

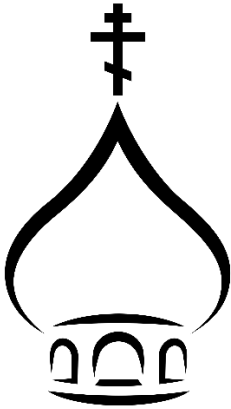
Divine Liturgy

Sunday, January 25, 2026

33rd Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday of Zacchaeus

Synaxis of the Holy New Martyrs and Confessors of Russia



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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 January 25, 2026

33rd SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – Tone 8. Sunday of Zacchaeus. New Martyrs and Confessors of Russia. St. Gregory the Theologian, Archbishop of Constantinople (389). St. Moses, Archbishop of Novgorod (1362). Martyrs Felicitas of Rome, and seven sons: Januarius, Felix, Philip, Silvanus, Alexander, Vitalis and Martial (ca. 164). Ven. Publius, Ascetic, of Syria (ca. 380). St. Mares the Singer, of Syria (ca. 430). Icons of the Mother of God, “ASSUAGE MY SORROW” (translation to Moscow in 1640), and “THE UNEXPECTED JOY”. Saint Vetranton of Tomis (4th c.).

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 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

There will be no Coffee Hour Today due to the inclement weather. Coffee Hour to benefit the Stuckey Family has been postponed.

Weekly & Upcoming Calendar

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

Saturday, January 24

5:00 pm - Great Vespers

Sunday, January 25

33rd Sunday After Pentecost, Sunday of Zacchaeus

9:10 am - Reading of the Hours

9:30 am - Divine Liturgy

Saturday, January 31

5:00 pm - Great Vespers

Sunday, February 1

Sunday of the Publican and the Pharisee

9:10 am - Reading of the Hours

Monday, February 2

9:30 am - Divine Liturgy
5:00 pm - Vespers w/Litua

Meeting of Christ in the Temple

8:50 am - Reading of the 3rd Hour

Saturday, February 7

9:00 am - Divine Liturgy

Sunday, February 8

5:00 pm - Great Vespers

Sunday of the Prodigal Son

9:10 am - Reading of the Hours

9:30 am - Divine Liturgy

Saturday, February 14

Memorial Saturday

8:50 am - Reading of the 3rd Hour

9:00 am - Divine Liturgy

5:00 pm - Great Vespers

Sunday, February 15

Sunday of Last Judgement / Meatfare Sunday

9:10 am - Reading of the Hours

9:30 am - Divine Liturgy

Saturday, February 21

5:00 pm - Great Vespers

Sunday, February 22

Forgiveness Sunday / Cheesefare Sunday

9:10 am - Reading of the Hours

9:30 am - Divine Liturgy

12:00 pm - Forgiveness Vespers

First Week of Lent - Clean Week

Monday, February 23

7:00 pm - Compline with Great Canon of St. Andrew of Crete

Tuesday, February 24

7:00 pm - Compline with Great Canon of St. Andrew of Crete

Wed., February 25

9:00 am - Presanctified Liturgy

7:00 pm - Compline with Great Canon of St. Andrew of Crete

Thursday, February 26

7:00 pm - Compline with Great Canon of St. Andrew of Crete

Friday, February 27

6:00 pm - Presanctified Liturgy

Saturday, February 28

St. Theodore the Recruit

8:50 am - Reading of the 3rd Hour

9:00 am - Divine Liturgy St. Theodore the Recruit

5:00 pm - Great Vespers

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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 1 Troparion *(St. Gregory)*

The sweet-sounding shepherd's pipe of thy theology overpowered the trumpeting of the orators; for eloquence was also bestowed on thee as on one searching the depths of the Spirit. Pray to Christ our God, O Father Gregory, that our souls may be saved!

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 3 Kontakion *(St. Gregory)*

By words of theology thou didst unravel the complex webs of the orators, O glorious Gregory, and didst adorn the Church with the robe of Orthodoxy woven from on high. Wearing it, she cries out with us, her children: "Rejoice, O Father, supreme mind of theology!"

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 1 Prokeimenon *(St. Gregory)*

My mouth shall speak wisdom; the meditation of my heart shall be understanding. *(Ps. 48:3)*

Epistle

(1 Timothy 4:9-15) This is a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptance. For to this end we both labor and suffer reproach, because we trust in the living God, who is the Savior of all men, especially of those who believe. These things command and teach. Let no one despise your youth, but be an example to the believers in word, in conduct, in love, in spirit, in faith, in purity. Till I come, give attention to reading, to exhortation, to doctrine. Do not neglect the gift that is in you, which was given to you by prophecy with the laying on of the hands of the eldership. Meditate on these things; give yourself entirely to them, that your progress may be evident to all.

(1 Corinthians 12:7-11 (St. Gregory)) But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to each one for the profit of all: for to one is given the word of wisdom through the Spirit, to another the word of knowledge through the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healings by the same Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another discerning of spirits, to another different kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. But one and the same Spirit works all these things, distributing to each one individually as He wills.

