

Divine Liturgy

Sunday, September 21, 2025

15th Sunday after Pentecost

**Sunday After the Exaltation of the Cross
Leavetaking of the Exaltation of the Cross**



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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 September 21, 2025

15th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – Tone 6. Leavetaking of the Elevation of the Cross. Sunday after Elevation. Apostle Quadratus of the Seventy (ca. 130). Uncovering of the Relics of St. Dimitry, Metropolitan of Rostov (1752). Ven. Daniel, Abbot of Shuzhgóorsk (Novgorod–16th c.). Ven. Joseph of Zaonikiev Monastery (Vologdá–1612). Hieromartyr Hypatius, Bishop of Ephesus, and his Presbyter, Andrew (ca. 730-735). St. Isaac (Isacius) and Meletius, Bishops of Cyprus. Martyr Eusebius of Phœnicia. Martyr Priscus of Phrygia. Twenty-six Monastic Martyrs of Zographou (Mt. Athos–1285). Ven. Cosmas the Bulgarian of Zographou (Mt. Athos–1323). Ss. John and George, Confessors (Georgia, 20th c.–Sept. 8th O.S.).

Fr. Nikolai's Office Hours

Monday, September 22nd - Fr. Nikolai's Day Off
Wednesday, September 24th - 12:00 pm - 5:00 pm
Friday, September 26th - 9:00 am - 2:00 pm

Coffee Hour Today

At the time of the Bulletin's Creation, there is no host for Coffee Hour

Weekly & Upcoming Calendar

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

Saturday, September 20 5:00 pm - Great Vespers
Sunday, September 21 **15th Sunday After Pentecost**
9:10 am - Reading of the Hours
9:30 am - Divine Liturgy
Saturday, September 27 5:00 pm - Great Vespers
Sunday, September 28 **16th Sunday After Pentecost**
9:10 am - Reading of the Hours
9:30 am - Divine Liturgy

Tuesday, September 30 6:00 pm - Great Vespers
Wednesday, October 1 **Protection of the Mother of God (Pokrov)**
8:50 am - Reading of the Hours
9:00 am - Divine Liturgy
Saturday, October 4 5:00 pm - Great Vespers
Sunday, October 5 **17th Sunday After Pentecost**
9:10 am - Reading of the Hours
9:30 am - Divine Liturgy
Saturday, October 11 5:00 pm - Great Vespers
Sunday, October 12 **18th Sunday After Pentecost**
9:10 am - Reading of the Hours
9:30 am - Divine Liturgy
Saturday, October 18 5:00 pm - Great Vespers
Sunday, October 19 **19th Sunday After Pentecost**
9:10 am - Reading of the Hours
9:30 am - Divine Liturgy
Saturday, October 25 **Memorial Saturday**
8:50 am - Reading of the Hours
9:00 am - Divine Liturgy
5:00 pm - Great Vespers
Sunday, October 26 **20th Sunday After Pentecost**
9:10 am - Reading of the Hours
9:30 am - Divine Liturgy

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Tone 6 Troparion *(Resurrection)*

The Angelic Powers were at Your tomb; the guards became as dead men. Mary stood by Your grave, seeking Your most pure body. You captured hell, not being tempted by it. You came to the Virgin, granting life. O Lord, Who rose from the dead, glory to You.

Tone 1 Troparion *(Feast)*

O Lord, save Your people, and bless Your inheritance! Grant victories to the Orthodox Christians over their adversaries; and by virtue of Your Cross, preserve Your habitation!

Tone 6 Kontakion *(Resurrection)*

When Christ God, the Giver of Life, raised all of the dead from the valleys of misery with His mighty hand, He bestowed resurrection on the human race. He is the Savior of all, the Resurrection, the Life, and the God of all.

Tone 4 Kontakion *(Feast)*

As You were voluntarily raised upon the Cross for our sake, grant mercy to those who are called by Your Name, O Christ God; make all Orthodox Christians glad by Your power, granting them victories over their adversaries by bestowing on them the invincible trophy, Your weapon of peace!

