

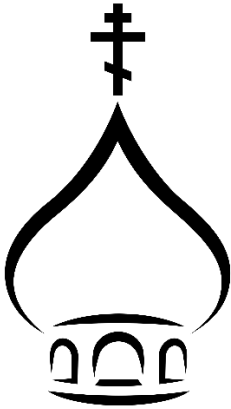
# **Divine Liturgy**

Sunday, June 1, 2025

**7th Sunday of Pascha**

**Holy Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council**

**Afterfeast of the Ascension**



**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)*

***Please turn off or silence your electronic devices  
before entering the church. Thank you.***

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# Schedule for the Week of June 1, 2025

**7th SUNDAY OF PASCHA – Tone 6. Holy Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council. Afterfeast of Ascension.** Martyr Justin the Philosopher and those with him at Rome: Martyrs Justin, Chariton and his wife, Charity, Euelpistus, Hierax, Peon, Valerian, and Justus (166 A.D.). Ven. Dionysius, Abbot of Glushitsa (Vologdá–1437). Ven. Agápit, Unmercenary Physician, of the Kiev Caves (11th c.).

## Fr. Nikolai's Office Hours

Monday, June 2<sup>nd</sup> - Fr. Nikolai's Day Off  
Wednesday, June 4<sup>th</sup> - 12:00 pm - 5:00 pm  
Friday, June 6<sup>th</sup> - 10:00 am - 2:00 pm

## Coffee Hour Today

Coffee Hour today is hosted by The Bzik Family  
In Honor of the Heavenly Host Participants

## Weekly & Upcoming Calendar

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

### Saturday, June 7

#### Memorial Saturday

8:50 am - Reading of the Hours  
9:00 am - Divine Liturgy  
4:30 pm - Monthly General Panikhida  
5:00 pm - Great Vespers

### Sunday, June 8

#### Holy Pentecost

9:10 am - Reading of the Hours  
9:30 am - Divine Liturgy

### Monday, June 9

#### The Holy Spirit

8:50 am - Reading of the Hours  
9:00 am - Divine Liturgy

**Saturday, June 14**  
**Sunday, June 15**

5:00 pm - Great Vespers

**All Saints**

9:10 am - Reading of the Hours

9:30 am - Divine Liturgy

**Saturday, June 21**  
**Sunday, June 22**

5:00 pm - Great Vespers

**All Saints of America**

9:10 am - Reading of the Hours

9:30 am - Divine Liturgy

**Monday, June 23**  
**Tuesday, June 24**

6:00 pm - Great Vespers

**Nativity of St. John the Baptist**

8:50 am - Reading of the Hours

9:00 am - Divine Liturgy

**Saturday, June 28**  
**Sunday, June 29**

5:00 pm - Great Vespers

**Holy Apostles Peter and Paul**

9:10 am - Reading of the Hours

9:30 am - Divine Liturgy

## **Pierogi Making Schedule**

YES Pierogi making Monday, June 2, Tuesday, June 3, Wednesday, June 4  
Please add your orders to the list.

NO PEROGI MAKING ALL SUMMER Monday, June 9 to Wednesday,  
September 10

RESUME Making our delicious pierogi Monday, September 15, Tuesday,  
September 16 and Wednesday, September 17.

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**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 4      Troparion**                    *(Ascension)*

Thou didst ascend in glory, O Christ our God, granting joy to Thy Disciples by the promise of the Holy Spirit. Through the blessing, they were assured that Thou art the Son of God, the Redeemer of the world!

**Tone 8      Troparion**                    *(Fathers)*

Thou art most glorious, O Christ our God, Who hast established the Holy Fathers as lights on the earth. Through them Thou hast guided us to the True Faith. O greatly compassionate One, glory to Thee!

**Tone 8      Kontakion**                    *(Fathers)*

The Apostles' preaching and the Fathers' doctrines have established one Faith for the Church. Adorned with the robe of truth, woven from heavenly theology, It defines and glorifies the great mystery of piety.

**Tone 6      Kontakion**

When Thou hadst fulfilled the dispensation for our sake, and united earth to heaven, Thou didst ascend in glory, O Christ our God, not being parted from those who love Thee, but remaining with them and crying: "I am with you, and there is no one against you!"

**Tone 4      Prokeimenon**      *(Song of the Three Holy Children)*

Blessed art Thou, O Lord God of our fathers, /and praised and glorified is Thy Name forever! *(Song of the Three Holy Children, v. 3)*

*For Thou art just in all that Thou hast done for us! (v. 4)*

**Epistle**

Read by David Metz

**(Acts 20:16-18, 28-36)** For Paul had decided to sail past Ephesus, so that he would not have to spend time in Asia; for he was hurrying to be at Jerusalem, if possible, on the Day of Pentecost. From Miletus he sent to Ephesus and called for the elders of the church. And when they had come to him, he said to them: "You know, from the first day that I came to Asia, in what manner I always lived among you, Therefore take heed to yourselves and to all the flock, among which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to shepherd the church of God which He purchased with His own blood. For I know this, that after my departure savage wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock. Also from among yourselves men will rise up, speaking perverse things, to draw away the disciples after themselves. Therefore watch, and remember that for three years I did not cease to warn everyone night and day with tears. So now, brethren, I commend you to God and to the word of His grace, which is able to build you up and give you an inheritance among all those who are sanctified. I have coveted no one's silver or gold or apparel. Yes, you yourselves know that these hands have provided for my necessities, and for those who were with me. I have shown you in every way, by laboring like this, that you must support the weak. And remember the words of the Lord Jesus, that He said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'" And when he had said these things, he knelt down and prayed with them all.

