

Divine Liturgy

Sunday, November 30, 2025

25th Sunday after Pentecost (10th of Luke)

Holy and All-Praised Apostle Andrew the First-Called



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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 30, 2025

25th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – Tone 8. Holy and All-praised Apostle Andrew the First-called (62). Ven. Sebastian Dabovich (1940). St. Frumentius, Archbishop of Abyssinia (Ethiopia—ca. 380).

Fr. Nikolai's Office Hours

Monday, December 1st – Fr. Nikolai's Day Off
Wednesday, December 3rd – 12:00 pm – 5:00 pm
Friday, December 5th – 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 Becky Volkert & Alyssa Weaver

Weekly & Upcoming Calendar

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

Friday, December 5
Saturday, December 6

6:00 pm – Great Vespers w/ Litia for St. Nicholas
St. Nicholas the Wonderworker
8:50 am – Reading of the Hours
9:00 am – Divine Liturgy
4:30 pm – General Panikhida
5:00 pm – Great Vespers

Sunday, December 7

26th Sunday after Pentecost

9:10 am – Reading of the Hours

9:30 am – Divine Liturgy

12:00 pm - Parish Yolka

Thursday, December 11

9:00 am – Akathist, Nurturer of Children

Friday, December 12

6:00 pm – Great Vespers w/ Litia for St. Herman

Saturday, December 13

St. Herman of Alaska (Note Early Liturgy Time)

6:50 am – Reading of the Hours

7:00 am – Divine Liturgy

10:00 am - 4:00 pm - Christmas Bazaar

5:00 pm – Great Vespers

Sunday, December 14

27th Sunday after Pentecost / Forefathers

9:10 am – Reading of the Hours

9:30 am – Divine Liturgy

3:30 pm - Choir Concert

5:00 pm – Great Vespers

Saturday, December 20

Sunday, December 21

Sunday Before Nativity

9:10 am – Reading of the Hours

9:30 am – Divine Liturgy

Wed., December 24

Eve of Nativity

9:00 am – Royal Hours

7:00 pm – Nativity Vigil

Thurs., December 25

Nativity of our Lord

9:10 am – Reading of the Hours

9:30 am – Divine Liturgy

Friday, December 26

Synaxis of the Mother of God

8:50 am – Reading of the Hours

9:00 am – Divine Liturgy

Saturday, December 27

5:00 pm – Great Vespers

Sunday, December 28

Sunday after Nativity

9:10 am – Reading of the Hours

9:30 am – Divine Liturgy

Saturday, January 3

4:30 pm – General Panikhida

5:00 am – Great Vespers

Sunday, January 4

Sunday before Theophany

9:10 am – Reading of the Hours

9:30 am – Divine Liturgy

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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. Andrew)*

O Andrew, first-called of the Apostles, and brother of the foremost disciple, entreat the Master of all to grant peace to the world, and to our souls great mercy!

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. Andrew)*

Let us praise Andrew, the herald of God, the namesake of courage, the first-called of the Savior's disciples and the brother of Peter! As he once called to his brother, he now cries out to us: "Come, for we have found the One Whom the world desires!"

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)

Tone 8 Prokeimenon *(St. Andrew)*

Their proclamation has gone out into all the earth, and their words to the ends of the universe. *(Ps. 18:4)*

Epistle

Reader Nicholas Lezinsky

(Ephesians 4:1-6) I, therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you to walk worthy of the calling with which you were called, with all lowliness and gentleness, with longsuffering, bearing with one another in love, endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called in one hope of your calling; one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all.

(1 Corinthians 4:9-16 (Apostle)) 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 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)

Tone 1

The heavens will praise Thy wonders, O Lord; and Thy truth in the congregation of the saints. (Ps. 88:5)

Gospel

(Luke 13:10-17) Now He was teaching in one of the synagogues on the Sabbath. And behold, there was a woman who had a spirit of infirmity eighteen years, and was bent over and could in no way raise herself up. But when Jesus saw her, He called her to Him and said to her, "Woman, you are loosed from your infirmity." And He laid His hands on her, and immediately she was made straight, and glorified God. But the ruler of the synagogue answered with indignation, because Jesus had healed on the Sabbath; and he said to the crowd, "There are six days on which men ought to work; therefore come and be healed on them, and not on the Sabbath day." The Lord then answered him and said, "Hypocrite! Does not each one of you on the Sabbath loose his ox or donkey from the stall, and lead it away to water it? So ought not this woman, being a daughter of Abraham, whom Satan has bound - think of it - for eighteen years, be loosed from this bond on the Sabbath?" And when He said these things, all His adversaries were put to shame; and all the multitude rejoiced for all the glorious things that were done by Him.

