Divine Liturgy

Sunday, November 1, 2026

22nd Sunday after Pentecost (6th 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 November 1, 2026

22nd SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST — Tone 5. Holy Wonderworkers and Unmercenaries Cosmas and Damian of Mesopotamia, and their mother, St. Theodota. Hieromartyrs John the Bishop and Jacob (James) the Presbyter, of Persia (ca. 345). Martyrs Kyriaina and Juliana in Cilicia (4th c.). Martyr Hermenegild the Goth of Spain (586). Martyrs Cæsarius, Dacius, Savva, Sabinian, Agrippa, Adrian, and Thomas, at Damascus (7th c.). Monastic Martyrs James and his two disciples, James the Deacon, and Dionysios the Monk (Mt. Athos—1520).

Fr. Nikolai's Office Hours

Monday, November 2nd - Fr. Nikolai's Day Off
Wednesday, November 4th - 12:00 pm - 5:00 pm
Friday, November 6th – 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
In Honor Of Geoffrey & Tonia LoBalbo

Weekly & Upcoming Calendar

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

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	3:00 pm – 6:00 pm – Halupki Dinner
	6:00 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!

Directory Information Letters – DUE TODAY!!!

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Tone 5 Troparion *(Resurrection)*

Let us, the faithful, praise and worship the Word, co-eternal with the Father and the Spirit, born for our salvation from the Virgin; for He willed to be lifted up on the Cross in the flesh, to endure death, and to raise the dead by His glorious Resurrection.

Tone 8 Troparion *(Unmercenaries)*

Holy Unmercenaries and Wonderworkers, Cosmas and Damian, heal our infirmities. Freely you have received; freely you give to us.

Tone 5 Kontakion *(Resurrection)*

Thou didst descend into hell, O my Savior, shattering its gates as Almighty, resurrecting the dead as Creator, and destroying the sting of death. Thou hast delivered Adam from the curse, O Lover of man, and we cry to Thee: "O Lord, save us!"

Tone 2 Kontakion *(Unmercenaries)*

Having received the grace of healing, you grant healing to those in need. Glorious wonder-workers and healers, Cosmas and Damian, visit us and put down the insolence of our enemies, and bring healing to the world through your miracles!

Tone 5 Prokeimenon *(Resurrection)*

Thou, O Lord, shalt protect us and preserve us from this generation forever. *(Ps. 11:7)*

Save me, O Lord, for there is no longer any that is godly! (Ps. 11:1a)

Epistle
Read by Tricia Metz

(Galatians 6:11-18) See with what large letters I have written to you with my own hand! As many as desire to make a good showing in the flesh, these would compel you to be circumcised, only that they may not suffer persecution for the cross of Christ. For not even those who are circumcised keep the law, but they desire to have you circumcised that they may boast in your flesh. But God forbid that I should boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision avails anything, but a new creation. And as many as walk according to this rule, peace and mercy be upon them, and upon the Israel of God. From now on let no one trouble me, for I bear in my body the marks of the Lord Jesus. Brethren, the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit. Amen.

Tone 5
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

I will sing of Thy mercies, O Lord, forever; with my mouth I will proclaim Thy truth from generation to generation. (Ps. 88:1-2)

For Thou hast said: Mercy will be established forever; Thy truth will be prepared in the heavens. (Ps. 88:3)

Gospel

(Luke 8:26-39) Then they sailed to the country of the Gadarenes, which is opposite Galilee. And when He stepped out on the land, there met Him a certain man from the city who had demons for a long time. And he wore no clothes, nor did he live in a house but in the tombs. When he saw Jesus, he cried out, fell down before Him, and with a loud voice said, "What have I to do with You, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg You, do not torment me!" For He had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. For it had often seized him, and he was kept under guard, bound with chains and shackles; and he broke the bonds and was driven by the demon into the wilderness. Jesus asked him, saying, "What is your name?" And he said, "Legion," because many demons

had entered him. And they begged Him that He would not command them to go out into the abyss. Now a herd of many swine was feeding there on the mountain. So they begged Him that He would permit them to enter them. And He permitted them. Then the demons went out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd ran violently down the steep place into the lake and drowned. When those who fed them saw what had happened, they fled and told it in the city and in the country. Then they went out to see what had happened, and came to Jesus, and found the man from whom the demons had departed, sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. And they were afraid. They also who had seen it told them by what means he who had been demon-possessed was healed. Then the whole multitude of the surrounding region of the Gadarenes asked Him to depart from them, for they were seized with great fear. And He got into the boat and returned. Now the man from whom the demons had departed begged Him that he might be with Him. But Jesus sent him away, saying, "Return to your own house, and tell what great things God has done for you." And he went his way and proclaimed throughout the whole city what great things Jesus had done for him.

Communion Hymn

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

Candle Offerings for Sunday, November 1, 2026

Vigils in Altar – Windowsill (2)
In Honor Of Austin & Maddie

Vigils in Altar – Table of Oblation (2)
Happy Birthday Maxine Marsh, Offered by Ann Marie & Barry

Vigils in Altar – Side Table (2)
Happy Anniversary Sarah & Peter, Offered by Ann Marie & Barry

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

Votives in Iconostas
In Honor Of Maddie & Austin

Vigil in Side Candle Holders (2)
In Honor Of Austin & Maddie

Crosses
Happy Anniversary Peter & Sarah Jubinski, Offered by Dan & Jean Jubinski

Vigils on the Tetrapod (2)
In Honor Of Austin & Maddie, Offered by Radu & Aliana

Vigils on Icon Table (2)
In Honor Of Nicholas & Carolina, Offered by Radu & Aliana

Vigils – Icon of the Virgin Mary (2)
In Memory Of Mom, Dad & Joan, Offered by Pat & Tom

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Vigils – Icon of St. John the Baptist (2)
Happy Birthday Tom Grammes, Offered by Pat

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Vigils on South Wall Window Sill (3)
In Memory Of Nicolae – First Anniversary of Repose, Offered by Radu & Aliana

Vigils of St. Gregory (1)
In Honor Of Maddie & Austin

Vigils of St. Paul (1)
In Honor Of Matthew Shadid, Offered by Fr. Michael & Mat. Susan Kon

Vigils on North Wall Window Sill (3)
In Memory Of Nicolae – First Anniversary of Repose, Offered by Radu & Aliana

Vigil of St. Michael (1)
In Honor Of Austin & Maddie

Vigil of St. Andrew (1)
In Honor Of Maddie & Austin

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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.
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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.

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.

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.

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.