

Divine Liturgy

Sunday, July 20, 2025

6th Sunday after Pentecost

Holy Glorious Prophet Elijah



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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 July 20, 2025

6th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – Tone 5. Holy Glorious Prophet Elijah (9th c. B.C.). Repose of Ven. Abramius of Galich (Chukhloma), disciple of Ven. Sergius of Rádonezh (1375). Uncovering of the Relics of Ven. Afanásy (Athanasius), Abbot, of Brest-Litovsk (1350).

Fr. Nikolai's Office Hours

Fr. Nikolai will be at a St. Tikhon's Alumni trip from Tuesday through Thursday Friday, June 25th - 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

Coffee Hour Today

Coffee Hour Today is hosted by The Lezinsky Family

Weekly & Upcoming Calendar

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

Saturday, July 19

Sunday, July 20

5:00 pm - Great Vespers

6th Sunday After Pentecost

9:10 am - Reading of the Hours

9:30 am - Divine Liturgy

Saturday, July 26

3:00 pm - 6:00 pm - Halupki Dinner

Sunday, July 27

6:00 pm - Great Vespers

7th Sunday After Pentecost

9:10 am - Reading of the Hours

9:30 am - Divine Liturgy

Thursday, July 31

Friday, August 1

6:00 pm - Great Vespers

Procession of the Cross

8:50 am - Reading of the Hours

9:00 am - Divine Liturgy

Saturday, August 2

4:30 pm - Monthly General Panikhida

Sunday, August 3

5:00 pm - Great Vespers

8th Sunday After Pentecost

Monday, August 4

Tuesday, August 5

Wednesday, August 6

Thursday, August 7

Saturday, August 9

Sunday, August 10

Thursday, August 14

Friday, August 15

Saturday, August 16

Sunday, August 17

Saturday, August 23

Sunday, August 24

Saturday, August 30

Sunday, August 31

9:10 am - Reading of the Hours

9:30 am - Divine Liturgy

7:00 pm - Parish Council Meeting

6:00 pm - Great Vespers

Transfiguration of Our Lord

8:50 am - Reading of the Hours

9:00 am - Divine Liturgy

9:00 am - Akathist to the Theotokos, Nurturer of Children

5:00 pm - Great Vespers

9th Sunday After Pentecost

9:10 am - Reading of the Hours

9:30 am - Divine Liturgy

6:00 pm - Great Vespers

Dormition of the Most Holy Theotokos

8:50 am - Reading of the Hours

9:00 am - Divine Liturgy

5:00 pm - Great Vespers

10th Sunday After Pentecost

9:10 am - Reading of the Hours

9:30 am - Divine Liturgy

5:00 pm - Great Vespers

11th Sunday After Pentecost

9:10 am - Reading of the Hours

9:30 am - Divine Liturgy

5:00 pm - Great Vespers

12th Sunday After Pentecost

9:10 am - Reading of the Hours

9:30 am - Divine Liturgy

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Tone 5 **Troparion** *(Resurrection)*

Let us, the faithful, praise and worship the Word, co-eternal with the Father and the Spirit, born for our salvation from the Virgin; for He willed to be lifted up on the Cross in the flesh, to endure death, and to raise the dead by His glorious Resurrection.

Tone 4 **Troparion** *(Prophet Elijah)*

An angel in the flesh and the cornerstone of the Prophets, the second forerunner of the coming of Christ, glorious Elijah sent grace from on high to Elisha, to dispel diseases and to cleanse lepers.//
Therefore he pours forth healings on those who honor him.

Tone 5 **Kontakion** *(Resurrection)*

Thou didst descend into hell, O my Savior, shattering its gates as Almighty, resurrecting the dead as Creator, and destroying the sting of death. Thou hast delivered Adam from the curse, O Lover of man, and we cry to Thee: "O Lord, save us!"

Tone 2 **Kontakion** *(Prophet Elijah)*

O Prophet Elijah of great renown, seer of the mighty works of God, by thy command thou didst hold back the rain. Pray for us to the only Lover of man!

