Divine Liturgy

Sunday, October 11, 2026

19th Sunday after Pentecost (3rd of Luke)

Commemoration of the Holy Fathers of the 7th Ecumenical Council

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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 October 4, 2026

19th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST — Tone 2. Fathers of the 7th Ecumenical Council. Ven. Philotheus, Patriarch of Constantinople (1379). Holy Apostle Philip of the Seventy, one of the Seven Deacons (1st c.). St. Theophanes the Confessor and Hymnographer, Bishop of Nicæa (ca. 850). Ven. Theophanes, Faster, of the Kiev Caves (Near Caves—12th c.). Ven. Leo of Optina (1841). Synaxis of the Optina elders. Virgin Martyrs Zenaïda and Philonílla, of Tarsus in Cilicia (1st c.).

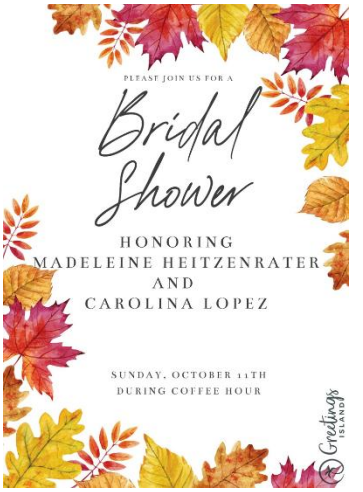
Fr. Nikolai's Office Hours

Monday, October 12th - Fr. Nikolai's Day Off
Wednesday, October 14th - 12:00 pm - 5:00 pm
Friday, October 16th – 9:00 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

The Coffee Hour today will be
a Bridal Shower In Honor of
Madeleine Heitzenrater
and
Carolina Lopez



Weekly & Upcoming Calendar

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

Friday, October 16	6:00 pm - Vespers
Saturday, October 17	9:30 am – Hierarchical Divine Liturgy with Ordination (Reception to Follow)
	5:00 pm - Great Vespers
Sunday, October 18	**20th Sunday After Pentecost**
	9:10 am – Reading of the Hours
	9:30 am – Hierarchical Divine Liturgy
	110th Anniversary Celebration following the Liturgy
Saturday, October 24	5:00 pm - Great Vespers
Sunday, October 25	**21st Sunday After Pentecost**
	9:10 am – Reading of the Hours
	9:30 am – Divine Liturgy
Saturday, October 31	5:00 pm - Great Vespers
Sunday, November 1	**22nd Sunday After Pentecost**
	9:10 am – Reading of the Hours
	9:30 am – Divine Liturgy

Save the Date for Sunday, October 18, 2026
St. Nicholas Russian Orthodox Church
110th Anniversary Celebration

On Saturday, October 17 we will be celebrating Rdr. John Heitzenrater's ordination to the Deaconate. To RSVP for his celebration please email john.heitzenrater@icloud.com.

On Sunday, October 18 we will have our 110th Anniversary celebratory reception. No reservations will be accepted after Sunday, October 4.

The $10 per adult nominal fee has been waived as an anonymous donor has stepped forward to cover the charge.

If you have signed up but have not yet received your tickets, please see Patty Felix.

Any questions please see Sandi Keysock or Patty Felix.

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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 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 2 Kontakion *(Resurrection)*

Hell became afraid, O almighty Savior, seeing the miracle of Thy Resurrection from the tomb! The dead arose! Creation, with Adam, beheld this and rejoiced with Thee, and the world, my Savior, praises Thee forever.

Tone 6 Kontakion *(Fathers)*

The Son Who shone forth from the Father was ineffably born, two-fold in nature, of a woman. Having beheld Him, we do not deny the image of His form, but depict it piously and revere it faithfully. Thus, keeping the True Faith, the Church venerates the icon of Christ Incarnate.

Tone 2 Prokeimenon *(Resurrection)*

The Lord is my strength and my song; He has become my salvation. *(Ps. 117:14)*

The Lord has chastened me sorely, but He has not given me over to death. (Ps. 117:18)

