

# **Divine Liturgy**

Sunday, February 15, 2026

**Sunday of the Last Judgment**

**Meatfare (The Last Day of Meat until Pascha)**



**SAINT NICHOLAS**  
**RUSSIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH**



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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 February 15, 2026

**SUNDAY OF MEATFARE – Tone 3. Sunday of the Last Judgment.** Apostle of the Seventy Onesimus (ca. 109). Ven. Paphnútií (Paphnutius), Recluse, of the Kiev Caves (Far Caves–13th c.). Ven. Paphnutius and his daughter, Ven. Euphrosynē, of Alexandria (5th c.). Ven. Eusebius, Hermit, of Syria (5th c.).

## Fr. Nikolai's Office Hours

Monday, February 16<sup>th</sup> - Fr. Nikolai's Day Off  
Wednesday, February 18<sup>th</sup> - 12:00 pm - 5:00 pm  
Friday, February 20<sup>th</sup> - 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](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 house blessing or an in-person or Zoom meeting with me. - Fr. Nikolai

## Coffee Hour Today

Coffee Hour today is hosted by the Parish Council

## Weekly & Upcoming Calendar

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

**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

<b>Monday, February 23</b>	7:00 pm - Compline with Great Canon of St. Andrew of Crete
<b>Tuesday, February 24</b>	7:00 pm - Compline with Great Canon of St. Andrew of Crete
<b>Wed., February 25</b>	9:00 am - Presanctified Liturgy 7:00 pm - Compline with Great Canon of St. Andrew of Crete
<b>Thursday, February 26</b>	7:00 pm - Compline with Great Canon of St. Andrew of Crete
<b>Friday, February 27</b>	6:00 pm - Presanctified Liturgy
<b>Saturday, February 28</b>	<b>St. Theodore the Recruit</b> 8:50 am - Reading of the 3 <sup>rd</sup> Hour 9:00 am - Divine Liturgy St. Theodore the Recruit 4:30 pm - Panikhida - Catherine Miller (1 year) 5:00 pm - Great Vespers
<b>Sunday, March 1</b>	<b>The Sunday of Orthodoxy</b> 9:10 am - Reading of the Hours 9:30 am - Divine Liturgy
<b>Wednesday, March 4</b>	6:00 pm - Presanctified Liturgy
<b>Friday, March 6</b>	9:00 am - Presanctified Liturgy 7:00 pm - Akathist - St. Nicholas

## Panikhida for Catherine Miller

On behalf of Donna Cole (Catherine's Daughter), all are invited to the 1-year Panikhida for Catherine Miller on **Saturday February 28<sup>th</sup>, at 4:30 pm**

## A Note of Thanks

We would like to express our sincere Thank you for all the kind words, cards, donations to the church and candles in memory of our Mom, Grandma and GGma. Mom loved the church and her church family. With deepest gratitude.

**The Family of Dorothy Havrilko**

**In memory of Dorothy, we will have a 40th day memorial service and coffee hour for the parish on March 1st.** All donations will go to the church for summer camp.

# Divine Liturgy

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**Sunday of the Last Judgment**

**Meatfare (The Last Day of Meat until Pascha)**

**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 1      Kontakion** *(from the Lenten Triodion)*

When Thou, O God, shalt come to earth with glory, all things shall tremble, and the river of fire shall flow before Thy judgment seat; the books shall be opened, and the hidden things disclosed; then deliver me from the unquenchable fire, and make me worthy to stand at Thy right hand, O Righteous Judge!

