

Divine Liturgy

Sunday, January 19, 2025

30th Sunday after Pentecost

Ven. Macarius the Great of Egypt



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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 19, 2025

30th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – Tone 5. Ven. Macarius the Great of Egypt (390-391). Ven. Macarius of Alexandria (394-395). St. Mark, Archbishop of Ephesus (15th c.). Ven. Makáry the Faster, of the Kiev Caves (Near Caves–12th c.). Ven. Makáry the Deacon, of the Kiev Caves (Far Caves–13th-14th c.). Righteous Theodore of Novgorod, Fool-for-Christ (1392). Opening of the Relics of Ven. Savva (Sabbas) of Storozhévsk and Zvenígorod (1652). Virgin Martyr Euphrasia of Nicomedia (303). St. Arsenius, Archbishop of Kerkyra (Corfu–8th c.).

Fr. Nikolai's Office Hours

Regular Office Hours will resume after the House Blessing Season.

Coffee Hour Today

Coffee Hour will be In Honor Of Pat Grammes Birthday
To benefit the Sunday School

Weekly & Upcoming Calendar

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

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9:10 am - Reading of the Hours

9:30 am - Divine Liturgy

3:00 pm - The Blessing of the Jordan Creek

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

Saturday, February 1

4:30 pm General Panikida

5:00 pm - Great Vespers

Sunday, February 2	Meeting of the Lord / Sunday of Zacchaeus 9:10 am - Reading of the Hours 9:30 am - Divine Liturgy <i>Please join us during coffee hour for a Baby Shower honoring Kerry Kurtz!</i>
Saturday, February 8	5:00 pm - Great Vespers
Sunday, February 9	Sunday of the Publican and Pharisee 9:30 am - Divine Liturgy 5:00 pm - Great Vespers
Saturday, February 15	5:00 pm - Great Vespers
Sunday, February 16	Sunday of the Prodigal Son St. Nicholas of Japan 9:10 am - Reading of the Hours 9:30 am - Divine Liturgy
Saturday, February 22	Memorial Saturday 8:50 am Reading of Hours 9:00 am - Memorial Divine Liturgy 5:00 pm - Great Vespers
Sunday, February 23	Sunday of the Last Judgment 9:10 am - Reading of the Hours 9:30 am - Divine Liturgy

Media Opt-Out Information

As many of you know, from time to time we (St. Nicholas Church) record, photograph or videotape various events and activities that reflect an active parish. These pieces of communication may be published on our website, in our bulletin, on our social media page, on the OCA website, or used on other printed material. Some people may choose not to have their photos used and if you are among them, we ask that you fill-out the Media Opt-Out Form that can be found at the information table outside the church hall. Please return it to the church administrative assistant so that we may have a copy on file. If you are okay with the use of media, you do not have to do anything. Thank you.

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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 *(Ven. Macarius)*

O dweller of the wilderness and angel in the body, thou wast a wonderworker, O our God-bearing Father Macarius. 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 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 4 Kontakion *(Ven. Macarius)*

The Lord truly placed thee in the house of abstinence, as a star enlightening the ends of the earth, Venerable Macarius, Father of Fathers.

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 Aurora Mascari

(Colossians 3:12-16) Therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, put on tender mercies, kindness, humility, meekness, longsuffering; bearing with one another, and forgiving one another, if anyone has a complaint against another; even as Christ forgave you, so you also must do. But above all these things put on love, which is the bond of perfection. And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to which also you were called in one body; and be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.

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 18:35-43) Then it happened, as He was coming near Jericho, that a certain blind man sat by the road begging. And hearing a multitude passing by, he asked what it meant. So they told him that Jesus of Nazareth was passing by. And he cried out, saying, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" Then those who went before warned him that he should be quiet; but he cried out all the more, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" So Jesus stood still and commanded him to be brought to Him. And when he had come near, He asked him, saying, "What do you want Me to do for you?" He said, "Lord, that I may receive my sight." Then Jesus said to him, "Receive your sight; your faith has made you well." And immediately he received his sight, and followed Him, glorifying God. And all the people, when they saw it, gave praise to God.

Communion Hymn

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

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Candle Offerings for Sunday, January 19, 2025

Vigils in Altar - Table of Oblation (2)

In Honor Of Mat

Votives in Altar

In Memory of Philip Stefanov

Crosses

In Honor Of Barry Bretz 10th Anniversary of Chrismation

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

Votives - Icon of the Virgin Mary

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

Vigils of St. Paul (1)

For Health Of Nicolae, Offered by The Lungu Family



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INVITES YOU TO

*The Blessing of
the Jordan Creek*

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Sunday, January 19th

3:00 pm

Upcoming Parish Council Meeting

Parish Council Meeting - Tuesday, January 21, 2025, at 7:00 pm.

Some may not know, but Council Meetings are open to all Parishioners to observe. If you wish to attend, please let Fr. Nikolai or Jen know, so we know to expect you.

Christmas Bazaar

Thank you to all who participated in the many activities necessary for us to host our annual Christmas Bazaar. It was enjoyed by all, with many compliments received from our customers. It was also a great success, raising \$30,101.28 for St. Nicholas Church. Thank you everyone!!!

A Note of Thanks

Many thanks to all who donated at the Coffee Hour on January 12 to benefit the Holy Transfiguration Monastery. Your generosity is deeply appreciated. May God Grant You Many Years!

Nick & Judy Lezinsky

Preparing for Scouting Sunday

We would like to refresh our list of St. Nicholas Scouts, so please take a moment to let us know of anyone who should be listed in the bulletin for Scouting Sunday on February 2, 2025. Please include the scouts' rank with their names. Kindly submit all names no later than Wednesday, January 29, 2025. Thank you!

JOIN US FOR A



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SHOWER

IN HONOR OF

Kerry Kurtz

FEBRUARY

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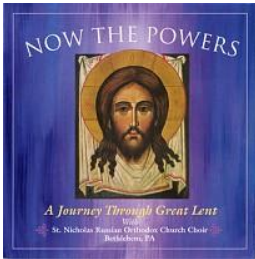
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2025

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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

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.

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.