

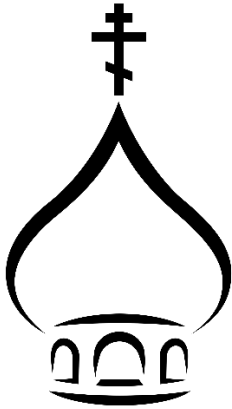
Divine Liturgy

Sunday, August 10, 2025

9th Sunday after Pentecost

Afterfeast of the Transfiguration

Holy Martyr and Archdeacon Lawrence of Rome



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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 August 10, 2025

9th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – Tone 8. Afterfeast of the Transfiguration. Holy Martyr and Archdeacon Lawrence of Rome, Hieromartyr Sixtus, Bishop of Rome, and Martyrs Felicissimus and Agapitus, Deacons (258). Blessed Lawrence, Fool-for-Christ, at Kaluga (1515).

Fr. Nikolai's Office Hours

Monday, August 11th - Fr. Nikolai's Day Off
Wednesday, August 13th - 12:00 pm - 5:00 pm
Friday, August 15th - 9:00 am - 2:00 pm

Coffee Hour Today

Coffee Hour Today is hosted by Deacon Geoffrey

Weekly & Upcoming Calendar

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

Thursday, August 14	6:00 pm - Great Vespers
Friday, August 15	Dormition of the Most Holy Theotokos 8:50 am - Reading of the Hours 9:00 am - Divine Liturgy
Saturday, August 16	5:00 pm - Great Vespers
Sunday, August 17	10th Sunday After Pentecost 9:10 am - Reading of the Hours 9:30 am - Divine Liturgy
Saturday, August 23	5:00 pm - Great Vespers
Sunday, August 24	11th Sunday After Pentecost 9:10 am - Reading of the Hours 9:30 am - Divine Liturgy
Thursday, August 28	6:00 pm - Great Vespers w/Litvia

Friday, August 29

Beheading of St. John the Baptist

8:50 am - Reading of the Hours

9:00 am - Divine Liturgy

Saturday, August 30

5:00 pm - Great Vespers

Sunday, August 31

12th Sunday After Pentecost

9:10 am - Reading of the Hours

9:30 am - Divine Liturgy

Meeting Today - Christmas Bazaar Planning

There will be a meeting today at 11:30 am during Coffee Hour to begin planning for the Christmas Bazaar. Anyone who is interested is invited to attend. Please contact Pat Grammes for more information.

Are You New Here???

Welcome!!! We are delighted to see so many new faces and meet so many wonderful people. We would like to keep you up to date on what is going on here at St. Nicholas. If you are not already receiving our weekly emails with information about services and other announcements, please take a moment to fill out the Contact Information Form. The form is available at the Candle Desk, or in the office. You can turn the form in at the Candle Desk, in the office, or to Fr. Nikolai or Jennifer Bzik. If you have any questions, please contact the church administrative assistant, Jennifer Bzik.

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Tone 8 Troparion *(Resurrection)*

Thou didst descend from on high, O Merciful One! Thou didst accept the three day burial to free us from our sufferings! O Lord, our Life and Resurrection, glory to Thee!

Tone 7 Troparion *(Feast)*

Thou wast transfigured on the mountain, O Christ God, revealing Thy glory to Thy Disciples as far as they could bear it. Let Thine everlasting Light also shine upon us sinners, through the prayers of the Theotokos! O Giver of Light, glory to Thee!

Tone 4 Troparion *(St. Lawrence)*

Victorious martyr of Christ our God, by the sign of the Cross thou didst give sight to the blind; thou didst distribute the riches of the Church to the poor; thou wast tried by fire, and no evil was found in thee. As thou didst endure burning, may thy prayers extinguish the flames of our many sins, blessed Archdeacon Lawrence!

Tone 8 Kontakion *(Resurrection)*

By rising from the tomb, Thou didst raise the dead and resurrect Adam. Eve exults in Thy Resurrection, and the world celebrates Thy rising from the dead, O greatly Merciful One!

Tone 2 Kontakion *(St. Lawrence)*

Thy heart burned with divine fire, as the flames of the passions died within thee. God-bearing Martyr Lawrence, the pillar of those who struggle, thou didst cry out in the midst of thy contest: "Nothing can separate me from the love of Christ!"

Tone 7 Kontakion (Feast)

On the mountain Thou wast transfigured, O Christ God, and Thy Disciples beheld Thy glory as far as they could see it; so that when they would behold Thee crucified, they would understand that Thy suffering was voluntary, and would proclaim to the world that Thou art truly the Radiance of the Father.

