

# **Divine Liturgy**

Sunday, November 24, 2024

**22nd Sunday after Pentecost (10th of Luke)**

**Afterfeast of the Entrance of the Theotokos into the Temple**

**Greatmartyr Catherine of Alexandria**



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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 November 24, 2024

**22nd SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – Tone 5. Afterfeast of the Entry Into the Temple.** Great Martyr Catherine of Alexandria (305-313). Great Martyr Mercurius of Cæsarea in Cappadocia (3rd c.). Martyr Merkúry of Smolensk (1238). Ven. Mercurius, Faster, of the Kiev Caves (Far Caves–14th c.). Empress Augusta, Porphyrius the General, the 50 philosophers and the 200 Soldiers martyred with the Great Martyr Catherine (305-313). Virgin Mastridia of Alexandria. Ven. Simon, Abbot of Soiga Monastery (Vologdá–1562).

## Fr. Nikolai's Office Hours

Wednesday, November 27<sup>th</sup> - 12:00 pm - 5:00 pm

## Coffee Hour Today

Coffee Hour Today is hosted by The Bessman Family

## Weekly & Upcoming Calendar

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

<b>Saturday, November 30</b>	5:00 pm - Great Vespers
<b>Sunday, December 1</b>	<b>23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday After Pentecost</b> 9:10 am - Reading of the Hours 9:30 am - Divine Liturgy
<b>Thursday, December 5</b>	6:00 pm - Great Vespers w/ Litia for St. Nicholas
<b>Friday, December 6</b>	<b>St. Nicholas the Wonderworker</b> 8:50 am - Reading of the Hours 9:00 am - Divine Liturgy
<b>Saturday, December 7</b>	<b>Christmas Bazaar</b> <b>10:00 am - 4:00 pm - Bazaar</b> 5:00 pm - Great Vespers
<b>Sunday, December 8</b>	<b>24<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost</b> 9:10 am - Reading of the Hours 9:30 am - Divine Liturgy <b>12:00 pm - Parish Yolka</b>

**Thursday, December 12** 9:00 am - Akathist - Nurturer of Children  
6:00 pm - Great Vespers w/ Litia for St. Herman

**Friday, December 13** **St. Herman of Alaska**  
8:50 am - Reading of the Hours  
9:00 am - Divine Liturgy

**Saturday, December 14** 5:00 pm - Great Vespers

**Sunday, December 15** **Sunday of the Forefathers**  
9:10 am - Reading of the Hours  
9:30 am - Divine Liturgy  
**3:30 pm - Choir Concert**

**Saturday, December 21** 5:00 pm - Great Vespers

**Sunday, December 22** **Sunday Before Nativity**  
9:10 am - Reading of the Hours  
9:30 am - Divine Liturgy

**Tuesday, December 24** **Eve of Nativity**  
9:00 am - Royal Hours  
7:00 pm - Nativity Vigil

**Wed., December 25** **Nativity of our Lord**  
9:10 am - Reading of the Hours  
9:30 am - Divine Liturgy

**Thursday, December 26** **Synaxis of the Mother of God**  
8:50 am - Reading of the Hours  
9:00 am - Divine Liturgy

**Saturday, December 28** 5:00 pm - Great Vespers

**Sunday, December 29** **Sunday after Nativity**  
9:10 am - Reading of the Hours  
9:30 am - Divine Liturgy

## REMINDER

**TODAY IS THE LAST DAY FOR DONATIONS TO THE CLOTHING DRIVE  
FOR THE HOPE RESCUE MISSION!!!**

## Basket Raffle Donation Deadlines!

Today - 11/24 is the deadline for cash donations  
Next Sunday, 12/1 is the deadline for basket donations

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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 4      Troparion**      *(Feast)*

Today is the prelude of the good will of God, of the preaching of the salvation of mankind. The Virgin appears in the Temple of God, in anticipation proclaiming Christ to all. Let us rejoice and sing to her: "Rejoice, O Fulfillment of the Creator's dispensation!"

**Tone 4      Troparion**      *(St. Catherine)*

By thy virtues as by rays of the sun thou didst enlighten the unbelieving philosophers, and like the most bright moon thou didst drive away the darkness of disbelief from those walking in the night; thou didst convince the queen, and didst also chastise the tyrant, God-summoned bride, blessed Catherine. Thou didst hasten with desire to the heavenly bridal chamber of the fairest Bridegroom of Christ, and thou wast crowned by Him with a royal crown; Standing before Him with the Angels, pray for us who keep thy most sacred memory!