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)*

Epistle
Read by Reader Mark Hrebinka

(2 Corinthians 11:31-12:9) The God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who is blessed forever, knows that I am not lying. In Damascus the governor, under Aretas the king, was guarding the city of the Damascenes with a garrison, desiring to arrest me; but I was let down in a basket through a window in the wall, and escaped from his hands. It is doubtless not profitable for me to boast. I will come to visions and revelations of the Lord: I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago – whether in the body I do not know, or whether out of the body I do not know, God knows – such a one was caught up to the third heaven. And I know such a man – whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows – how he was caught up into Paradise and heard inexpressible words, which it is not lawful for a man to utter. Of such a one I will boast; yet of myself I will not boast, except in my infirmities. For though I might desire to boast, I will not be a fool; for I will speak the truth. But I refrain, lest anyone should think of me above what he sees me to be or hears from me. And lest I should be exalted above measure by the abundance of the revelations, a thorn in the flesh was given to me, a messenger of Satan to buffet me, lest I be exalted above measure. Concerning this thing I pleaded with the Lord three times that it might depart from me. And He said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness." Therefore most gladly I will rather boast in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

(Hebrews 13:7-16 *(Fathers)*) Remember those who rule over you, who have spoken the word of God to you, whose faith follow, considering the outcome of their conduct. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever. Do not be carried about with various and strange doctrines. For it is good that the heart be established by grace, not with foods which have not profited those who have been occupied with them. We have an altar from which those who serve the tabernacle have no right to eat. For the bodies of those animals, whose blood is brought into the sanctuary by the high priest for sin, are burned outside the

camp. Therefore Jesus also, that He might sanctify the people with His own blood, suffered outside the gate. Therefore let us go forth to Him, outside the camp, bearing His reproach. For here we have no continuing city, but we seek the one to come. Therefore by Him let us continually offer the sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of our lips, giving thanks to His name. But do not forget to do good and to share, for with such sacrifices God is well pleased.

Tone 2
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

May the Lord hear thee in the day of trouble! May the name of the God of Jacob protect thee! (Ps. 19:1)

Save the King, O Lord, and hear us on the day we call! (Ps. 19:9)
Tone 1
The Lord, the God of gods, speaks and summons the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting. (Ps. 49:1)

Gospel

(Luke 7:11-16) Now it happened, the day after, that He went into a city called Nain; and many of His disciples went with Him, and a large crowd. And when He came near the gate of the city, behold, a dead man was being carried out, the only son of his mother; and she was a widow. And a large crowd from the city was with her. When the Lord saw her, He had compassion on her and said to her, "Do not weep." Then He came and touched the open coffin, and those who carried him stood still. And He said, "Young man, I say to you, arise." So he who was dead sat up and began to speak. And He presented him to his mother. Then fear came upon all, and they glorified God, saying, "A great prophet has risen up among us"; and, "God has visited His people."

(John 17:1-13 (Fathers)) 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.

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, October 11, 2026

Vigils in Altar – Windowsill (2)
Happy Birthday Matthew, Offered by Mom & Dad

Vigils in Altar – Table of Oblation (2)
Happy Birthday Matthew, Offered by Mom & Dad

Vigils in Altar – Side Table (2)
Happy Birthday Lori, Offered by Mom & Dad

Votives in Altar
In Memory Of Philip Stefanov, Offered by Boris & Marietta

Vigil in Side Candle Holders (2)
In Memory Of John & George Felix, Offered by Patty Felix

Crosses
Happy Anniversary Daniel & Emily, Offered by Guliana Holobeny

Vigils on the Tetrapod (2)
In Memory Of Mom, Dad & Joan, Offered by Pat & Tom

Vigils on Icon Table (2)
In Memory Of Mom, Dad & Joan, Offered by Pat & Tom

Vigils – Icon of the Virgin Mary (2)
Happy Birthday Leona Roberts, Offered by Uncle Gordon & Aunt Val

Votives – Icon of the Virgin Mary
Happy Birthday Mom & Dad, Offered by Sophia & Jacob

Vigils – Icon of St. John the Baptist (2)
Happy Birthday Greg Konsevitch, Offered by Val & Gordon

Votives – Icon of St. John the Baptist
Happy Birthday Lori, Offered by Mom & Dad

Vigils of St. Gregory (1)
In Honor Of Isabelle Mou, Offered by Nicholas & Carolina

Vigils of St. Paul (1)
In Honor Of Christian, Offered by Nicholas & Carolina

Vigils on North Wall Window Sill (3)
In Honor Of Anthony, Offered by Nicholas & Carolina

Vigil of St. Michael (1)
For Health Of Tania J., Offered by Nicholas & Carolina

Vigil of St. Andrew (1)
For Health Of Tania J., Offered by Nicholas & Carolina

A Note Of Thanks

Many thanks to all those who helped with the making of our delicious halupki (2,000 this time!) for our upcoming halupki dinner in November, and for our bazaar in December. We had a small dedicated group on Friday to core the cabbage, and another small group on Saturday to start steaming the cabbage. Then a wonderful set of helpers Sunday through Tuesday doing many different jobs. And last but not least, the night crew! They came to pack our 4 counts, and wrap and freeze the large pans, along with taking care of the cabbage for halushki. This is a daunting job that requires many hands, and I am so grateful for you all! May God continue to shine His grace upon us.

