

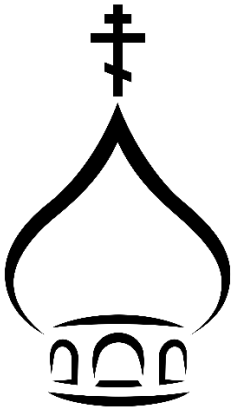
Divine Liturgy

Sunday, October 26, 2025

20th Sunday after Pentecost (5th of Luke)

**Holy and Glorious Greatmartyr Demetrius the
Myrrhusher of Thessalonica**

Commemoration of the Great Earthquake at Constantinople in 740 A.D.



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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 19, 2025

20th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – Tone 3. Holy, Glorious Demetrios the Myrrh-gusher of Thessaloniki (ca. 306). Commemoration of the Great Earthquake at Constantinople in 740 A.D. St. Theóphil of the Kiev Caves, Bishop of Novgorod (Far Caves–1482). Martyr Lupus (ca. 306). Ven. Athanasius of Medikion Monastery (ca. 814). Monastic Martyr Joseph of Dionysiou (Mt. Athos–1518).

Fr. Nikolai's Office Hours

Monday, October 27th - Fr. Nikolai's Day Off
Wednesday, October 29th - 12:00 pm - 5:00 pm
Friday, October 31st - 9:00 am - 2:00 pm



In an effort to make my scheduling more efficient, and to avoid a bunch of back-and-forth emails, please take advantage of my new scheduling app at www.calendly.com/frnikolai You can also scan this QR code with your phone, to be taken directly to the site. With this you can schedule a confession outside of the usual Vespers times, or schedule a 1-hour in-person or Zoom meeting with me. - Fr. Nikolai

Coffee Hour Today

Coffee Hour today is hosted by the Young Adults of St. Nicholas To benefit the St. John Chrysostom Academy Gym Floor Fundraising

Weekly & Upcoming Calendar

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

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

Thursday, October 30 10:00 am – 40th Day Panikhida for Nancy Sabol
Saturday, November 1 4:30 pm – General Panikhida
 5:00 pm – Great Vespers
Sunday, November 2 **21st Sunday After Pentecost**
 9:10 am – Reading of the Hours
 9:30 am – Divine Liturgy
Friday, November 7 6:00 pm – Great Vespers
Saturday, November 8 **Synaxis of the Archangel Michael and the Other
 Bodiless Powers**
 8:50 am – Reading of the Hours
 9:00 am – Divine Liturgy
 5:00 pm – Great Vespers
Sunday, November 9 **22nd Sunday After Pentecost**
 9:10 am – Reading of the Hours
 9:30 am – Divine Liturgy
Thursday, November 13 9:00 am – Akathist to the Theotokos, Nurturer of
 Children
Saturday, November 15 5:00 pm – Great Vespers
Sunday, November 16 **23rd Sunday After Pentecost**
 9:10 am – Reading of the Hours
 9:30 am – Divine Liturgy
Monday, November 17 7:00 pm – Parish Council Meeting
Thursday, November 20 6:00 pm – Great Vespers
Friday, November 21 **Entry of the Most-Holy Theotokos into the
 Temple**
 8:50 am – Reading of the Hours
 9:00 am – Divine Liturgy
Saturday, November 22 6:00 pm – Great Vespers
Sunday, November 23 **24th Sunday After Pentecost**
 9:10 am – Reading of the Hours
 9:30 am – Divine Liturgy
Thursday, November 27 9:00 am – Moleben of Thanksgiving, in honor of
 Thanksgiving Day
Saturday, November 29 5:00 pm – Great Vespers
Sunday, November 30 **25th Sunday After Pentecost**
 9:10 am – Reading of the Hours
 9:30 am – Divine Liturgy

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Tone 3 Troparion *(Resurrection)*

Let the heavens rejoice! Let the earth be glad! For the Lord has shown strength with His arm. He has trampled down death by death. He has become the first born of the dead. He has delivered us from the depths of hell, and has granted to the world great mercy.

Tone 8 Troparion *(Earthquake)*

O Christ our God, Who lookest upon the earth and it trembles; deliver us from the terrible threat of earthquake; and through the prayers of the Theotokos, send down upon us Thine abundant mercy and save us!

