

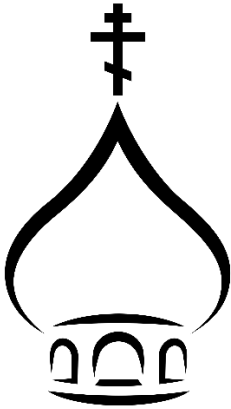
Divine Liturgy

Sunday, May 24, 2026

7th Sunday of Pascha

Holy Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council

Afterfeast of the Ascension



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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 24, 2026

7th SUNDAY OF PASCHA – Tone 6. Holy Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council. Afterfeast of Ascension. Ven. Simeon the Stylite (the Younger) of the Wonderful Mountain (596). Ven. Niketas the Stylite, Wonderworker of Pereyaslav'–Zalesskii (1186). Martyrs Meletius Stratelates, Stephen, John, and 1,218 soldiers, with women and children, including Serapion the Egyptian, Callinicus the Magician, Theodore, Faustus, the women: Marciana, Susanna, and Palladia, two children: Cyriacus and Christian, and twelve Tribunes–Faustus, Festus, Marcellus, Theodore, Meletius, Sergius, Marcellinus, Felix, Photinus, Theodoriscus, Mercurius, and Didymus, all of whom suffered in Galatia (138-161). St. Vincent of Lérins.

Fr. Nikolai's Office Hours

Monday, May 25th - Fr. Nikolai's Day Off
Wednesday, May 27th - 12:00 pm - 5:00 pm
Friday, May 29th - 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 this week will be hosted by The Kurtz Family

Weekly & Upcoming Calendar

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

Saturday, May 30

Memorial Saturday

8:50 am – Reading of the Hours

9:00 am – Divine Liturgy

5:00 pm - Great Vespers

Sunday, May 31

Holy Pentecost: Feast of the Holy Trinity

9:10 am - Reading of the Hours

9:30 am - Divine Liturgy

Monday, June 1

The Holy Spirit

8:50 am - Reading of the Hours

9:00 am - Divine Liturgy

Saturday, June 6

5:00 pm - Great Vespers

Sunday, June 7

All Saints

9:10 am - Reading of the Hours

9:30 am - Divine Liturgy

Saturday, June 13

5:00 pm - Great Vespers

Sunday, June 14

All Saints of America

9:10 am - Reading of the Hours

9:30 am - Divine Liturgy

Saturday, June 20

5:00 pm - Great Vespers

Sunday, June 21

3rd Sunday After Pentecost

9:10 am - Reading of the Hours

9:30 am - Divine Liturgy

Tuesday, June 23

6:00 pm - Great Vespers

Wednesday, June 24

Nativity of St. John the Baptist

8:50 am - Reading of the Hours

9:00 am - Divine Liturgy

Saturday, June 27

5:00 pm - Great Vespers

Sunday, June 28

4th Sunday After Pentecost

9:10 am - Reading of the Hours

9:30 am - Divine Liturgy

Sunday, June 28

5:00 pm - Great Vespers

Monday, June 29

Holy Apostles Peter and Paul

9:10 am - Reading of the Hours

9:30 am - Divine Liturgy

Pierogi Making Schedule

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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Tone 6 Troparion (*Resurrection*)

The Angelic Powers were at Thy tomb; the guards became as dead men. Mary stood by Thy grave, seeking Thy most pure body. Thou didst capture hell not being tempted by it. Thou didst come to the Virgin, granting life. O Lord, Who didst rise from the dead, glory to Thee.

Tone 4 Troparion (*Ascension*)

Thou didst ascend in glory, O Christ our God, granting joy to Thy Disciples by the promise of the Holy Spirit. Through the blessing, they were assured that Thou art the Son of God, the Redeemer of the world!

Tone 8 Troparion (*Fathers*)

Thou art most glorious, O Christ our God, Who hast established the Holy Fathers as lights on the earth. Through them Thou hast guided us to the True Faith. O greatly compassionate One, glory to Thee!

Tone 8 Kontakion (*Fathers*)

The Apostles' preaching and the Fathers' doctrines have established one Faith for the Church. Adorned with the robe of truth, woven from heavenly theology, It defines and glorifies the great mystery of piety.

Tone 6 Kontakion

When Thou hadst fulfilled the dispensation for our sake, and united earth to heaven, Thou didst ascend in glory, O Christ our God, not being parted from those who love Thee, but remaining with them and crying: "I am with you, and there is no one against you!"