Tone 5 **Prokeimenon** *(Resurrection)*

Thou, O Lord, shalt protect us and preserve us from this generation forever.
(Ps. 11:7)

Save me, O Lord, for there is no longer any that is godly! (Ps. 11:1a)

Tone 4 **Prokeimenon** *(Prophet Elijah)*

Thou art a priest forever after the order of Melchizedek. *(Ps. 109:4c)*

Epistle

Read by David Metz

(Romans 12:6-14) Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, let us prophesy in proportion to our faith; or ministry, let us use it in our ministering; he who teaches, in teaching; he who exhorts, in exhortation; he who gives, with liberality; he who leads, with diligence; he who shows mercy, with cheerfulness. Let love be without hypocrisy. Abhor what is evil. Cling to what is good. Be kindly affectionate to one another with brotherly love, in honor giving preference to one another; not lagging in diligence, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord; rejoicing in hope, patient in tribulation, continuing steadfastly in prayer; distributing to the needs of the saints, given to hospitality. Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse.

(James 5:10-20 (Prophet Elijah)) My brethren, take the prophets, who spoke in the name of the Lord, as an example of suffering and patience. Indeed we count them blessed who endure. You have heard of the perseverance of Job and seen the end intended by the Lord - that the Lord is very compassionate and merciful. But above all, my brethren, do not swear, either by heaven or by earth or with any other oath. But let your "Yes" be "Yes," and your "No," "No," lest you fall into judgment. Is anyone among you suffering? Let him pray. Is anyone cheerful? Let him sing psalms. Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord. And the prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise him up. And if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven. Confess your trespasses to one another, and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much. Elijah was a man with a nature like ours, and he prayed earnestly that it would not rain; and it did not rain on the land for three years and six months. And he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain, and the earth produced its fruit. Brethren, if anyone among you wanders from the truth, and someone turns him back, let him know that he who turns a sinner from the error of his way will save a soul from death and cover a multitude of sins.

Tone 5

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

I will sing of Thy mercies, O Lord, forever; with my mouth I will proclaim Thy truth from generation to generation. (Ps. 88:1-2)

For Thou hast said: Mercy will be established forever; Thy truth will be prepared in the heavens. (Ps. 88:3)

Tone 4

Moses and Aaron were among His priests; Samuel also was among those who called on His Name. (Ps. 99:6)

Gospel

(Matthew 9:1-8) So He got into a boat, crossed over, and came to His own city. Then behold, they brought to Him a paralytic lying on a bed. When Jesus saw their faith, He said to the paralytic, "Son, be of good cheer; your sins are forgiven you." And at once some of the scribes said within themselves, "This Man blasphemes!" But Jesus, knowing their thoughts, said, "Why do you think evil in your hearts? For which is easier, to say, 'Your sins are forgiven you,' or to say, 'Arise and walk'? But that you may know that the Son of Man has power on earth to forgive sins" - then He said to the paralytic, "Arise, take up your bed, and go to your house." And he arose and departed to his house. Now when the multitudes saw it, they marveled and glorified God, who had given such power to men.

(Luke 4:22-30 (Prophet Elijah)) So all bore witness to Him, and marveled at the gracious words which proceeded out of His mouth. And they said, "Is this not Joseph's son?" He said to them, "You will surely say this proverb to Me, 'Physician, heal yourself! Whatever we have heard done in Capernaum, do also here in Your country.'" Then He said, "Assuredly, I say to you, no prophet is accepted in his own country. But I tell you truly, many widows were in Israel in

the days of Elijah, when the heaven was shut up three years and six months, and there was a great famine throughout all the land; but to none of them was Elijah sent except to Zarephath, in the region of Sidon, to a woman who was a widow. And many lepers were in Israel in the time of Elisha the prophet, and none of them was cleansed except Naaman the Syrian." So all those in the synagogue, when they heard these things, were filled with wrath, and rose up and thrust Him out of the city; and they led Him to the brow of the hill on which their city was built, that they might throw Him down over the cliff. Then passing through the midst of them, He went His way.

