

# **Divine Liturgy**

Sunday, October 5, 2025

**17th Sunday after Pentecost (2nd of Luke)**

**Martyr Charitina of Amisus**



**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)*

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before entering the church. Thank you.***

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# Schedule for the Week of October 5 2025

**17th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – Tone 8.** Martyr Charitina of Amisos (304). Synaxis of the Hierarchs of Moscow. Ven. Damian the Healer (1097), Jeremiah (ca. 1070), and Matthew (ca. 1085), Clairvoyants, of the Kiev Caves (Near Caves). St. Charitina, Princess of Lithuania (1281). Hieromartyr Dionysius, Bishop of Alexandria (264-264). Martyr Memelta of Persia (ca. 344). St. Gregory of Chandzoe, Georgia (861). Ven. Eudokimos of Vatopedi (Mt. Athos).

## Fr. Nikolai's Office Hours

Monday, October 6<sup>th</sup> - Fr. Nikolai's Day Off  
Wednesday, October 8<sup>th</sup> - 12:00 pm - 5:00 pm  
Friday, October 10<sup>th</sup> - 9:00 am - 2:00 pm

## Coffee Hour Today

Coffee Hour will be hosted by The Parish Council  
To help defray the cost of the fire suppression system

## Weekly & Upcoming Calendar

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

<b>Thursday, October 9</b>	9:00 am - Akathist to the Theotokos, Nurturer of Children (Note: This is one week later than usual)
<b>Saturday, October 11</b>	5:00 pm - Great Vespers
<b>Sunday, October 12</b>	<b>18<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost</b> 9:10 am - Reading of the Hours 9:30 am - Divine Liturgy
<b>Saturday, October 18</b>	5:00 pm - Great Vespers
<b>Sunday, October 19</b>	<b>19<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost</b> 9:10 am - Reading of the Hours 9:30 am - Divine Liturgy
<b>Saturday, October 25</b>	<b>Memorial Saturday</b> 8:50 am - Reading of the Hours 9:00 am - Divine Liturgy 5:00 pm - Great Vespers
<b>Sunday, October 26</b>	<b>20<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost</b> 9:10 am - Reading of the Hours 9:30 am - Divine Liturgy

# Divine Liturgy

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**Martyr Charitina of Amisus**

**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 4      Troparion**      *(St. Charitina)*

Thy lamb Charitina calls out to Thee, O Jesus, in a loud voice: "I love Thee, my Bridegroom, and in seeking Thee I endure suffering. In baptism I was crucified so that I might reign in Thee, and I died so that I might live with Thee. Accept me as a pure sacrifice, for I have offered myself in love." Through her prayers save our souls, since Thou art merciful!

**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. Charitina)*

Having fortified thy soul with faith and strengthened by understanding thou didst openly put the enemy to shame, O Charitina; thou didst stand before Christ wearing a robe empurpled by thy blood, All-blessed One, and now thou dost rejoice with the Angels, praying for us, O passionbearer.

**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)*

## Epistle

Read by Reader Nicholas Lezinsky

**(2 Corinthians 6:16-7:1)** And what agreement has the temple of God with idols? For you are the temple of the living God. As God has said: "I will dwell in them and walk among them. I will be their God, and they shall be My people." Therefore "Come out from among them and be separate, says the Lord. Do not touch what is unclean, and I will receive you." "I will be a Father to you, and you shall be My sons and daughters, says the LORD Almighty." Therefore, having these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.

## 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)*

## Gospel

**(Luke 6:31-36)** And just as you want men to do to you, you also do to them likewise. But if you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. And if you lend to those from whom you hope to receive back, what credit is that to you? For even sinners lend to sinners to receive as much back. But love your enemies, do good, and lend, hoping for nothing in return; and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High. For He is kind to the unthankful and evil. Therefore be merciful, just as your Father also is merciful.

