

# **Divine Liturgy**

Sunday, January 18, 2026

**32nd Sunday after Pentecost**

**Sts. Athanasius the Great and Cyril, Archbishops of Alexandria**



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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 January 18, 2026

**32nd SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – Tone 7.** Ss. Athanasius the Great (373) and Cyril (444), Archbishops of Alexandria. Ven. Afanásii (Athanasius), Abbot of Syandémsk (Vologdá–16th c.). Righteous Afanásii of Novolótsk, Monk (16th-17th c.). Ven. Marcian of Cyrrhus in Syria (ca. 388). Ven. Schemamonk Cyril and Schemanun Maria, the parents of St Sergius of Radonezh (ca. 1337).

## Fr. Nikolai's Office Hours

Regular Office Hours will resume after the House Blessing Season.



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](http://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 Pell Family  
To Benefit the Church School

## Weekly & Upcoming Calendar

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

**Saturday, January 24**

**Sunday, January 25**

5:00 am – Great Vespers

**33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday After Pentecost, Sunday of Zacchaeus**

9:10 am – Reading of the Hours

9:30 am – Divine Liturgy

**Saturday, January 31**

**Sunday, February 1**

5:00 am – Great Vespers

**Sunday of the Publican and the Pharisee**

9:10 am – Reading of the Hours

9:30 am – Divine Liturgy

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**Tone 7      Troparion**      *(Resurrection)*

By Thy Cross Thou didst destroy death. To the thief Thou didst open Paradise. For the Myrrhbearers Thou didst change weeping into joy, and Thou didst command Thy disciples, O Christ God, to proclaim that Thou art risen, granting the world great mercy.

**Tone 3      Troparion**      *(Sts. Athanasius and Cyril)*

You shone forth with works of Orthodoxy and quenched all heresy, and became victorious trophy-bearers, hierarchs Athanasius and Cyril. You enriched all things with piety and greatly adorned the Church, and worthily found Christ God, Who grants His great mercy to all.

**Tone 7      Kontakion**      *(Resurrection)*

The dominion of death can no longer hold men captive, for Christ descended, shattering and destroying its powers. Hell is bound, while the Prophets rejoice and cry: "The Savior has come to those in faith; enter, you faithful, into the Resurrection!"

**Tone 4      Kontakion**      *(Sts. Athanasius and Cyril)*

Athanasius and Cyril, great hierarchs of true piety, and noble champions of the Church of Christ, Preserve all who sing: "O Compassionate Lord, save those who honor Thee!"

**Tone 7      Prokeimenon**      *(Resurrection)*

The Lord shall give strength to His people. The Lord shall bless His people with peace. *(Ps. 28:11)*

*Offer to the Lord, O you sons of God! Offer young rams to the Lord! (Ps. 28:1a)*

## **Epistle**

Read by Reader Michael Metz

**(1 Timothy 1:15-17)** This is a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am chief. However, for this reason I obtained mercy, that in me first Jesus Christ might show all longsuffering, as a pattern to those who are going to believe on Him for everlasting life. Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, to God who alone is wise, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

## **Tone 7**

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

*It is good to give thanks to the Lord, to sing praises to Thy Name, O Most High.  
(Ps. 91:1)*

*To declare Thy mercy in the morning, and Thy truth by night. (Ps. 91:2a)*

## **Gospel**

**(Luke 18:35-43)** Then it happened, as He was coming near Jericho, that a certain blind man sat by the road begging. And hearing a multitude passing by, he asked what it meant. So they told him that Jesus of Nazareth was passing by. And he cried out, saying, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" Then those who went before warned him that he should be quiet; but he cried out all the more, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" So Jesus stood still and commanded him to be brought to Him. And when he had come near, He asked him, saying, "What do you want Me to do for you?" He said, "Lord, that I may receive my sight." Then Jesus said to him, "Receive your sight; your faith has made you well." And immediately he received his sight, and followed Him, glorifying God. And all the people, when they saw it, gave praise to God.

## **Communion Hymn**

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

# **Candle Offerings for Sunday, January 18, 2026**

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

For Health Of Jason Tomsic on his Birthday, Offered by Greg & Rosalie

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

In Memory Of Paul Havrilko, Offered by The Lezinsky Family

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

In Memory Of Paul Havrilko, Offered by The Lezinsky Family

## **Votives in Altar**

In Memory Of Philip Stefanov, Offered by Family

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

In Honor Of Nora Shadid, Offered by Fr. Michael & Mat. Susan Kon

## **Crosses**

Happy Birthday Jason, Offered by Keri, Talia & Jones

## **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 Paul Havrilko, Offered by The Lezinsky Family

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

In Memory Of Paul Havrilko, Offered by The Lezinsky Family

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

In Memory Of Paul Havrilko, Offered by The Lezinsky Family

## **Vigils on South Wall Window Sill (3)**

In Memory Of Patric Shea, Offered by His Wife, Cate Shea

## **Media Opt-Out Information**

As many of you know, from time to time we (St. Nicholas Church) record, photograph or videotape various events and activities that reflect an active parish. These pieces of communication may be published on our website, in our bulletin, on our social media page, on the OCA website, or used on other printed material. Some people may choose not to have their photos used and if you are among them, we ask that you fill-out the Media Opt-Out Form that can be found at the information table outside the church hall. Please return it to the church administrative assistant so that we may have a copy on file. If you are okay with the use of media, you do not have to do anything. Thank you.

