

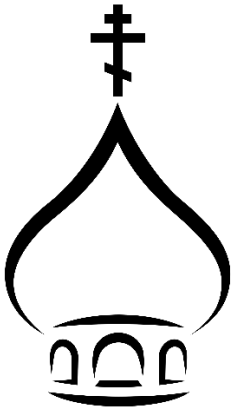
Divine Liturgy

Sunday, December 29, 2024

27th Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday After the Nativity

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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 December 29, 2024

27th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – Tone 2. Holy Righteous Ones: Joseph the Betrothed, David the King, and James the Brother of the Lord. Afterfeast of the Nativity of Christ. Sunday after Nativity. The 14,000 Infants (Holy Innocents) slain by Herod at Bethlehem. Ven. Marcellus, Abbot of the Monastery of the “Unsleping Ones” (485). Ven. Mark the Grave-digger, Theophilus, and John, of the Kiev Caves (Near Caves—11th-12th c.). Venerable Theophilus and Jacob, wonderworkers of Omuch (15th c.). Ven. Thaddeus the Confessor, of the Studion (818).

Fr. Nikolai’s Office Hours

Monday, December 30th - Fr. Nikolai’s Day Off
Friday, December 3rd - 10:30 am - 3:00 pm

Coffee Hour Today

Coffee Hour will be hosted by Marietta Peytcheva
In Memory Of Stefanov & Peytcheva Departed Family Members

Weekly & Upcoming Calendar

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

Friday, January 3

9:00 am - Royal Hours of Theophany

Saturday, January 4

4:30 pm - General Panikhida

5:00 am - Great Vespers

Sunday, January 5

Sunday before Theophany

9:10 am - Reading of the Hours

9:30 am - Divine Liturgy

7:00 pm - Theophany Comp.

w/ Blessing of Water

Monday, January 6

Theophany / Epiphany

9:10 am - Reading of the Hours

9:30 am - Divine Liturgy

Please join us for a luncheon in the Chernay Fellowship Hall following the Divine Liturgy

Tuesday, January 7

Old Calendar Nativity (In Slavonic)

9:10 am - Reading of the Hours

9:30 am - Divine Liturgy

Thursday, January 9

9:00 am - Akathist to the Theotokos, Nurturer of Children

Saturday, January 11

5:00 am - Great Vespers

Sunday, January 12

29th Sunday After Pentecost

9:10 am - Reading of the Hours

9:30 am - Divine Liturgy

Saturday, January 18

5:00 am - Great Vespers

Sunday, January 19

30th Sunday After Pentecost

9:10 am - Reading of the Hours

9:30 am - Divine Liturgy

Tuesday, January 21

7:00 pm - Parish Council Meeting

Saturday, January 25

5:00 am - Great Vespers

Sunday, January 26

31st Sunday After Pentecost

9:10 am - Reading of the Hours

9:30 am - Divine Liturgy

Pierogi Schedule

Pierogi Making December 16, 17, 17

NO Pierogi Making January 6, 7, 8

Pierogi Hotline Change - Please note Pierogis will be made on January, Monday 13, Tuesday, January 14, and Wednesday, January 15. We have an order for 202 dozen. No other orders will be taken. Thank you.

Resume "normal" Pierogi Making January 20, 21, 22.

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

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Tone 2 Troparion *(Resurrection)*

When Thou didst descend to death, O Life immortal, Thou didst slay hell with the splendor of Thy Godhead. And when from the depths Thou didst raise the dead, all the powers of heaven cried out: "O Giver of life, Christ our God, glory to Thee!"

Tone 4 Troparion *(Feast)*

Thy Nativity, O Christ our God, has shone to the world the light of wisdom! For by it, those who worshipped the stars, were taught by a star to adore Thee, the Sun of Righteousness, and to know Thee, the Orient from on high. O Lord, glory to Thee!

Tone 2 Troparion *(Righteous Ones)*

Proclaim the wonder, O Joseph, to David, the ancestor of God; thou hast seen a Virgin great with child; and thou didst give glory with the shepherds; thou didst worship with the Magi, and didst receive the news from the Angel. Pray to Christ God to save our souls!

Tone 3 Kontakion *(Righteous Ones)*

Today godly David is filled with joy; Joseph and James offer praise. The glorious crown of their kinship with Christ fills them with great joy. They sing praises to the One ineffably born on earth, and they cry out: "O Compassionate One, save those who honor Thee!"

