

Divine Liturgy

Sunday, February 23, 2025

Meatfare Sunday - Sunday of the Last Judgment



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)

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Schedule for the Week of February 23, 2025

SUNDAY OF MEATFARE – Tone 2. Sunday of the Last Judgment.

Hieromartyr Polycarp, Bishop of Smyrna (167). Ven. Polycarp of Briansk (1620-1621). Ven. John, Antiochus, Antoninus, Moses, Zebinas, Polychronius, Moses, and Damian, Ascetics, of the Syrian deserts (5th c.). Ven. Alexander, founder of the Monastery of the "Unsleeping Ones" (ca. 430). Ven. Damian of Esphigmenou (Mt. Athos–1280). Monastic Martyr Damian of Philotheou (1568). St. Gorgonia, Sister of St. Gregory the Theologian (370).

Fr. Nikolai's Office Hours

Monday, February 24th - Fr. Nikolai's Day Off
Wednesday, February 26th - 12:00 pm - 5:00 pm
Friday, February 28th - 9:00 am - 2:00 pm

Coffee Hour Today

Coffee Hour will be hosted by The Hodson Family
In Honor of Alex Hodson's Birthday

Weekly & Upcoming Calendar

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

Saturday, March 1

4:30 am - General Panikhida

5:00 pm - Great Vespers

Sunday, March 2

Forgiveness Sunday / Cheesefare Sunday

9:10 am - Reading of the Hours

9:30 am - Divine Liturgy

12:00 pm - Forgiveness Vespers

First Week of Lent - Clean Week

Monday, March 3

7:00 pm - Compline with Great Canon of St. Andrew of Crete

Tuesday, March 4

7:00 pm - Compline with Great Canon of St. Andrew of Crete

Wednesday, March 5

9:00 am - Presanctified Liturgy

7:00 pm - Compline with Great Canon of St. Andrew of Crete

Thursday, March 6

7:00 pm - Compline with Great Canon of St. Andrew of Crete

Friday, March 7

6:00 pm - Presanctified Liturgy

Saturday, March 8

St. Theodore the Recruit

8:50 am - Reading of the 3rd Hour

9:00 am - Divine Liturgy St. Theodore the Recruit

5:00 pm - Great Vespers

Sunday, March 9

The Sunday of Orthodoxy

9:10 am - Reading of the Hours

9:30 am - Divine Liturgy

Wednesday, March 12

6:00 pm - Presanctified Liturgy

Friday, March 14

9:00 am - Presanctified Liturgy

6:00 pm - Akathist - St. Nicholas

Saturday, March 15

Memorial Saturday

8:50 am - Reading of the 3rd Hour

9:00 am - Divine Liturgy

5:00 pm - Great Vespers

Sunday, March 16

St. Gregory Palamas

9:10 am - Reading of the Hours

9:30 am - Divine Liturgy

Wednesday, March 19

6:00 pm - Presanctified Liturgy

Friday, March 21

9:00 am - Presanctified Liturgy

6:00 pm - Akathist - to our Lord's Passion

Saturday, March 22

Memorial Saturday

8:50 am - Reading of the 3rd Hour

9:00 am - Divine Liturgy

5:00 pm - Great Vespers

Sunday, March 23

Sunday of the Cross

9:10 am - Reading of the Hours

9:30 am - Divine Liturgy

Monday, March 24

Eve of Annunciation

6:00 pm - Vespers for Annunciation

Tuesday, March 25

Annunciation

8:50 am - Reading of the 9th Hour

9:00 am - Festal Vespers Divine Liturgy

Wednesday, March 26

Friday, March 28

Saturday, March 29

Sunday, March 30

6:00 pm - Presanctified Liturgy

9:00 am - Presanctified Liturgy

4:00 pm - 6:00 pm - Fish Dinner

6:00 pm - Akathist - Pochaev Icon of the Theotokos

Memorial Saturday

8:50 am - Reading of the 3rd Hour

9:00 am - Divine Liturgy

5:00 pm - Great Vespers

St. John Climacus

9:10 am - Reading of the Hours

9:30 am - Divine Liturgy

UPCOMING EVENT

Come and See

Join us for a presentation from Josh Williams to hear an update on Chrysostom Academy and learn about different ways to support the students who attend.

