

Divine Liturgy

Sunday, November 2, 2025

21st Sunday after Pentecost (6th of Luke)

**Martyrs Acindynus, Pegasus, Elpidephorus, Aphthonius and
Anempodistus**



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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 November 2, 2025

21st SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – Tone 4. Martyrs Acindynus, Pegasus, Aphthonius, Elpidephorus, Anempodistus, and 7,000 with them, of Persia (ca. 341-345). St. Marcian of Cyprus (381-391).

Fr. Nikolai's Office Hours

Monday, October 27th - Fr. Nikolai's Day Off
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

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

Maxine Marsh, Barbara Monarek , Sue Nielsen, Valerie Stepanoff

Weekly & Upcoming Calendar

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

Tuesday, November 4 6:00 pm - November Zoom Lecture Series
What is 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
6:00 pm – November Zoom Lecture Series

Tuesday, November 11 **Liturgy of the Catechumens**

Thursday, November 13 9:00 am – Akathist to the Theotokos, Nurturer of Children

Saturday, November 15 **BEGINNING OF THE NATIVITY FAST**
5:00 pm – Great Vespers

Sunday, November 16 **23rd Sunday After Pentecost**
9:10 am – Reading of the Hours
9:30 am – Divine Liturgy
7:00 pm – Parish Council Meeting

Monday, November 17 6:00 pm – November Zoom Lecture Series

Tuesday, November 18 **Liturgy of the Faithful**

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
5:00 pm – Great Vespers

Saturday, November 22 **24th Sunday After Pentecost**
9:10 am – Reading of the Hours
9:30 am – Divine Liturgy
6:00 pm – November Zoom Lecture Series

Sunday, November 23 **On Prayer**

Tuesday, November 25 **Thanksgiving Day**
9:00 am – Moleben of Thanksgiving
5:00 pm – Great Vespers

Thursday, November 27 **25th Sunday After Pentecost**
9:10 am – Reading of the Hours
9:30 am – Divine Liturgy

Saturday, November 29

Sunday, November 30

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Tone 4 Troparion *(Resurrection)*

When the women disciples of the Lord learned from the angel the joyous message of Thy Resurrection, they cast away the ancestral curse and elatedly told the apostles: "Death is overthrown! Christ God is risen, granting the world great mercy!"

Tone 2 Troparion *(Martyrs)*

Blessed is the earth that received your blood, passion-bearers of the Lord, and holy is the dwelling place which received your spirits. You triumphed over the enemy in the stadium, and you preached Christ with boldness. Since He is good, we pray that you beseech Him to save our souls.

Tone 4 Kontakion *(Resurrection)*

My Savior and Redeemer as God rose from the tomb and delivered the earth-born from their chains. He has shattered the gates of hell, and as Master, He has risen on the third day!

Tone 2 Kontakion *(Martyrs)*

Thou hast received into the enjoyment of Thy goodness and repose, O only Good One, the pious and God-bearing martyrs, who abandoned all earthly things: Akíndynus, Pegásius, and Anempódistus, together with Aphthónius and Elpidephórus.

Tone 4 Prokeimenon *(Resurrection)*

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

Bless the Lord, O my soul! O Lord, my God, Thou art very great! (Ps. 103:1)

Epistle

Read by Tricia Metz

(Galatians 2:16-20) 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.

Tone 4

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Go forth, prosper and reign, for the sake of meekness, righteousness and truth!
(Ps. 44:3b)

For Thou lovest righteousness, and hatest iniquity. (Ps. 44:6)

Gospel

(Luke 8:26-39) Then they sailed to the country of the Gadarenes, which is opposite Galilee. And when He stepped out on the land, there met Him a certain man from the city who had demons for a long time. And he wore no clothes, nor did he live in a house but in the tombs. When he saw Jesus, he cried out, fell down before Him, and with a loud voice said, "What have I to do with You, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg You, do not torment me!" For He had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. For it had often seized him, and he was kept under guard, bound with chains and shackles; and he broke the bonds and was driven by the demon into the wilderness. Jesus asked him, saying, "What is your name?" And he said, "Legion," because many demons had entered him. And they begged Him that He would not command them to go out into the abyss. Now a herd of many swine was feeding there on the mountain. So they begged Him that He would permit them to enter them. And

He permitted them. Then the demons went out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd ran violently down the steep place into the lake and drowned. When those who fed them saw what had happened, they fled and told it in the city and in the country. Then they went out to see what had happened, and came to Jesus, and found the man from whom the demons had departed, sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. And they were afraid. They also who had seen it told them by what means he who had been demon-possessed was healed. Then the whole multitude of the surrounding region of the Gadarenes asked Him to depart from them, for they were seized with great fear. And He got into the boat and returned. Now the man from whom the demons had departed begged Him that he might be with Him. But Jesus sent him away, saying, "Return to your own house, and tell what great things God has done for you." And he went his way and proclaimed throughout the whole city what great things Jesus had done for him.