**Tone 3      Prokeimenon** *(from the Lenten Triodion)*

Great is our Lord, and abundant in power, His understanding is beyond measure. *(Ps. 146:5)*

*Praise the Lord! For it is good to sing praises to our God! (Ps. 146:1)*

## **Epistle**

Read by Rdr. Nicholas Stepanoff

**(1 Corinthians 8:8-9:2)** But food does not commend us to God; for neither if we eat are we the better, nor if we do not eat are we the worse. But beware lest somehow this liberty of yours become a stumbling block to those who are weak. For if anyone sees you who have knowledge eating in an idol's temple, will not the conscience of him who is weak be emboldened to eat those things offered to idols? And because of your knowledge shall the weak brother perish, for whom Christ died? But when you thus sin against the brethren, and wound their weak conscience, you sin against Christ. Therefore, if food makes my brother stumble, I will never again eat meat, lest I make my brother stumble. Am I not an apostle? Am I not free? Have I not seen Jesus Christ our Lord? Are you not my work in the Lord? If I am not an apostle to others, yet doubtless I am to you. For you are the seal of my apostleship in the Lord.

## **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 presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise. (Ps. 94:2)*

## **Gospel**

**(Matthew 25:31-46)** When the Son of Man comes in His glory, and all the holy angels with Him, then He will sit on the throne of His glory. All the nations will be gathered before Him, and He will separate them one from another, as a shepherd divides his sheep from the goats. And He will set the sheep on His right hand, but the goats on the left. Then the King will say to those on His right hand, 'Come, you blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world: for I was hungry and you gave Me food; I was thirsty and you gave Me drink; I was a stranger and you took Me in; I was naked and you clothed Me; I was sick and you visited Me; I was in prison and you came to Me.' Then the righteous will answer Him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see You hungry and feed You, or thirsty and give You drink? When did we see You a stranger and take You in, or naked and clothe You? Or when did we see You sick, or in prison, and come to You?' And the King will answer and say to them, 'Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did it to one of the least of these My brethren, you did it to Me.' Then He will also say to those on the left hand, 'Depart from Me, you cursed, into the everlasting fire prepared for the devil and his angels: for I was hungry and you gave Me no food; I was thirsty and you gave Me no drink; I was a stranger and you did not take Me in, naked and you did not clothe Me, sick and in prison and you did not visit Me.' Then they also will answer Him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see You hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to You?' Then He will answer them, saying, 'Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to Me.' And these will go away into everlasting punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

## **Communion Hymn**

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

# **Candle Offerings for Sunday, February 15, 2026**

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

In Memory Of Dorothy Havrilko, Offered by Family

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

In Memory Of Dorothy Havrilko, Offered by Family

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

In Memory Of Dorothy Havrilko, Offered by Family

## **Votives in Altar**

In Memory Of Philip Stepanov, Offered by Boris & Marietta

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

In Memory Of Mom, Dad, and Joan, Offered by Pat and Tom Grammes

## **Crosses**

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

## **Vigils on the Tetrapod (2)**

In Memory Of Mom, Dad, and Joan, Offered by Pat and Tom Grammes

## **Vigils on Icon Table (2)**

Happy Birthday, Evelyn Roberts, Offered by Baba and Papa

## **Vigils - Icon of the Virgin Mary (2)**

In Memory Of GGMa (Dorothy Havrilko)

Offered by Sophia, Jacob, Sasha, Elena, Nicholas, Brooke, and Victoria

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

In Memory Of Mary Keysock, Offered by Bill and Sandi Keysock

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

Happy Birthday, Nathan Roberts, Offered by Baba and Papa

## **Votives - Icon of St. John the Baptist**

For the Health of Fr. Thomas Edwards, Offered by the Lungus

## **Vigil of St. Michael**

In Memory Of Susan Guydan (Mother-in-law), Offered by Michele Guydan

# The Psalter

Lent is almost upon us and it is time to form this years Psalter Group. There will be a sign up sheet at the candle desk if you would like to participate in reading the Psalter together as a church family. Last year was our first year and it was a success! I have already had individuals ask if we are going to have a group this Great Lent. If you are interested please sign up and include your email. If you do not have an email address I will gladly make sure you have a paper copy of the individuals in the group and your starting psalm.

## How it works:

The Psalter is divided into twenty sections, or kathismas. So to start a group, all you need is twenty people willing to commit to reading one kathisma per day. Each kathisma take approximately fifteen to twenty minutes to read. On the first day of the fast, each person begins reading a different kathisma.

