

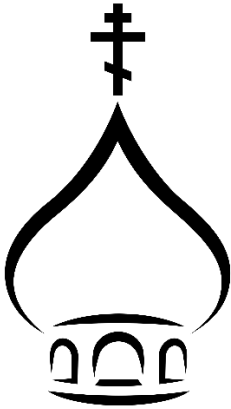
Divine Liturgy

Sunday, April 19, 2026

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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 April 19, 2026

ANTIPASCHA. 2nd SUNDAY OF PASCHA – Tone 1. St. Thomas Sunday.

Martyr Theodore and those with him. Ven. John of the Ancient Caves in Palestine (8th c.). Martyrs Christopher, Theonas, and Anthony, at Rome (303). Hieromartyr Paphnutius of Jerusalem. St. George the Confessor, Bishop of Antioch in Pisidia (9th c.). St. Tryphon, Patriarch of Constantinople (933). Ven. Nikēphóros, Abbot of Catabad. Monastic Martyr Agathangelos of Esphigmenou (Mt. Athos–1819). Ven. Simeon of Philotheou (Mt. Athos–16th c.).

Fr. Nikolai's Office Hours

Monday, 20th - Fr. Nikolai's Day Off
Wednesday, April 22nd - 12:00 pm - 5:00 pm
Friday, April 24th - 10:00 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 house blessing or an in-person or Zoom meeting with me. - Fr. Nikolai

Coffee Hour Today

Coffee Hour today is hosted by The Bessman Family
In Honor Of Maria's 4th Birthday

Weekly & Upcoming Calendar

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

Sunday, April 19

St. Thomas Sunday

9:10 am - Reading of the Hours

Saturday, April 25

To Be Determined

Sunday, April 26

Saturday, May 2

Sunday, May 3

Saturday, May 9

Sunday, May 10

Saturday, May 16

Sunday, May 17

Wednesday, May 20

Thursday, May 21

Saturday, May 23

Sunday, May 24

Saturday, May 30

Sunday, May 31

9:30 am - Divine Liturgy

2:00 pm - Blessing of the Graves - Union Cemetery

5:00 pm - Great Vespers

Blessing of Graves - Catasauqua

Sunday of the Myrrh-bearing Women

9:10 am - Reading of the Hours

9:30 am - Divine Liturgy

4:30 pm - Monthly General Panikhida

5:00 pm - Great Vespers

Sunday of the Paralytic

9:10 am - Reading of the Hours

9:30 am - Divine Liturgy

5:00 pm - Great Vespers

Sunday of the Samaritan Woman

9:10 am - Reading of the Hours

9:30 am - Divine Liturgy

5:00 pm - Great Vespers

Sunday of the Blind Man

9:10 am - Reading of the Hours

9:30 am - Divine Liturgy

6:00 pm - Great Vespers

Ascension of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ

8:50 am - Reading of the Hours

9:00 am - Divine Liturgy

5:00 pm - Great Vespers

Fathers of the 1st Ecumenical Council

9:10 am - Reading of the Hours

9:30 am - Divine Liturgy

5:00 pm - Great Vespers

Holy Pentecost: Feast of the Holy Trinity

9:10 am - Reading of the Hours

9:30 am - Divine Liturgy

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Paschal Troparion

Priest: "Blessed is the Kingdom..."

Choir: "Amen."

Priest: "Christ is risen... " (2 ½ times)

Choir: "and upon those in the tombs bestowing life!"

(The Divine Liturgy is begun in this manner until the Leavetaking of Pascha.)

Tone 7 Troparion (Pentecostarion)

From the sealed tomb, Thou didst shine forth, O Life! Through closed doors Thou didst come to Thy Disciples, O Christ God. Renew in us through them an upright spirit, by the greatness of Thy mercy, O Resurrection of all!

Tone 8 Kontakion (Pentecostarion)

Thomas touched Thy life-giving side with an eager hand, O Christ God, when Thou camest to Thine Apostles through closed doors. He cried out with all: "Thou art my Lord and my God!"

(The Trisagion is sung)

Tone 3 Prokeimenon (from the Pentecostarion)

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 Reader Matthew Lezinsky

(Acts 5:12-20) And through the hands of the apostles many signs and wonders were done among the people. And they were all with one accord in Solomon's Porch. Yet none of the rest dared join them, but the people esteemed them highly. And believers were increasingly added to the Lord, multitudes of both men and women, so that they brought the sick out into the streets and laid them on beds and couches, that at least the shadow of Peter passing by might fall on some of them. Also a multitude gathered from the surrounding cities to Jerusalem, bringing sick people and those who were tormented by unclean spirits, and they were all healed. Then the high priest rose up, and all those who were with him (which is the sect of the Sadducees), and they were filled with indignation, and laid their hands on the apostles and put them in the common prison. But at night an angel of the Lord opened the prison doors and brought them out, and said, "Go, stand in the temple and speak to the people all the words of this life."

