

Divine Liturgy

Sunday, May 31, 2026

8th Sunday of Pascha

Holy Pentecost - Feast of the Holy Trinity



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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 31, 2026

8th SUNDAY OF PASCHA – Tone 7. Holy Pentecost: Feast of the Holy Trinity. St. Apollonios (Apollo) of the Egyptian Thebaid (395). Apostle Hermas of the Seventy (1st c.). Martyr Hermias at Comana (2nd c.). Martyr Philosophus at Alexandria (3rd c.). Metropolitan Philotheos of Tobolsk, the Enlightener of Siberia (1727).

Fr. Nikolai's Office Hours

Monday, June 1st- Fr. Nikolai's Day Off
Wednesday, June 3rd - 12:00 pm - 5:00 pm
Friday, June 5th - 12:00 pm - 3:00 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 Damian Vansuch

Weekly & Upcoming Calendar

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

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

Saturday, June 20
Sunday, June 21

9:10 am - Reading of the Hours
9:30 am - Divine Liturgy
5:00 pm - Great Vespers

3rd Sunday After Pentecost

9:10 am - Reading of the Hours
9:30 am - Divine Liturgy
6:00 pm - Great Vespers

Tuesday, June 23
Wednesday, June 24

Nativity of St. John the Baptist

8:50 am - Reading of the Hours
9:00 am - Divine Liturgy
5:00 pm - Great Vespers

Saturday, June 27
Sunday, June 28

4th Sunday After Pentecost

9:10 am - Reading of the Hours
9:30 am - Divine Liturgy
5:00 pm - Great Vespers

Sunday, June 28
Monday, June 29

Holy Apostles Peter and Paul

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

Pierogi Making Schedule

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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The First Antiphon

The heavens are telling the glory of God; and the firmament proclaims His handiwork. *(Ps. 18:1)*

Refrain: Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us!

Day to day pours forth speech, and night to night declares knowledge. *(Ps. 18:2)*
(Refrain)

Their proclamation has gone out into all the earth, and their words to the ends of the universe. *(Ps. 18:4) (Refrain)*

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen. *(Refrain)*

The Second Antiphon

The Lord answer thee in the day of trouble; the Name of the God of Jacob protect thee! *(Ps. 19:1)*

Refrain: O Gracious Comforter, save us who sing to Thee: Alleluia!

May He send thee help from the sanctuary and give thee support from Zion!
(Ps. 19:2) (Refrain)

May He remember all thine offerings, and fulfill all thy plans! *(Ps. 19:3) (Refrain)*

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

("Only-begotten Son and immortal Word of God... ")

The Third Antiphon

In Thy strength the king rejoices, O Lord, and exults greatly in Thy salvation.
(Ps. 20:1)

Tone 8 Troparion

Blessed art Thou, O Christ our God, Who hast revealed the fishermen as most wise by sending down upon them the Holy Spirit, and through them Thou didst draw the world into Thy net. O Lover of Man, glory to Thee!

Thou hast given him his heart's desire, and hast not withheld the request of his lips. (Ps. 20:2)

Troparion of the Feast

For Thou dost meet him with goodly blessings; Thou dost set a crown of fine gold upon his head. (Ps. 20:3)

Troparion of the Feast

Entrance Verse

Be Thou exalted, O Lord, in Thy strength! We will sing and praise Thy power!
(Ps. 20:13)

Tone 8 Troparion

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Tone 8 Kontakion

When the Most High came down and confused the tongues, He divided the nations; but when He distributed the tongues of fire, He called all to unity. Therefore, with one voice we glorify the All-holy Spirit.

(Instead of the Trisagion, we sing:)

As many as have been baptized into Christ, have put on Christ. Alleluia.

Tone 8 Prokeimenon (*Pentecostarion*)

Their proclamation has gone out into all the earth, and their words to the ends of the universe. (*Ps. 18:4*)

The heavens are telling the glory of God, and the firmament proclaims His handiwork. (Ps. 18:1)

Epistle

Read Reader Nicholas Lezinsky

(Acts 2:1-11) When the Day of Pentecost had fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. Then there appeared to them divided tongues, as of fire, and one sat upon each of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance. And there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men, from every nation under heaven. And when this sound occurred, the multitude came together, and were confused, because everyone heard them speak in his own language. Then they were all amazed and marveled, saying to one another, "Look, are not all these who speak Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each in our own language in which we were born? Parthians and Medes and Elamites, those dwelling in Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya adjoining Cyrene, visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs - we hear them speaking in our own tongues the wonderful works of God."

