

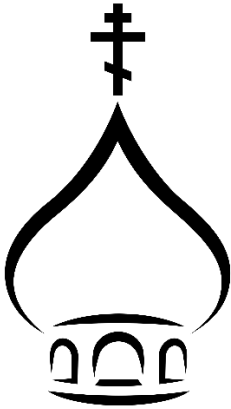
Divine Liturgy

Sunday, August 17, 2025

10th Sunday after Pentecost

Afterfeast of the Dormition

Martyr Myron, Presbyter of Cyzicus



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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 17, 2025

10th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – Tone 1. Afterfeast of the Dormition.

Martyr Myron, Presbyter, of Cyzicus (254). Ven. Alypius, Iconographer of the Kiev Near Caves (Near Caves–1114). Martyrs Paul and Juliana of Syria (ca. 273). Martyrs Thyrsus, Leucius, and Coronatus, with others, at Cæsarea in Bithynia (3rd c.). Martyr Patroclus of Troyes (3rd c.). Martyrs Straton, Philip, Eutychian, and Cyprian, of Nicomedia (ca. 303). Bl. Theodoretus, Enlightener of the Lapps (Solovétsky Monastery–1571).

Fr. Nikolai's Office Hours

Fr. Nikolai will not have office hours this week as he will be away from Wednesday through Saturday for a St. Tikhon's Seminary Board Meeting in Chicago.

Coffee Hour Today

Coffee Hour Today is hosted by Boris Stefanov & Marietta Peytcheva
In Memory Of Philp Stefanov

Weekly & Upcoming Calendar

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

Saturday, August 23

Sunday, August 24

Thursday, August 28

Friday, August 29

Saturday, August 30

Sunday, August 31

5:00 pm - Great Vespers

11th Sunday After Pentecost

9:10 am - Reading of the Hours

9:30 am - Divine Liturgy

6:00 pm - Great Vespers w/Litia

Beheading of St. John the Baptist

8:50 am - Reading of the Hours

9:00 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 1 Troparion *(Resurrection)*

When the stone had been sealed by the Jews, while the soldiers were guarding Thy most pure body, Thou didst rise on the third day, O Savior, granting life to the world. The powers of heaven therefore cried to Thee, O Giver of Life: "Glory to Thy Resurrection, O Christ! Glory to Thy Kingdom! Glory to Thy dispensation, O Thou Who lovest mankind!"

Tone 1 Troparion *(Feast)*

In giving birth thou didst preserve thy virginity. In falling asleep thou didst not forsake the world, O Theotokos. Thou wast translated to life, O Mother of Life, and by thy prayers thou dost deliver our souls from death.

Tone 4 Troparion *(St. Myron)*

Thy holy martyr Myron, O Lord, through his sufferings has received an incorruptible crown from Thee, our God. For having Thy strength, he laid low his adversaries, and shattered the powerless boldness of demons. Through his intercession, save our souls!

Tone 1 Kontakion *(Resurrection)*

As God, Thou didst rise from the tomb in glory, raising the world with Thyself. Human nature praises Thee as God, for death has vanished. Adam exults, O Master! Eve rejoices, for she is freed from bondage and cries to Thee: "Thou art the Giver of Resurrection to all, O Christ!"

Tone 4 Kontakion *(St. Myron)*

From childhood thou didst long for Christ, all glorious one, keeping His divine commandments and running to Him with all thy being, all-honored Myron. Now thou dost zealously pray with the Angels, asking remission of sins for those who celebrate thy memory.

Tone 2 Kontakion (Feast)

Neither the tomb, nor death, could hold the Theotokos, who is constant in prayer and our firm hope in her intercessions. For being the Mother of Life, she was translated to life by the One Who dwelt in her virginal womb.

Tone 1 Prokeimenon (Resurrection)

Let Thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us as we have set our hope on Thee! (Ps. 32:22)

Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous! Praise befits the just! (Ps. 32:1)

Tone 3 Prokeimenon (Song of the Theotokos)

My soul doth magnify the Lord, and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Savior. (Lk. 1:46-47)

Epistle

(1 Corinthians 4:9-16) For I think that God has displayed us, the apostles, last, as men condemned to death; for we have been made a spectacle to the world, both to angels and to men. We are fools for Christ's sake, but you are wise in Christ! We are weak, but you are strong! You are distinguished, but we are dishonored! To the present hour we both hunger and thirst, and we are poorly clothed, and beaten, and homeless. And we labor, working with our own hands. Being reviled, we bless; being persecuted, we endure; being defamed, we entreat. We have been made as the filth of the world, the offscouring of all things until now. I do not write these things to shame you, but as my beloved children I warn you. For though you might have ten thousand instructors in Christ, yet you do not have many fathers; for in Christ Jesus I have begotten you through the gospel. Therefore I urge you, imitate me.