## **Preparing for Scouting Sunday**

We would like to refresh our list of St. Nicholas Scouts, so please take a moment to let us know of anyone who should be listed in the bulletin for Scouting Sunday on February 8, 2026. Please include the scouts' rank with their names. Kindly submit all names no later than Friday, January 30, 2026. Thank you!

## **Save the Date - Coffee Hour January 25, 2026**

Please join us for coffee hour on January 25 to raise funds for Maeve Stuckey as she undergoes treatment for her autoimmune disorder. Medical treatment often comes with unexpected hurdles. Our goal is to lighten their load so they can focus on treatment and recovery. All donations and proceeds from this coffee hour will go directly toward the travel expenses to and from Philadelphia, meals and groceries to help the family during long hospital days and busy treatment weeks. Gift cards (Gas, Groceries, or Coffee) are warmly welcomed! Thank you!

Lara Bessman & Guliana Holobeney

## **Donations Received In Memory**

**In Memory Of Mark Davidian**, Offered by: Helen Acopian

**In Memory of Dorothy Stafiniak**, Offered by: Arner Family, Bernice Family, Victoria Dimonie, Nancy Kohudic, Rev. John & Mat. Stephanie Onofrey, Tom Stafiniak, Ola Tatusko, Gloria Uzick,

## **Recycling of Vigil Containers**

If you'd like to help out the church and the environment, please feel free to take a box of empty vigil containers home to put in your own recycling. The boxes are located on the right side of the main doors as you exit the building (near the wheel chairs).

## **Theophany House Blessings**

Dear faithful, Glory to Jesus Christ! This year, I am attempting as much as possible to schedule 2026 House Blessings electronically. Therefore I've created an online sign-up form. We will also have the normal paper sign up at the candle desk, for those who don't wish to fill in the form themselves. Blessings will begin on Thursday, January 8th, and are arranged according to location, so be sure to check both the time and the location on the schedule when you sign up. The sign-up form can be found at [www.stnicholasoca.org/theophany2026](http://www.stnicholasoca.org/theophany2026)

In Christ,

Archpriest Nikolai Breckenridge

## **Baked Goods Still Available First Come, First Served!**

As of the time of bulletin writing, the following baked goods were still available. Please note that this is subject to change. Please see Pat or Maxine to purchase.

Frozen Rolls (Apricot, Poppy, Lekvar) - \$10

Frozen Paska Bread

Frozen Kiffles (Nut, Apricot, Poppy) - \$5

Frozen Borscht - \$10

## **Reminder - Please Take Home Your Dishes!!!**

Many thanks to those who provided delicious baked goods for our Christmas Bazaar! Don't forget to collect your containers from the table in the hall. Please note items left after January 31, 2026 will be donated or tossed.



The Lehigh Valley  
Orthodox Clergy Brotherhood

INVITES YOU TO

*The Blessing of  
the Jordan Creek*

1001 N 6TH STREET EXT. | WHITEHALL, PA 18102

*Sunday, January 25th*

*3:00 pm*

O Heavenly Father...

Physician of our souls and bodies, Who hast sent Thine only-begotten Son to heal every sickness and infirmity, visit and heal us, Thy servants, from all physical and spiritual ailments, through the grace of Thy Son, Jesus Christ. Grant to us patience in this sickness, strength of body, and recovery of health. Lord, Thou hast taught us through Thy Word to pray for each other that we may be healed. For Thou art the source of healing, and to Thee we send up glory, to the 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, 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, Dorothy Havrilko Nicholas Hazzard, Dymphna (Madeleine) Heitzenrater, Marina (Margaret) Heitzenrater, Don Holobeny, Jonathan Hontz, Sava Hrebinka, Sherry Hromiak, Krista Irwin, Michael H. Isbansky, Shirley Isbansky, Sarah Jubinski, Kathleen Keimer, 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, Joseph Pinkowicz, Kiera Pheiffer, William Podlusky, Kathy Porter, 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, Maeve Stuckey, Jerry Volkert, Irene Witanek, Sandra Wyslutsky

**Catechumens:** Mo AboHagar, Austin Bednar, Shane Ernst, Nicholas Heacock, Mithrin Moses, Adam and Nicole Pell, Robert Peloquin, Bryan Peterson, Christian Reichert, Alejandro Santiago, Adam Smith,

**Handmaidens:** Ruth Finlaw, Tanner Mazur, and their unborn children

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