Tone 4 Prokeimenon *(Song of the Three Holy Children)*

Blessed art Thou, O Lord God of our fathers, and praised and glorified is Thy Name forever! *(Song of the Three Holy Children, v. 3)*

For Thou art just in all that Thou hast done for us! (v. 4)

Epistle

Read by Reader Nicholas Lezinsky

(Acts 20:16-18, 28-36) For Paul had decided to sail past Ephesus, so that he would not have to spend time in Asia; for he was hurrying to be at Jerusalem, if possible, on the Day of Pentecost. From Miletus he sent to Ephesus and called for the elders of the church. And when they had come to him, he said to them: "You know, from the first day that I came to Asia, in what manner I always lived among you, Therefore take heed to yourselves and to all the flock, among which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to shepherd the church of God which He purchased with His own blood. For I know this, that after my departure savage wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock. Also from among yourselves men will rise up, speaking perverse things, to draw away the disciples after themselves. Therefore watch, and remember that for three years I did not cease to warn everyone night and day with tears. So now, brethren, I commend you to God and to the word of His grace, which is able to build you up and give you an inheritance among all those who are sanctified. I have coveted no one's silver or gold or apparel. Yes, you yourselves know that these hands have provided for my necessities, and for those who were with me. I have shown you in every way, by laboring like this, that you must support the weak. And remember the words of the Lord Jesus, that He said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'" And when he had said these things, he knelt down and prayed with them all.

Tone 1

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

The Lord, the God of gods, speaks and summons the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting. (Ps. 49:1)

Gather to Me My venerable ones, who made a covenant with Me by sacrifice! (Ps. 49:6)

Gospel

(John 17:1-13) Jesus spoke these words, lifted up His eyes to heaven, and said: "Father, the hour has come. Glorify Your Son, that Your Son also may glorify You, as You have given Him authority over all flesh, that He should give eternal life to as many as You have given Him. And this is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent. I have glorified You on the earth. I have finished the work which You have given Me to do. And now, O Father, glorify Me together with Yourself, with the glory which I had with You before the world was. I have manifested Your name to the men whom You have given Me out of the world. They were Yours, You gave them to Me, and they have kept Your word. Now they have known that all things which You have given Me are from You. For I have given to them the words which You have given Me; and they have received them, and have known surely that I came forth from You; and they have believed that You sent Me. I pray for them. I do not pray for the world but for those whom You have given Me, for they are Yours. And all Mine are Yours, and Yours are Mine, and I am glorified in them. Now I am no longer in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to You. Holy Father, keep through Your name those whom You have given Me, that they may be one as We are. While I was with them in the world, I kept them in Your name. Those whom You gave Me I have kept; and none of them is lost except the son of perdition, that the Scripture might be fulfilled. But now I come to You, and these things I speak in the world, that they may have My joy fulfilled in themselves.

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

Magnify, O my soul, Christ the Giver of Life, Who hath ascended from earth to heaven!

We the faithful, with one accord, magnify thee, the Mother of God, who, beyond reason and understanding, ineffably gave birth in time to the Timeless One.

Communion Hymn

Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest! *(Ps. 148:1)*
Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous; praise befits the just! *(Ps. 32:1)*
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Candle Offerings for Sunday, May 24, 2026

Vigils in Altar - Table of Oblation (2)

Happy Anniversary Joe & Regina, Offered by Ann Marie & Barry

Vigils in Altar - Side Table (2)

Happy Birthday Nikolay, Offered by Guliana Holobeny

Votives in Altar

In Memory Of Philip Stefanov, Offered by Boris & Marietta

Votives in Iconostas

In Memory Of Peter Kohudic

Vigil in Side Candle Holders (2)

Happy Birthday Donna Haney

Crosses

Happy Birthday Barry Bretz, Offered by Ann Marie

Vigils on the Tetrapod (2)

Happy Birthday Victoria Dimonie, Offered by Patty Felix

Vigils on Icon Table (2)

In Memory Of Charles Lackatos, Offered by Barb, Kyra & Gregory

Vigils - Icon of the Virgin Mary (2)

Happy Birthday Lindsey Slivka, Offered by Mike & Fran Slivka

Votives - Icon of the Virgin Mary

Safe Travels Guliana, Offered by Guliana Holobeny

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

Happy Birthday Hannah Slivka, Offered by Mike & Fran Slivka

Votives - Icon of St. John the Baptist

For Health Of Victoria, Offered by Victoria Dimonie

Vigils on South Wall Window Sill (3)

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

Vigils of St. Gregory (1)

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

Vigils on North Wall Window Sill (3)

Happy 50th Anniversary Bill & Sandi Keysock, Offered by Family

Chrysostom Academy Conservatory

presents

William Shakespeare's

ROMEO & JULIET



May 27, 2026 at 6pm

Chrysostom Academy | 395 Bridle Path Road
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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: Tanner Mazur, Juliane Metz, Lisa Metz, Jess Snekot and their unborn children, Lydia Claycomb, Ruth Finlaw, and their newborn children

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