Tone 3 Troparion *(St. Demetrius)*

The world has found thee to be a great defense against tribulation and a vanquisher of heathens, O Passion-bearer. As thou didst bolster the courage of Nestor, who then humbled the arrogance of Lyaios in battle, Holy Demetrius, entreat Christ God to grant us great mercy!

Tone 3 Kontakion *(Resurrection)*

On this day Thou didst rise from the tomb, O Merciful One, leading us from the gates of death. On this day Adam exults as Eve rejoices; with the Prophets and Patriarchs they unceasingly praise the divine majesty of Thy power.

Tone 2 Kontakion *(St. Demetrius)*

God, Who has given thee invincible might, has tinged the Church with streams of thy blood, Demetrius. He preserves thy city from harm, for thou art its foundation.

Tone 6 Kontakion (*Earthquake*)

Deliver us all from upheavals, and from terrible afflictions caused by our sins, O Lord, and spare Thy people whom Thou hast purchased with Thy blood, O Master! Do not deliver Thy city to destruction by terrible earthquakes, for we know no other God but Thee; and to those who cry out Thou dost respond: "I am with you, and no one will be against you."

Tone 6 Prokeimenon (*Earthquake*)

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

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

Tone 7 Prokeimenon (*St. Demetrius*)

The righteous shall rejoice in the Lord, and shall hope in Him. (*Ps. 63:11a*)

Epistle

Read by Reader John Heitzenrater

(Galatians 1:11-19 (Resurrection)) But I make known to you, brethren, that the gospel which was preached by me is not according to man. For I neither received it from man, nor was I taught it, but it came through the revelation of Jesus Christ. For you have heard of my former conduct in Judaism, how I persecuted the church of God beyond measure and tried to destroy it. And I advanced in Judaism beyond many of my contemporaries in my own nation, being more exceedingly zealous for the traditions of my fathers. But when it pleased God, who separated me from my mother's womb and called me through His grace, to reveal His Son in me, that I might preach Him among the Gentiles, I did not immediately confer with flesh and blood, nor did I go up to Jerusalem to those who were apostles before me; but I went to Arabia, and returned again to Damascus. Then after three years I went up to Jerusalem to see Peter, and remained with him fifteen days. But I saw none of the other apostles except James, the Lord's brother.

(2 Timothy 2:1-10 (St. Demetrius)) You therefore, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus. And the things that you have heard from me among many witnesses, commit these to faithful men who will be able to teach others also. You therefore must endure hardship as a good soldier of Jesus Christ. No one engaged in warfare entangles himself with the affairs of this life, that he may please him who enlisted him as a soldier. And also if anyone competes in athletics, he is not crowned unless he competes according to the rules. The hardworking farmer must be first to partake of the crops. Consider what I say, and may the Lord give you understanding in all things. Remember that Jesus Christ, of the seed of David, was raised from the dead according to my gospel, for which I suffer trouble as an evildoer, even to the point of chains; but the word of God is not chained. Therefore I endure all things for the sake of the elect, that they also may obtain the salvation which is in Christ Jesus with eternal glory.

Tone 4

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

O God, Thou hast cast us off, Thou hast scattered us. (Ps. 59:1a)

Thou hast made the earth to tremble, Thou hast broken it; heal its breaches, for it has been shaken! (Ps. 59:2)

Tone 4

The righteous shall flourish like the palm tree, and grow like a cedar in Lebanon. (Ps. 91:11)

Gospel

(Luke 16:19-31 (Resurrection)) There was a certain rich man who was clothed in purple and fine linen and fared sumptuously every day. But there was a certain beggar named Lazarus, full of sores, who was laid at his gate, desiring to be fed with the crumbs which fell from the rich man's table. Moreover the dogs came and licked his sores. So it was that the beggar died, and was carried by the angels to Abraham's bosom. The rich man also died and was buried. And being in torments in Hades, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom. Then he cried and said, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus that he may dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am tormented in this flame.' But Abraham said, 'Son, remember that in your

lifetime you received your good things, and likewise Lazarus evil things; but now he is comforted and you are tormented. And besides all this, between us and you there is a great gulf fixed, so that those who want to pass from here to you cannot, nor can those from there pass to us.' Then he said, 'I beg you therefore, father, that you would send him to my father's house, for I have five brothers, that he may testify to them, lest they also come to this place of torment.' Abraham said to him, 'They have Moses and the prophets; let them hear them.' And he said, 'No, father Abraham; but if one goes to them from the dead, they will repent.' But he said to him, 'If they do not hear Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded though one rise from the dead.'"