## For Example:

- On Day One: Someone (ex: Patricia) would begin on Kathisma 1, I would read Kathisma 2, Michelle would read Kathisma 3, you would read Kathisma 4, and so on.
- On day Two: Patricia would read Kathisma 2, I would read Kathisma 3, Michelle would read Kathisma 4, you would read Kathisma 5, and so on. The person who had Kathisma 20 would read Kathisma 1.

We continue in this manner until we reach the end Kathisma 20. And with twenty people each reading one Kathisma per day, between them the Psalter is being read in its entirety everyday of that fasting period. On the twenty-first day, we begin again where we started, individually reading the entire Psalter a total of twice during the forty days.

## **4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Treasurer's Report Summary**

October 2025	Income:	\$27,565.33
	Expenses:	\$62,942.42
	<u>Net Revenue:</u>	<u>\$(35,377.09)</u>
November 2025	Income:	\$48,626.41
	Expenses	\$29,320.34
	<u>Net Revenue:</u>	<u>\$19,306.07</u>
December 2025	Income:	\$89,767.58
	Expenses:	\$36,810.37
	<u>Net Revenue:</u>	<u>\$52,957.21</u>

## 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.

## Lenten Soup Sunday

Our Lenten soup Sundays are back and we need your help! While we love making new and delicious soups for our fellow parishioners the task has become a bit overwhelming as the sale has grown! We know how many fantastic cooks we have at St. Nicholas and we'd love to have volunteers



donate soups each week. We will provide the quart containers if you will fill them (about 10 per soup)! Please consider joining us in this Lenten mission! If you're interested in helping please contact Marina Murgia (610) 533-4719, Lori Lezinsky (484) 375-3874, or Judy Lezinsky 484-597-0118 Thank you!



## A Note of Thanks

Thank you to everyone who joined us for coffee hour and your generosity which will help the family focus entirely on healing. The outpouring of support exceeded anything we could have imagined. We ask that you please continue to keep the Stuckey family in your daily prayers as they navigate appointments over the next month and throughout the rest of the year. Glory to God!

## 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!

## **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.

## **2026 - St. Nicholas Scouts**

David Cudlic, Order of Arrow, Assistant Scout Master  
Michael Dorosh, Alpha Omega, Order of Arrow, Eagle (1958)  
Daniel Jubinski, Alpha Omega, Order of Arrow, Eagle (1987)  
Jacob Lezinsky, Cub Scout, Webelo, Order of St. George, Chi Rho Award  
Fr. James Mason, Order of Arrow, Scout Master  
Amber Metz - Girl Scouts, Brownie Daisy  
Christopher Metz - Star  
David Metz - Star  
Julianne Metz - Girl Scout, Junior  
Kimberly Metz - Girl Scout, Senior  
Michael Metz - Life  
Peter Metz - Star  
William Podlusky - Life  
Dr. Gregory Radio, Order of Arrow, Eagle, Medicine Man (1964)  
Gordon Roberts, Order of Arrow, Eagle

## **Current Candle Prices**

Decorated Candles \$15 each  
Tall Thin Beeswax Tapers \$1 each  
Short Thick Beeswax Tapers \$2 each  
Vigils in Colored Glass \$4 each  
4 hr votives \$0.50 each

**LEHIGH VALLEY ORTHODOX  
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***Archpriest Andrew  
Stephen Damick***

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**Food and fellowship to follow**

# Annual Parish Meeting Notice

The Annual Parish Meeting will be held on Sunday, February 15, 2026. The meeting will be held in the church hall immediately following the Divine Liturgy. A light luncheon will be served. All are encouraged to read the agenda and reports thoroughly and prepare their questions to ensure an expedited parish meeting. Please note that there will be no means of virtual participation in the meeting.

