

Divine Liturgy

Saturday, February 22, 2025

Memorial Saturday - Saturday of Meatfare



SAINT NICHOLAS
RUSSIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH



SAINT NICHOLAS
RUSSIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

Reverend Nikolai Breckenridge, Rector
Cell: 570-604-4277
Email: nikolai.breckenridge@gmail.com

Mitred Archpriest James Mason, Attached

Deacon Geoffrey LoBalbo

Patricia Stetz Grammes, Parish Council President

Reader Nicholas Lezinsky, Choir Director

Karen Gowarty, Church School Administrator
Phone: 610-810-6290
Email: kareng18020@gmail.com

Jennifer Bzik, Administrative Assistant
Email: assistant4stnicholas@outlook.com

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.***

980 Bridle Path Road | Bethlehem, PA 18017-3120 | T: 610-867-0402
stnicholasoca.org

Divine Liturgy

Saturday, February 22, 2025

Memorial Saturday - Saturday of Meatfare

Tone 8 **Troparion** *(Departed)*

Thou only Creator Who, with wisdom profound, mercifully orderest all things, and givest that which is useful to all men: Give rest, O Lord, to the souls of Thy servants who have fallen asleep, for they have placed their trust in Thee, our Maker and Fashioner, and our God.

Tone 8 **Kontakion** *(Departed)*

With the saints give rest, O Christ, to the souls of Thy servants, where there is neither sickness nor sorrow, and no more sighing, but life everlasting!

Tone 8 **Theotokion**

We have thee as a wall and a haven and an intercessor well-pleasing to God, Whom thou hast borne, O Virgin Theotokos, the salvation of the faithful.

Tone 6 **Prokeimenon** *(Departed)*

Their souls shall dwell with the blessed. *(Ps. 24:13a)*

To Thee, O Lord, I lift up my soul. O my God, in Thee I trust, let me not be put to shame. (Ps. 24:1-2a)

Epistle

Read by Pat Grammes

(Thessalonians 4:13-17 (Departed)) But I do not want you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning those who have fallen asleep, lest you sorrow as others who have no hope. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so God will bring with Him those who sleep in Jesus. For this we say to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive and remain until the coming of the Lord

will by no means precede those who are asleep. For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord.

Tone 6

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Blessed are they whom Thou hast chosen and taken, O Lord. Their memory is from generation to generation. (Ps. 64:4a; 101:12b)

Their souls shall dwell with the blessed. (Ps. 24:13a)

Gospel

(John 5:24-30 (Departed)) Most assuredly, I say to you, he who hears My word and believes in Him who sent Me has everlasting life, and shall not come into judgment, but has passed from death into life. Most assuredly, I say to you, the hour is coming, and now is, when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God; and those who hear will live. For as the Father has life in Himself, so He has granted the Son to have life in Himself, and has given Him authority to execute judgment also, because He is the Son of Man. Do not marvel at this; for the hour is coming in which all who are in the graves will hear His voice and come forth - those who have done good, to the resurrection of life, and those who have done evil, to the resurrection of condemnation. I can of Myself do nothing. As I hear, I judge; and My judgment is righteous, because I do not seek My own will but the will of the Father who sent Me.

Communion Hymn

Blessed are they whom Thou hast chosen and taken, O Lord. Their memory is from generation to generation. *(Ps. 64:4a; 101:12b)*

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!