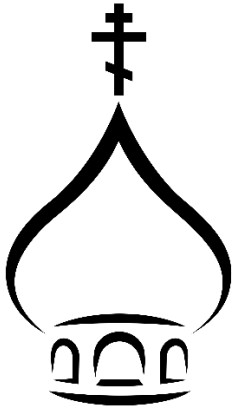


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6th Sunday after Pascha
Blind Man



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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 May 17, 2026

6th SUNDAY OF PASCHA – Tone 5. Blind Man. Icon of the Mother of God “of the Passion”. Apostle Andronicus of the Seventy and his fellow-laborer, Junia (1st c.). Saint Euphrosynē, Great Princess of Moscow (1407). Martyrs Solochon, Pamphamer, and Pamphalon, at Chalcedon (284-305). St. Stephen, Archbishop of Constantinople (893).

Fr. Nikolai’s Office Hours

Monday, May 18th - Fr. Nikolai's Day Off
Wednesday, May 20th - 12:00 pm - 5:00 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 this week will be hosted by Boris & Marietta
In Memory Of Philip Stefanov

Weekly & Upcoming Calendar

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

Wednesday, May 20

6:00 pm - Great Vespers

Thursday, May 21

Ascension of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ

8:50 am - Reading of the Hours

9:00 am - Divine Liturgy

Saturday, May 23

5:00 pm - Great Vespers

Sunday, May 24

Fathers of the 1st Ecumenical Council

9:10 am - Reading of the Hours

9:30 am - Divine Liturgy

5:00 pm - Great Vespers

Saturday, May 30

Sunday, May 31

Holy Pentecost: Feast of the Holy Trinity

9:10 am - Reading of the Hours

9:30 am - Divine Liturgy

Church School Announcements

- Last day of Sunday School is May 24, 2026

Pierogi Making Schedule

We are back from our Spring Break! Fresh Pierogi will be made the week of 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.

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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 5 Troparion (Resurrection)

Let us, the faithful, praise and worship the Word, co-eternal with the Father and the Spirit, born for our salvation from the Virgin; for He willed to be lifted up on the Cross in the flesh, to endure death, and to raise the dead by His glorious Resurrection.

Tone 4 Kontakion (Pentecostarion)

I come to Thee, O Christ, blind from birth in my spiritual eyes, and call to Thee in repentance: "Thou art the most radiant Light of those in darkness."

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 8 Prokeimenon (Pentecostarion)

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)

Epistle

Read by Reader Matthew Lezinsky

(Acts 16:16-34) Now it happened, as we went to prayer, that a certain slave girl possessed with a spirit of divination met us, who brought her masters much profit by fortune-telling. This girl followed Paul and us, and cried out, saying, "These men are the servants of the Most High God, who proclaim to us the way of salvation." And this she did for many days. But Paul, greatly annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, "I command you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her." And he came out that very hour. But when her masters saw that their hope of profit was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace to the authorities. And they brought them to the magistrates, and said, "These men, being Jews, exceedingly trouble our city; and they teach customs which are not lawful for us, being Romans, to receive or observe." Then the multitude rose up together against them; and the magistrates tore off their clothes and commanded them to be beaten with rods. And when they had laid many stripes on them, they threw them into prison, commanding the jailer to keep them securely. Having received such a charge, he put them into the inner prison and fastened their feet in the stocks. But at midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. Suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were loosed. And the keeper of the prison, awaking from sleep and seeing the prison doors open, supposing the prisoners had fled, drew his sword and was about to kill himself. But Paul called with a loud voice, saying, "Do yourself no harm, for we are all here." Then he called for a light, ran in, and fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. And he brought them out and said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" So they said, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be saved, you and your household." Then they spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. And he took them the same hour of the night and washed their stripes. And immediately he and all his family were baptized. Now when he had brought them into his house, he set food before them; and he rejoiced, having believed in God with all his household.

Tone 8

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Look upon me and have mercy on me! (Ps. 118:132a)

Guide my steps according to Thy word! (Ps. 118:133a)

Gospel

(John 9:1-38) Now as Jesus passed by, He saw a man who was blind from birth. And His disciples asked Him, saying, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" Jesus answered, "Neither this man nor his parents sinned, but that the works of God should be revealed in him. I must work the works of Him who sent Me while it is day; the night is coming when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." When He had said these things, He spat on the ground and made clay with the saliva; and He anointed the eyes of the blind man with the clay. And He said to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which is translated, Sent). So he went and washed, and came back seeing. Therefore the neighbors and those who previously had seen that he was blind said, "Is not this he who sat and begged?" Some said, "This is he." Others said, "He is like him." He said, "I am he." Therefore they said to him, "How were your eyes opened?" He answered and said, "A Man called Jesus made clay and anointed my eyes and said to me, 'Go to the pool of Siloam and wash.' So I went and washed, and I received sight." Then they said to him, "Where is He?" He said, "I do not know." They brought him who formerly was blind to the Pharisees. Now it was a Sabbath when Jesus made the clay and opened his eyes. Then the Pharisees also asked him again how he had received his sight. He said to them, "He put clay on my eyes, and I washed, and I see." Therefore some of the Pharisees said, "This Man is not from God, because He does not keep the Sabbath." Others said, "How can a man who is a sinner do such signs?" And there was a division among them. They said to the blind man again, "What do you say about Him because He opened your eyes?" He said, "He is a prophet." But the Jews did not believe concerning him, that he had been blind and received his sight, until they called the parents of him who had received his sight. And they asked them, saying, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?" His parents answered them and said, "We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; but by what means he now sees we do not know, or who opened his eyes we do not know. He is of age; ask him. He will speak for himself." His parents said these things because they feared the Jews, for the Jews had agreed already that if anyone confessed that He was Christ, he would be put out of the synagogue. Therefore his parents said, "He is of age; ask him." So they again called the man who was blind, and said to him, "Give God the glory! We know that this Man is a sinner." He answered and said, "Whether He is a sinner or not I do not know. One thing

