Divine Liturgy

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Holy Apostle and Evangelist Luke

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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 18, 2026

20th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST — Tone 3. Holy Apostle and Evangelist Luke (1st c.). Martyr Marinus the Elder at Anazarbus (4th c.). Ven. Julian the Hermit, of Mesopotamia (4th c.). "Machairotissa" Icon of the Mother of God.

Fr. Nikolai's Office Hours

Monday, October 19th - Fr. Nikolai's Day Off
Wednesday, October 21st - 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

110th Anniversary Celebration

Weekly & Upcoming Calendar

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

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

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Tone 3 **Troparion** *(Resurrection)*

Let the heavens rejoice! Let the earth be glad! For the Lord has shown strength with His arm. He has trampled down death by death. He has become the first born of the dead. He has delivered us from the depths of hell, and has granted to the world great mercy.

Tone 5 **Troparion** *(St. Luke)*

Let us praise with sacred songs the holy Apostle Luke, the recorder of the joyous Gospel of Christ and the scribe of the Acts of the Apostles; for his writings are a testimony of the Church of Christ. He is the physician of human weaknesses and infirmities. He heals the wounds of our souls, and constantly intercedes for our salvation.

Tone 3 **Kontakion** *(Resurrection)*

On this day Thou didst rise from the tomb, O Merciful One, leading us from the gates of death. On this day Adam exults as Eve rejoices; with the Prophets and Patriarchs they unceasingly praise the divine majesty of Thy power.

Tone 2 **Kontakion** *(St. Luke)*

Let us praise the godly Luke; he is the true preacher of piety, the orator of ineffable mysteries and the star of the Church, for the Word, Who alone knows the hearts of men, chose him, with the wise Paul, to be a teacher of the Gentiles!

Tone 3 **Prokeimenon** *(Resurrection)*

Sing praises to our God, sing praises! Sing praises to our King, sing praises! *(Ps. 46:6)*

Clap your hands, all peoples! Shout to God with loud songs of joy! (Ps. 46:1)

Tone 8 **Prokeimenon** *(St. Luke)*

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

Epistle
Read by Reader Matthew Lezinsky

(Galatians 1:11-19) But I make known to you, brethren, that the gospel which was preached by me is not according to man. For I neither received it from man, nor was I taught it, but it came through the revelation of Jesus Christ. For you have heard of my former conduct in Judaism, how I persecuted the church of God beyond measure and tried to destroy it. And I advanced in Judaism beyond many of my contemporaries in my own nation, being more exceedingly zealous for the traditions of my fathers. But when it pleased God, who separated me from my mother's womb and called me through His grace, to reveal His Son in me, that I might preach Him among the Gentiles, I did not immediately confer with flesh and blood, nor did I go up to Jerusalem to those who were apostles before me; but I went to Arabia, and returned again to Damascus. Then after three years I went up to Jerusalem to see Peter, and remained with him fifteen days. But I saw none of the other apostles except James, the Lord's brother.

(Colossians 4:5-9, 14, 18 *(St. Luke)*) Walk in wisdom toward those who are outside, redeeming the time. Let your speech always be with grace, seasoned with salt, that you may know how you ought to answer each one. Tychicus, a beloved brother, faithful minister, and fellow servant in the Lord, will tell you all the news about me. I am sending him to you for this very purpose, that he may know your circumstances and comfort your hearts, with Onesimus, a faithful and beloved brother, who is one of you. They will make known to you all things which are happening here. Luke the beloved physician and Demas greet you. This salutation by my own hand – Paul. Remember my chains. Grace be with you. Amen.

Tone 3
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

In Thee, O Lord, have I hoped; let me never be put to shame! (Ps. 30:1a)

Be a God of protection for me, a house of refuge in order to save me! (Ps. 30:2b)

Tone 1
The heavens will praise Thy wonders, O Lord; and Thy truth in the congregation of the saints. (Ps. 88:5)

Gospel

(Luke 8:5-15) "A sower went out to sow his seed. And as he sowed, some fell by the wayside; and it was trampled down, and the birds of the air devoured it. Some fell on rock; and as soon as it sprang up, it withered away because it lacked moisture. And some fell among thorns, and the thorns sprang up with it and choked it. But others fell on good ground, sprang up, and yielded a crop a hundredfold." When He had said these things He cried, "He who has ears to hear, let him hear!" Then His disciples asked Him, saying, "What does this parable mean?" And He said, "To you it has been given to know the mysteries of the kingdom of God, but to the rest it is given in parables, that 'Seeing they may not see, And hearing they may not understand.' Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God. Those by the wayside are the ones who hear; then the devil comes and takes away the word out of their hearts, lest they should believe and be saved. But the ones on the rock are those who, when they hear, receive the word with joy; and these have no root, who believe for a while and in time of temptation fall away. Now the ones that fell among thorns are those who, when they have heard, go out and are choked with cares, riches, and pleasures of life, and bring no fruit to maturity. But the ones that fell on the good ground are those who, having heard the word with a noble and good heart, keep it and bear fruit with patience.