Communion Hymn

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

Candle Offerings for Sunday, November 2, 2025

Vigils in Altar - Windowsill (2)

Happy Anniversary Nick & Judy, Offered by Family

Vigils in Altar - Table of Oblation (2)

In Memory Of Reade Roberts, Offered by Roberts Families

Vigils in Altar - Side Table (2)

Happy Birthday & Good Health Maxine Marsh, Offered by Susan & Bill

Votives in Altar

Happy Birthday Maxine Marsh, Offered by Ann Marie & Barry

Votives in Iconostas

Happy Birthday Guliana Holobeny, Offered by Barb, Kyra & Gregory

Vigil in Side Candle Holders (2)

In Memory Of Joan Stetz, Offered by Pat & Tom

Crosses

Happy Anniversary Peter & Sarah Jubinski, Offered by Dan & Jean

Vigils on the Tetrapod (2)

Happy Birthday & Good Health Maxine Marsh, Offered by Susan & Bill

Vigils on Icon Table (2)

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

Vigils - Icon of the Virgin Mary (2)

In Memory Of Philip Stefanov

Votives - Icon of the Virgin Mary

In Memory Of Philip Stefanov

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

In Memory Of Jack Monarek, Offered by Barb, Kyra & Gregory

Votives - Icon of St. John the Baptist

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Vigils on South Wall Window Sill (3)

Happy Anniversary Peter & Patricia Metz, Offered by Peter & Patricia Metz

Vigils on North Wall Window Sill (3)

In Honor of All Those Celebrating November Anniversaries
Offered by Peter & Sarah Jubinski

Vigil of St. Michael (1)

In Honor of Archangel Michael, Offered by Michele D. Guydan

Remember Our Homebound

As of 11/1/2025

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

*****Let's Have a Card Shower!*****

Antoinette Lebeduik is celebrating a Milestone Birthday Soon!

She will be turning 100 on November 9, 2025!!!

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

*****Let's Have a Card Shower!*****

Dorothy Stafiniak is celebrating a Milestone Birthday Soon!

She will be turning 90 on November 20, 2025!!!

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!

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

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!

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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**St. John Chrysostom Academy
Faculty Parent Council
Saturday, Nov. 8th, 11:00-2:30pm**

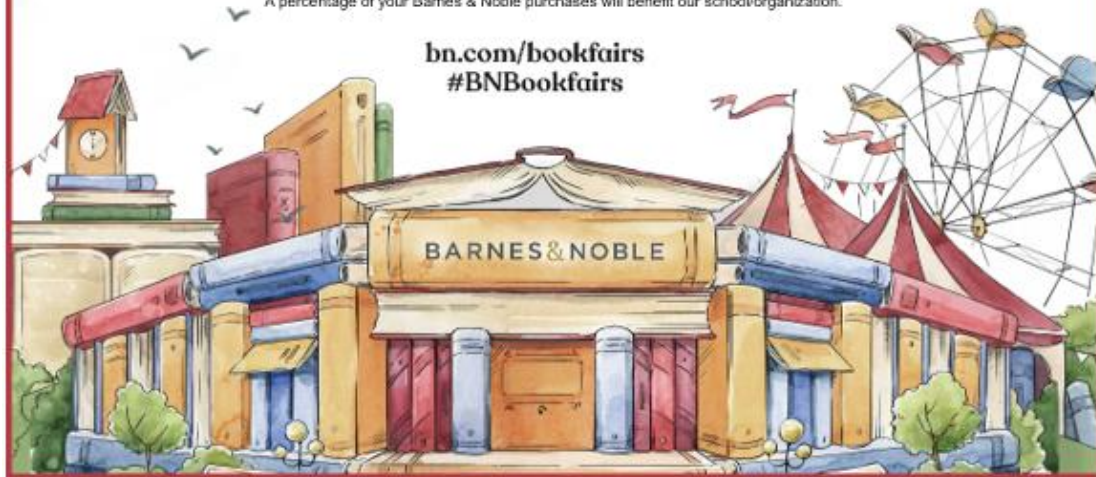
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Nativity Retreat Sat, 11.15.25

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 Don. 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 Witaneck, Sandra Wyslutzky

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.