When: Sunday March 9th
during Coffee Hour



CHRYSOSTOM
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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 1 **Kontakion** *(from the Lenten Triodion)*

When Thou, O God, shalt come to earth with glory, all things shall tremble, and the river of fire shall flow before Thy judgment seat; the books shall be opened, and the hidden things disclosed; then deliver me from the unquenchable fire, and make me worthy to stand at Thy right hand, O Righteous Judge!

Tone 3 **Prokeimenon** *(from the Lenten Triodion)*

Great is our Lord, and abundant in power, His understanding is beyond measure. *(Ps. 146:5)*

Praise the Lord! For it is good to sing praises to our God! (Ps. 146:1)

Epistle

Read by Tricia Metz

(1 Corinthians 8:8-9:2) But food does not commend us to God; for neither if we eat are we the better, nor if we do not eat are we the worse. But beware lest somehow this liberty of yours become a stumbling block to those who are weak. For if anyone sees you who have knowledge eating in an idol's temple, will not the conscience of him who is weak be emboldened to eat those things offered to idols? And because of your knowledge shall the weak brother perish, for whom Christ died? But when you thus sin against the brethren, and wound their weak conscience, you sin against Christ. Therefore, if food makes my brother stumble, I will never again eat meat, lest I make my brother stumble. Am I not an apostle? Am I not free? Have I not seen Jesus Christ our Lord? Are you not my work in the Lord? If I am not an apostle to others, yet doubtless I am to you. For you are the seal of my apostleship in the Lord.

Tone 8

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Come, let us rejoice in the Lord! Let us make a joyful noise to God our Savior! (Ps. 94:1)

Let us come before His presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise. (Ps. 94:2)

Gospel

(Matthew 25:31-46) When the Son of Man comes in His glory, and all the holy angels with Him, then He will sit on the throne of His glory. All the nations will be gathered before Him, and He will separate them one from another, as a shepherd divides his sheep from the goats. And He will set the sheep on His right hand, but the goats on the left. Then the King will say to those on His right hand, 'Come, you blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world: for I was hungry and you gave Me food; I was thirsty and you gave Me drink; I was a stranger and you took Me in; I was naked and you clothed Me; I was sick and you visited Me; I was in prison and you came to Me.' Then the righteous will answer Him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see You hungry and feed You, or thirsty and give You drink? When did we see You a stranger and take You in, or naked and clothe You? Or when did we see You sick, or in prison, and come to You?' And the King will answer and say to them, 'Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did it to one of the least of these My brethren, you did it to Me.' Then He will also say to those on the left hand, 'Depart from Me, you cursed, into the everlasting fire prepared for the devil and his angels: for I was hungry and you gave Me no food; I was thirsty and you gave Me no drink; I was a stranger and you did not take Me in, naked and you did not clothe Me, sick and in prison and you did not visit Me.' Then they also will answer Him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see You hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to You?' Then He will answer them, saying, 'Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to Me.' And these will go away into everlasting punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

Communion Hymn

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

Candle Offerings for Sunday, February 23, 2025

Vigils in Altar - Windowsill (2)

In Memory Of Mary Belzner, Offered by Mary Howell

Vigils in Altar - Table of Oblation (2)

Happy Birthday Alex Hodson, Offered by Sophia & Jacob

Votives in Altar

In Memory Of Philip Stefanov, Offered by Family

Vigil in Side Candle Holders (2)

Happy Birthday Alex Hodson, Offered by Mama, Dad & Christopher

Crosses

Happy Birthday Sarah Jubinski, Offered by Peter, Dan & Jean

Vigils on the Tetrapod (2)

Happy Birthday Jamee Bresee Slivka, Offered by Fran & Mike Slivka

Vigils on Icon Table (2)

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

Vigils - Icon of the Virgin Mary (2)