Tone 3 Kontakion (*Feast*)

Today the Virgin gives birth to the Transcendent One, and the earth offers a cave to the Unapproachable One! Angels with shepherds glorify Him! The Wise Men journey with the star, since for our sake the eternal God was born as a little Child!

Tone 2 Prokeimenon (*Resurrection*)

The Lord is my strength and my song; He has become my salvation. (*Ps. 117:14*)

The Lord has chastened me sorely, but He has not given me over to death.
(*Ps. 117:18*)

Tone 4 Prokeimenon (*Righteous Ones*)

God is wonderful in His saints, the God of Israel. (*Ps. 67:35a*)

Epistle

Read by Reader Nicholas Lezinsky

(Galatians 1:11-19 (Sunday After)) But I make known to you, brethren, that the gospel which was preached by me is not according to man. For I neither received it from man, nor was I taught it, but it came through the revelation of Jesus Christ. For you have heard of my former conduct in Judaism, how I persecuted the church of God beyond measure and tried to destroy it. And I advanced in Judaism beyond many of my contemporaries in my own nation, being more exceedingly zealous for the traditions of my fathers. But when it pleased God, who separated me from my mother's womb and called me through His grace, to reveal His Son in me, that I might preach Him among the Gentiles, I did not immediately confer with flesh and blood, nor did I go up to Jerusalem to those who were apostles before me; but I went to Arabia, and returned again to Damascus. Then after three years I went up to Jerusalem to see Peter, and remained with him fifteen days. But I saw none of the other apostles except James, the Lord's brother.

Tone 2

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

May the Lord hear thee in the day of trouble! May the name of the God of Jacob protect thee! (Ps. 19:1)

Save the King, O Lord, and hear us on the day we call! (Ps. 19:9)

Tone 4

Remember, O Lord, David and all his meekness! (Ps. 131:1)

Gospel

(Matthew 2:13-23 (Sunday After)) Now when they had departed, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream, saying, "Arise, take the young Child and His mother, flee to Egypt, and stay there until I bring you word; for Herod will seek the young Child to destroy Him." When he arose, he took the young Child and His mother by night and departed for Egypt, and was there until the death of Herod, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the Lord through the prophet, saying, "Out of Egypt I called My Son." Then Herod, when he saw that he was deceived by the wise men, was exceedingly angry; and he sent forth and put to death all the male children who were in Bethlehem and in all its districts, from two years old and under, according to the time which he had determined from the wise men. Then was fulfilled what was spoken by Jeremiah the prophet, saying: "A voice was heard in Ramah, lamentation, weeping, and great mourning, Rachel weeping for her children, refusing to be comforted, because they are no more." Now when Herod was dead, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt, saying, "Arise, take the young Child and His mother, and go to the land of Israel, for those who sought the young Child's life are dead." Then he arose, took the young Child and His mother, and came into the land of Israel. But when he heard that Archelaus was reigning over Judea instead of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. And being warned by God in a dream, he turned aside into the region of Galilee. And he came and dwelt in a city called Nazareth, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophets, "He shall be called a Nazarene."

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

Magnify, O my soul, the most pure Virgin Theotokos, more honorable and more glorious than the heavenly hosts.

I behold a strange, most glorious mystery: heaven—the cave; the cherubic throne—the Virgin; the manger—the place where Christ lay: the uncontainable God, Whom we magnify in song.

(or, the ninth heirmos of the second canon)

Out of fear, we should choose to love silence, for that is a safer course; so difficult it is lovingly to compose intricately woven songs to thee, O Virgin. But grant us strength, O Mother, equal to our natural calling.

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!