Tone 6 Prokeimenon *(Resurrection)*

O Lord, save Your people, and bless Your inheritance! *(Ps. 27:9a)*

To You, O Lord, will I call. O my God, be not silent to me! (Ps. 27:1a)

Tone 7 Prokeimenon *(Feast)*

Extol the Lord our God: worship at His footstool for He is holy! *(Ps. 98:5)*

Epistle

Read by Reader Nicholas Lezinsky

(Galatians 2:16-20 (Sunday After)) knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law but by faith in Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Christ Jesus, that we might be justified by faith in Christ and not by the works of the law; for by the works of the law no flesh shall be justified. But if, while we seek to be justified by Christ, we ourselves also are found sinners, is Christ therefore a minister of sin? Certainly not! For if I build again those things which I destroyed, I make myself a transgressor. For I through the law died to the law that I might live to God. I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.

(2 Corinthians 4:6-15) For it is the God who commanded light to shine out of darkness, who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellence of the power may be of God and not of us. We are hard-pressed on every side, yet not crushed; we are perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed - always carrying about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus, that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our body. For we who live are always delivered to death for Jesus' sake, that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our mortal flesh. So then death is working in us, but life in you. And since we have the same spirit of faith, according to what is written, "I believed and therefore I spoke," we also believe and therefore speak, knowing that He who raised up the Lord Jesus will also raise us up with Jesus, and will present us with you. For all things are for your sakes, that grace, having spread through the many, may cause thanksgiving to abound to the glory of God.

Tone 6

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will abide in the shadow of the heavenly God. (Ps. 90:1)

He will say to the Lord: "My Protector and my Refuge; my God, in Whom I trust."(Ps. 90:2)

Tone 1

Remember Your congregation, which You have gotten of old! (Ps. 73:2)

Gospel

(Mark 8:34-9:1 (Sunday After)) When He had called the people to Himself, with His disciples also, He said to them, "Whoever desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me. For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake and the gospel's will save it. For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul? For whoever is ashamed of Me and My words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him the Son of Man also will be ashamed when He comes in the glory of His Father with the holy angels." And He said to them, "Assuredly, I say to you that there are some standing here who will not taste death till they see the kingdom of God present with power."

(Matthew 22:35-46) Then one of them, a lawyer, asked Him a question, testing Him, and saying, "Teacher, which is the great commandment in the law?" Jesus said to him, "'You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.' This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets." While the Pharisees were

gathered together, Jesus asked them, saying, "What do you think about the Christ? Whose Son is He?" They said to Him, "The Son of David." He said to them, "How then does David in the Spirit call Him 'Lord,' saying: 'The LORD said to my Lord, sit at My right hand, till I make Your enemies Your footstool'?, If David then calls Him 'Lord,' how is He his Son?" And no one was able to answer Him a word, nor from that day on did anyone dare question Him anymore.

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

Tone 8

Magnify, O my soul, the most precious Cross of the Lord!

You are a mystical Paradise, O Theotokos, who, though untilled, have brought forth Christ; through Him the life-bearing wood of the Cross was planted on earth. Now at its Exaltation, as we bow in worship before it, we magnify you.

Communion Hymn

Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest! *(Ps. 148:1)*
The light of Your countenance has been signed upon us, O Lord. *(Ps. 4:7)*
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Candle Offerings for Sunday, September 21, 2025

Vigils in Altar - Table of Oblation (2)

In Memory Of Selar Konsevitch, Offered by Roberts & Konsevitch Families

Vigils in Altar - Side Table (2)

In Memory Of Vera (Guliana's Grandmother), Offered by Guliana Holobeny

Votives in Altar

In Memory Of Philip Stefanov, Offered by Family

Votives in Iconostas

For Health Of Jennifer Bzik, Offered by The Bzik Family

Vigil in Side Candle Holders (2)

In Memory of William Radick, Offered by Peter and Patricia Metz

Crosses

In Memory Of Nina, Offered by Natalia

Vigils on the Tetrapod (2)

Happy Birthday Sandi Keysock, Offered by Ann Marie & Barry

Vigils on Icon Table (2)