I know: that though I was blind, now I see." Then they said to him again, "What did He do to you? How did He open your eyes?" He answered them, "I told you already, and you did not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become His disciples?" Then they reviled him and said, "You are His disciple, but we are Moses' disciples. We know that God spoke to Moses; as for this fellow, we do not know where He is from." The man answered and said to them, "Why, this is a marvelous thing, that you do not know where He is from; yet He has opened my eyes! Now we know that God does not hear sinners; but if anyone is a worshiper of God and does His will, He hears him. Since the world began it has been unheard of that anyone opened the eyes of one who was born blind. If this Man were not from God, He could do nothing." They answered and said to him, "You were completely born in sins, and are you teaching us?" And they cast him out. Jesus heard that they had cast him out; and when He had found him, He said to him, "Do you believe in the Son of God?" He answered and said, "Who is He, Lord, that I may believe in Him?" And Jesus said to him, "You have both seen Him and it is He who is talking with you." Then he said, "Lord, I believe!" And he worshiped Him.

(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!

Candle Offerings for Sunday, May 17, 2026

Vigils in Altar - Windowsill (2)

Happy Birthday Jen Radio, Offered by Greg & Rosalie

Vigils in Altar - Table of Oblation (2)

Happy Birthday Jen Radio, Offered by Scott & Boys

Vigils in Altar - Side Table (2)

In Memory Of Peter Kohudic

Votives in Altar

In Memory Of Philip Stefanov, Offered by Family

Votives in Iconostas

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

Vigil in Side Candle Holders (2)

Safe Travels Guliana, Offered by Guliana Holobeny

Crosses

Happy Birthday Talia Rose Tomsic, Offered by Baba & Poppy

Vigils on the Tetrapod (2)

Happy Birthday Talia Rose Tomsic
Offered by Ethan & Owen, Aunt Jen, Uncle Scott

Vigils on Icon Table (2)

Happy Birthday Talia Rose Tomsic, Offered by Mom & Dad

Vigils - Icon of the Virgin Mary (2)

In Memory of Janice Grifone, Offered by Barb Monarek

Votives - Icon of the Virgin Mary

In Memory Of Janice Grifone, Offered by Barb Monarek

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

Happy Birthday Daniel, Offered by Guliana Holobeny

Votives - Icon of St. John the Baptist

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

Vigils on South Wall Window Sill (3)

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

Flowers to Adorn the Icon of

The Ascension of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ

In Memory Of Philip Stefanov, Offered by Boris Stefanov & Marietta Peytcheva

1st Quarter Treasurer's Report Summary

January 2026	Income:	\$20,195.17
	Expenses:	\$40,919.48
	<u>Net Revenue:</u>	<u>\$(20,724.31)</u>
February 2026	Income:	\$41,028.69
	Expenses	\$30,914.54
	<u>Net Revenue:</u>	<u>\$10,114.15</u>
March 2026	Income:	\$59,934.90
	Expenses:	\$47,897.44
	<u>Net Revenue:</u>	<u>\$12,037.46</u>

Coffee Hour Hosts Needed

There are several Sundays without a host in the upcoming months. 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.

About “In Memory Of (IMO)” Donations

For many years, our parish has published memorial donations in the weekly bulletin as a way of acknowledging gifts made in memory of our departed loved ones. These offerings have always been received with gratitude and prayerful remembrance, and we remain deeply thankful for the generosity and kindness shown through these donations.

After careful discussion and **unanimous** agreement, the Parish Council has decided that memorial donations will no longer be published in the weekly bulletin.

I would like to explain this change clearly so that there is no misunderstanding about either the intention behind this change.

The practical reality of recording and publishing memorial donations has become increasingly difficult. Because these donations are often received sporadically and processed by several different people, there can be delays between the time a donation is given and when it appears in the bulletin. Unfortunately, these delays have sometimes caused frustration or hurt feelings when donations were not published immediately or when names were unintentionally omitted while records were still being finalized. The publication process itself has gradually become a source of unnecessary stress and misunderstanding for both parishioners and council members.

Second, and more importantly, we believe this change reflects a healthier spiritual perspective on Christian giving. Our Lord teaches us that acts of charity and generosity are ultimately offered for the glory of God and not for public recognition. The true value of a memorial donation is found not in seeing a name printed in a bulletin, but in the prayerful support it provides to the Church and in the loving memory of the departed.

This change does not lessen in any way our gratitude for memorial donations. Every gift will continue to be carefully recorded, acknowledged, and communicated appropriately to the families of the departed.

Fr. Nikolai

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

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: Austin Bednar, Jared Buck, Nicholas Heacock, Margaret MacKay, Taylor Magditch, Luke Maritch, Christian Reichert, Adam Smith, Sean.

Handmaidens: Ruth Finlaw, Tanner Mazur, Juliane Metz, Lisa Metz, Jess Snekert and their unborn children, Lydia Claycomb and her newborn daughter

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