Communion Hymn

Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest! *(Ps. 148:1)*
The righteous shall be in everlasting remembrance! He shall not fear evil tidings! *(Ps. 111:6)*
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Candle Offerings for Sunday, July 20, 2025

Vigils in Altar - Windowsill (2)

Happy Birthday Sophia Lezinsky, Offered by Mom, Dad & Jacob

Vigils in Altar - Table of Oblation (2)

In Memory Of Eva Ridolfi, Offered by Ann Marie & Barry

Vigils in Altar - Side Table (2)

Happy Birthday Brendan Konsevitch, Offered by Chochi Val & Uncle Gordon

Votives in Altar

In Memory Of Philip Stefanov

Votives in Iconostas

For Health Of John Heitzenrater on his Birthday
Offered by The Heitzenrater Children

Vigil in Side Candle Holders (2)

Happy Birthday Sophia Lezinsky, Offered by Grandpa & Baba

Crosses

In Memory Of Andrew Hutz, Offered by Ann Marie & Barry

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 Megan Mulcahy, Offered by Chochi Val & Uncle Gordon

Votives - Icon of the Virgin Mary

In Memory Of Mary Skordinski, Offered by Ann Marie & Barry

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

Happy Birthday Chris Hodson, Offered by The Lezinskys

Votives - Icon of St. John the Baptist

In Memory Of Mom & Dad, Offered by Victoria Dimonie

Vigils on South Wall Window Sill (3)

For Health Of The Radio & Tomsic Families, Offered by Greg & Rosalie

Vigils of St. Gregory (1)

In Memory Of Mother, Offered by Victoria Dimonie

Vigils of St. Paul (1)

For Health Of Nina, Offered by Mat. Susan Kon

Vigils on North Wall Window Sill (3)

For Health Of Theresa Butler, Offered by Nick & Judy

Vigil of St. Michael (1)

For Health Of Luke Gabriel, Offered by Fr. Michael & Mat. Susan Kon

Vigil of St. Andrew (1)

In Memory Of David Keysock, Offered by Bill & Sandi Keysock

Media Opt-Out Information

As many of you know, from time to time we (St. Nicholas Church) record, photograph or videotape various events and activities that reflect an active parish. These pieces of communication may be published on our website, in our bulletin, on our social media page, on the OCA website, or used on other printed material. Some people may choose not to have their photos used and if you are among them, we ask that you fill-out the Media Opt-Out Form that can be found at the information table outside the church hall. Please return it to the church administrative assistant so that we may have a copy on file. If you are okay with the use of media, you do not have to do anything. Thank you.

Transfiguration - Blessing of Fruit

The blessing of fruit will be on August 6, 2024, following the Divine Liturgy. Feel free to bring fruit for the blessing.

Upcoming Parish Council Meeting

Parish Council Meeting - Monday, August 4, 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.

A Note of Thanks

THANK YOU ALL! Last Sunday's Coffee Hour raised \$393 for the Endowment Fund for which we are very thankful. Every contribution toward the Fund helps ensure the future of St. Nicholas ROC, something near and dear to our hearts.

With love in Christ, Lorainne Chromiak, Donna Haney and Patty Felix

Calling All Bakers for the July 26 Halupki Dinner

Fire up the ovens!

It's time for your SCRUMPTIOUS desserts that St. Nicholas is famous for. If you are a returning baker or new to the task, we welcome your YUMMY desserts. Please keep these things in mind:

- We have very limited refrigerator space, so please consider items that do not require refrigeration.
- Please DO NOT slice your cakes, pies, brownies, etc. The baked goods team will pre-slice items for consistency in serving piece and pricing.
- Feel free to provide a label e.g. German Chocolate Cake, Snickerdoodle Cookies, etc. There is no need to list ingredients, however it is useful to note: "nut free", "egg free", "dairy free" or "sugar free".
- Please provide baked goods on sturdy plates. DO NOT use cardboard because it is often too big and not sturdy.
- Securely label your name on your containers/dishes that you want returned. They will be cleaned and placed on racks in the kitchen where you can pick them up. And, whilst we are very careful with your dishes, DO NOT use precious containers that cannot be replaced if accidentally broken.

Thank you to all the great bakers who contribute to the success of the sale! Your efforts are truly appreciated! Baked goods may be dropped off on Saturday, July 26, 2025 from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm. If you have any questions, please contact Val Roberts.

Pierogi Making Schedule

NO PEROGI MAKING ALL SUMMER Monday, June 9 to Wednesday, Sept. 10
RESUME Making our delicious pierogi Monday, September 15, Tuesday, September 16 and Wednesday, September 17.

Change of Address

Please update your directories to reflect Damian Draser's new address:

Whitehall Manor, Rm A8
1177 Sixth St.
Whitehall, PA 18052

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\$15 DINNER INCLUDES:

2 Halupki, 2 Pierogi, Fresh Green Beans, Roll and Homemade Dessert

Complimentary Coffee & Tea

Soda/Water \$1

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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.