**Tone 1**

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

*The Lord, the God of gods, speaks and summons the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting. (Ps. 49:1)*

*Gather to Me My venerable ones, who made a covenant with Me by sacrifice! (Ps. 49:6)*

## **Gospel**

**(John 17:1-13)** Jesus spoke these words, lifted up His eyes to heaven, and said: "Father, the hour has come. Glorify Your Son, that Your Son also may glorify You, as You have given Him authority over all flesh, that He should give eternal life to as many as You have given Him. And this is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent. I have glorified You on the earth. I have finished the work which You have given Me to do. And now, O Father, glorify Me together with Yourself, with the glory which I had with You before the world was. I have manifested Your name to the men whom You have given Me out of the world. They were Yours, You gave them to Me, and they have kept Your word. Now they have known that all things which You have given Me are from You. For I have given to them the words which You have given Me; and they have received them, and have known surely that I came forth from You; and they have believed that You sent Me. I pray for them. I do not pray for the world but for those whom You have given Me, for they are Yours. And all Mine are Yours, and Yours are Mine, and I am glorified in them. Now I am no longer in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to You. Holy Father, keep through Your name those whom You have given Me, that they may be one as We are. While I was with them in the world, I kept them in Your name. Those whom You gave Me I have kept; and none of them is lost except the son of perdition, that the Scripture might be fulfilled. But now I come to You, and these things I speak in the world, that they may have My joy fulfilled in themselves.

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

Magnify, O my soul, Christ the Giver of Life, Who hath ascended from earth to heaven!

We the faithful, with one accord, magnify thee, the Mother of God, who, beyond reason and understanding, ineffably gave birth in time to the Timeless One.

## **Communion Hymn**

Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest! *(Ps. 148:1)*  
Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous; praise befits the just! *(Ps. 32:1)*  
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

# **Candle Offerings for Sunday, June 1, 2025**

## **Vigils in Altar - Windowsill (2)**

Happy Birthday Fr. Nikolai, Offered by St. Nicholas Parish

## **Vigils in Altar - Table of Oblation (2)**

In Memory Of Dave Roberts, Offered by The Roberts Families

## **Vigils in Altar - Side Table (2)**

Happy Birthday Francine Slivka, Offered by Michael Slivka

## **Votives in Altar**

In Memory Of Philip Stefanov, Offered by Family

## **Votives in Iconostas**

In Memory Of Brother, John Aranjo, Offered by Laurel Riley & Diana Buskirk

## **Vigil in Side Candle Holders (2)**

In Memory Of Brother, John Aranjo, Offered by Laurel Riley & Diana Buskirk

## **Crosses**

In Honor Of Jones Tomsic, on His Birthday, Offered by Baba & Poppy Radio

## **Vigils on the Tetrapod (2)**

In Memory Of Charles Laakatos, Offered by Barb, Kyra & Gregory

### **Vigils on Icon Table (2)**

In Memory Of Mom, Dad & Joan, Offered by Pat & Tom

### **Vigils - Icon of the Virgin Mary (2)**

Happy Birthday Carmen Hodson, Offered by Lori Lezinsky

### **Votives - Icon of the Virgin Mary**

Happy Birthday Miss Carmen, Offered by Sophia & Jacob

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

In Memory Of Dave Roberts, Offered by The Roberts Families

### **Votives - Icon of St. John the Baptist**

In Memory Of Brother, John Aranjo, Offered by Laurel Riley & Diana Buskirk

### **Vigil of St. Andrew (1)**

In Honor Of Nicolae, Radu & Mircea, Offered by The Lungu Family

# Heavenly Host Awards

Heavenly Host is a structured program based on the Angelic Ranks, providing age-appropriate activities for 8- to 18- year olds. It is intended to provide Orthodox Youth a foundation of Orthodox Christian Knowledge and experience so that they can passionately and intelligently “Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations” for our Lord God, and Savior Jesus Christ! (Matthew 28:19). If you’re not familiar with the program yet, please see Jennifer Bzik for more information.