Tone 8 Prokeimenon (Resurrection)

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)

Tone 4 Prokeimenon (Feast)

O Lord, how manifold are Thy works; in wisdom hast Thou made them all.
(*Ps. 103:26*)

Epistle

Read by Rd. Michael Metz

(1 Corinthians 3:9-17) For we are God's fellow workers; you are God's field, you are God's building. According to the grace of God which was given to me, as a wise master builder I have laid the foundation, and another builds on it. But let each one take heed how he builds on it. For no other foundation can anyone lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ. Now if anyone builds on this foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw, each one's work will become clear; for the Day will declare it, because it will be revealed by fire; and the fire will test each one's work, of what sort it is. If anyone's work which he has built on it endures, he will receive a reward. If anyone's work is burned, he will suffer loss; but he himself will be saved, yet so as through fire. Do you not know that you are the temple of God and that the Spirit of God dwells in you? If anyone defiles the temple of God, God will destroy him. For the temple of God is holy, which temple you are.

Tone 8

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Come, let us rejoice in the Lord! Let us make a joyful noise to God our Savior! (Ps. 94:1)

Let us come before His face with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise! (Ps. 94:2)

Tone 8

The heavens are Thine, the earth also is Thine! (Ps. 88:11a)

Gospel

(Matthew 14:22-34) Immediately Jesus made His disciples get into the boat and go before Him to the other side, while He sent the multitudes away. And when He had sent the multitudes away, He went up on the mountain by Himself to pray. Now when evening came, He was alone there. But the boat was now in the middle of the sea, tossed by the waves, for the wind was contrary. Now in the fourth watch of the night Jesus went to them, walking on the sea. And when the disciples saw Him walking on the sea, they were troubled, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out for fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying, "Be of good cheer! It is I; do not be afraid." And Peter answered Him and said, "Lord, if it is You, command me to come to You on the water." So He said, "Come." And when Peter had come down out of the boat, he walked on the water to go to Jesus. But when he saw that the wind was boisterous, he was afraid; and beginning to sink he cried out, saying, "Lord, save me!" And immediately Jesus stretched out His hand and caught him, and said to him, "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?" And when they got into the boat, the wind ceased. Then those who were in the boat came and worshiped Him, saying, "Truly You are the Son of God." When they had crossed over, they came to the land of Gennesaret.

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

Tone 4

Magnify, O my soul, the Lord Who was transfigured on Mount Tabor! Thy childbearing was without corruption God came forth from thy body clothed in flesh, and appeared on earth and dwelt among men. Therefore we all magnify thee, O Theotokos.

Communion Hymn

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

O Lord, we will walk in the light of Thy countenance, and will exult in Thy Name forever. *(Ps. 88:15)*

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Candle Offerings for Sunday, August 10, 2025

Vigils in Altar - Windowsill (2)

In Honor Of William Heitzenrater, Offered by Mama & Papa

Vigils in Altar - Table of Oblation (2)

Happy Anniversary Greg & Rosalie, Offered by Scott & Jen, Keri & Jason

Votives in Altar

In Memory Of Philip Stefanov

Votives in Iconostas

In Memory of Walter Wallitsch, Offered by Daughter Rosalie & Greg

Crosses

In Memory Of Josephine Bretz, Offered by Ann Marie & Barry Bretz

Vigils on the Tetrapod (2)

Happy Birthday Kayleigh, Offered by Greg & Ro

Vigils on Icon Table (2)

Happy Birthday Kayleigh, Offered by Ethan & Owen

Vigils - Icon of the Virgin Mary (2)

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

Votives - Icon of the Virgin Mary

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

Vigils of St. Gregory (1)

Happy Anniversary Poppy & Baba, Offered by Ethan, Owen, Talia & Jones

Vigils on North Wall Window Sill (3)

In Memory Of Walter Wallitsch on his birthday, Offered by Rosalie

Vigil of St. Michael (1)

For Health Of Donna Maria Martucci, Offered by The Pines

Flowers to Adorn the Icon of The Dormition of the Most Holy Theotokos

In Memory Of Mary Stetz, Offered by Pat & Tom

The Dormition of our Most Holy Lady the Theotokos and Ever Virgin Mary

Concerning the Dormition of the Theotokos, this is what the Church has received from ancient times from the tradition of the Fathers. When the time drew nigh that our Savior was well-pleased to take His Mother to Himself, He declared unto her through an Angel that three days hence, He would translate her from this temporal life to eternity and bliss. On hearing this, she went up with haste to the Mount of Olives, where she prayed continuously. Giving thanks to God, she returned to her house and prepared whatever was necessary for her burial. While these things were taking place, clouds caught up the Apostles from the ends of the earth, where each one happened to be preaching, and brought them at once to the house of the Mother of God, who informed them of the cause of their sudden gathering. As a mother, she consoled them in their affliction as was meet, and then raised her hands to Heaven and prayed for the peace of the world. She blessed the Apostles, and, reclining upon her bed with seemliness, gave up her all-holy spirit into the hands of her Son and God.

