

# **Divine Liturgy**

Sunday, February 2, 2025

**32<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

**The Meeting of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ in the Temple  
Sunday of Zacchaeus**



**SAINT NICHOLAS**  
**RUSSIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH**



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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)*

***Please turn off or silence your electronic devices  
before entering the church. Thank you.***

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# Schedule for the Week of February 2, 2025

**32nd SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – Tone 7. Sunday of Zacchaeus. The Meeting of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, in the Temple .**

## Fr. Nikolai's Office Hours

Regular Office Hours will resume after the House Blessing Season.

## Coffee Hour Today

Coffee Hour will be hosted In Honor Of  
Kerry Kurtz's Baby Shower

## Weekly & Upcoming Calendar

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

|                              |   |
|------------------------------|---|
| <b>Saturday, February 8</b>  | 5:00 pm - Great Vespers   |
| <b>Sunday, February 9</b>    | <b>Sunday of the Publican and Pharisee</b><br>9:30 am - Divine Liturgy  |
| <b>Saturday, February 15</b> | 5:00 pm - Great Vespers   |
| <b>Sunday, February 16</b>   | <b>Sunday of the Prodigal Son</b><br><b>St. Nicholas of Japan</b><br>9:10 am - Reading of the Hours<br>9:30 am - Divine Liturgy |
| <b>Saturday, February 22</b> | <b>Memorial Saturday</b><br>8:50 am Reading of Hours<br>9:00 am - Memorial Divine Liturgy<br>5:00 pm - Great Vespers            |
| <b>Sunday, February 23</b>   | <b>Sunday of the Last Judgment</b><br>9:10 am - Reading of the Hours<br>9:30 am - Divine Liturgy                                |

JOIN US FOR A



BABY  
SHOWER

IN HONOR OF

*Kerry Kurtz*

FEBRUARY

SUNDAY

2

AT 11 AM

2025

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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 1      Troparion**      *(Feast)*

Rejoice, O Virgin Theotokos, Full of Grace! From thee shone the Sun of Righteousness, Christ our God, enlightening those who sat in darkness. Rejoice and be glad, O righteous Elder, thou didst accept in thine arms the ^Redeemer of our souls, Who grants us the Resurrection!

**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 1      Kontakion**      *(Feast)*

By Thy Nativity Thou didst sanctify the Virgin's womb and didst bless Simeon's hands, O Christ God. Now Thou hast come and saved us through love. Grant peace to all Orthodox Christians, O only Lover of Man!

**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 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 Matthew Lezinsky

**(1 Timothy 4:9-15)** This is a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptance. For to this end we both labor and suffer reproach, because we trust in the living God, who is the Savior of all men, especially of those who believe. These things command and teach. Let no one despise your youth, but be an example to the believers in word, in conduct, in love, in spirit, in faith, in purity. Till I come, give attention to reading, to exhortation, to doctrine. Do not neglect the gift that is in you, which was given to you by prophecy with the laying on of the hands of the eldership. Meditate on these things; give yourself entirely to them, that your progress may be evident to all.

**(Hebrews 7:7-17 (Feast))** Now beyond all contradiction the lesser is blessed by the better. Here mortal men receive tithes, but there he receives them, of whom it is witnessed that he lives. Even Levi, who receives tithes, paid tithes through Abraham, so to speak, for he was still in the loins of his father when Melchizedek met him. Therefore, if perfection were through the Levitical priesthood (for under it the people received the law), what further need was there that another priest should rise according to the order of Melchizedek, and not be called according to the order of Aaron For the priesthood being changed, of necessity there is also a change of the law. For He of whom these things are spoken belongs to another tribe, from which no man has officiated at the altar. For it is evident that our Lord arose from Judah, of which tribe Moses spoke nothing concerning priesthood. And it is yet far more evident if, in the likeness of Melchizedek, there arises another priest who has come, not according to the law of a fleshly commandment, but according to the power of an endless life. For He testifies: "You are a priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek."

## 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 8**

*Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace, according to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation! (Luke 2:29)*

## **Gospel**

**(Luke 19:1-10)** Then Jesus entered and passed through Jericho. Now behold, there was a man named Zacchaeus who was a chief tax collector, and he was rich. And he sought to see who Jesus was, but could not because of the crowd, for he was of short stature. So he ran ahead and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see Him, for He was going to pass that way. And when Jesus came to the place, He looked up and saw him, and said to him, "Zacchaeus, make haste and come down, for today I must stay at your house." So he made haste and came down, and received Him joyfully. But when they saw it, they all complained, saying, "He has gone to be a guest with a man who is a sinner." Then Zacchaeus stood and said to the Lord, "Look, Lord, I give half of my goods to the poor; and if I have taken anything from anyone by false accusation, I restore fourfold." And Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, because he also is a son of Abraham; for the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost."