**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 2      Kontakion**      *(St. Catherine)*

Let all of us who love to honor the martyrs form a great choir in praise of the most wise Catherine, for she preached Christ and trampled the serpent, despising the knowledge of the orators.

**Tone 4      Kontakion      (Feast)**

The most pure Temple of the Savior; the precious Chamber and Virgin; the sacred Treasure of the glory of God, is presented today to the house of the Lord. She brings with her the grace of the Spirit, therefore, the angels of God praise her: "Truly this woman is the abode of Heaven!"

**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)*

**Tone 3      Prokeimenon      (Song of the Theotokos)**

My soul doth magnify the Lord, and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Savior.  
(Lk. 1:46-47)

**Epistle**

Read by Reader Nicholas Lezinsky

**(Galatians 6:11-18)** See with what large letters I have written to you with my own hand! As many as desire to make a good showing in the flesh, these would compel you to be circumcised, only that they may not suffer persecution for the cross of Christ. For not even those who are circumcised keep the law, but they desire to have you circumcised that they may boast in your flesh. But God forbid that I should boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision avails anything, but a new creation. And as many as walk according to this rule, peace and mercy be upon them, and upon the Israel of God. From now on let no one trouble me, for I bear in my body the marks of the Lord Jesus. Brethren, the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit. Amen.

**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)*

## **Tone 8**

*Hearken, O daughter, and see, and incline thine ear! (Ps. 44:9a)*

## **Gospel**

**(Luke 13:10-17)** Now He was teaching in one of the synagogues on the Sabbath. And behold, there was a woman who had a spirit of infirmity eighteen years, and was bent over and could in no way raise herself up. But when Jesus saw her, He called her to Him and said to her, "Woman, you are loosed from your infirmity." And He laid His hands on her, and immediately she was made straight, and glorified God. But the ruler of the synagogue answered with indignation, because Jesus had healed on the Sabbath; and he said to the crowd, "There are six days on which men ought to work; therefore come and be healed on them, and not on the Sabbath day." The Lord then answered him and said, "Hypocrite! Does not each one of you on the Sabbath loose his ox or donkey from the stall, and lead it away to water it? So ought not this woman, being a daughter of Abraham, whom Satan has bound - think of it - for eighteen years, be loosed from this bond on the Sabbath?" And when He said these things, all His adversaries were put to shame; and all the multitude rejoiced for all the glorious things that were done by Him.

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

## **Tone 4**

The angels beheld the entrance of the Pure One and were amazed. How has the Virgin entered into the Holy of Holies? Since she is a living Ark of God let no profane hand touch the Theotokos. But let the lips of believers unceasingly sing to her, praising her in joy with the angel's song: "Truly, thou art more exalted than all, O pure Virgin!"

## **Communion Hymn**

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

I will receive the cup of salvation and call on the Name of the Lord. *(Ps. 115:4)*

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

# **Candle Offerings - Sunday, November 1, 2024**

## **Vigils in Altar - Windowsill (2)**

In Memory Of John "Jay" Radio, Offered by Greg & Rosalie

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

In Memory Of John "Jay" Radio, Offered by Greg & Rosalie

## **Votives in Altar**

In Memory Of Philip Stefanov

## **Votives in Iconostas**

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

## **Crosses**

In Memory Of Michael Bretz, Offered by Barry & Ann Marie Bretz

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

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

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

Happy Thanksgiving to our Parish. We're thankful for our blessings.

## **Vigils - Icon of the Virgin Mary (2)**

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

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

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

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

In Memory Of James Bartos, Offered by Francine & Michael Slivka

## **Votives - Icon of St. John the Baptist**

In Memory Of Jay Radio, Offered by Keri & Scott

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

For Health Of Mircea, Offered by The Lungu Family

## **Vigil of St. Andrew (1)**

In Honor Of Andrew Petrides on his Names Day  
Offered by Fr. Michael & Mat. Susan Kon



# THANK YOU!!! "One Can Can Help" Food Drive

Sponsored by: RO59/NSS

Sincere thanks to all who donated to our food drive to benefit the Allentown Rescue Mission. They were thrilled with the amazing amount of food collected. Your generous donations are so deeply appreciated!

## Pierogi Schedule

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, December 30, 31, January 1

NO Pierogi Making January 6, 7, 8, January 13, 14, 15

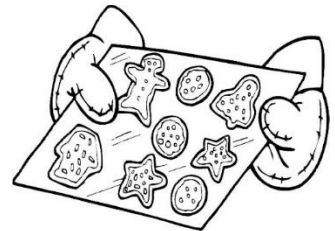
Resume Pierogi Making January 20, 21, 22.

