

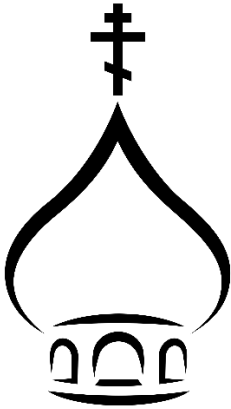
Divine Liturgy

Sunday, April 19, 2026

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2nd Sunday of Pascha

St. Thomas Sunday



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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 26, 2026

3rd SUNDAY OF PASCHA – Tone 2. Myrrhbearing Women. Hieromartyr Basil, Bishop of Amasea (ca. 322). St. Stephen, Bishop of Perm (1396). Righteous Virgin Glaphyra (322). St. Joannicius of Devich, Serbia (13th c.).

Fr. Nikolai's Office Hours

Monday, April 27th - Fr. Nikolai's Day Off
Wednesday, April 29th - 12:00 pm - 5:00 pm
Thursday, April 30th - Fr. Nikolai's VACATION DAY
Friday, May 1st - 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

At the time of bulletin printing there was no Coffee Hour Host

Weekly & Upcoming Calendar

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

Saturday, May 2

4:30 pm - Monthly General Panikhida

5:00 pm - Great Vespers

Sunday, May 3

Sunday of the Paralytic

9:10 am - Reading of the Hours

9:30 am - Divine Liturgy

Thursday, May 7

9:00 am - Akathist - Nurturer of Children

Saturday, May 9
Sunday, May 10

5:00 pm - Great Vespers
Sunday of the Samaritan Woman

9:10 am - Reading of the Hours
9:30 am - Divine Liturgy

Saturday, May 16
Sunday, May 17

5:00 pm - Great Vespers
Sunday of the Blind Man

9:10 am - Reading of the Hours
9:30 am - Divine Liturgy

Wednesday, May 20
Thursday, May 21

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

Saturday, May 23
Sunday, May 24

5:00 pm - Great Vespers
Fathers of the 1st Ecumenical Council

9:10 am - Reading of the Hours
9:30 am - Divine Liturgy

Saturday, May 30
Sunday, May 31

5:00 pm - Great Vespers
Holy Pentecost: Feast of the Holy Trinity

9:10 am - Reading of the Hours
9:30 am - Divine Liturgy

Coffee Hour Hosts Needed

Coffee Hour for THIS SUNDAY, April 26, 2026 is STILL without a host. There are several other Sundays without a host in the upcoming months as well. If you haven't volunteered to host a coffee hour in the past year, please consider signing up for this week or an upcoming Sunday. Please note that if there is no one signed up to host, there will be no coffee hour.

If you have never hosted before or have not hosted in a while and would like to review what is recommended, please reach out to Jennifer Bzik. She would be happy to help you become familiar with the church kitchen and review what is usually done.

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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 2 Troparion *(Resurrection)*

When Thou didst descend to death, O Life immortal, Thou didst slay hell with the splendor of Thy Godhead. And when from the depths Thou didst raise the dead, all the powers of heaven cried out: "O Giver of life, Christ our God, glory to Thee!"

Tone 2 Troparion *(Pentecostarion)*

The noble Joseph, when he had taken down Thy most pure Body from the Tree, wrapped it in fine linen and anointed it with spices, and placed it in a new tomb. But Thou didst arise on the third day, O Lord, granting the world great mercy.

Tone 2 Troparion *(Pentecostarion)*

The Angel came to the myrrhbearing women at the tomb and said: "Myrrh is fitting for the dead; but Christ has shown Himself a stranger to corruption! So proclaim: 'The Lord is risen, granting the world great mercy.'"

Tone 2 Kontakion *(Pentecostarion)*

Thou didst command the Myrrhbearers to rejoice, O Christ God. By Thy Resurrection, Thou didst stop the lamentation of Eve, the first mother. Thou didst command them to preach to Thine Apostles: "The Savior is risen from the tomb!"

Tone 8 Kontakion *(Pascha)*

Thou didst descend into the tomb, O Immortal, Thou didst destroy the power of death. In victory didst Thou arise, O Christ God, proclaiming, "Rejoice!" to the Myrrhbearing Women, granting peace to Thine Apostles, and bestowing Resurrection on the fallen.

