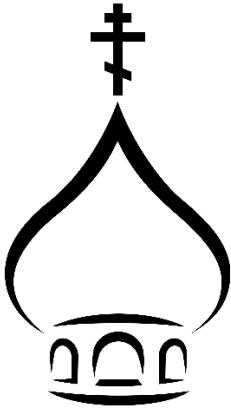


Divine Liturgy
Sunday, May 4, 2025
3rd Sunday of Pascha
Holy Myrrhbearing Women



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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 May 4, 2025

3rd SUNDAY OF PASCHA – Tone 2. Myrrhbearing Women. Virgin Martyr Pelagía of Tarsus in Asia Minor (ca. 290). The Albanov (Sokol'nitsky) brethren: Ss. Nikéttas, Kirill, Nikifor, Clement, and Isaac, of Novgorod (14th-15th c.). Holy Confessor Erasmus, Bishop of Formia in Campania (303). Hieromartyr Silvanus, Bishop of Gaza, and with him 40 Martyrs (311). Ven. Nikēphóros of Mt. Athos (1300). New Martyr Vasily (1945).

Fr. Nikolai's Office Hours

Monday, May 5th - Fr. Nikolai's Day Off
Wednesday, May 7th - 12:00 pm - 5:00 pm
Friday, May 9th - 9:00 am - 2:00 pm

Coffee Hour Today

Coffee Hour will be a Hot Dog Luncheon
Hosted by RO59/NSS Matching Fund
To Benefit The Miracle League

Weekly & Upcoming Calendar

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

Sunday, May 4

Sunday of the Myrrh-bearing Women

9:10 am - Reading of the Hours

9:30 am - Divine Liturgy

2:00 pm - Blessing of the Graves - Catasauqua

7:00 pm - Parish Council Meeting

Monday, May 5

Saturday, May 10

Sunday, May 11

5:00 pm - Great Vespers

Sunday of the Paralytic

9:10 am - Reading of the Hours

9:30 am - Divine Liturgy

Saturday, May 17

5:00 pm - Great Vespers

Sunday, May 18

Sunday of the Samaritan Woman

9:10 am - Reading of the Hours

9:30 am - Divine Liturgy

Saturday, May 24

5:00 pm - Great Vespers

Sunday, May 25

Sunday of the Blind Man

9:10 am - Reading of the Hours

9:30 am - Divine Liturgy

Saturday, May 31

5:00 pm - Great Vespers

Sunday, June 1

Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council

9:10 am - Reading of the Hours

9:30 am - Divine Liturgy

Pierogi Making Schedule

NO Pierogi making Monday, May 5, Tuesday, May 6, Wednesday, May 7

YES Pierogi making Monday, May 12, Tuesday, May 13, Wednesday, May 14

YES Pierogi making Making May, 19, Tuesday, May 20,, Wednesday, May 21

NO Pierogi making Monday, May 26, Tuesday, May 27, Wednesday, May 28

(Memorial Day week)

Upcoming Parish Council Meeting

Parish Council Meeting - Monday, May 5, 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.

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Priest: "Blessed is the Kingdom..."

Choir: "Amen."

Priest: "Christ is risen..." (2 ½ times)

Choir: "and upon those in the tombs bestowing life!"

(The Divine Liturgy is begun in this manner until the Leavetaking of Pascha.)

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 2 Troparion (Pentecostarion)

The noble Joseph, when he had taken down Thy most pure Body from the Tree, wrapped it in fine linen and anointed it with spices, and placed it in a new tomb. But Thou didst arise on the third day, O Lord, granting the world great mercy.

Tone 2 Troparion (Pentecostarion)

The Angel came to the myrrhbearing women at the tomb and said: "Myrrh is fitting for the dead; but Christ has shown Himself a stranger to corruption! So proclaim: 'The Lord is risen, granting the world great mercy.'"

Tone 2 Kontakion (Pentecostarion)

Thou didst command the Myrrhbearers to rejoice, O Christ God. By Thy Resurrection, Thou didst stop the lamentation of Eve, the first mother. Thou didst command them to preach to Thine Apostles: "The Savior is risen from the tomb!"

Tone 8 Kontakion *(Pascha)*

Thou didst descend into the tomb, O Immortal, Thou didst destroy the power of death. In victory didst Thou arise, O Christ God, proclaiming, "Rejoice!" to the Myrrhbearing Women, granting peace to Thine Apostles, and bestowing Resurrection on the fallen.

Tone 6 Prokeimenon

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 John Heitzenrater

(Acts 6:1-7) Now in those days, when the number of the disciples was multiplying, there arose a complaint against the Hebrews by the Hellenists, because their widows were neglected in the daily distribution. Then the twelve summoned the multitude of the disciples and said, "It is not desirable that we should leave the word of God and serve tables. Therefore, brethren, seek out from among you seven men of good reputation, full of the Holy Spirit and wisdom, whom we may appoint over this business; but we will give ourselves continually to prayer and to the ministry of the word." And the saying pleased the whole multitude. And they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and the Holy Spirit, and Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolas, a proselyte from Antioch, whom they set before the apostles; and when they had prayed, they laid hands on them. Then the word of God spread, and the number of the disciples multiplied greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests were obedient to the faith.

