



## *Weekly Bulletin - Sunday, September 8, 2024*

### Schedule of Services and Events

Date	Time	Service/Event
Sunday, September 8	8:40 a.m.	Hours
Sunday, September 8	9:00 a.m.	Divine Liturgy
Tuesday, September 10	6:00 p.m.	Great Vespers - Beheading of St. John the Baptist
Saturday, September 14	5:00 p.m.	Great Vespers, Confessions
Sunday, September 15	8:40 a.m.	Hours
Sunday, September 15	9:00 a.m.	Divine Liturgy
Sunday, September 15	Following Liturgy	<a href="#">Church picnic</a> at Breneman Park (See below for details)
Wednesday, September 18	6:00 p.m.	Great Vespers - Archangel Michael
Friday, September 20	6:00 p.m.	Vigil - Nativity of Our Most Holy Lady the Theotokos and Ever-Virgin Mary
Saturday, September 21	8:40 a.m.	Hours
Saturday, September 21	9:00 a.m.	Divine Liturgy - Nativity of Our Most Holy Lady the Theotokos and Ever-Virgin Mary
Saturday, September 21	5:00 p.m.	Great Vespers, Confessions
Sunday, September 22	8:40 a.m.	Hours
Sunday, September 22	9:00 a.m.	Divine Liturgy
Sunday, September 22	Following Liturgy	40th day Panikhida for Theodore Salaneck, Memorial meal
Thursday, September 26	6:00 p.m.	Vigil - The Universal Exaltation of the Precious and Life-giving Cross
Friday, September 27	8:40 a.m.	Hours
Friday, September 27	9:00 a.m.	Divine Liturgy - The Universal Exaltation of the Precious and Life-giving Cross
Saturday, September 28	5:00 p.m.	Great Vespers, Confessions

Sunday, September 29	8:40 a.m.	Hours
Sunday, September 29	9:00 a.m.	Divine Liturgy

## Synaxarion for the Beginning of the Indiction (the Church New Year beginning on September 14/September 1)

On the first of this month [September], is the beginning of the Indiction, namely the New Year.

Verses

Bless for us the Indiction of the New Year,  
O You Who are both Ancient and for mankind New  
(namely You, O Christ).

We should know, brethren, that the Holy Church of God celebrates today the Indiction, for three reasons.

First, because it is the new year, and many of the old Romans honored it from ancient times. In Latin the word Indiction means "boundry."\*

Second, the Church celebrates because on this day our Lord Jesus Christ went to the Synagogue of the Jews, and was given the Book of the Prophet Isaiah, as Luke the Evangelist writes (Lk. 4). And when the Lord opened the scroll - O the wonder! - He found that place, namely the sixty-first chapter of Isaiah, in which it says the following words: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to set the oppressed free, to proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord." When the Lord read these words, He rolled up the scroll and gave it to the attendant. Then He sat down and said to the people: "Today the words of this prophecy have been fulfilled in your hearing." Hearing this, the people were astounded by these graceful words which came out of His mouth, as Luke the Evangelist writes.\*\*

There is also a third reason why the Church remembers the Indiction today, and celebrates the beginning of the new year: that is, in the hymns and prayers which we offer to God on this feast, we ask that God be gracious to us and bless the new year, and that He grant it prosperity and full of all the physical good things. And that He illumine our nous [the spiritual organ of the heart], that we pass the entire year in purity and with a good conscience, and that we be well pleasing to God by keeping His commandments, so that by this we may acquire eternal heavenly good things.

Notes:

\* The indiction was a proclamation made every fifteen years in the later Roman Empire, fixing the valuation of property to be used as a basis for taxation. This cycle of fifteen years began during the reign of Constantine the Great in 313 A.D. By the late fourth century it was being used to date documents throughout the Mediterranean. In the Eastern Roman Empire outside of Egypt, the first day of its year was September 23, the birthday of Augustus. During the last half of the fifth century, probably 462, this shifted to September 1, where it remained throughout the rest of the Roman Empire till 1453, and used in places beyond this time until the 16th century. In 537, Justinian decreed that all dates must include the indiction via Novella 47, which eventually caused the Roman year to begin on September 1.

\*\* Some believe that this event took place in the second year of the Lord's ministry, since first He performed the miracle at Cana, then He spoke with the Samaritan woman at the well, then He preached the gospel of the kingdom in Galilee, and after working many signs in Capernaum, He went to Nazareth where He made this proclamation.

Apolytikion in the Second Tone

Lord of the universe who by Thy power hast established the times and seasons, bless this year with Thy goodness, preserve our rulers and keep Thy flock in peace, through the prayers of the Mother of God, and save us.