(John 15:17-16:2 (St. Demetrius)) These things I command you, that you love one another. If the world hates you, you know that it hated Me before it hated you. If you were of the world, the world would love its own. Yet because you are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, therefore the world hates you. Remember the word that I said to you, 'A servant is not greater than his master.' If they persecuted Me, they will also persecute you. If they kept My word, they will keep yours also. But all these things they will do to you for My name's sake, because they do not know Him who sent Me. If I had not come and spoken to them, they would have no sin, but now they have no excuse for their sin. He who hates Me hates My Father also. If I had not done among them the works which no one else did, they would have no sin; but now they have seen and also hated both Me and My Father. But this happened that the word might be fulfilled which is written in their law, 'They hated Me without a cause.' But when the Helper comes, whom I shall send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who proceeds from the Father, He will testify of Me. And you also will bear witness, because you have been with Me from the beginning. These things I have spoken to you, that you should not be made to stumble. They will put you out of the synagogues; yes, the time is coming that whoever kills you will think that he offers God service.

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, October 26, 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 Anniversary Nicholas & Tosha Roberts, Offered by Mom & Dad

Vigils in Altar - Side Table (2)

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

Votives in Altar

In Memory of Philip Stefanov

Votives in Iconostas

In Honor Of Christopher Petrides, Offered by Fr. Michael & Mat. Susan Kon

Vigil in Side Candle Holders (2)

Safe Travels Guliana & Don, Offered by Guliana

Crosses

In Memory Of Patricia Brandstetter Telepchak, Offered by Nick & Judy

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 Patricia Brandstetter 40th Day, Offered by Bill & Sandi Keysock

Vigils of St. Paul (1)

Happy Birthday Tom Grammes, Offered by Pat

Remember Our Homebound

As of 10/22/2025

Mrs. Mary Dorosh - 4535 Charles Street, Easton, PA 18045-4809

Mr. Damian Drasher - Whitehall Manor Room A8, 1177 Sixth St, Whitehall, PA 18052

Fr. Thomas & Mat. Evelyn Edwards - 4052 Lehigh Drive, Northampton, PA 18067

Mrs. Olga Frimenko - Landis Homes, 1001 East Oregon Road, Lititz, PA 17543

Mr. Michael & Mrs. Shirley Isbansky - 2022 Arlington Street, Bethlehem, PA 18017-4879

Ms. Mary Koretski - Gracedale Nursing Home, 2 Gracedale Ave, SE 2, Room 8, Nazareth, PA 18064

Mrs. Antoinette Lebeduik - 832 Wellington Road, Manchester, NH 03104

Mrs. Michele Lovell - PO Box 20031, Lehigh Valley, PA 18002-0031

Mat. Patricia Mason - 788 Hunter Rd, Easton, PA 18040

Mat. Julia Romanchak - Whitehall Manor Room A10, 1177 Sixth St, Whitehall, PA 18052

Mrs. Dorothy Stafiniak - 8 Dara Circle, Broomall, PA 19008

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, October 26	12:00 pm (after liturgy) - Kiffle dough prep
Wednesday, October 29	12:00 pm (after pierogies) - Kiffle filling/baking
Sunday, November 2	12:00 pm (after liturgy) - Kiffle dough prep
Wednesday, November 5	12:00 pm (after pierogies) - Kiffle filling/baking

Save the Date

Please join us during coffee hour for a pulled pork luncheon to celebrate our November birthdays.

Maxine Marsh, Barbara Monarek , Sue Nielsen, Valerie Stepanoff

Hope Rescue Mission needs your HELP!

St. Nicholas Russian Orthodox Church is collecting all types of gently used clothing including coats, hats, boots, belts, men's clothing for the men at Hope Rescue Mission and for the women's and children's shelter (Lighthouse). We will take all seasons of clothing for men, women, and children. We have a need for new men's underwear, undershirts, and sweatpants all in sizes medium to xxxl.