## Communion Hymn

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

# **Candle Offerings for Sunday, October 5, 2025**

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

In Memory Of Grandma Nancy Sabol  
Offered by Moses, Carmen, Alexander & Christopher

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

Happy Birthday Gregory Konsevitch, Offered by Gordon & Val Roberts

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

Happy Anniversary Matthew & Jessica Roberts, Offered by Mom & Dad

## **Votives in Altar**

In Memory Of Philip Stepanoff, Offered by Family

## **Votives in Iconostas**

David A. Funk, Offered by The Pines

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

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

## **Crosses**

In Memory Of Fr. Dimitri & Mat. Maryann Oselinski

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

Happy Anniversary Pat & Tom Grammes

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

Happy Anniversary Pat & Tom Grammes

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

In Memory Of Reader Leonty Macalush, Offered by Fran & Mike Slivka

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

In Memory Of Grandma Nancy Sabol  
Offered by Moses, Carmen, Alexander & Christopher

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

In Memory Of Joseph Slivka, Offered by Brother Mike & Fran Slivka

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

Jenaya Ross, Offered by The Pines

### **Vigils of St. Gregory (1)**

Donna Martucci, Offered by The Pines

### **Vigils of St. Paul (1)**

Anonio Corag, Offered by The Pines

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

Julian Wicks, Offered by The Pines

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

In Thanksgiving, Offered by The Lungu Family

## **Frozen Halupki 4 Packs**

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

## **Attention Church School Families**

The Church School would love to add one more teacher to assist teaching Sunday School classes. If you are interested, please see Reader John Heitzenrater during coffee hour.



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To the clergy, monastics, and faithful of the Orthodox Church in America, beloved children in the Lord,  
Christ is in our midst!

The holy services constantly urge the faithful to join music and song: "On this solemn day of our feast let us strike the spiritual harp." "Come, O ye faithful, and let us honor in hymns the Ever-virgin Maid." "With the whole assembly born on earth we honor the Cross, singing its praises." "Therefore we cry to thee, O Theotokos, in song." "Today let us, the faithful, dance for the joy, singing to the Lord with psalms and hymns." "Let us sound the cymbals: let us shout aloud in songs." Pages could be filled with such exhortations gleaned from the pages of the service books.

This is a reminder that Church music is our common responsibility: whether we participate by singing in the choir, serving in the altar, or prayerfully listening, our liturgical worship is given voice through song. However, though we all have a responsibility for liturgical music and beauty in worship, God has given some people the special talents and vocation needed to lead the people in liturgical music. These are our choir directors, and without trained choir directors, orderly and beautiful worship in the tradition of the Orthodox Church in America is challenging, if not impossible.

God, of course, grants musical talents as he sees fit, and the vocation, the calling to serve, comes from him. But it falls to us as a Church to help foster these talents and encourage responsiveness to this vocation. In recent years, our communities have made efforts to foster priestly vocations; on this Church Musician Sunday, I ask our communities to make efforts to foster the vocations of choir directors as well.

This is not a matter of wishful thinking. Our parishes can take concrete steps to raise up choir directors. Our communities can identify candidates and pay for training such as that offered online by our Department of Liturgical Music and Translation. We can financially support choir directors and trainees who wish to take on more extensive studies. Crucially, our parishes can and should provide remuneration for choir directors and their substitutes and assistants, recognizing the dedication, skills, training, and time commitment that the work of the parish choir director requires.

I conclude by thanking our choir directors throughout the Church. May God bless and reward your work. I hope that parishes, missions, and institutions throughout the Orthodox Church in America will

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# ORTHODOX CHURCH MUSICIAN SUNDAY



With the blessing of His Beatitude, our Metropolitan Tikhon, our parishes of the Orthodox Church in America recognize - on this first Sunday in October - our many church singers, music directors, composers, arrangers of music, and bell-ringers. May God grant you Many Years!



**SUNDAY**  
OCTOBER 5



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**November 14-16, 2025**



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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, David Shewczyk, Ian Shipley, James Weremedic, John Onofrey, George Hasenecz, Emilian Hutnyan, John Nightingale, Gregory White

**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, Susan Kon

**Servants:** Bethany Bruder, Theresa Butler, Jennifer Bzik, 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, Connor Samuels, Robert Schainfeld, Catherine Shea, Janice Shumbata, Francine Slivka, Michael Slivka, Julia Smith, Dorothy Stafiniak, Maeve Stuckey, Irene Witanek, Sandra Wyslutsky

**Catechumens:** Shane Ernst, Elizabeth Glazman, Tonia Matyger, Mithrin Moses, Adam and Nicole Pell, Robert Peloquin, Bryan Peterson, Alejandro Santiago

**Handmaidens:** Corinne Stuckey, and her newborn son

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