Tone 6 Prokeimenon

O Lord, save Thy people, and bless Thine inheritance! *(Ps. 27:9a)*

To Thee, O Lord, will I call. O my God, be not silent to me! (Ps. 27:1a)

Epistle

Read by Reader Nicholas Lezinsky

(Acts 6:1-7) Now in those days, when the number of the disciples was multiplying, there arose a complaint against the Hebrews by the Hellenists, because their widows were neglected in the daily distribution. Then the twelve summoned the multitude of the disciples and said, "It is not desirable that we should leave the word of God and serve tables. Therefore, brethren, seek out from among you seven men of good reputation, full of the Holy Spirit and wisdom, whom we may appoint over this business; but we will give ourselves continually to prayer and to the ministry of the word." And the saying pleased the whole multitude. And they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and the Holy Spirit, and Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolas, a proselyte from Antioch, whom they set before the apostles; and when they had prayed, they laid hands on them. Then the word of God spread, and the number of the disciples multiplied greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests were obedient to the faith.

Tone 8

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

O Lord, Thou hast been gracious to Thy land; Thou hast turned back the captivity of Jacob. (Ps. 84:1)

Mercy and truth are met together, righteousness and peace have kissed each other. (Ps. 84:10)

Gospel

(Mark 15:43-16:8) Joseph of Arimathea, a prominent council member, who was himself waiting for the kingdom of God, coming and taking courage, went in to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Pilate marveled that He was already dead; and summoning the centurion, he asked him if He had been dead for some time. So when he found out from the centurion, he granted the body to Joseph. Then he bought fine linen, took Him down, and wrapped Him in the linen. And he laid Him in a tomb which had been hewn out of the rock, and rolled a stone against the door of the tomb. And Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Joses observed where He was laid. Now when the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, that they might come and anoint Him. Very early in the morning, on the first day of the week, they came to the tomb when the sun had risen. And they said among themselves, "Who will roll away the stone from the door of the tomb for us?" But when they looked up, they saw that the stone had been rolled away - for it was very large. And entering the tomb, they saw a young man clothed in a long white robe sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed. You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He is risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid Him. But go, tell His disciples - and Peter - that He is going before you into Galilee; there you will see Him, as He said to you." So they went out quickly and fled from the tomb, for they trembled and were amazed. And they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

(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

Receive the Body of Christ; taste the fountain of immortality!
Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest! (Ps. 148:1)
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 26, 2026

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

Crosses

Happy Birthday Lorraine Chromiak, Offered by Barry & Ann Marie

Vigils on the Tetrapod (2)

Happy Anniversary Keri & Jsaon Tomsic, Offered by Mom & Dad

Vigils on Icon Table (2)

Happy Anniversary Keri & Jason Tomsic, Offered by Scott, Jen, Ethan & Owen

Vigils - Icon of the Virgin Mary (2)

Happy Anniversary Keri & Jason, Offered by Talia & Jones

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

In Memory Of Ann Marie Carl, Offered by Michael & Francine Slivka

Vigils on North Wall Window Sill (3)

In Memory Of Mary Radick, Offered by Peter & Patricia Metz

Vigil of St. Michael (1)

In Memory Of Michael Stetz, Offered by Pat & Tom

A Note of Thanks

Thank you for another SOUPER Lenten Soup Sale!

We appreciate all the support and patrons of this year's sale. Of course, we could not be successful without our talented Soup Chefs: Damian Vansuch, Mo Abohagar, Lori Lezinsky, Judy Lezinsky, Karen Gowarty, Aliana Lungu, Boris Stefanov, Patty Felix, Val Roberts, Christina Heitzenrater, Marina Murgia, Micah and Danielle Brown, Kyra Monarek, Nadya Hrebinka, and Stephanie Livesy. Additional thanks to Nicole Pell/Little Hearth Kitchen for Sourdough Bread donation. Also, we thank Peter and Sarah Jubinski for donation of new soup containers.

Together, we raised \$2300 for our parish!

Judy, Lori and Marina

A Note of Thanks

Christ is Risen! Indeed He is Risen!

Thank you so much to all who came to help with halupki making. Without you and God, this would not be possible. We made about 1,000 halupki, most of which were put into our delicious packs of four. We now have those frozen 4 packs available to sell again, for \$15.

Mark your calendars for Saturday, September 19! That will be our next halupki dinner. We will need a lot of volunteers for that day to help things run smoothly, and many bakers to contribute their delicious desserts! Thank you again for your support.

In Christ,
Val

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!

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

Pierogi Making Schedule

We are back from our Spring Break! Fresh Pierogi will be made the weeks of April 29, May 6, May 11 and May 18. The Pierogi kitchen will be closed the week of May 27 for Memorial Day. We're back for Fresh Pierogi June 3 and June 10, and then we will be off for the summer. Plan ahead and order early! We will also have frozen Halupki 4 packs available for \$15.

Church School Announcements

- The Pascha Easter egg hunt (open to all children) will be after liturgy today, 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.