**(Luke 2:22-40)** Now when the days of her purification according to the law of Moses were completed, they brought Him to Jerusalem to present Him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, "Every male who opens the womb shall be called holy to the LORD"), and to offer a sacrifice according to what is said in the law of the Lord, "A pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons." And behold, there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon, and this man was just and devout, waiting for the Consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Christ. So he came by the Spirit into the temple. And when the parents brought in the Child Jesus, to do for Him according to the custom of the law, he took Him up in his arms and blessed God and said: "Lord, now You are letting Your servant depart in peace, according to Your word; for my eyes have seen Your salvation which You have prepared before the face of all peoples, a light to bring revelation to the Gentiles, and the glory of Your people Israel." And Joseph and His mother marveled at those things which were spoken of Him. Then Simeon blessed them, and said to Mary His mother, "Behold, this Child is destined for the fall and rising of many in Israel,

and for a sign which will be spoken against (yes, a sword will pierce through your own soul also), that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed." Now there was one, Anna, a prophetess, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, and had lived with a husband seven years from her virginity; and this woman was a widow of about eighty-four years, who did not depart from the temple, but served God with fastings and prayers night and day. And coming in that instant she gave thanks to the Lord, and spoke of Him to all those who looked for redemption in Jerusalem. So when they had performed all things according to the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own city, Nazareth. And the Child grew and became strong in spirit, filled with wisdom; and the grace of God was upon Him.

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

### **Tone 3**

○ Virgin Theotokos, hope of all Christians, protect, preserve, and save those who hope in thee!

In the shadow and letter of the Law, let us the faithful discern a figure: every male [child] that opens the womb is holy to God. Therefore we magnify the firstborn Word of the Father Who has no beginning, the Son firstborn of a Mother who had not known man.

### **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!

### **Tone 3      Megalynaria of the 9<sup>th</sup> Ode**

○ pure Virgin Mother that which came to pass in you is beyond the understanding of angels and men. Desiring to save Adam the Creator to up His abode in your pure and spotless womb, ○ Virgin Mother of God. All creation blesses you, ○ pure Virgin. And in faith glorifies you as the Theotokos. ○ Mary Theotokos you are the mystic tongs, who conceived in your pure womb Christ Who is the Living Coal. ○ Virgin Theotokos, hope of all Christians protect, preserve and aid all who put their hope in you.



# **Candle Offerings for Sunday, February 2, 2025**

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

For Health Of Valerie Roberts, Offered by Family

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

Happy Anniversary Carmen & Moses, Offered by The Lezinskys

## **Votives in Altar**

In Memory Of Philip Stefanov, Offered by Family

## **Votives in Iconostas**

For Health Of Nicolae, Offered by The Lungu Family

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

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

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

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

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

For Health Of Valerie Roberts, Offered by Family

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

In Memory Of Anna Kanerva, Offered by Barb, Kyra & Gregory

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

In Memory Of Anna Kanerva, Offered by Barb, Kyra & Gregory

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

For Health Of Nicolae, Offered by The Lungu Family

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

Happy Birthday Nicholas Paul Florenz  
Offered by Uncle Matthew, Aunt Lori, Sophia & Jacob

## **Flowers to Adorn the Icon of The Meeting of Our Lord in the Temple**

In Memory Of Joan, Offered by Pat & Tom

# St. Nicholas Scouts

David Cudlic, Order of Arrow, Assistant Scout Master  
Michael Dorosh, Alpha Omega, Order of Arrow, Eagle (1958)  
Daniel Jubinski, Alpha Omega, Order of Arrow, Eagle (1987)  
Jacob Lezinsky, Cub Scout, Webelo, Order of St. George, Chi Rho Award  
Fr. James Mason, Order of Arrow, Scout Master  
Amber Metz - Girl Scouts Brownie  
Christopher Metz - Star  
David Metz - Star  
Julianne Metz - Girl Scout, Junior  
Kimberly Metz - Girl Scout, Senior  
Michael Metz - Life  
Peter Metz- Star  
William Podlusky - Life  
Dr. Gregory Radio, Order of Arrow, Eagle, Medicine Man (1964)  
Gordon Roberts, Order of Arrow, Eagle  
Wash Telepchak, Eagle (1946)

## Candle Prices

- Decorated Candles \$15 each
- Tall Thin Beeswax Tapers \$1 each
- Short Thick Beeswax Tapers \$2 each
- Vigils in Colored Glass \$4 each  
4 hr votives \$0.50 each

## 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Treasurer's Report Summary

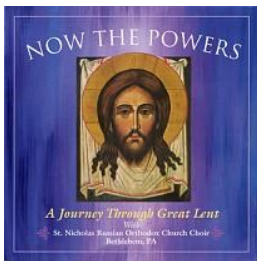
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| October 2024  | Income:             | \$35,990.59          |
|               | Expenses:           | \$48,608.80          |
|               | <u>Net Revenue:</u> | <u>\$(12,618.21)</u> |
| November 2024 | Income:             | \$33,432.45          |
|               | Expenses            | \$22,686.01          |
|               | <u>Net Revenue:</u> | <u>\$10,746.44</u>   |
| December 2024 | Income:             | \$79,302.25          |
|               | Expenses:           | \$57,653.34          |
|               | <u>Net Revenue:</u> | <u>\$21,648.91</u>   |