In Christ, Val Roberts

Fellowship Hall Game Drive for our Youth

On rainy or snowy Sundays when outdoor play is not an option, our children and youth need wholesome ways to unwind and connect during Coffee Hour, as well as for our upcoming Youth Group gatherings.

To help build this fellowship space for our youth, we are gratefully accepting donations of:

- Gently Used or New Board Games suitable for children and teenagers
- Financial Contributions to help purchase games and storage supplies

If you have any games that you would like to contribute, please place them in the designated box in the hall or speak with Nicole Pell.

Christmas Bazaar Prep

Dear Fellow Parishioners,

In preparation for our Annual Christmas Bazaar on Saturday, December 12, we are looking for additional help with food preparation and packaging on the following dates:

- Kiffle Prep - Need 10 people After Coffee Hour on the following Sundays: 10/11, 10/25
- Kiffle Packaging - Need 4-5 People between 4 & 6 PM on the following Wednesdays: 10/14, 10/28

If you can lend a hand, please call or text me. As the saying goes "Many hands make light work." Thank you, Damian Vansuch (484-764-9712)

Kitchen Schedule

Perogies for the Bazaar will be made the weeks of October 19, 20, 21 and November 9, 10, 11.

Lenten Pierogies will be made November 9, 2026. Please place orders by November 8. Sign up sheet is by the kitchen phone.

"One Can Can Help" Annual Food Drive

Sponsored by: RO59/NSS

We will be collecting non-perishable food products to benefit the New Bethany Ministries from October 1st through October 31st.

Please leave your generous donations in the boxes on either side of the entrance doors to the hall. They will accept nonperishable food items as well as paper products. Thank you so much!

Basket Raffle Donations Wanted

We will once again be hosting a Basket Raffle this year during the holiday season and we are looking for volunteers to donate baskets. We have a track record of offering beautiful baskets and we are hoping to uphold tradition. If you are able to make a basket, please contact Jennifer Bzik to let her know in advance.

Don't be shy if you have never made a basket for the raffle before! Jennifer will be happy to help you out. If you are interested in supporting the Basket Raffle but are not able to make a basket, please consider making a cash donation. Jennifer (and her daughter Lydia 😊) will be happy to do the shopping and prepare a basket on your behalf!

The Basket Raffle will open on Sunday, December 6th and will also be open Saturday, December 12th during the Christmas Bazaar and Sunday, December 13th during Coffee Hour. The last chance to get those tickets in will be on Sunday, December 13th before our Christmas Choir Concert, which begins at 3:30 pm. The Basket Raffle Drawing will be held following the conclusion of the concert on Sunday, December 13th.

<u>If you are planning to make a cash donation, please do so as soon as possible (no later than Sunday, November 22, 2026)</u> so that we have an opportunity to shop and prepare a basket using those funds. **<u>All donated baskets must be brought to the church by noon on Sunday, November 29, 2026</u>**. If you have any questions or would like to make a donation, please contact Jennifer Bzik. Thank you so much for your support!

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, Mary Reynolds, 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, Nikolay Fetisov, Olga Frimenko, David Gowarty, Thomas 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, Austyn Mazur, Michael Metz, Lanelle Mikolaitis, Doina Marian, Kylie Pinho, Joseph Pinkowicz, Kiera Pheiffer, William Podlusky, Kathy Porter, William Potter, Laurel Riley, Valerie 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, Jerri Williams, Irene Witanek,

Catechumens: Seth Brady, Jared Buck, Jessica Clossey, Nicholas Heacock, Eli Lerch, Taylor Magditch, Kate Maritch, Luke Maritch, Anastasia Moore, Emily Moore, Isaac Moore, Józef Moore, Mariella Moore, Michael Moore, Thérèse Moore, Anastasia Quadrino, Cecilia Quadrino, Juliana Quadrino, Meghan Quadrino, Theodora Quadrino, Christian Reichert, Sean Seidel, Adam Smith,

Handmaidens:, , Juliane Metz, Amber Metz, Jess Sneket and their unborn children, Lydia Claycomb, Ruth Finlaw, Tanner Mazur Lisa Metz and their newborn children

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