You can drop items off in the designated containers in the Chernay Fellowship Hall. Please make all donations by **Sunday, November 30, 2025.**

This clothing helps provide food, clothing, and shelter for the men at Hope Rescue and the women and children at Lighthouse.

Thank you in advance for your donations!

Church Property Outside Clean Up Day

On Saturday, November 1, 2025 at 9:00 am we will be meeting to clean up the exterior of the church property. If you are available to help out, please let Pat Grammes know. No tools are necessary, but if you have hedge clippers it would be helpful to bring those along.

Preparing for Veterans Day

Parish Faithful,

We would like to refresh our list of St. Nicholas Veterans, so please take a moment to let us know of anyone who should be listed in the bulletin for Veterans Day. Please include the Veteran's name and branch of service. Kindly submit all names no later than Wednesday, November 5, 2025.

Thank you!

Basket Raffle Donations Wanted

We will once again be hosting a Basket Raffle this year during the holiday season and we are looking for volunteers to donate baskets. We have a track record of offering beautiful baskets and we are hoping to uphold tradition. If you are able to make a basket, please contact Jennifer Bzik to let her know in advance.

Don't be shy if you have never made a basket for the raffle before! Jennifer will be happy to help you out. If you are interested in supporting the Basket Raffle but are not able to make a basket, please consider making a cash donation. Jennifer (and her daughter Lydia 😊) will be happy to do the shopping and prepare a basket on your behalf!

The Basket Raffle will open on Saturday, December 13th during the Christmas Bazaar and Sunday, December 14th during Coffee Hour. The last chance to get those tickets in will be on Sunday, December 14th before our Christmas Choir Concert, which begins at 3:30 pm. The Basket Raffle Drawing will be held following the conclusion of the concert on Sunday, December 14th.

If you are planning to make a cash donation, please do so as soon as possible (no later than Sunday, November 30, 2025) so that we have an opportunity to shop and prepare a basket using those funds. **All donated baskets must be brought to the church by noon on Sunday, December 7, 2025.** If you have any questions or would like to make a donation, please contact Jennifer Bzik. Thank you so much for your support!

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Nativity Retreat Sat, 11.15.25

Topic 1

ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN WORSHIP

Topic 2

RE-ENCHANTING A DISENCHANTED WORLD

The Very Rev. Archpriest Andrew Stephen Damich is Chief Content Officer of Ancient Faith Ministries, the former pastor (2009-2020) of St. Paul Antiochian Orthodox Church of Emmaus, Pennsylvania, and a prolific author.

He has been podcasting since 2007 and is co-host of The Lord of Spirits (with Fr. Stephen De Young), The Great Tales (with Dom. Seraphim Richard Rohlin), Amon Sül (through 2024, with Richard Rohlin) and The Areopagus (with Michael Landsman) and host of The Orthodox Pilgrim, Orthodox Engagement, Orthodoxy and Heterodoxy and Roads from Emmaus.

He holds a Bachelor of Arts in English Language and Literature from North Carolina State University, a Master of Divinity in Orthodox Theology from St. Tikhon's Orthodox Theological Seminary, and a Master of Arts in Language and Literature from Signum University. He speaks frequently at lectures and retreats both in parishes and in other settings.

He does believe in both dragons and giants.

9AM / Registration
Topic 1 / 9:30AM - 11AM
Small Lunch / 11AM - 11:30AM
Topic 2 / 11:30AM - 1PM, ending with Q/A
To register, please email:
womenoftheotokos@gmail.com
Fee - \$10/Person



JOURNEY THROUGH THE DIVINE LITURGY

4 ZOOM LECTURES, NOVEMBER, 2025



TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 4

6:00 PM - SESSION #1
WHAT IS LITURGY?

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 11

6:00 PM - SESSION #2
THE LITURGY OF THE CATECHUMENS

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 18

6:00 PM - SESSION #3
THE LITURGY OF THE FAITHFUL

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 25

6:00 PM - SESSION #4
ON PRAYER

**COMING TUESDAYS, STARTING
NOVEMBER 4TH - AT 6:00 PM
ZOOM ONLY!**

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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, 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.