Happy Birthday Sarah Jubinski, Offered by Ann Marie & Barry

Votives - Icon of the Virgin Mary

In Memory Of George Jubinsky, Offered by Jubinsky & Novatnack Families

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

In Memory Of Steve Jubinsky, Offered by Jubinsky & Novatnack Families

Vigil of St. Michael (1)

In Memory Of Michael Stetz, Offered by Pat & Tom

Vigil of St. Andrew (1)

For Health Of Nicolae, Offered by The Lungu Family

Pierogi Making Schedule

NO Pierogi making week of February 24 25, 26 ---Halupki Making

NO Pierogi making week of March 3, 4, 5 (Beginning of Great Lent)

RESUME Pierogi making week of March 10, 11 12

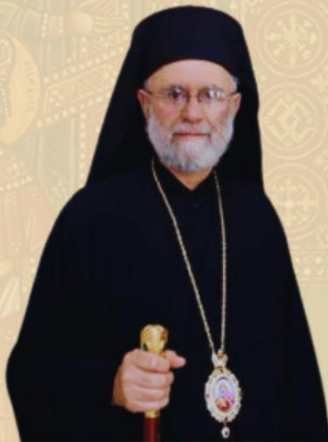
*** This schedule is subject to change. ***

LEHIGH VALLEY ORTHODOX
CLERGY BROTHERHOOD
PAN-ORTHODOX VESPERS
SUNDAY, MARCH 9 | 4 PM

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Homilist

**His Eminence
Met. SABA**

Metropolitan of the
Antiochian Orthodox Christian
Archdiocese of North America

Food and fellowship to follow

Lenten Soup Sunday

Our Lenten soup Sundays are back and we need your help! While we love making new and delicious soups for our fellow parishioners the task has become a bit overwhelming as the sale has grown! We know how many fantastic cooks we have at St. Nicholas and we'd love to have volunteers donate soups each week. We will provide the quart containers if you will fill them (about 10 per soup)! Please consider joining us in this Lenten mission! If you're interested in helping please contact Marina Murgia (610) 533-4719 or Lori Lezinsky (484) 375-3874 Thank you!

Address Change/Update

Nancy A. Sabol moved from Riverton Senior Living/Westminster Village to Sacred Heart Senior Living at Saucon Valley. To ensure that correspondence properly makes its way to Nancy, please send any cards or correspondence in care of her daughter, Elizabeth, at 2443 Black River Road #4 Bethlehem, PA 18015

LAST DAY TO SIGN UP - Women's Psalter Group

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. **Please provide your name and email address so that she can set up the groups.** 😊

Halupki Making

Sunday, February 23 - Tuesday, February 25

Dear Parish Family,

We are doing a special winter halupki making this year at the end of February to replenish our very popular frozen 4-packs, and make ahead for another halupki dinner. This is a big job, with many steps, requiring much help. Please see the schedule and tasks below. Any and all help will be appreciated! Lunches will be served, Lenten ones on Monday and Tuesday. For more information, please contact Val Roberts.

Halupki Schedule

SUNDAY AFTER COFFEE HOUR

- Set up halupki room and hall
- Steam and devein cabbage
- Cook and mix 8-10 batches of rice/onions/seasonings
- Pick up meat for Monday
- Make sauce
- Rip foil for wrapping
- Count out trays and pans
- Clean up and dishes

MONDAY

- 7:00 mix meat/rice and make balls
 - Steam rest of cabbage
- 8:00 roll halupki
 - Cook and mix 2-4 batches of rice/onions/seasonings
 - Make sauce
- After rolling
 - Devein rest of cabbage
 - Clean up and dishes
 - Pick up meat for Tuesday
 - Repack pans into 4s with sauce Evening
 - Wrap/freeze remaining large pans of halupki

TUESDAY

- 7:00 mix meat/rice and make balls
- 8:00 roll halupki
 - Make sauce
- After rolling
 - Devein rest of cabbage
 - Clean up and dishes
 - Repack pans into 4s with sauce
 - scrub floors - kitchen, hall by roasters, halupki room Evening
 - Wrap/freeze remaining large pans of halupki

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, 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, Maeve Stuckey, Patricia Telepchak, Irene Witanek, 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, Corinne Stuckey, 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.