According to the bylaws of St. Nicholas Russian Orthodox Church of Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, the required quorum for a parish meeting is the attendance of at least 25% of voting members in good standing. A quorum must be maintained throughout the meeting. If a quorum is not present, the meeting shall then be rescheduled by the Parish Council in consultation with the Rector, at which time the members present will constitute a quorum.

## Annual Church Office Elections

What you need to know to vote in the Annual Parish Meeting being held on February 15, 2026 and to run for Church Office: According to our Bylaws in order to vote and participate in the discussions you must be a member at least 18 years of age and in good standing (both financially and sacramentally) for one (1) year. In order to run for Church Office you must be have been a practicing Orthodox Christian for at least one (1) year and a parishioner of this Parish for a prior 12 month period.

**If you are interested in serving on the Parish Council, please see Fr. Nikolai or any current member of the Parish Council.**

Please note the Parish Council Vice President and Secretary are chosen by and from the newly elected Parish Council to serve for one (1) year terms.

### **Parish Council Officer Positions**

Parish Council President (one year)  
Treasurer (one year)  
Financial Secretary (one year)

### **Diocesan Assembly Positions**

Diocesan Assembly Delegate  
Diocesan Assembly Alternate

### **Parish Council Positions**

Two (2) three year terms

### **Auditor Positions**

Four (4) one year terms

### **Cemetery Committee Chair**

One (1) one year term

# Voting Members

A voting member is a parishioner who has the privilege of attending, being counted when determining the number required for a quorum, taking part in discussion, and voting at any annual or special parish meeting. A voting member may also have the privilege of being elected as a member of the Parish Council if he or she possesses the appropriate gifts and disposition for working with others. A voting member is in "good standing" if he or she:

- a.** Is a baptized and chrismated an Orthodox Christian;
- b.** Is at least eighteen (18) years of age;
- c.** Partakes of the Sacraments of Confession and Holy Communion in this Parish at least once during the previous 12 month period;
- d.** Has been a practicing Orthodox Christian for at least one (1) year and a parishioner of this Parish for a prior 12 month period;
- e.** Has demonstrated commitment to the defined financial obligation during the previous 12 month period. (\$520 per year) If the financial obligation cannot be reached, an exemption can be requested and given by the Rector;
- f.** "Good standing" is determined in collaboration with the Rector and the Council President;
- g.** Voting membership in two or more Orthodox parishes is not permitted.
- h.** A Voting Member has accepted the right, privilege, and responsibility to vote in Parish Assemblies. A Voting Member may be considered for election to office in appropriate Parish bodies. A Voting Member is eligible for election as a delegate to the Diocesan Assembly and the All-American Council.

## Annual Parish Meeting Reports Available

The Annual Parish Meeting will be held on Sunday, February 15, 2026. Please be advised that printed copies of the agenda and reports will be available at the candle desk beginning on Sunday, February 1, 2026. Please stop by to pick up a copy at your convenience. If you would like a copy emailed to you or mailed to you, please contact the Administrative Assistant at [Assistant4StNicholas@outlook.com](mailto:Assistant4StNicholas@outlook.com). Please note that due to postal delays, we cannot guarantee that mailed copies will arrive prior to the meeting.

O 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 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, Benjamin Peterson

**Igumen:** Patrick 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, Rebekah Markewich, Sophia Shadid, 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, Patricia Grammes, 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, Leah Roberts, Barbara Roman, Victoria Ross, Mary Ruzila, Connor Samuels, Robert Schainfeld, Catherine Shea, Janice Shumbata, Francine Slivka, Michael Slivka, Julia Smith, Maeve Stuckey, Heatherlyn Sturges, Jerry Volkert, Irene Witaneck, Sandra Wyslutsky

**Catechumens:** Mo AboHagar, Austin Bednar, Shane Ernst, Nicholas Heacock, Margaret MacKay, Taylor Magditch, Mithrin Moses, Adam and Nicole Pell, Bryan Peterson, Christian Reichert, Alejandro Santiago, Adam Smith, Shawn, Donna.

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

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