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

## It's time again for COOKIES!!!

We will be making cookie trays to sell at the Christmas Bazaar and would appreciate your help.

- 🍪 Please make at least **5 dozen** cookies (more is totally fine)
- 🍪 Notify Judy Lezinsky or Jean Jubinski what kind you would like to make (We would like to prevent duplicate flavors)
- 🍪 Please bring in your cookies in sealed containers/bags on Sunday, December 1, 2024. There will be a rack in the Church Hall for cookies to be placed on.
- 🍪 Please no cookies that have to be refrigerated.



Thank you!!!

## **Poinsettias for Christmas**

If you wish to sponsor the Poinsettias that will decorate the church during the Nativity season, please sign up in the book at the candle desk. Red and White Poinsettias are available for a \$12.00 donation and may be taken home at the end of the Nativity Season.

## **Calling All Bakers for the 12/7 Christmas Bazaar Fire up the ovens!**

It's time for your SCRUMPTIOUS desserts that St. Nicholas is famous for. If you are a returning baker or new to the task, we welcome your YUMMY desserts. Please keep these things in mind:

- We have very limited refrigerator space, so please consider items that do not require refrigeration.
- Please DO NOT slice your cakes, pies, brownies, etc. The baked goods team will pre-slice items for consistence in serving piece and pricing.
- Feel free to provide a label e.g. German Chocolate Cake, Snickerdoodle Cookies, etc. There is no need to list ingredients, however it is useful to note: "nut free", "egg free", "dairy free" or "sugar free".
- Please provide baked goods on sturdy plates. DO NOT use cardboard because it is often too big and not sturdy.
- Securely label your name on your containers/dishes that you want returned. They will be cleaned and placed on racks in the kitchen where you can pick them up. And, whilst we are very careful with your dishes, DO NOT use precious containers that cannot be replaced if accidentally broken.

Thank you to all the great bakers who contribute to the success of the sale! Your efforts are truly appreciated! Baked goods may be dropped off on Friday, December 6<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm. If you have any questions, please contact Pat Grammes.

# Giving Tree

This year our parish Giving Tree will support the Cay Galgon Life House in their mission to prepare local pregnant women and mothers of infants for a life of self-reliance. Through their group home for homeless pregnant women and their community outreach program, they support hundreds of women and infants each year. Located on West Broad Street in Bethlehem, they are well positioned to help at risk families right here in our area. The tags on our Giving Tree will be ideas for items to help support either the general mission of the Cay Galgon Life House, or items to support their Holiday Toy Drive.

For the Holiday Toy Drive, we are collecting toys for infants and toddlers (birth to 3 years old). The most requested gifts are books and educational toys, which help foster early development and learning. Many of the tags have small, simple items so please take several!!!

In addition we are collecting gift cards:

Amazon gift cards (any dollar amount)

Giant grocery gift cards (\$25 increments are most helpful)

Lowe's gift cards (\$25 increments are most helpful)

Please bring your gift unwrapped in a gift bag or a bag to contain/separate your item from the others when placed in the large collection box in the vestibule.

**Please ensure that the tag is firmly attached to the gift(s).** (If item is wrapped IT WILL BE OPENED!) **Gifts are due in by 12/15 -no exception.**

You will also see a list hanging on the tree of general items that are needed on an ongoing basis. If you would like to make a monetary donation please pass that donation on to Jennifer Bzik.

Remember that specific brand names are not as important as getting these vital items into the hands of those that need them. Bargain shopping is a great way to help more families. For these and other consumable items (baby wash, shampoo for moms, etc.), keep in mind that multiple small or medium containers are more useful than large bulk sizes. While one giant size bottle of shampoo might be the better bargain, buying several smaller bottles allows them to be distributed to help multiple families.

**The generosity of our St. Nicholas family is amazing. Thank you in advance.**

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, 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, Theresa Butler, Helen Cotirgasanu, David G. Cudlic, Val Danchenko, Christopher Felix, Olga Frimenko, David Gowarty, Tom Grammes, 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 Witaneck, Sandra Wyslutsky

**Catechumens:** Jason & Taylor Fogel, Martha Klein, Chris Kiris, Lee & Jess Snekot, William Stofko

**Handmaiden:** Elizabeth Hockman and her newborn daughter

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