

Divine Liturgy

Sunday, March 2, 2025

Cheesefare Sunday (Forgiveness Sunday)

The Expulsion of Adam from Paradise



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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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before entering the church. Thank you.***

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Schedule for the Week of March 2, 2025

SUNDAY OF CHEESEFARE – Tone 3. The Expulsion of Adam and Eve from Paradise. Hieromartyr Theodotus, Bishop of Cyrenia (ca. 320). St. Arsenius, Bishop of Tver (1409). Virgin Martyr Euthalia of Sicily (257). Martyr Troadius of Neo-Cæsarea (3rd c.). Ven. Agathon of Egypt (5th c.). 400 Martyrs slain by the Lombards in Sicily (579).

Fr. Nikolai's Office Hours

Fr. Nikolai will have no official office hours as he will be trying to spend much of his time in quiet reflection and prayer.

Coffee Hour Today

Coffee Hour will be hosted by Lara Bessman & Guliana Holobeney
In Honor Of Ellie's Birthday

Weekly & Upcoming Calendar

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

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

Friday, March 14

Saturday, March 15

Sunday, March 16

Wednesday, March 19

Friday, March 21

Saturday, March 22

Sunday, March 23

Monday, March 24

Tuesday, March 25

Wednesday, March 26

Friday, March 28

Saturday, March 29

Sunday, March 30

6:00 pm - Presanctified Liturgy

9:00 am - Presanctified Liturgy

6:00 pm - Akathist - St. Nicholas

Memorial Saturday

8:50 am - Reading of the 3rd Hour

9:00 am - Divine Liturgy

5:00 pm - Great Vespers

St. Gregory Palamas

9:10 am - Reading of the Hours

9:30 am - Divine Liturgy

6:00 pm - Presanctified Liturgy

9:00 am - Presanctified Liturgy

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

Memorial Saturday

8:50 am - Reading of the 3rd Hour

9:00 am - Divine Liturgy

5:00 pm - Great Vespers

Sunday of the Cross

9:10 am - Reading of the Hours

9:30 am - Divine Liturgy

Eve of Annunciation

6:00 pm - Vespers for Annunciation

Annunciation

8:50 am - Reading of the 9th Hour

9:00 am - Festal Vespersal Divine Liturgy

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

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Tone 3 Troparion *(Resurrection)*

Let the heavens rejoice! Let the earth be glad! For the Lord has shown strength with His arm. He has trampled down death by death. He has become the first born of the dead. He has delivered us from the depths of hell, and has granted to the world great mercy.

Tone 6 Kontakion *(from the Lenten Triodion)*

O Master, Teacher of wisdom, Bestower of virtue, Who teachest the thoughtless and protectest the poor, strengthen and enlighten my heart! O Word of the Father, let me not restrain my mouth from crying to Thee: "Have mercy on me, a transgressor, O merciful Lord!"

Tone 8 Prokeimenon *(from the Lenten Triodion)*

Pray and make your vows before the Lord, our God! *(Ps. 75:10a)*

In Judah God is known; His name is great in Israel. (Ps. 75:1)

Epistle

Read by Reader Matthew Lezinsky

(Romans 13:11-14:4) And do this, knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep; for now our salvation is nearer than when we first believed. The night is far spent, the day is at hand. Therefore let us cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armor of light. Let us walk properly, as in the day, not in revelry and drunkenness, not in lewdness and lust, not in strife and envy. But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to fulfill its lusts. Receive one who is weak in the faith, but not to disputes over doubtful

things. For one believes he may eat all things, but he who is weak eats only vegetables. Let not him who eats despise him who does not eat, and let not him who does not eat judge him who eats; for God has received him. Who are you to judge another's servant? To his own master he stands or falls. Indeed, he will be made to stand, for God is able to make him stand.

Tone 6

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)

Gospel

(Matthew 6:14-21) For if you forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. But if you do not forgive men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses. Moreover, when you fast, do not be like the hypocrites, with a sad countenance. For they disfigure their faces that they may appear to men to be fasting. Assuredly, I say to you, they have their reward. But you, when you fast, anoint your head and wash your face, so that you do not appear to men to be fasting, but to your Father who is in the secret place; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you openly. Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal; but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

Communion Hymn

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

Candle Offerings for Sunday, March 2, 2025

Vigils in Altar - Windowsill (2)

In Honor Of Christina Heitzenrater's Birthday
Offered by the Heitzenrater Family

Vigils in Altar - Table of Oblation (2)

In Memory Of Reade Roberts, Offered by The Roberts Family

Vigils in Altar - Side Table (2)

In Memory Of Victor, Offered by Guliana Holobeny

Votives in Altar

In Memory Of Philip Stefanov, Offered by Family

Votives in Iconostas

Happy Birthday Ellie Bessman, Offered by The Holobeny Family

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)

For Health Of Valerie Roberts, Offered by Family

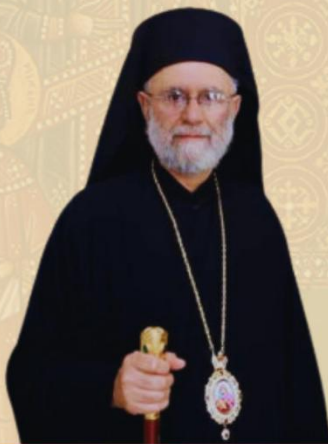
Votives - Icon of the Virgin Mary

For Health Of Pat Telepchak, Offered by Ann Marie Bretz

LEHIGH VALLEY ORTHODOX
CLERGY BROTHERHOOD
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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

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



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Pierogi Making Schedule

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. ***

A Note of Thanks

To my Brothers and Sisters in Christ here at St. Nicholas and beyond,

Many thanks to all of you for your help this past week in making our delicious halupki. This is an all day project, and I mean from 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. I am so thankful that this year we were able to stagger our help through the day. Please know that your help was greatly appreciated, as we were able to make almost 2,400 halupki to be used for about 650 halupki dinners later this year and 240 frozen packs of four. May God grant you all many blessed years!

In Christ,
Val

A Note of Thanks

Dear Church family,

Mike and I were overwhelmed with gratitude for the love, kindness, and generosity you showed us through the beautiful baby shower. Your thoughtful gifts, warm wishes, and heartfelt support mean the world to us as we prepare to welcome our little one. We are blessed to be part of such an amazing and caring congregation. We look forward to bringing our little one to church in the near future, where they can grow in faith and experience the same warmth from all of you. Thank you for celebrating this joyous occasion with us. We are grateful to be surrounded by such a wonderful church family.

With heartfelt thanks,
Mike, Kerry and Baby Kurtz



The Heavenly Host Program

Seraphim

Cherubim

Thrones

Dominions

Virtues

Powers

Principalities

Archangels

Angels

A structured program based on the Angelic Ranks, providing age-appropriate activities for 8 to 18 year-olds.

Required tasks at each level will include:

- Prayer
- Scripture
- Fasting
- Almsgiving
- Service

There are many electives, such as:

The Paschal Season, the Psalms, Women in the Bible, Choir singing, Iconography, Patron Saints, and more...

Pins and badges are awarded to recognize individual achievements!

We won't become angels, but we can all be a part of the Heavenly Host!

For more information, please contact Jennifer Bzik.

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.