Kontakion in the Fourth Tone

Creator and Lord of the ages, God of all, transcendent in essence: Bless this year. Save all who worship and cry: Grant us a fruitful year, O Compassionate Redeemer.

## Update: Building Fund

The masonry restoration work is scheduled to begin in October. It is expected to take about two weeks and should not interfere with any church services. The work includes repointing the whole front wall, repointing the cupola, repointing 11 foot sections on each side extending from the front, repointing the chimney, applying water repellent to the repointed areas, repairing two windowsills, and repairing the steps. The total cost will be about \$29,000-\$30,000. A down payment of \$7,000 was made to schedule the job. The building fund currently has a total of about \$20,000 after making the down payment. The balance of \$22,000-\$23,000 will need to be paid after the job is complete.

*Please consider donating to the building fund to help us reach this goal of \$3,000.* To donate specifically to the building fund, please use the special blue envelopes that are available at the candle stand, select the building fund for [online](#) donations, or otherwise designate your donation accordingly.

## Picnic

A church picnic will be held following Liturgy on Sunday, September 15, 2024, at Breneman Park pavilion, 2914 Reedy Road, Sinking Spring, PA 19608.

*Everyone is welcome to bring baseball gloves and bats for a casual game of baseball after the meal.*

If you would like to bring food or drinks, please sign up [here](#).

## Psalter Prayer Group

The Psalter prayer group is currently in need of one more person. If you have not participated in the past, this is how it works. Each person is assigned a different kathisma to start. Each person reads one kathisma each day in sequential order, along with opening and closing prayers and prayers for the living and departed. Between the group, the entire Psalter is read each day. The Psalter prayer group usually takes breaks after Great Lent and the Nativity Fast.

If you are interested in joining the Psalter prayer group, please see [Svitlana Breniser](#). You will need to provide her with your baptismal name and 10 names for the prayer list (living or departed).

## Prayer List

Please remember the following in your prayers:

### Catechumens

Cipolle, Kate  
Rogozin, Daniel  
Rogozin, Ryelle  
Rogozin, Danielle

### Departed

Theodore

To add a name to our prayer list (health, newly departed), please reply to this email or see Fr. Daniel.

# September Celebrations

## Name Days

- September 30 - Sofia Lutcza

Many Years! Многая Лета!

If you would like to be included in the parish directory of commemoration dates (birthdays, name days, and marriage anniversaries), please submit the information in this [form](#). If you have questions, please see [Anastasia Lutcza](#).

## Reminders

**Online candle stand:** Candles and vigil lights can now be ordered [online](#) to be lit at the next service.

**Online donations:** One-time or recurring donations to the church can be made [online](#). The recurring option is a convenient way to donate and also helps to better plan our budget.

**Benevolent fund:** The benevolent fund was established to help those in need. To donate specifically to the benevolent fund, please use the special pink envelopes that are available at the candle stand, select the benevolent fund for [online](#) donations, or otherwise designate your donation accordingly.

**Building fund:** The building fund was established to save for future building projects. Our next major maintenance project will be the masonry restoration work that is scheduled to begin in early October 2024. The total cost will be about \$29,000-\$30,000. The building fund currently has a total of about \$20,000 after making the down payment of \$7,000. The balance of \$22,000-\$23,000 will need to be paid after the job is complete. Please consider donating to the building fund to help us reach this goal of \$3,000. To donate specifically to the building fund, please use the special blue envelopes that are available at the candle stand, select the building fund for [online](#) donations, or otherwise designate your donation accordingly.

**Rectory fund:** The rectory fund was established to save for a future rectory close to the vicinity of the church. To donate specifically to the rectory fund, please use the special yellow envelopes that are available at the candle stand, select the rectory fund for [online](#) donations, or otherwise designate your donation accordingly.

**Church cleaning schedule:** The church cleaning schedule for the second half of 2024 is available [here](#). A [cleaning list](#) and other helpful information is also available for those volunteering.

**Church calendar:** You can subscribe to the church calendar (add the church calendar to your mobile device or calendar application) by using these links: [Services](#) and [Events](#).

**Boscov's Friends Helping Friends fundraiser:** Our parish is participating again in the annual Boscov's Friends Helping Friends fundraiser. The shopping passes are \$5 and are good for 25% off almost all purchases made on Tuesday, October 22, 2024, at all Boscov's locations. Our church keeps 100% of the shopping pass proceeds. If you would like to purchase a discount shopping pass or help sell them, please see Jean Salanek.

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