

Divine Liturgy

Sunday, March 23, 2025

Third Sunday of Great Lent

Veneration of the Cross



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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 March 23, 2025

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT – Tone 6. Veneration of the Cross. Martyr Nikon and 199 disciples with him in Sicily (251). Ven. Nikon, Abbot of the Kiev Caves (1088). Martyrs Philetas the Senator, his wife, Lydia, their sons Macedon and Theoprepus, Chronides the Notary, and Amphilochius the Captain, in Illyria (117-138). Righteous Basil of Mangazea in Siberia (1600). Monastic Martyr Luke of St. Anne's Skete (Mt. Athos–1802).

Fr. Nikolai's Office Hours

Monday, March 24th - Fr. Nikolai's Day Off
Wednesday, March 26th - 12:00 pm - 5:00 pm
Friday, March 28th - 11:00 am - 3:00 pm

Coffee Hour Today

Coffee Hour will be hosted by The Lezinsky Family

Weekly & Upcoming Calendar

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

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 Vespereal Divine Liturgy

Wednesday, March 26

6:00 pm - Presanctified Liturgy

Friday, March 28

9:00 am - Presanctified Liturgy

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

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

Saturday, March 29

Memorial Saturday

8:50 am - Reading of the 3rd Hour

9:00 am - Divine Liturgy

5:00 pm - Great Vespers

Sunday, March 30

St. John Climacus

9:10 am - Reading of the Hours

9:30 am - Divine Liturgy

Tuesday, April 1

Wednesday, April 2

Thursday, April 3

Friday, April 4

Saturday, April 5

Sunday, April 6

Wednesday, April 9

Friday, April 11

Saturday, April 12

Sunday, April 13

Great and Holy Week

Monday, April 14

Tuesday, April 15

Wednesday, April 16

7:00 pm - Parish Council Meeting

6:00 pm - Presanctified Liturgy

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

Andrew of Crete and the Life of St. Mary of Egypt

9:00 am - Presanctified Liturgy

6:00 pm - Akathist - Theotokos

Akathist Saturday

8:50 am - Reading of the 3rd Hour

9:00 am - Divine Liturgy

4:30 pm - General Panikhida

5:00 pm - Great Vespers

St. Mary of Egypt

9:10 am - Reading of the Hours

9:30 am - Divine Liturgy

6:00 pm - Presanctified Liturgy

9:00 am - Presanctified Liturgy

4:00 - 6:00 pm - Fish Dinner

6:00 pm - Lazarus Saturday Compline

Lazarus Saturday

8:50 am - Reading of the 3rd Hour

9:00 am - Divine Liturgy

5:00 pm - Great Vespers

Palm Sunday

9:10 am - Reading of the Hours

9:30 am - Divine Liturgy

4:00 pm - Bridegroom Matins

Holy Monday

9:00 am - Presanctified Liturgy

7:00 pm - Bridegroom Matins

Holy Tuesday

9:00 am - Presanctified Liturgy

7:00 pm - Bridegroom Matins

Holy Wednesday

9:00 am - Presanctified Liturgy

7:00 pm - Holy Unction

Thursday, April 17

Holy Thursday

8:50 am - Reading of the Hours

9:00 am - Vespertine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great

7:00 pm - Matins of Holy Friday with 12 Passion Gospels

Friday, April 18

Holy Friday

9:00 am - Royal Hours

4:00 pm - Burial Vespers

7:00 pm - Matins with Lamentations

All Night Watch

Saturday, April 19

Holy Saturday

9:00 am - Vespertine Divine Liturgy of Holy Saturday

GREAT AND HOLY PASCHA

11:30 pm - Paschal Vigil and Paschal Divine Liturgy

Followed by the blessing of baskets and Agape meal

Sunday, April 20

11:00 am - Agape Vespers

Monday, April 21

Bright Monday

8:50 am - Paschal Hours

9:00 am - Divine Liturgy

5:00 pm - Great Vespers

Saturday, April 26

Sunday, April 27

St. Thomas Sunday

9:10 am - Reading of the Hours

9:30 am - Divine Liturgy

2:00 pm - Blessing of the Graves - Union Cemetery

Upcoming Parish Council Meeting

Parish Council Meeting - Tuesday, April 1, 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.

Divine Liturgy

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Third Sunday of Great Lent Veneration of the Cross

Tone 6 Troparion *(Resurrection)*

The Angelic Powers were at Thy tomb; the guards became as dead men. Mary stood by Thy grave, seeking Thy most pure body. Thou didst capture hell not being tempted by it. Thou didst come to the Virgin, granting life. O Lord, Who didst rise from the dead, glory to Thee.

Tone 1 Troparion of the Cross

O Lord, save Thy people, and bless Thine inheritance! Grant victories to the Orthodox Christians over their adversaries; and by virtue of Thy Cross, preserve Thy habitation!

Tone 7 Kontakion *(Cross)*

Now the flaming sword no longer guards the gates of Eden; it has been mysteriously quenched by the wood of the Cross. The sting of death and the victory of hell have been vanquished; for Thou, O my Savior, hast come and cried to those in hell: "Enter again into Paradise!"

(Instead of the Trisagion, we sing:)

Before Thy Cross, we bow down in worship, O Master, and Thy holy Resurrection we glorify.