Tone 1

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

God gives vengeance unto me, and subdues people under me. (Ps. 17:48)

He magnifies the salvation of the King and deals mercifully with David, His anointed, and his seed forever. (Ps. 17:51)

Tone 8

Arise, O Lord, into Thy rest, Thou and the Ark of Thy sanctification! (Ps. 131:8)

Gospel

(Matthew 17:14-25) And when they had come to the multitude, a man came to Him, kneeling down to Him and saying, "Lord, have mercy on my son, for he is an epileptic and suffers severely; for he often falls into the fire and often into the water. So I brought him to Your disciples, but they could not cure him." Then Jesus answered and said, "O faithless and perverse generation, how long shall I be with you? How long shall I bear with you? Bring him here to Me." And Jesus rebuked the demon, and it came out of him; and the child was cured from that very hour. Then the disciples came to Jesus privately and said, "Why could we not cast it out?" So Jesus said to them, "Because of your unbelief; for assuredly, I say to you, if you have faith as a mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move; and nothing will be impossible for you. However, this kind does not go out except by prayer and fasting." Now while they were staying in Galilee, Jesus said to them, "The Son of Man is about to be betrayed into the hands of men, and they will kill Him, and the third day He will be raised up." And they were exceedingly sorrowful.

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

The Angels, as they looked upon the Dormition of the Virgin, were struck with wonder, seeing how the Virgin went up from earth to heaven.

The limits of nature are overcome in thee, O Pure Virgin: for birthgiving remains virginal, and life is united to death; a virgin after childbearing and alive after death, thou dost ever save thine inheritance, O Theotokos.

Communion Hymn

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

I will receive the cup of salvation and call on the Name of the Lord. *(Ps. 115:4)*

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Candle Offerings for Sunday, August 17, 2025

Vigils in Altar - Windowsill (2)

In Memory Of Mitred Archpriest Dimitri Oselinsky
Offered by Fr. James & Mat. Pat Mason

Vigils in Altar - Table of Oblation (2)

Happy Anniversary Matthew & Lori, Offered by Mom & Dad

Vigils in Altar - Side Table (2)

Happy Anniversary Mom & Dad, Offered by Sophia & Jacob

Votives in Altar

In Memory Of Philip Stefanov, Offered by Boris Stefanov & Marietta Peytcheva

Votives in Iconostas

In Honor Of Theodore Laurence Heitzenrater, Offered by Friends

Crosses

In Memory Of Philip Stefanov, Offered by Boris Stefanov & Marietta Peycheva

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)

In Memory Of Esther & Albert Kiechel, Offered by Fran & Mike Slivka

Votives - Icon of the Virgin Mary

Happy Anniversary Mom & Dad, Offered by Sophia & Jacob

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

Happy Birthday Natalie Slivka, Offered by Fran & Mike Slivka

Votives - Icon of St. John the Baptist

In Honor Of John Heitzenrater, Offered by Friends

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.

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.

Pierogi Project Planning Meeting - August 29

Following Divine Liturgy on Friday, August 29, there will be a planning meeting for the pierogi making schedule for September, October, November and December. All are welcome to attend. A light lunch will be provided. The latest prices for the pierogi ingredients (flour, margarine, etc.) will be available since we will be starting with all fresh ingredients. We need volunteers for all three days and especially for Mondays to operate the potato peeling machine, to peel, cut, cook. Especially needed are back up people to fill in. Pat Grammes will be filling in for Peter Jubinski. And as usual, clean up crews are needed for all days. Your help is needed. There is a job for everyone.

Donations Received In Memory

In Memory Of Vera Bortniak, Offered by: Daniel Babiak, Lisa Capece & Family, Olga Frimenko, Michele & Russell Gianforcaro, Mr. & Mrs. Richard Kawood, Nancy Kohudic, John Koretski, Dennis Lapro & Family, Michael & Fran Slivka, Dorothy Stafiniak, Pat Stetz Grammes & Jean Kusior, Cheryl Terenchin,

Church School Background Checks

In accordance with Diocesan policies and OCA statutes, all adults over the age of 18 who have regular contact with the Church School students must pass a background check. This includes all parents who join their children in Church School regularly and all Church School teachers. To get background check started, please see Fr. Nikolai.

New Address!

The Hodson Family (Carmen, Moses, Christopher & Alex) has moved! Their new address is:

2425 Kona Way
Naples, FL 34120

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.

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

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
Thursday, September 18	8:00 am - Roll baking

2nd Quarter Treasurer's Report Summary

April 2025	Income:	\$48,891.12
	Expenses:	\$ 41,116.71
	<u>Net Revenue:</u>	<u>\$ 7,774.41</u>
May 2025	Income:	\$45,956.95
	Expenses	\$ 65,003.24
	<u>Net Revenue:</u>	<u>\$(19,046.29)</u>
June 2025	Income:	\$18,463.06
	Expenses:	\$33,439.66
	<u>Net Revenue:</u>	<u>\$(14,976.60)</u>

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



Sunday August 17th 2025

2 PM - 11 PM

St. George Church
1011 Catasauqua Ave.
Allentown, PA

Our Mission

*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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A LITTLE
HONEY
IS ON THE WAY!

JOIN US FOR A BABY SHOWER

HONORING

CORINNE STUCKEY

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 7TH

WHO'S TIRED OF COOKING?

Join us for the first Dine and Donate of the year on
Thursday, August 21st.

Meet up with SJCA friends, teachers and classmates.
And then swing by the school for the
Used Uniform Sale (4pm-7pm.)

All Day at George's Oasis Restaurant
2355 Schoenersville Rd,
Allentown, Pa, 18109

*Please mention the school so we receive credit for your purchase.

Thank you for your support.

The St. John Chrysostom Academy Faculty Parent Council



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

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