Tone 8

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

O Lord, Thou hast been gracious to Thy land; Thou hast turned back the captivity of Jacob. (Ps. 84:1)

Mercy and truth are met together, righteousness and peace have kissed each other. (Ps. 84:10)

Gospel

(Mark 15:43-16:8) Joseph of Arimathea, a prominent council member, who was himself waiting for the kingdom of God, coming and taking courage, went in to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Pilate marveled that He was already dead; and summoning the centurion, he asked him if He had been dead for some time. So when he found out from the centurion, he granted the body to Joseph. Then he bought fine linen, took Him down, and wrapped Him in the linen. And he laid Him in a tomb which had been hewn out of the rock, and rolled a stone against the door of the tomb. And Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Joses observed where He was laid. Now when the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, that they might come and anoint Him. Very early in the morning, on the first day of the week, they came to the tomb when the sun had risen. And they said among themselves, "Who will roll away the stone from the door of the tomb for us?" But when they looked up, they saw that the stone had been rolled away - for it was very large. And entering the tomb, they saw a young man clothed in a long white robe sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed. You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He is risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid Him. But go, tell His disciples - and Peter - that He is going before you into Galilee; there you will see Him, as He said to you." So they went out quickly and fled from the tomb, for they trembled and were amazed. And they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

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

The Angel cried to the Lady, full of grace: "Rejoice, O pure Virgin! Again, I say: Rejoice, thy Son is risen from His three days in the tomb! With Himself He has raised all the dead." Rejoice, O ye people!

Shine, shine, O new Jerusalem! The glory of the Lord has shone on thee. Exult now, and be glad, O Zion! Be radiant, O pure Theotokos, in the Resurrection of thy Son!

Communion Hymn

Receive the Body of Christ; taste the fountain of immortality!
Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest! (Ps. 148:1)
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Priest: "In the fear of God..."

Choir: "Blessed is He that comes in the Name of the Lord..."

Priest: "O God, save Thy people..."

Choir: "Christ is risen from the dead..." (sung once, instead of "We have seen the True Light...")

Priest: "Always, now and ever..."

Choir: "Let our mouths be filled..."

At the Dismissal, the Priest says: "Glory to Thee, O Christ..." and the choir sings "Christ is risen from the dead..." (thrice).

And unto us He has given eternal life.

Let us worship His Resurrection on the third day!

Candle Offerings for Sunday, May 4, 2025

Vigils in Altar - Windowsill (2)

In Honor Of Madeleine Heitzenrater's Birthday, Offered by Mama & Papa

Vigils in Altar - Table of Oblation (2)

Happy Birthday Baba

Offered by Sasha, Sophia, Jacob, Brooke, Elena, Victoria, Nicholas

Vigils in Altar - Side Table (2)

In Memory Of Fekla - Grandmother, Offered by Victoria Lustig

Votives in Altar

In Memory Of Philip Stefanov, Offered by Family

Votives in Iconostas

In Honor Of Fr. Christopher Shadid, Offered by Fr. Michael & Mat. Susan

Vigil in Side Candle Holders (2)

Happy Birthday Riley Slivka, Offered by Fran & Mike Slivka

Crosses

Happy Birthday Reader Andrew Fartuch, Offered by Greg & Rosalie Radio

Vigils on the Tetrapod (2)

In Memory Of Mary Stetz, Offered by Pat & Tom

Vigils on Icon Table (2)

In Memory Of Mary Stetz, Offered by Pat & Tom

Vigils - Icon of the Virgin Mary (2)

Happy Birthday Michele Guydan, Offered by Ann Marie & Barry

Votives - Icon of the Virgin Mary

Happy Birthday Judy Lezinsky, Offered by Matthew, Lori, Sophia & Jacob

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

In Memory Of Mr. Wash, Offered by Sophia & Jacob

Votives - Icon of St. John the Baptist

For Health Of Greg Monarek on his Birthday, Offered by Mom & Kyra

Vigils on South Wall Window Sill (3)

In Memory Of Nina, Offered by Natalia

Vigils of St. Gregory (1)

For Health Of Greg Monarek on his Birthday, Offered by Mom & Kyra

Vigils on North Wall Window Sill (3)

In Memory Of Dad, Sisters Joan & Mary

Vigil of St. Michael (1)

In Thanksgiving, Offered by Michele Guydan

A Note of Thanks

I would like to thank present and past council members along with members of the parish that helped to make Holy Week and Paska beautiful, solemn and welcoming. From the Sunday covered dish to the changing of cloths, vigils and candles, covering the door, desk, organizing the processions and the usual taking out the garbage. Your actions demonstrate your love of God, Church and your church family.

Pat Grammes

A Note Of Thanks

Christ is Risen!

Thank you to those who sent me cards with thoughts and prayers during this Paschal season. I also want to thank the members of the choir who came to visit this past Saturday. Their singing of the joyous hymns of Christ Resurrection were uplifting and so meaningful to me. I miss being in church so much. Many blessed years to all.

With love in the newly Risen Lord!

Mat. Pat

A Note Of Thanks

We would like to extend a huge Thank You to all of our parishioners and friends of St. Nicholas for supporting our Lenten Soup Sale this year. We were able to raise \$2,320 to be donated to the church! We couldn't have accomplished it without our fantastic volunteer chefs and patrons! We look forward to keeping this ministry a tradition for years to come!

With gratitude,

Marina and Lori



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Saturday, May 10
10:00 to 11:30 AM

St. John Chrysostom Academy Speaker Series Presents:

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Guest Speakers

**Drs. David
and Mary Ford**

*** COFFEE AND DONUTS WILL BE PROVIDED**

*** THE FORDS' BOOK WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE AND SIGNING**

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, Alexis Defoe, Maryann Dudash, Christopher Felix, Olga Frimenko, David Gowarty, Tom Grammes, Rachel Hardesty, Artemiy Hartman, Kalista Hartman, Nicholas Hazzard, Don Holobeny, Jonathan Hontz, Sava Hrebinka, 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, 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

Catechumen: Chris Kiris

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

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