With reverence and many lights, and chanting burial hymns, the Apostles took up that God-receiving body and brought it to the sepulchre, while the Angels from Heaven chanted with them, and sent forth her who is higher than the Cherubim. But one Jew, moved by malice, audaciously stretched forth his hand upon the bed and immediately received from divine judgment the wages of his audacity. Those daring hands were severed by an invisible blow. But when he repented and asked forgiveness, his hands were restored. When they had reached the place called Gethsemane, they buried there with honor the all-immaculate body of the Theotokos, which was the source of Life. But on the third day after the burial, when they were eating together, and raised up the artos (bread) in Jesus' Name, as was their custom, the Theotokos appeared in the air, saying "Rejoice" to them. From this they learned concerning the bodily translation of the Theotokos into the Heavens.

Donations Received In Memory

In Memory Of Vera Bortniak, Offered by: Patricia Felix, William & Sandi Keysock, Paula & John Lahutsky, Steve & Sandy Matsick, Mr. & Mrs. George Pahamov, Barb & Nick Roman,

A Note of Thanks

Dear St. Nicholas Family,

I want to give a huge thank you to Saint Nicholas's church scholarship fund for awarding me with a very generous scholarship this year. The scholarship has made it possible for me to afford books and start classes this fall.

-Aemelia Heitzenrater

A Note of Thanks

Heartfelt thanks to all who helped make our Halupki Dinner happen last week. From our pierogi workers who came in extra to ensure we had enough pierogi to serve at the dinner, to friends from outside our parish family, to our parish family who baked, set up, served, and cleaned up, we were blessed to have the help we did. It took more than 30 people that day alone to make sure we were prepared and that things ran smoothly. While we did not have as many customers as we hoped, the fact that we all came together in the love of God, our church, and each other, made it a success. All of your words of encouragement were so very much appreciated. So again, I say thank you, and may God grant you all many blessed years!

With love in Christ,
Val

A Note of Thanks

Thank you for your generosity for the Kurtz Family coffee hour. We were able to give the new seminary family \$350.00 to help them begin their journey at St. Tikhons Seminary. God Bless you for your kindness.

Judy and Nick

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.

Upcoming Baking Schedule

Many hands make light work, and we have lots to do to prepare for the upcoming Christmas Bazaar! Please consider helping out if you are able. Contact Pat Grammes if you have any questions.

Sunday, August 24	12:00 pm (after liturgy) - Kiffle dough prep
Wednesday, August 27	8:00 am - Kiffle filling/baking
Sunday, September 7	12:00 pm (after liturgy) - Kiffle dough prep
Wednesday, September 10	8:00 am - Kiffle filling/baking
Saturday, September 20	9:00 am - Roll baking
Saturday, October 4	9:00 am - Roll baking
Saturday, October 18	9:00 am - Roll baking
Saturday, November 1	9:00 am - Roll baking

Halupki Making Schedule

AUGUST 17 - SUNDAY AFTER COFFEE HOUR

- Set up halupki room and hall
- Steam and devein cabbage
- Cook and mix 4-5 batches of rice/onions/seasonings
- Pick up meat for Monday
- Make sauce
- Rip foil for wrapping
- Count out trays and pans
- Clean up and dishes

AUGUST 18 - MONDAY

- 7:00 mix meat/rice and make balls
 - Steam rest of cabbage
- 8:00 roll halupki
 - Cook and mix 4-5 batches of rice/onions/seasonings
 - Make sauce
- After rolling
 - Devein rest of cabbage
 - Clean up and dishes
 - Pick up meat for Tuesday
 - Repack pans into 4s with sauce
- Evening
 - Wrap/freeze remaining large pans of halupki

AUGUST 19 - TUESDAY

- 7:00 mix meat/rice and make balls
- 8:00 roll halupki
 - Make sauce
- After rolling
 - Clean up and dishes
 - scrub floors - kitchen, hall by roasters, halupki room
- Evening
 - Wrap/freeze remaining large pans of halupki

St. George Fundraiser

One day festival!

All proceeds made will go to supporting
the victims of the attack on Prophet Elias
Church in Damascus, Syria



Our Mission



Sunday August 17th 2025

2 PM - 11 PM

St. George Church
1011 Catasauqua Ave.
Allentown, PA

*Join us for an evening of Middle Eastern **Food, Music,** and a good time! All for the support to those affected in the attack at the Prophet Elias Orthodox Church in Damascus, Syria*

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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: Elizabeth Glazman, Tonia Matyger, Alejandro Santiago

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

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