Divine Liturgy

Sunday, October 25, 2026

21st Sunday after Pentecost (5th of 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

21st SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST — Tone 4. Martyrs Marcian and Martyrius, the Notaries of Constantinople (ca. 355). Ven. Martyrii (Martyrius) the Deacon, Recluse of the Kiev Caves (Far Caves—13th-14th c.). Martyr Athanasius the Fuller, at Salona in Dalmatia (3rd c.). St. Tabitha, the widow raised from the dead by the Apostle Peter (1st c.).

Fr. Nikolai's Office Hours

Monday, October 26th - Fr. Nikolai's Day Off
Wednesday, October 28th - 12:00 pm - 5:00 pm
Friday, October 30th – 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

Coffee Hour Today is hosted by Jerri Williams

Weekly & Upcoming Calendar

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

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
Thursday, November 5	9:00 am – Akathist to the Theotokos, Nurturer of Children
Saturday, November 7	4:30 pm – Monthly General Panikhida
	5:00 pm - Great Vespers

Sunday, November 8	**Synaxis of the Archangel Michael and the Other Bodiless Powers**
	9:10 am – Reading of the Hours
	9:30 am – Divine Liturgy
Saturday, November 14	5:00 pm - Great Vespers
Sunday, November 15	**24th Sunday After Pentecost**
	Beginning of the Nativity Fast
	9:10 am – Reading of the Hours
	9:30 am – Divine Liturgy
Friday, November 20	6:00 pm - Great Vespers
Saturday, November 21	**Entry of the Most-Holy Theotokos into the Temple**
	9:10 am – Reading of the Hours
	9:30 am – Divine Liturgy
	5:00 pm - Great Vespers
Sunday, November 22	**25th Sunday After Pentecost**
	9:10 am – Reading of the Hours
	9:30 am – Divine Liturgy
Saturday, November 28	5:00 pm - Great Vespers
Sunday, November 29	**26th Sunday After Pentecost**
	9:10 am – Reading of the Hours
	9:30 am – Divine Liturgy

Upcoming Parish Council Meeting

Parish Council Meeting – Wednesday, November 4, 2026 at 7:00 pm.

Some may not know, but Council Meetings are open to all Parishioners to observe. If you wish to attend, please let Fr. Nikolai or Jen know, so we know to expect you.

Preparing for Veterans Day

Parish Faithful,
We would like to refresh our list of St. Nicholas Veterans, so please take a moment to let us know of anyone who should be listed in the bulletin for Veterans Day. Please include the Veteran's name and branch of service. Kindly submit all names no later than Wednesday, November 4, 2026. Thank you!

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Tone 4 Troparion *(Resurrection)*

When the women disciples of the Lord learned from the angel the joyous message of Thy Resurrection, they cast away the ancestral curse and elatedly told the apostles: "Death is overthrown! Christ God is risen, granting the world great mercy!"

Tone 3 Troparion *(Martyrs)*

In holy zeal you dispelled the error of Arius and proclaimed the Trinity, one in essence. Holy martyrs Marcian and Martyrius, unshaken bulwarks of Orthodoxy, entreat Christ our God to grant us His great mercy!

Tone 4 Kontakion *(Resurrection)*

My Savior and Redeemer as God rose from the tomb and delivered the earth-born from their chains. He has shattered the gates of hell, and as Master, He has risen on the third day!

Tone 4 Kontakion *(Martyrs)*

From your youth you were good athletes, wise Marcian and Martyrius, vanquishing the Arian heretics; you kept the faith perfect by following in the footsteps of your bishop and teacher Paul, therefore, you are worthy to be with him in eternal life, as respected defenders of the Holy Trinity.

Tone 4 Prokeimenon *(Resurrection)*

O Lord, how manifold are Thy works; in wisdom hast Thou made them all.
(Ps. 103:26)

Bless the Lord, O my soul! O Lord, my God, Thou art very great! (Ps. 103:1)

Epistle
Read by Reader Michael Metz

(Galatians 2:16-20) knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law but by faith in Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Christ Jesus, that we might be justified by faith in Christ and not by the works of the law; for by the works of the law no flesh shall be justified. But if, while we seek to be justified by Christ, we ourselves also are found sinners, is Christ therefore a minister of sin? Certainly not! For if I build again those things which I destroyed, I make myself a transgressor. For I through the law died to the law that I might live to God. I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.