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)

For the Lord is a great God, and a great King over all the earth. (Ps. 94:3)

Gospel

(John 20:19-31) Then, the same day at evening, being the first day of the week, when the doors were shut where the disciples were assembled, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in the midst, and said to them, "Peace be with you." When He had said this, He showed them His hands and His side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. So Jesus said to them again, "Peace to you! As the Father has sent Me, I also send you." And when He had said this, He breathed on them, and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." Now Thomas, called the Twin, one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. The other disciples therefore said to him, "We have seen the Lord." So he said to them, "Unless I see in His hands the print of the nails, and

put my finger into the print of the nails, and put my hand into His side, I will not believe." And after eight days His disciples were again inside, and Thomas with them. Jesus came, the doors being shut, and stood in the midst, and said, "Peace to you!" Then He said to Thomas, "Reach your finger here, and look at My hands; and reach your hand here, and put it into My side. Do not be unbelieving, but believing." And Thomas answered and said to Him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Thomas, because you have seen Me, you have believed. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed." And truly Jesus did many other signs in the presence of His disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His name.

(Instead of "It is truly meet...", we sing:)

The Angel cried to the Lady, full of grace: "Rejoice, O pure Virgin! Again, I say: Rejoice, thy Son is risen from His three days in the tomb! With Himself He has raised all the dead." Rejoice, O ye people!

Shine, shine, O new Jerusalem! The glory of the Lord has shone on thee. Exult now, and be glad, O Zion! Be radiant, O pure Theotokos, in the Resurrection of thy Son!

Communion Hymn

Praise the Lord, O Jerusalem! Praise thy God, O Zion! (*Ps. 147:1*)
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Priest: "In the fear of God..."

Choir: "Blessed is He that comes in the Name of the Lord..."

Priest: "O God, save Thy people..."

Choir: "Christ is risen from the dead..." (sung once, instead of "We have seen the True Light...")

Priest: "Always, now and ever..."

Choir: "Let our mouths be filled..."

At the Dismissal, the Priest says: "Glory to Thee, O Christ..." and the choir sings "Christ is risen from the dead..." (thrice).

And unto us He has given eternal life.

Let us worship His Resurrection on the third day!

Candle Offerings for Sunday, April 19, 2026

Vigils in Altar - Table of Oblation (2)

In Memory Of Ray Pasquel, Offered by Barry & Ann Marie

Votives in Altar

In Memory Of Philip Stefanov, Offered by Boris & Marietta

Votives in Iconostas

For Health Of Nora Shadid, Offered by Fr. Michael & Mat. Susan Kon

Vigil in Side Candle Holders (2)

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

Crosses

Happy Birthday Gordon Roberts, Offered by Val

Vigils on the Tetrapod (2)

In Memory Of

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

Vigils on Icon Table (2)

Happy Birthday Papa, Offered by Evie, Hannah, Lili, Leah, Nathan

Vigils - Icon of the Virgin Mary (2)

In Memory Of Mother, Anne K. Antoniak, Offered by Michele Guydan

Votives - Icon of the Virgin Mary

Happy Birthday Maria Bessman, Offered by Godmother Lori

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

Happy Birthday Gordon Roberts, Offered by Matt, Jess, Alex, Nick & Tosha

Vigils on South Wall Window Sill (3)

Happy Birthday Daniel & Elizabeth Trott, Offered by Natalia Trott

Vigil of St. Michael (1)

In Memory Of Michael Stetz, Offered by Pat & Tom

Church Scholarship Applications Now Available

Applications for the St. Nicholas Church Scholarship are now available for three scholarships to be awarded on a competitive basis for the 2026-2027 school year. Applicants must be members of the Church and be entering at least the second year of full time (minimum 12 credit hours) study at an accredited two or four year college/university or Orthodox seminary. Full details are described on the application. Please contact Nancy Kohudic at ndk175@ptd.net or 610.391.1257 for an application or for answers to any questions. Completed applications should be submitted no later than June 1, 2026.

Thank you.

Greetings from the Romans

Wishing everyone at St. Nicholas parish joy in Christ's Resurrection, Christ is Risen! Indeed he Is Risen!

We are now established at 1508 86th CT NW, Bradenton, FL 34209. Our phone contacts are the same: Nick 610-653-8326 and Barb 610-653-2692.

Nick's email: sjroman123@gmail.com, Barb's email address is new, bjrfl2026@gmail.com.

We welcome visitors as we are close to beaches and attractions. God bless!

Barbara & Nick Roman

Fish Dinner Wrap Up

Many thanks to all who helped to make the Lenten Fish Dinners a great success. Through this huge effort the Fish Dinners brought in proceeds of \$6,349 and the Paska Bread sale brought in \$2,860. May God Grant You Many Years!

Help Needed - Halupki Making

We will be making Halupki on Sunday, April 19th starting after coffee hour and Monday, April 20th starting at 8:00 am. Many hands make light work! Please contact Val Roberts if you have any questions.

Pierogi Making Schedule

NO Pierogi April 20, 21, 22
Back to Pierogi Making April 27, 28, 29

Church School Announcements

- The Pascha Easter egg hunt (open to all children) will be after liturgy on Sunday, April 19, 2026 with rain date of April 26, 2026.
- Last day of Sunday School is May 24, 2026

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: Ann Marie Bretz, 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, Luca Harford, 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, Jared Buck, Nicholas Heacock, Margaret MacKay, Taylor Magditch, Christian Reichert, Adam Smith, Sean.

Handmaidens: Ruth Finlaw, Tanner Mazur, Jess Snekot and their unborn children, Lydia Claycomb and her newborn child

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