(John 1:35-51 (Apostle)) Again, the next day, John stood with two of his disciples. And looking at Jesus as He walked, he said, "Behold the Lamb of God!" The two disciples heard him speak, and they followed Jesus. Then Jesus turned, and seeing them following, said to them, "What do you seek?" They said to Him, "Rabbi," (which is to say, when translated, Teacher) "where are You staying?" He said to them, "Come and see." They came and saw where He was staying, and remained with Him that day (now it was about the tenth hour). One of the two who heard John speak, and followed Him, was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. He first found his own brother Simon, and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which is translated, the Christ). And he brought him to Jesus. Now when Jesus looked at him, He said, "You are Simon the son of Jonah. You shall be called Cephas" (which is translated, A Stone). The following day Jesus wanted to go to Galilee, and He found Philip and said to him, "Follow Me." Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found Him of whom Moses in the law, and also the prophets, wrote - Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph." And Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward Him, and said of him, "Behold, an Israelite indeed, in whom is no deceit!" Nathanael said to Him, "How do You

know me?" Jesus answered and said to him, "Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you." Nathanael answered and said to Him, "Rabbi, You are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" Jesus answered and said to him, "Because I said to you, 'I saw you under the fig tree,' do you believe? You will see greater things than these." And He said to him, "Most assuredly, I say to you, hereafter you shall see heaven open, and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man."

Communion Hymn

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

Their proclamation has gone out into all the earth, and their words to the ends of the universe. (*Ps. 18:4*)

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

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!

Candle Offerings for Sunday, November 23, 2025

Vigils in Altar - Windowsill (2)

In Memory of Nicolae, Offered by Nick, Judy & Dorothy

Vigils in Altar - Table of Oblation (2)

Happy Birthday Mary Dorosh, Offered by Joseph & Marina Murgia

Vigils in Altar - Side Table (2)

Happy Birthday Mary Dorosh, Offered by Nick, Judy & Dorothy

Votives in Altar

In Memory of Philip Stefanov

Vigils - Icon of the Virgin Mary (2)

Happy Birthday Miss Mary, Offered by Sophia & Jacob

Votives - Icon of the Virgin Mary

Happy Birthday Mary Dorosh, Offered by Michael & Toni Dorosh

Vigils on North Wall Window Sill (3)

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

Vigil of St. Andrew (1)

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

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

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

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

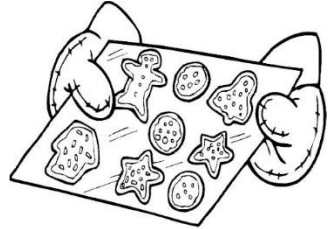
Mat. Julia Romanchak - Whitehall Manor Room A10, 1177 Sixth St, Whitehall, PA 18052

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

It's time again for **COOKIES!!!**

We will be making cookie trays to sell at the Christmas Bazaar and would appreciate your help.

- 🍪 Please make at least **5 dozen** cookies (more is totally fine).
- 🍪 Notify Kathy Lichtenwalner what kind you would like to make (We would like to prevent duplicate flavors), or sign up at the candle desk.
- 🍪 Please bring in your cookies in sealed containers on Sunday, December 7, 2025. There will be a rack in the Church Hall for cookies to be placed on.
- 🍪 Please no cookies that have to be refrigerated.
- 🍪 Please put cookies on plates or in containers with wax paper to separate the layers. No Zip Loc Bags please.



Thank you!!!

Upcoming Pierogi Schedule

The last time to order fresh pierogi will be Sunday, December 14, 2025 for pickup on Wednesday, December 17, 2025. Get your orders in early as quantities will be limited. We will not be making any fresh pierogi in January or February 2026. We will return the week of March 1, 2026. Please place phone orders by Sunday, February 28, 2026 at 6:00 pm.

Please also note - Fresh Pierogi will not be made the week of Thanksgiving. Frozen Pierogi will be available during the break on a first come, first served basis. Leave a message on the pierogi hotline and we will call you to coordinate pickup.