Tone 4
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Go forth, prosper and reign, for the sake of meekness, righteousness and truth! (Ps. 44:3b)

For Thou lovest righteousness, and hatest iniquity. (Ps. 44:6)

Gospel

(Luke 16:19-31) There was a certain rich man who was clothed in purple and fine linen and fared sumptuously every day. But there was a certain beggar named Lazarus, full of sores, who was laid at his gate, desiring to be fed with the crumbs which fell from the rich man's table. Moreover the dogs came and licked his sores. So it was that the beggar died, and was carried by the angels to Abraham's bosom. The rich man also died and was buried. And being in torments in Hades, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom. Then he cried and said, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus that he may dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am tormented in this flame.' But Abraham said, 'Son, remember that in your lifetime you received your good things, and likewise Lazarus evil things; but now he is comforted and you are tormented. And besides all this, between us and you there is a great gulf fixed, so that those who want to pass from here to you

cannot, nor can those from there pass to us.' Then he said, 'I beg you therefore, father, that you would send him to my father's house, for I have five brothers, that he may testify to them, lest they also come to this place of torment.' Abraham said to him, 'They have Moses and the prophets; let them hear them.' And he said, 'No, father Abraham; but if one goes to them from the dead, they will repent.' But he said to him, 'If they do not hear Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded though one rise from the dead.'"

Communion Hymn

Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest! *(Ps. 148:1)*
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Candle Offerings for Sunday, October 25, 2026

Vigils in Altar – Table of Oblation (2)
Safe Travels Don L& Guliana, Offered by Guliana Holobeny

Vigils in Altar – Side Table (2)
Happy Birthday Ola Tatusko, Offered by Ann Marie & Barry

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

Votives in Iconostas
In Honor Of Fr. Christopher Shadid, Offered by Fr. Michael & Mat. Susan Kon

Crosses
In Memory Of Tatiana Alekseevna Rodzianko, Offered by Nick & Judy Lezinsky

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 Anniversary Nicholas & Tosha Roberts, Offered by Mom & Dad

Votives – Icon of the Virgin Mary
Happy Birthday Naomi, With Love from Mom, Dad, Tanis & Jack

Vigils – Icon of St. John the Baptist (2)
In Honor Of Gregory & Jennifer Monarek on their First Wedding Anniversary
Offered by Mom & Kyra

Votives – Icon of St. John the Baptist
In Honor Of Gregory & Jennifer Monarek on their First Wedding Anniversary
Offered by Mom & Kyra

Vigils on South Wall Window Sill (3)
In Memory Of Tatiana Alekseevna Rodzianko, Offered by Nick & Judy Lezinsky

Vigils of St. Gregory (1)
In Memory Of Tatiana Alekseevna Rodzianko, Offered by Nick & Judy Lezinsky

Vigils of St. Paul (1)
In Memory Of Tatiana Alekseevna Rodzianko, Offered by Nick & Judy Lezinsky

Vigils on North Wall Window Sill (3)
In Memory Of Tatiana Alekseevna Rodzianko, Offered by Nick & Judy Lezinsky

Vigil of St. Michael (1)
In Memory Of Tatiana Alekseevna Rodzianko, Offered by Nick & Judy Lezinsky

Vigil of St. Andrew (1)
In Memory Of Tatiana Alekseevna Rodzianko, Offered by Nick & Judy Lezinsky

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.

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.

Directory Information Letters

Please review and return Directory Information Confirmation letters by November 1st. Please return the letters even if there are no changes needed to your contact information. Thank you!

Cleanliness is Next to Godliness

We have noticed that in recent weeks there has been an unusual increase in the instances of children's things not being tidied up when children are done playing. Please ensure that if your children are enjoying the books in the Narthex or outside the Fellowship Hall, they are putting books back on the shelves when they are done. Also, if children are playing with the outdoor entertainment equipment, all toys should be put away when play is finished. As always, if you or your children cause an accidental mess (or if you notice a mess that you did not create), please take the time to clean it up if you are able, or notify a parish council member so that it can be handled promptly. It is our shared responsibility to maintain the house of Our Lord. Your help in this matter is deeply appreciated.

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, November 2, 3, 4 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 and her unborn child, Lydia Claycomb, Ruth Finlaw, Julianne (Metz) Kahl, Tanner Mazur, Lisa Metz, Jess Sneket and their newborn children

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