Please join us in celebrating our Heavenly Host participants:

**Everett Brown** – Previous Awards: Angel Rank, Camp Elective. *Awarded Today: Gospels Elective.*

**Lydia Brown** – Previous Awards: Angel Rank, Camp Elective. *Awarded Today: Gospels Elective.*

**Lydia Bzik** – Previous Awards: Angel Rank, Patron Saint Elective, Archangel Rank, Paschal Season Elective, Bible Verses I Elective. *Awarded Today: Psalms I Elective, Psalms II Elective, Psalms III Elective, Principalities Rank.*

**Nicholas Bzik** – Previous Awards: Angel Rank, Bible Verses I Elective, Archangel Rank, Paschal Season Elective, Bible Verses II Elective. *Awarded Today: Gospels Elective, Psalms I Elective, Psalms II Elective, Psalms III Elective, Principalities Rank.*

**Charles Heitzenrater** – Previous Awards: Angel Rank, Angels Elective, Paschal Season Elective, Summer Camp Elective. *Awarded Today: Psalms I Elective, Archangel Rank.*

**Charlotte Heitzenrater** – Previous Awards: Angel Rank, Angels Elective, Paschal Season Elective, Summer Camp Elective. *Awarded Today: Psalms I Elective, Archangel Rank.*

**Thomas Heitzenrater** – Previous Awards: Angel Rank, Angels Elective, Paschal Season Elective, Summer Camp Elective. *Awarded Today: Gospels Elective, Psalms I Elective, Archangel Rank.*

**Alexander Hodson** - Previous Awards: Angel Rank, Altar Server Elective, Archangel Rank, Ten Commandments Elective, Winter Retreat Elective, Nicene Creed Elective, Summer Camp Elective. *Awarded Today: Angels Elective, Paschal Season Elective, Psalms I Elective, Psalms II Elective, Psalms III Elective, Principalities Rank.*

**Christopher Hodson** - Previous Awards: Angel Rank, Altar Server Elective, Archangel Rank, Ten Commandments Elective, Patron Saint Elective, Summer Camp Elective. *Awarded Today: Angels Elective, Paschal Season Elective, Psalms I Elective, Psalms II Elective, Psalms III Elective, Principalities Rank.*

**Aurora Mascari** - Previous Awards: Angel Rank, Angels Elective, Archangel Rank, Psalms 1 Elective. *Awarded Today: Paschal Season Elective, Principalities Rank.*

**Joseph Mascari, IV** - Previous Awards: Angel Rank, Altar Server Elective, Archangel Rank, Psalms 1 Elective. *Awarded Today: Paschal Season Elective, Principalities Rank.*

## Highlights of Requirements for Awards Given Today

*Archangels* Archangels Rank requirements include reciting prayers such as the Prayer to the Theotokos, the Prayer to your Guardian Angel, and the Jesus Prayer, assisting with parish charities, Scripture readings including Noah, Jonah, Three Holy Youths, Wedding in Cana, Christ's Resurrection, and completing at least one Elective.

*Principalities* Principalities Rank requirements include reciting the Trisagion Prayers, learning about the fasts of the Church, their reason and rules of fasting, assisting with parish charities, Scripture readings including David and Goliath, David and Saul, The Good Samaritan, and The Prodigal Son, and completing at least one Elective.



Angels Elective requirements include assigned reading about angels, listing the ranks of angels and the order they fall into, describing the general function of each rank of angel, talking about appearances of angels in the Bible.



Gospels Elective requirements include reading the books of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John in their entirety.



Paschal Season Elective requirements include attending at least one of each of the various types of services during Lent and Holy Week, going to confession, adding a prayer to your daily routine, adding to your rule of fasting, increasing your almsgiving, and reading the Life of St. Mary of Egypt.



Psalms I Elective requirements include reading the first 25 Psalms and learning about the numbering of the Psalms.



Psalms II Elective requirements include reading Psalms 26 through 75 and learning about the meaning of Psalm 50/51 and identifying services at which it is read.



Psalms III Elective requirements include reading Psalms 76 through 150/151 and learning about the meaning of Psalm 102/103 and identifying services at which it is read.

# Thank you to Karen Gowarty

We want to thank Karen for her many years of devoted service as the Director of the Sunday School Program here at St. Nicholas. Her leadership, dedication, and faith have helped shape the spiritual growth of our parish children. We thank her for her love, guidance, and dedication. We are truly grateful for her commitment and heartfelt work. May God bless her always as she continues to serve the Orthodox Church, and specifically, St. Nicholas Russian Orthodox Church!

With love in Christ,  
Fr. Nikolai Breckenridge,  
and the entire St. Nicholas Community

## Donations Received In Memory

**In Memory Of Wash Telepchak**, Offered by: The Brusko Family, Terry Butler, Olga Frimenko, Patricia Grammes, Peter & Sarah Jubinski, Barbara Monarek, Barbara & Stewart Roman, Dorothy Stafiniak

## Hope Rescue Mission needs your HELP!



St. Nicholas Russian Orthodox Church is collecting all types of gently used clothing for the men at Hope Rescue Mission and for the women's and children's shelter (Lighthouse). We will take all seasons of clothing for men, women, and children. We have a need for new men's underwear, undershirts, and sweatpants all in sizes medium to xxxl.

You can drop items off in the designated containers in the Chernay Fellowship Hall. Please make all donations by **Sunday, June 22, 2025.**

This clothing helps provide food, clothing, and shelter for the men at Hope Rescue and the women and children at Lighthouse.

**Thank you in advance for your donations!**

Baby  
Shower

IN HONOR OF

Christina Heitzenrater

SUNDAY, JULY 13



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, 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, Marina (Margaret) Heitzenrater, 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, Joseph Pinkowicz, 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.**