Lenten Pierogi (Potato or Sauer Kraut) will be made December 1, 2025. To order, please sign up on the sheet by the phone in the kitchen no later than noon on Sunday, November 30, 2025.

Calling All Bakers for the 12/13 Christmas Bazaar

Fire up the ovens!

It's time for your SCRUMPTIOUS desserts that St. Nicholas is famous for. If you are a returning baker or new to the task, we welcome your YUMMY desserts. Please keep these things in mind:

- We have very limited refrigerator space, so please consider items that do not require refrigeration.
- Please DO NOT slice your cakes, pies, brownies, etc. The baked goods team will pre-slice items for consistence in serving piece and pricing.
- Feel free to provide a label e.g. German Chocolate Cake, Snickerdoodle Cookies, etc. There is no need to list ingredients, however it is useful to note: "nut free", "egg free", "dairy free" or "sugar free".
- Please provide baked goods on sturdy plates. DO NOT use cardboard because it is often too big and not sturdy.
- Securely label your name on your containers/dishes that you want returned. They will be cleaned and placed on racks in the kitchen where you can pick them up. And, whilst we are very careful with your dishes, DO NOT use precious containers that cannot be replaced if accidentally broken.

Thank you to all the great bakers who contribute to the success of the sale! Your efforts are truly appreciated! Baked goods may be dropped off on Friday, December 12th from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm. If you have any questions, please contact Pat Grammes.

"One Can Can Help" Annual Food Drive

Sponsored by: RO59/NSS

We will be collecting non-perishable food products to benefit the New Bethany Ministries until December 7, 2025.

Please leave your generous donations in the boxes on either side of the entrance doors to the hall. They will accept nonperishable food items as well as paper products.

Thank you so much!

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CHRISTMAS BAZAAR FUNDRAISER

**ETHNIC FOODS, BAKE SALE,
FROZEN PIEROGI & HALUPKI**

DEC 13, 2025

10 AM - 4 PM

EAT IN OR

TAKE OUT

**COME BACK ON SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2025 AT 3:30 PM
FOR OUR ANNUAL ACAPELLA CHRISTMAS CHOIR CONCERT**

**Christmas Bazaar features Ethnic Foods including Halupki, Pierogi,
Potato Pancakes, Halushki, Borscht, Pelmeni & our much celebrated
Home Baked Goods, plus Basket Raffle and Holiday Shopping**

See our Pre-Order Form to place Bake Sale Orders by November 2, 2025!

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St. Nicholas Russian Orthodox Church
A Cappella Choir

Presents

Orthodox Hymns and Christmas Carols



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3:30 p.m.

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Fellowship & Refreshments following the concert.
For additional information please call 610-868-9468

Giving Tree

This year our parish Giving Tree will support the Cay Galgon Life House in their mission to prepare local pregnant women and mothers of infants for a life of self-reliance. Through their group home for homeless pregnant women and their community outreach program, they support hundreds of women and infants each year. Located on West Broad Street in Bethlehem, they are well positioned to help at risk families right here in our area. The tags on our Giving Tree will be ideas for items to help support the general mission of the Cay Galgon Life House.

In addition we are collecting gift cards:

Amazon gift cards (any dollar amount)

Walmart gift cards (any dollar amount)

Giant grocery gift cards (\$25 increments are most helpful)

Lowe's gift cards (\$25 increments are most helpful)

Please bring your gift unwrapped in a gift bag or a bag to contain/separate your item from the others when placed in the large collection box in the narthex. (If item is wrapped IT WILL BE OPENED!) **Gifts are due in by 12/21 -no exception.** If you would like to make a monetary donation please pass that donation on to Jennifer Bzik.

Remember that specific brand names are not as important as getting these vital items into the hands of those that need them. Bargain shopping is a great way to help more families. For these and other consumable items (baby wash, shampoo for moms, etc.), keep in mind that multiple small or medium containers are more useful than large bulk sizes. While one giant size bottle of shampoo might be the better bargain, buying several smaller bottles allows them to be distributed to help multiple families.

**The generosity of our St. Nicholas family is amazing.
Thank you in advance.**

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, Doina Marian, Kylie Pinho, Kiera Pheiffer, William Podlusky, 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, Nicholas Heacock, 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.