CORRECTED: Candle Offerings for Sunday, December 22, 2024

Vigils in Altar - Windowsill (2)

In Memory of Nick Papaharalambos, Offered by Mat. Fran & Family

Vigils in Altar - Table of Oblation (2)

In Memory Of James & Marianne Blachinski, Offered by Bill & Sandi Keysock

Vigils in Altar - Side Table (2)

In Memory Of Michael Stafiniak, Offered by wife, Dorothy

Votives in Altar

In Memory Of Philip Stefanov

Votives in Iconostas

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

Vigil in Side Candle Holders (2)

In Memory of David Keysock, Offered by Bill & Sandi Keysock

Crosses

In Memory Of Bretz & Hutz Families, Offered by Ann Marie & Barry

Vigils on the Tetrapod (2)

In Memory Of Alexander & Pauline Radchuk, Offered by Bill & Sandi Keysock

Vigils on Icon Table (2)

Happy Birthday Moses Hodson, Offered by Carmen, Alex & Chris

Vigils - Icon of the Virgin Mary (2)

In Memory Of William & Mary Keysock, Offered by Bill & Sandi Keysock

Votives - Icon of the Virgin Mary

In Memory Of Michael Stafiniak

Offered by Children Michele, Joseph, Stephen & their Families

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

In Memory Of Andrew Hasenecz, Offered by Bill & Sandi Keysock

Votives - Icon of St. John the Baptist

In Memory Of John Junda, Offered by Barb, Kyra & Gregory

Vigils on South Wall Window Sill (3)

In Memory Of Felix & Haney Families, Offered by Patty Felix

Vigils of St. Gregory (1)

In Memory Of John Junda, Offered by Barb, Kyra & Gregory

Vigils of St. Paul (1)

For Health Of Mircea, Offered by The Lungu Family

Vigils on North Wall Window Sill (3)

In Memory Of Felix & Haney Families, Offered by Patty Felix

Vigil of St. Michael (1)

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

Vigil of St. Andrew (1)

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

Flowers to Adorn the Icon of the Nativity of Our Lord God and Savior Jesus Christ

For Health Of Family, Offered by The Mason Family

Candle Offerings for Sunday, December 29, 2024

Vigils in Altar - Windowsill (2)

Happy 21st Birthday Ethan Radio, Offered by Poppy & Baba

Vigils in Altar - Table of Oblation (2)

Happy Birthday & Good Health Tricia Metz, Offered by Sue & Bill Nielsen

Vigils in Altar - Side Table (2)

Happy 21st Birthday Ethan, Offered by Dad, Jen, Kody, Austin & Devon

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

Happy 21st Birthday Ethan, Offered by Keri, Jason, Talia & Jones

Vigils on the Tetrapod (2)

Happy Birthday Michael Keysock, Offered by Bill & Sandi Keysock

Vigils on Icon Table (2)

For Health Of Mat. Fran Vansuch, Offered by Bill & Sandi Keysock

Vigils - Icon of the Virgin Mary (2)

In Memory Of Rosemary Barhight, Offered by Michael & Francine Slivka

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

In Memory Of Michael, Mary & Joan Stetz, Offered by Pat & Tom

Votives - Icon of St. John the Baptist

In Memory Of Michael, Mary & Joan Stetz, Offered by Pat & Tom

Vigils of St. Gregory (1)

In Honor Of Ethan Radio, Offered by Poppy & Baba

Vigils of St. Paul (1)

For Health Of Mircea, Offered by The Lungu Family

House Blessing Schedule

Dear faithful,

Glory to Jesus Christ! This year, I am attempting as much as possible to schedule 2025 House Blessings electronically. Therefore I've created an online sign-up form. We will also have the normal paper sign up at the candle desk, for those who don't wish to fill in the form themselves. Blessings will begin on Wednesday, January 8th, and are arranged according to location, so be sure to check both the time and the location on the schedule when you sign up.

The sign-up form can be found at www.stnicholasoca.org/theophany2025

In Christ,

Priest Nikolai Breckenridge

Request for Annual Church Organization Reports

CORRECTED DATES

Please note that all Church Organization Reports must be submitted to the Administrative Assistant by January 15, 2025 in order to prepare the packets for the Annual Parish Assembly. Packets will be distributed to parishioners from the candle desk beginning on January 26, 2025 for their review prior to the meeting on February 16, 2025.

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, Maryann Dudash, Christopher Felix, Patricia Felix, Olga Frimenko, David Gowarty, Tom Grammes, Rachel Hardesty, Artemiy Hartman, Kalista Hartman, Nicholas Hazzard, Don Holobeny, Jonathan Hontz, Susanna Hrebinka, 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, Mrudhuma Ravada, Lee & Jess Snekot, William Stofko, Kevin Walter

Handmaiden: Christina Heitzenrater, Kerry Kurtz and their unborn children; Elizabeth Hockman and her newborn daughter

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