

Divine Liturgy

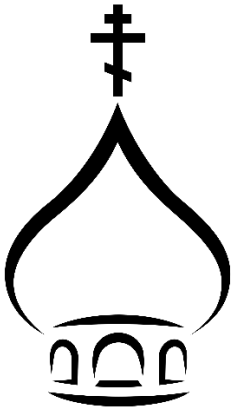
Sunday, January 12, 2025

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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 January 13, 2025

29th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – Tone 4. Afterfeast of the Theophany. Sunday after Theophany. Martyr Tatiana of Rome and those who suffered with her (226-235). Ven. Martinian, Abbot of Belozersk (1483). Martyr Mertius of Mauretania (284-305). Martyr Peter Apselamus of Palestine (309-310). Ven. Eupraxia of Tabenna, in Egypt (393). The “AKATHIST” and “THE MILKGIVER” Icons of the Mother of God. Icon of the Mother of God, the “Priestly”. Virgin Martyrs Neollina, Domnina, and Parthena (1375).

Fr. Nikolai’s Office Hours

Regular Office Hours will resume after the House Blessing Season.

Coffee Hour Today

Coffee Hour will be hosted by Judy Lezinsky
To benefit The Holy Transfiguration Monastery in Ellwood City

Weekly & Upcoming Calendar

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

Saturday, January 18

Sunday, January 19

5:00 am - Great Vespers

30th Sunday After Pentecost

9:10 am - Reading of the Hours

9:30 am - Divine Liturgy

3:00 pm - The Blessing of the Jordan Creek

7:00 pm - Parish Council Meeting

Tuesday, January 21

Saturday, January 25

Sunday, January 26

5:00 am - Great Vespers

31st Sunday After Pentecost

9:10 am - Reading of the Hours

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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 1 Troparion *(Feast)*

When Thou, O Lord, wast baptized in the Jordan, the worship of the Trinity was made manifest. For the voice of the Father bore witness to Thee, and called Thee His beloved Son; and the Spirit in the form of a dove confirmed the truthfulness of His word. O Christ our God, Who hast revealed Thyself and hast enlightened the world, glory to Thee.

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 4 Kontakion *(Martyr Tatiana)*

In thy sufferings thou didst shine brightly in the royal purple of thy blood, and like a beautiful dove thou didst fly to heaven, passion-bearer Tatiana. Therefore, always pray for those who honor thee!

Tone 4 Kontakion *(Feast)*

Today Thou hast shone forth to the world, O Lord, and the light of Thy countenance has been marked on us. Knowing Thee, we sing Thy praises: "Thou hast come and revealed Thyself, O unapproachable Light."

Tone 1 Prokeimenon *(Sunday After)*

Let Thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us as we have set our hope on Thee! *(Ps. 32:22)*

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

Epistle

Read by Reader Mark Hrebinka

(Ephesians 4:7-13 (Sunday After)) But to each one of us grace was given according to the measure of Christ's gift. Therefore He says: "When He ascended on high, He led captivity captive, and gave gifts to men." (Now this, "He ascended" - what does it mean but that He also first descended into the lower parts of the earth? He who descended is also the One who ascended far above all the heavens, that He might fill all things.) And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ, till we all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ;

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

(Matthew 4:12-17 (Sunday After)) Now when Jesus heard that John had been put in prison, He departed to Galilee. And leaving Nazareth, He came and dwelt in Capernaum, which is by the sea, in the regions of Zebulun and Naphtali, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Isaiah the prophet, saying: "The land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, by the way of the sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles: The people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and upon those who sat in the region and shadow of death Light has dawned." From that time Jesus began to preach and to say, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."

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

Magnify, O my soul, the most pure Virgin Theotokos, more honorable than the heavenly hosts!

No tongue knows how to praise thee worthily, O Theotokos; even Angels are overcome with awe praising thee. But since thou art good, accept our faith; for thou knowest our love inspired by God! Thou art the defender of Christians, and we magnify thee.

Communion Hymn

The grace of God has appeared for the salvation of all mankind. *(Titus 2:11)*
Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest! *(Ps. 148:1)*
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Candle Offerings for Sunday, January 12, 2025

Vigils in Altar - Windowsill (2)

For Health Of Nicolae & Vlad, Offered by The Lungu Family

Vigils in Altar - Table of Oblation (2)

In Memory Of Philip Stefanov

Vigils in Altar - Side Table (2)

In Honor Of Matthew Shadid, Offered by Fr. Michael & Mat. Susan Kon

Votives in Altar

In Memory Of Paul Havrilko, Offered by Family

Votives in Iconostas

In Honor Of Kh. Sophia Shadid, Offered by Fr. Michael & Mat. Susan Kon

Crosses

In Honor Of Nicolae for his Birthday, Offered by Victoria Dimonie

Vigils on the Tetrapod (2)

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

Vigils on Icon Table (2)

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

Vigils - Icon of the Virgin Mary (2)

Happy Anniversary Michael & Francine Slivka
Offered by Slivka Children & Grandchildren

Votives - Icon of the Virgin Mary

Happy Birthday Mom, Offered by Amber & Michael Metz

Votives - Icon of St. John the Baptist

In Memory Of Philip Stefanov

Vigils of St. Paul (1)

For Health Of Nicolae, Offered by The Lungu Family

Vigil of St. Michael (1)

Happy Birthday Michael Metz, Offered by Amber Metz



The Lehigh Valley
Orthodox Clergy Brotherhood

INVITES YOU TO

*The Blessing of
the Jordan Creek*

1001 N 6TH STREET EXT. | WHITEHALL, PA 18102

Sunday, January 19th

3:00 pm

House Blessing Schedule

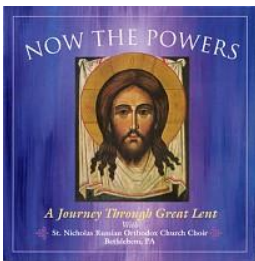
Dear faithful,

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

Prepare for Lent with the St. Nicholas Choir CD Now The Powers



For the Orthodox Christian, the liturgical year revolves around the celebration of the death, burial and resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. In this recording we share with you the rich and powerful message of the Church's teaching about Great Lent and Pascha as conveyed through her liturgical worship. The music collection of over 25 hymns takes you on a moving, spiritual journey to Pascha, beginning with Pre-Lenten season and ending with the triumphant Paschal proclamation that "Christ is Risen...!" Contact Nick Lezinsky if you are interested in purchasing a CD.

Pierogi Schedule

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.****

Please Collect Your Dishes!

Many thanks to all of our wonderful bakers! Please review the table in the Fellowship Hall and collect any dishes that you may have left at the church. All dishes not collected by January 31, 2025 will be donated.

Request for Annual Church Organization Reports

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.