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 2

Give heed, O my people, to my law; incline your ear to the words of my mouth. (Ps. 77:1)

Gospel

(Luke 19:1-10) Then Jesus entered and passed through Jericho. Now behold, there was a man named Zacchaeus who was a chief tax collector, and he was rich. And he sought to see who Jesus was, but could not because of the crowd, for he was of short stature. So he ran ahead and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see Him, for He was going to pass that way. And when Jesus came to the place, He looked up and saw him, and said to him, "Zacchaeus, make haste and come down, for today I must stay at your house." So he made haste and came down, and received Him joyfully. But when they saw it, they all complained, saying, "He has gone to be a guest with a man who is a sinner." Then Zacchaeus stood and said to the Lord, "Look, Lord, I give half of my goods to the poor; and if I have taken anything from anyone by false accusation, I restore fourfold." And Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, because he also is a son of Abraham; for the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost."

(John 10:9-16 (St. Gregory)) I am the door. If anyone enters by Me, he will be saved, and will go in and out and find pasture. The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly. I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd gives His life for the sheep. But a hireling, he who is not the shepherd, one who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees; and the wolf catches the sheep and scatters them. The hireling flees because he is a hireling and does not care about the sheep. I am the good shepherd; and I know My sheep, and am known by My own. As the Father knows Me, even so I know the Father; and I lay down My life for the sheep. And other sheep I have which are not of this fold; them also I must bring, and they will hear My voice; and there will be one flock and one shepherd.

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, January 25, 2026

Vigils in Altar - Windowsill (2)

Happy Birthday Keri Radio Tomsic, Offered by Mom & Dad

Vigils in Altar - Table of Oblation (2)

In Memory Of William Keysock, Offered by Bill & Sandi Keysock

Votives in Altar

In Memory Of Philip Stefanov, Offered by Family

Crosses

For Health Of Keri Radio, Offered by Jason, Talia & Jones

Vigils on the Tetrapod (2)

In Honor Of Barry Bretz on the Anniversary of his Chrismation
Offered by Ann Marie

Vigils - Icon of the Virgin Mary (2)

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

Votives - Icon of the Virgin Mary

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Rescheduled! - Coffee Hour February 1, 2026

Please join us for coffee hour on February 1 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 Holobeny

Lenten Schedule Available at the Candle Desk

In the past we have handed or mailed individual copies of the Lenten and Paschal Schedule to every parishioner. Since we have noted that so many are now using the online calendar on the church's website, and in an effort to save on printing and postage, we will not be individually handing/mailing the schedule. There will still be printed copies available for anyone who is interested. Just stop by the candle desk to pick one up at your convenience.

Inspection Report 2026 For Kitchen

On January 16, 2026, Sayyed Shah, an inspector for the PA Dept of Agriculture, visited our facility for the annual inspection of the kitchen, dishwashing area, pantry, slop room and restroom. He checked the license, then surveyed the areas, measured the temperatures of the walk in freezer and walk in refrigerator. The kitchen refrigerator was not operating. The temperature of the dish washer was recorded. In particular he was looking for items that had "best if used by dates" and if the items were still around after that date. He even scanned the dough roller with his flashlight and commented on the cleanliness. He commented on the cleanliness of our facility. After the entire area was visually inspected, he gave us a PASSED. There were two minor items that need our attention. The three signs on the three bay sink in the dishwashing area are missing. These sinks plus dishwashing detergent and sanitizer are used when dishes are not run through the washer and they should have appropriate signage. Mr. Shah sent the info to Jennifer and so this was resolved. Then he asked about how we take care of drying strainers, mixing bowls, etc. We replied that they are not stored wet and if they were they would be turned upside down. A question sometimes asked is why the inspection is completed by PA dept of Agriculture. Our (the Church's) mailing address is Bethlehem but our physical location is Northampton County Hanover Township. Hanover Township does not have a Health Bureau thus we come under the State. A very special thank you to the individuals who came to clean the areas. A job well done! A copy of the report will be posted in the kitchen by the phone. Please look at it so you can see all the categories that are covered. The report is also published on the PA Dept of Agriculture website.

Sarah Jubinski, Jean Lopata Jubinski, and Jennifer Bzik

Poinsettias Still Available

There are still many lovely Poinsettias from the Nativity Season which have not yet been “adopted”. These plants were not sponsored during the Nativity Season, so they are now available on a first come, first served basis. The plants have been moved to the office for easier care. If you are interested in taking home any plants, please see Jennifer Bzik or just stop by the office and help yourself.

Please Check Lost & Found

There are quite a few things piling up in our Lost & Found box. Please take a moment the next time you are in church to look through and collect any of your items. Thank you!

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!

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).

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

POSTPONED!!!!

INVITES YOU TO

*The Blessing of
the Jordan Creek*

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

Sunday, February 1st

NEW DATE!! *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, 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 Witaneck, 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.