

St. Nicholas Orthodox Christian Church

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Sunday, October 6, 2019

Sunday, October 6

-9:00 AM – Adult Education

-9:40 AM – 3rd and 6th Hours

-10:00 AM – Divine Liturgy

Wednesday, October 9

-9:00 AM – No Divine Liturgy – I will be at St. Tikhon's Seminary.

Thursday, October 10

-8:30 AM – Pierogi Making

Friday, October 11

-8:30 AM – Pierogi Making

Saturday, October 12

-8:30 AM - Pierogi Making

-4:30 PM - Confessions

-4:45 PM – 9th Hour

-5:00 PM – Vespers

Sunday, October 13

-9:00 AM – Adult Education

-9:40 AM – 3rd and 6th Hours

-10:00 AM – Divine Liturgy Followed by a St. Marion Sisterhood Meeting

Please note that the Sisterhood will be making sauerkraut pierogi this week on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday in preparation for the Bazaar in November. Please join us and participate in this enjoyable church project. Also, the Sisterhood will hold a meeting on Sunday, October 13, 2019 following Divine Liturgy.

A Panikhida for the Ever-Memorable Servant of God, Fr. Stephen Mack will be held on Tuesday October 22, 2019 at 5:00 PM on the second anniversary of his entering into Eternal Life. May his memory be eternal!

Please join with the growing number of contributors to the Distinguished Diocesan Benefactor Program. Funds received are used to support Seminarian Scholarships, mission parishes, and older parishes that are struggling to continue their work in smaller communities. Contributions of any amount are gratefully accepted. May God Bless You richly for your generosity to our own St. Nicholas Parish and the Diocese!

**Please Keep In Your Prayers the Servants of God,
Newly Departed: Archbishop Nikon (Oct 10)**

Relatives and Friends in the Military: Joshua, Daniel, John, Michael and Aaron

Ill Servants: Archpriest John Chupeck, Archpriest Herman Shick, Archpriest Ken James Stavrevsky, Mother Onuphria, Irene Bashta, Claudia Bashta, Ann Bandas, Alexander Wasilenko, Christian Lupo, Kelly Lupo, Rocco Lupo, Olga Melnick, Clement John Wick, Helen Milliman, Michelle Pavylak, Michael Topichak, Tanya Kohut, Anthony Lupo, William Acker, Michael Panek, Karen Donch, Suzanne Schumacher, David Lupo, Elizabeth Hryvko, Ludmilla Smart, , Damian Donch, Amanda Donch Domenick and Sara Urciuoli, Margaret Flurschutz, Elizabeth Peters, Wesley Clymer, Walter, Charity, Michael, Natalie, Teresa, James, Dale, and Brendi.

To add or remove names from the list, please contact Fr. Michael. Thanks

Venerable Thais of Egypt

Commemorated on October 8

Saint Thais of Egypt, raised by her mother in a spirit far removed from Christian piety, led a depraved and dissolute life. She was famed for her beauty, leading many on the path to perdition.

The account about the prodigal Thais spread throughout all Egypt and reached even Saint Paphnutius, a strict ascetic who had converted many to salvation. Paphnutius dressed himself in worldly attire and went to Thais, giving her money as though he wished to pay for her favors. He pretended to be afraid that someone would see them, so he asked her if there were a place they would not be discovered. Thais said that they could lock the door and enjoy complete privacy. “But if you fear God,” she said, “there is no place where you can hide from Him.” Seeing that she knew about God and the punishment of the wicked, the Elder asked why she led a sinful life and enticed others to ruin their souls. He told her about the eternal punishment she would have to face for her own sins, and for the people who had been corrupted and destroyed by her.

The words of Saint Paphnutius so affected the sinner that she gathered up all her riches acquired through her shameful life, then set them afire in the city square. Then Saint Paphnutius shut her up in a small cell, where for three years she dwelt in seclusion. Turning toward the East, Thais constantly repeated the short prayer, “My Creator, have mercy on me!” “From the moment I entered into the cell,” said Thais to the Elder before her death, “all my sins constantly were before my eyes, and I wept when I remembered them.”

Saint Paphnutius replied “It is for your tears, and not for the austerity of your seclusion, that the Lord has granted you mercy.”

Saint Thais was ill for three days, then fell asleep in the Lord. So this woman, who had been a harlot and a sinner, has entered the Kingdom of God before us (Mt. 21:31). Saint Paul the Simple (October 4) saw in a vision the place prepared for the penitent Thais in Paradise. (OCA Lives of the Saints)