just! *(Ps. 32:1)*

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Preparing for Veterans Day

Parish Faithful,

We would like to refresh our list of St. Nicholas Veterans, so please take a moment to let us know of anyone who should be listed in the bulletin for Veterans Day. Please include the Veteran's name and branch of service. Kindly submit all names no later than Wednesday, November 6, 2024. Thank you!

Candle Offerings - Sunday, October 13, 2024

Vigils in Altar - Windowsill (2)

Happy Birthday Matthew Lezinsky, Offered by Mom & Dad

Vigils in Altar - Table of Oblation (2)

Happy Birthday Lori, Offered by Mom & Dad

Vigils in Altar - Side Table (2)

Happy Birthday Victoria Lezinsky, Offered by Baba & Grandpa

Votives in Altar

In Memory Of Philip Stefanov, Offered by Family

Votives in Iconostas

In Honor Of Peter & Erin Lezinsky, Offered by Mom & Dad

Vigil in Side Candle Holders (2)

In Honor Of Luke Gabriel Shadid on his Name Day
Offered by Fr. Michael & Mat. Susan Kon

Vigils on the Tetrapod (2)

Happy Birthday Leona Roberts, Offered by Aunt Val & Uncle Gordon

Vigils on Icon Table (2)

In Memory Of Mom, Dad, Joan

Vigils - Icon of the Virgin Mary (2)

In Memory Of Mary Roberts, Offered by The Roberts Families

Votives - Icon of the Virgin Mary

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

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

In Memory Of John, George, Joseph Felix, Offered by Patty Felix

Votives - Icon of St. John the Baptist

Happy Birthday Lori Lezinsky, Offered by Carmen Hodson

Vigils of St. Paul (1)

For Health Of Mircea, Offered by The Lungu Family

Vigil of St. Michael (1)

In Memory Of Mom, Dad & Joan

A Note of Thanks

Dear St. Nicholas Family,

Your love and generosity at the coffee hour on Sunday, September 28th have blessed me and my family beyond words. THANK YOU for your donations, encouragement, and prayers. Your gifts will cover two semesters worth of studies! Glory to God for all things! It is an honor and a privilege to be a part of this community. You are in my daily prayers and have my gratitude. May our Lord richly bless each and every one of you.

Yours in Christ,

John, Christina, and Brood...

Save the Date - Coffee Hour October 20

A light luncheon will be served at coffee hour on Sunday, October 20, 2024, hosted by Bill & Sandi Keysock in memory of Pauline Radchuk. Proceeds will go to benefit the St. John Chrysostom Academy. ROCMAS will match up to \$500 of donations. Please plan to give generously.

Hope Rescue Mission needs your HELP!



St. Nicholas Russian Orthodox Church is collecting all types of gently used clothing including coats, hats, boots, belts, men's clothing for the men at Hope Rescue Mission and for the women's and children's shelter (Lighthouse). We will take all seasons of clothing for men, women, and children. We have a need for new men's underwear, undershirts, and sweatpants all in sizes medium to xxxl.

You can drop items off in the designated containers in the Chernay Fellowship Hall. Please make all donations by **Sunday, November 24, 2024.**

This clothing helps provide food, clothing, and shelter for the men at Hope Rescue and the women and children at Lighthouse.

Thank you in advance for your donations!

"One Can Can Help" Annual Food Drive

Sponsored by: RO59/NSS

We will be collecting non-perishable food products to benefit the Allentown Rescue Mission starting in October until November 10, 2024.

Please leave your generous donations in the boxes on either side of the entrance doors to the hall. They will accept nonperishable food items as well as paper products.

Thank you so much!

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!

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.

Pierogi Schedule

Pierogi Making October 14, 15, 16

October 21, 22, 23

October 28, 29, 30

November 4, 5, 6

November 11, 12, 13

November 18, 19, 20

NO Pierogi Making Nov 25, 26, 27 - Thanksgiving

Pierogi Making December 2, 3, 4

December 9, 10, 11

December 16, 17, 17

NO Pierogi Making December 23, 24, 25 - Christmas

****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.

Tuesday, October 15	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)

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, Mircea Lupo, 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, Martha Klein, Chris Kiris, Lee & Jess Snekot, John Strom, William Stofko

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