Happy Birthday Sandi Keysock, Offered by Patty Felix

Vigils - Icon of the Virgin Mary (2)

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

Votives - Icon of the Virgin Mary

Happy Birthday Ruth Fink, Offered by Gordon & Valerie Roberts

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

In Memory Of Andrew Hasencz 1 Year, Offered by Bill & Sandi Keysock

Votives - Icon of St. John the Baptist

In Loving Memory Of John Frimenko, Jr., Offered by Wife, Olga

Vigils on South Wall Window Sill (3)

In Loving Memory Of John Frimenko, Jr., Offered by Wife, Olga

Vigils of St. Gregory (1)

Happy Birthday Son Matthew Dudash, Offered by Mom and Dad

Vigils on North Wall Window Sill (3)

In Loving Memory Of John Frimenko, Jr., Offered by Wife, Olga

Vigil of St. Michael (1)

In Memory Of Michael Stetz, Offered by Pat & Tom

Halupki Dinner Proceeds

Many thanks to everyone who helped to make the Halupki Dinner a success. These events would not work without the help of many hands doing many types of jobs. The halupki dinner profit was \$5111, generously rounded up by a parishioner to \$5626.

Thank You!

Church Family,

We want to express our heartfelt thanks for your generosity of the many gifts, prayers and kind words shared with us this past Sunday. We continue to covet your prayers in this final stretch of pregnancy and thank you for all you've offered already. It's truly a blessing to be a part of such a connected and caring family in Christ!

In Christ,
The Stuckeys

Pierogi Project

The pierogi workers at St. Nicholas have been very generous in supporting the church, particularly when costly repair projects arise. The bells, doors, and HVAC are just a few examples of their support

The project is in need of a few new workers, those who can help every week and those who can help occasionally.

- Monday Needs: 7:00 am (1) Potato Machine Peeler
 8:00 am (6-8) Potato Cutters
 8:15 am (1) Potato Cooker
 8:30 am (1) Potato Mixer
 Prepare sauerkraut and plastic bags
 Cleanup
- Tuesday Needs: 6:00 am (1) Potato in machine
 (3) Place balls on trays
 Cleanup
- Wednesday Needs: 7:00 am (1) Dough Maker
 (2) Cookers
 (1) Cooler
 (1) Counter
 (1) Tie bags and keep track of
 production numbers
 (1) Roller
 (2) Cutters
 (1) Person to delivery trays and pick
 up pierogi
 Pinchers (as many as we can get)
 Cleanup

If you are interested, please contact Pat Grammes or Sandi Keysock.

Thank you!!!

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.

Thursday, September 25	9:00 am - Roll Baking
Thursday, October 2	9:00 am - Roll Baking

Administrative Assistant's Schedule

Please be advised that the St. Nicholas Church Administrative Assistant, Jennifer Bzik, will be traveling internationally from Thursday, September 10 through Sunday, September 21. During this time, please contact Fr. Nikolai regarding any urgent matters. Kindly refrain from calling or texting Jennifer during this time if at all possible. Feel free to email, but be aware that she will not be responding to emails until after her return.

In preparation for being out of the office, the Bulletins for Sunday, September 14 and Sunday, September 21 will be printed early. Please send any announcements for those dates no later than Sunday, September 7. If something else comes up that needs to be announced, please inform Fr. Nikolai so that he may make the announcement at the conclusion of the Liturgy.

Frozen Halupki 4 Packs

As a reminder, Frozen Halupki 4 packs are still available for \$15. Please see Val Roberts if you are interested.

Coffee Hour Hosts Needed

There are several open coffee hour days in the upcoming months. Please consider signing up if you haven't hosted in the past! There are copies of the guidelines for hosting coffee hour available in the signup book at the candle desk if you are not familiar with what to do. Contact Jennifer Bzik if you need help or have questions. Thank you!

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, 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, Rosalie Radio, 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, Irene Witaneck, Sandra Wyslutsky

Catechumen: Elizabeth Glazman, Tonia Matyger, Alejandro Santiago, Adam and Nicole Pell, Shane

Handmaiden: Corinne Stuckey, and her unborn child; 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.