(Luke 10:16-21 *(St. Luke)*) He who hears you hears Me, he who rejects you rejects Me, and he who rejects Me rejects Him who sent Me." Then the seventy returned with joy, saying, "Lord, even the demons are subject to us in Your name." And He said to them, "I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven. Behold, I give you the authority to trample on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall by any means hurt you. Nevertheless do not rejoice in this, that the spirits are subject to you, but rather rejoice because your names are written in heaven." In that hour Jesus rejoiced in the Spirit and said, "I thank You, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that You have hidden these things from the wise and prudent and revealed them to babes. Even so, Father, for so it seemed good in Your sight.

Communion Hymn

Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest! *(Ps. 148:1)*
Their proclamation has gone out into all the earth, and their words to the ends of the universe. *(Ps. 18:4)*
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Candle Offerings for Sunday, October 18, 2026

Vigils in Altar – Windowsill (2)
In Memory of Alexander Radchuk, Offered by Bill & Sandi Keysock

Vigils in Altar – Table of Oblation (2)
In Memory Of Pauline Radchuk, Offered by Bill & Sandi Keysock

Vigils in Altar – Side Table (2)
Happy Anniversary Olga & Nikolay (Guliana's Parents)
Offered by Guliana Holobeny

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

Votives in Iconostas
In Honor Of Luke Shadid's Birthday, Offered by Fr. Michael & Mat. Susan Kon

Vigil in Side Candle Holders (2)
In Memory Of Mom, Dad & Joan , Offered by Pat & Tom

Crosses
In Memory Of Mary Roberts, Offered by Gordon, Val & Family

Vigils on the Tetrapod (2)
In Honor Of Fr. Christopher Shadid, Offered by Fr. Michael & Mat. Susan Kon

Vigils on Icon Table (2)
In Memory Of the Hasenecz Family, Offered by Bill & Sandi Keysock

Vigils – Icon of the Virgin Mary (2)
In Memory Of Pauline Radchuk, Offered by Bill & Sandi Keysock

Votives – Icon of the Virgin Mary
Happy Birthday Dale Konsevitch, Offered by Val & Gordon

Vigils – Icon of St. John the Baptist (2)
In Memory Of Olga Sawarynski, Offered by Goddaughter Sandi

Votives – Icon of St. John the Baptist
In Honor Of The Newly Ordained Deacon John Heitzenrater
Offered by Friends

Vigils on South Wall Window Sill (3)
In Memory Of Archpriest Eugene Vansuch, Offered by The Vansuch Family

Vigils of St. Gregory (1)
In Honor Of Mario, Sonia, Christopher & Jeanne
Offered by Nicholas & Carolina

Vigils of St. Paul (1)
In Honor Of Mario, Sonia, Christopher & Jeanne
Offered by Nicholas & Carolina

Vigils on North Wall Window Sill (3)
In Honor Of Mario, Sonia, Christopher & Jeanne
Offered by Nicholas & Carolina

Vigil of St. Michael (1)
In Memory Of Michael Stetz, Offered by Pat & Tom

Vigil of St. Andrew (1)
In Honor Of Andrew Petrides, Offered by Fr. Michael & Mat. Susan Kon

Flowers to Adorn the Icon of Nicholas
In Honor Of The 110th Anniversary of the Parish
In Memory Of Joan Stetz, Offered by Pat & Tom

Directory Information Letters

Every person who wishes to be included in the upcoming edition of the Parish Directory must review their contact information. Individual letters showing what information we have on file are being handed out at the Candle Desk. If you have not picked yours up, please do so today. If you have picked up your letter, please review and return it by November 1st. Please return the letters even if there are no changes needed to your contact information. Thank you!

The Psalter

Advent is almost upon us and I was asked if we could have a Psalter Group. There will be a sign up sheet at the candle desk if you would like to participate in reading the Psalter together as a church family. During Great Lent it was a success! If you are interested please sign up at the Candle Desk and include your email. If you do not have an email address I will gladly make sure you have a paper copy of the individuals in the group and your starting psalm.

How it works:
The Psalter is divided into twenty sections, or kathismas. So to start a group, all you need is twenty people willing to commit to reading one kathisma per day. Each kathisma takes approximately fifteen to twenty minutes to read. On the first day of the fast, each person begins reading a different kathisma.

For Example:

- On Day One: Someone (ex: Patricia) would begin on Kathisma 1, I would read Kathisma 2, Michelle would read Kathisma 3, you would read Kathisma 4, and so on.
- On day Two: Patricia would read Kathisma 2, I would read Kathisma 3, Michelle would read Kathisma 4, you would read Kathisma 5, and so on. The person who had Kathisma 20 would read Kathisma 1.

We continue in this manner until we reach the end Kathisma 20. And with twenty people each reading one Kathisma per day, between them the Psalter is being read in its entirety everyday of that fasting period. On the twenty-first day, we begin again where we started, individually reading the entire Psalter a total of twice during the forty days.

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: 10/25
- Kiffle Packaging - Need 4-5 People between 4 & 6 PM on the following Wednesdays: 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, Kevin Walter, 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: Amber Metz, Jess Sneket and their unborn children, Lydia Claycomb, Ruth Finlaw, Julianne (Metz) Kahl, Tanner Mazur, Lisa Metz and their newborn children

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