# Pierogi Schedule

Resume "normal" Pierogi Making February 3, 4, 5

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

## 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.

## Women's Psalter Group - Great Lent 2025

This year we are excited to be organizing a Women's Psalter group for Great Lent! What is a Psalter group? A group of ladies who want to pray together and deepen their spiritual journey during the Lenten fast. We hope to have at least 20 or more women sign up. Each day you will read a particular section of the Psalter (Psalms). Since the Psalter is traditionally broken up into 20 Kathisma readings, everyday during the Lenten fast we would collectively be reading the entire Psalter together. If interested, please contact Judy Lezinsky.

# Annual Parish Meeting Notice

The Annual Parish Meeting will be held on Sunday, February 16, 2025. The meeting will be held in the church hall immediately following the Divine Liturgy. A light luncheon will be served. All are encouraged to read the agenda and reports thoroughly and prepare their questions to ensure an expedited parish meeting. Please note that there will be no means of virtual participation in the meeting.

According to the bylaws of St. Nicholas Russian Orthodox Church of Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, the required quorum for a parish meeting is the attendance of at least 25% of voting members in good standing. A quorum must be maintained throughout the meeting. If a quorum is not present, the meeting shall then be rescheduled by the Parish Council in consultation with the Rector, at which time the members present will constitute a quorum.

## Annual Church Office Elections

What you need to know to vote in the Annual Parish Meeting being held on February 16, 2025 and to run for Church Office: According to our Bylaws in order to vote and participate in the discussions you must be a member at least 18 years of age and in good standing (both financially and sacramentally) for one (1) year. In order to run for Church Office you must be have been a practicing Orthodox Christian for at least one (1) year and a parishioner of this Parish for a prior 12 month period.

**If you are interested in serving on the Parish Council, please see Fr. Nikolai or any current member of the Parish Council.**

Please note the Parish Council Vice President and Secretary are chosen by and from the newly elected Parish Council to serve for one (1) year terms.

### **Parish Council Officer Positions**

Parish Council President (one year)  
Treasurer (one year)  
Financial Secretary (one year)

### **Parish Council Positions**

Two (2) three year terms

### **Auditor Positions**

Four (4) one year terms

### **Cemetery Committee Chair**

One (1) one year term

### **Diocesan Assembly Positions**

Diocesan Assembly Delegate  
Diocesan Assembly Alternate

### **All American Council Positions**

All American Council Delegate  
All American Council Alternate

# Voting Members

A voting member is a parishioner who has the privilege of attending, being counted when determining the number required for a quorum, taking part in discussion, and voting at any annual or special parish meeting. A voting member may also have the privilege of being elected as a member of the Parish Council if he or she possesses the appropriate gifts and disposition for working with others. A voting member is in "good standing" if he or she:

- a.** Is a baptized and chrismated an Orthodox Christian;
- b.** Is at least eighteen (18) years of age;
- c.** Partakes of the Sacraments of Confession and Holy Communion in this Parish at least once during the previous 12 month period;
- d.** Has been a practicing Orthodox Christian for at least one (1) year and a parishioner of this Parish for a prior 12 month period;
- e.** Has demonstrated commitment to the defined financial obligation during the previous 12 month period. (\$520 per year) If the financial obligation cannot be reached, an exemption can be requested and given by the Rector;
- f.** "Good standing" is determined in collaboration with the Rector and the Council President;
- g.** Voting membership in two or more Orthodox parishes is not permitted.
- h.** A Voting Member has accepted the right, privilege, and responsibility to vote in Parish Assemblies. A Voting Member may be considered for election to office in appropriate Parish bodies. A Voting Member is eligible for election as a delegate to the Diocesan Assembly and the All-American Council.

## Annual Parish Meeting Reports Available

The Annual Parish Meeting will be held on Sunday, February 16, 2025. Please be advised that printed copies of the agenda and reports will be available at the candle desk beginning on Sunday, January 26, 2025. Please stop by to pick up a copy at your convenience. If you would like a copy emailed to you or mailed to you, please contact the Administrative Assistant at [Assistant4StNicholas@outlook.com](mailto:Assistant4StNicholas@outlook.com). Please note that due to postal delays, we cannot guarantee that mailed copies will arrive prior to the meeting.



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# 2025 Lenten Fish Dinner Fundraiser



## Menu

Hand Baked Baked or Fried Fish  
Oven Roasted Potatoes  
Vegetable & Dinner Roll  
Coffee or Tea  
Delicious Homemade Desserts  
Soda & Water - \$1.00

## Vendors

Treasures of Russia  
Boutique for authentic gift items  
Imported from Russia  
Mom's Candy Kitchen  
For delicious sweets!

**Frozen potato/cheese pierogi & paska breads for sale.**

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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 Holobeney, 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, William Potter, 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, Amanda Riley, 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.**