Tone 1

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

By the Word of the Lord the heavens were made; and all their host by the Spirit of His mouth. (Ps. 32:6)

The Lord looked down from heaven, and saw all the sons of men. (Ps. 32:13)

Gospel

(John 7:37-52; 8:12) On the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried out, saying, "If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and drink. He who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, out of his heart will flow rivers of living water." But this He spoke concerning the Spirit, whom those believing in Him would receive; for the Holy Spirit was not yet given, because Jesus was not yet glorified. Therefore many from the crowd, when they heard this saying, said, "Truly this is the Prophet." Others said, "This is the Christ." But some said, "Will the Christ come out of Galilee? Has not the Scripture said that the Christ comes from the seed of David and from the town of Bethlehem, where David was?" So there was a division among the people because of Him. Now some of them wanted to take Him, but no one laid hands on Him. Then the officers came to the chief priests and Pharisees, who said to them, "Why have you not brought Him?" The officers answered, "No man ever spoke like this Man!" Then the Pharisees answered them, "Are you also deceived? Have any of the rulers or the Pharisees believed in Him? But this crowd that does not know the law is accursed." Nikodemos (he who came to Jesus by night, being one of them) said to them, "Does our law judge a man before it hears him and knows what he is doing?" They answered and said to him, "Are you also from Galilee? Search and look, for no prophet has arisen out of Galilee." Then Jesus spoke to them again, saying, "I am the light of the world. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life."

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

Rejoice, O Queen, glory of mothers and virgins! No tongue, however sweet or fluent, is eloquent enough to praise thee worthily. Every mind is overawed by thy childbearing. Therefore, with one voice, we glorify thee.

Communion Hymn

Let Thy good Spirit lead me on a level path! *(Ps. 142:12a)*
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Candle Offerings for Sunday, May 21, 2026

Vigils in Altar - Windowsill (2)

Happy Birthday Jones Tomsic, Offered by Baba & Poppy

Vigils in Altar - Table of Oblation (2)

Happy Birthday Fr. Nikolai, Offered by Your Parish Family

Vigils in Altar - Side Table (2)

In Honor Of Fr. James Mason on the 64th Anniversary of His Ordination
Offered by Mat. Pat

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)

Happy Birthday Craig Haney, Offered by Patty Felix

Crosses

Congratulations Owen Radio on Graduating High School
Offered by Baba & Poppy

Vigils on the Tetrapod (2)

Congratulations Owen Radio on Graduating High School
Offered by Mom, Dad & Ethan

Vigils on Icon Table (2)

Congratulations Owen Radio on Graduating High School
Offered by Aunt Keri, Uncle Jason, Talia & Jones

Vigils - Icon of the Virgin Mary (2)

Happy Birthday Carmen Hodson, Offered by The Lezinskys

Votives - Icon of the Virgin Mary

Happy Birthday Jones Tomsic, Offered by Mom, Dad, Talia

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

In Memory Of Mary Stetz, Offered by Pat & Tom

Votives - Icon of St. John the Baptist

In Memory Of David Roberts, Offered by Gordon & Val

Vigils on South Wall Window Sill (3)

In Memory Of Dave Roberts, Offered by Gordon & Val

Vigils of St. Gregory (1)

In Honor Of Fr. Mason, Offered by Mat. Pat & The Mason Family

Vigils of St. Paul (1)

In Honor Of Fr. Mason, Offered by Mat. Pat & The Mason Family

Vigils on North Wall Window Sill (3)

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

Vigil of St. Michael (1)

Happy Birthday Victoria Dimonie, Offered by The Lungus

Vigil of St. Andrew (1)

Happy Birthday Carmen Hodson, Offered by The Lungus

Flowers to Adorn the Icon of Pentecost - Descent of the Holy Spirit

In Honor Of Fr. James Mason's 64th Anniversary of Ordination
Offered by Mason, Podlusky, Guiducci & Hockman Families

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.