Tone 6 Prokeimenon *(Cross)*

O Lord, save Thy people, and bless Thine inheritance! *(Ps. 27:9a)*

To Thee, O Lord, will I call. O my God, be not silent to me! (Ps. 27:1a)

Epistle

Read by Reader Michael Metz

(Hebrews 4:14-5:6) Seeing then that we have a great High Priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need. For every high priest taken from among men is appointed for men in things pertaining to God, that he may offer both gifts and sacrifices for sins. He can have compassion on those who are ignorant and going astray, since he himself is also subject to weakness. Because of this he is required as for the people, so also for himself, to offer sacrifices for sins. And no man takes this honor to himself, but he who is called by God, just as Aaron was. So also Christ did not glorify Himself to become High Priest, but it was He who said to Him: "You are My Son, today I have begotten You." As He also says in another place: "You are a priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek";

Tone 8

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Remember Thy congregation, which Thou hast purchased of old! (Ps. 73:2)

God is our King before the ages; He has worked salvation in the midst of the earth! (Ps. 73:13)

Gospel

(Mark 8:34-9:1) When He had called the people to Himself, with His disciples also, He said to them, "Whoever desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me. For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake and the gospel's will save it. For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul? For whoever is ashamed of Me and My words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him the Son of Man also will be ashamed when He comes in the glory of His Father with the holy angels." And He said to them, "Assuredly, I say to you that there are some standing here who will not taste death till they see the kingdom of God present with power."

(Instead of "It is truly meet...", we sing the following)

Hymn to the Theotokos

All of creation rejoices in thee, O Full of Grace: the assembly of angels and the race of men. O sanctified temple and spiritual paradise, the glory of virgins, from whom God was incarnate and became a Child: our God before the ages. He made thy body into a throne, and thy womb He made more spacious than the heavens. All of creation rejoices in thee, O Full of Grace. Glory to thee!

Communion Hymn

The light of Thy countenance has shone on us, O Lord. *(Ps. 4:7a)*
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Pussy Willow Branches



Reminder: It will soon be time for pussy willows to start blooming. Please cut the branches of willows and bring them to the church as soon as they bloom. Since Pascha is April 20th, we will need to store the willows until Saturday, April 12th for Palm Sunday, April 13th. Please wrap the willows loosely in newspaper (PLEASE DO NOT WRAP IN PLASTIC!) so we can save them for Palm Sunday. Thank you for your help in gathering the willows.



Candle Offerings for Sunday, March 23, 2025

Vigils in Altar - Windowsill (2)

Happy Birthday Jacob Lezinsky, Offered by Mommy, Daddy & Sophia

Vigils in Altar - Table of Oblation (2)

Happy Birthday to my mother, Mila, Offered by The Lustig Family

Votives in Altar

In Memory Of Philip Stefanov, Offered by Family

Vigil in Side Candle Holders (2)

Happy Birthday Jacob Lezinsky, Offered by Alex & Christopher

Crosses

Happy Birthday Leo Howell, Offered by Mom, Landry & Nicole

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)

Happy Birthday Regina Pinkowicz, Offered by Ann Marie & Barry

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

In Memory Of Mary Monarek, Offered by Barb, Kyra & Gregory

Votives - Icon of St. John the Baptist

In Memory Of Mary Monarek, Offered by Barb, Kyra & Gregory

Vigils of St. Gregory (1)

For Health Of Greg, Offered by Rosalie

Vigils on North Wall Window Sill (3)

Happy 95th Birthday Michael H. Isbansky, Offered by Shirley & Family

Flowers to Adorn the Icon of Veneration of the Cross Sunday

For Health of Our Family, Offered by Nick & Judy

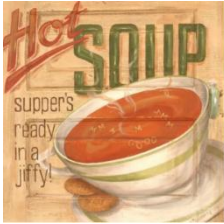
Flowers to Adorn the Icon of the Annunciation of the Most Holy Theotokos

In Memory Of Selar & JoAnn Konsevitch and Read & Mary Roberts

Offered by Gordon & Valerie Roberts

Lenten Soup Sale

Every coffee hour during lent we will be hosting a take home quart soup sale. Each week will be different Lenten soups. \$10 a quart. While supplies last. All proceeds will go to St. Nicholas Russian Orthodox Church. If you're able, please wash and return your quart containers in the labeled box behind the soup sale. See Marina or Lori if you have any questions.



THIS WEEK: Shrimp Corn Chowder
Veggie Soup
Manhattan Clam Chowder

Church Scholarship Applications Now Available

The St. Nicholas Church Scholarship Trust announces that applications are available for the 2025-26 school year. Grants of \$1,300, \$1,200, and \$1,000 are available for awarding. Applicants must be members in good standing of the Church and be at least entering second year full time (minimum 12 credit hours) study at an accredited two or four year college/university or Orthodox seminary. Full details are described on the application. Please contact Nancy Kohudic at ndk175@ptd.net or 610.391.1257 for an application or for answers to any questions. Deadline for submission is June 1, 2025. Thank you.

Pierogi Making Schedule

Pierogi Making March 24, 25, 26

Pierogi Making March 31, April 1, 2

Pierogi Making April 7, 8, 9

NO Pierogi April 14, 15, 16 (Holy Week)

NO Pierogi April 21, 22, 23 (Bright Week)

NO Pierogi April 28, 29, 30

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, Olga Frimenko, David Gowarty, Tom Grammes, Rachel Hardesty, Artemiy Hartman, Kalista Hartman, Nicholas Hazzard, Don Holobeny, Jonathan Hontz, Sherry Hromiak, Krista Irwin, Michael H. Isbansky, Shirley 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, Nicolae & Doina Marian, Kylie Pinho, Kiera Pheiffer, William Potter, Laurel Riley, Gordon 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 Witaneck, Sandra Wyslutsky

Catechumens: Jason & Taylor Fogel, Chris Kiris, Mrudhuma Ravada, Lee & Jess Snekert, William Stofko, Kevin Walter

Handmaiden: Christina Heitzenrater, Kerry Kurtz, Amanda Riley, Corinne Stuckey, and their unborn children;

Please remember them and all our homebound and nursing home parishioners in your daily intercessory prayers.