

# **Divine Liturgy**

Sunday, June 13, 2021

**Holy Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council**



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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 June 13, 2021

**7th SUNDAY OF PASCHA – Tone 6. Holy Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council. Afterfeast of Ascension.** Martyr Aquilina of Byblos in Syria (293). St. Triphyllius, Bishop of Leucosia (Nicosia), Cyprus (ca. 370). Ven. Andronicus (1395), disciple of Ven. Sergius of Rádonezh, and Ven. Savva (Sabbas), Abbots, of Moscow (15th c.). Martyr Antonina of Nicæa (3rd-4th c.). St. Anna and her son, St. John, of Constantinople (9th c.). 10,000 Martyrs. The Finding of the Holy Relics of Saint Nicholas the Deacon of Lesbos (1960). Transfer of the relics of Saint Paraskev  the New (1641).

## Father Matthew’s Office Hours This Week

**Wednesday** 12:00 pm – 5:00 pm

**Friday** 9:00 am – 1:00 pm

## Weekly & Upcoming Calendar

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

**Wednesday, June 16, 2021** 7:00 pm – Church History 101 with Fr. Matthew (Zoom or in person)

**Saturday, June 19, 2021** 6:00 pm - Great Vespers

**Sunday, June 20, 2021** 9:10 am – Reading of the Hours  
9:30 am – Divine Liturgy

*Save The Date – Sunday, July 25, 2021 – Fr. James Mason’s Mitre Award*

## A Reminder from the Parish Council

It has been brought to our attention there has been a notable amount of talking in the narthex prior to and following the Divine Liturgy and other services. Please be mindful that services have not ended until all people have exited the church and the prayers and choir have concluded. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

# Divine Liturgy

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## Holy Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council

**Tone 6      Troparion      (Resurrection)**

The Angelic Powers were at Thy tomb; the guards became as dead men. Mary stood by Thy grave, seeking Thy most pure body. Thou didst capture hell not being tempted by it. Thou didst come to the Virgin, granting life. O Lord, Who didst rise from the dead, glory to Thee.

**Tone 4      Troparion      (Ascension)**

Thou didst ascend in glory, O Christ our God, granting joy to Thy Disciples by the promise of the Holy Spirit. Through the blessing, they were assured that Thou art the Son of God, the Redeemer of the world!

**Tone 8      Troparion      (Fathers)**

Thou art most glorious, O Christ our God, Who hast established the Holy Fathers as lights on the earth. Through them Thou hast guided us to the True Faith. O greatly compassionate One, glory to Thee!

**Tone 8      Kontakion      (Fathers)**

The Apostles' preaching and the Fathers' doctrines have established one Faith for the Church. Adorned with the robe of truth, woven from heavenly theology, It defines and glorifies the great mystery of piety.

**Tone 6      Kontakion**

When Thou hadst fulfilled the dispensation for our sake, and united earth to heaven, Thou didst ascend in glory, O Christ our God, not being parted from those who love Thee, but remaining with them and crying: "I am with you, and there is no one against you!"

**Tone 4      Prokeimenon      (Song of the Three Holy Children)**

Blessed art Thou, O Lord God of our fathers, and praised and glorified is Thy Name forever! (Song of the Three Holy Children, v. 3)

For Thou art just in all that Thou hast done for us! (v. 4)

**Epistle**

**(Acts 20:16-18, 28-36)** For Paul had decided to sail past Ephesus, so that he would not have to spend time in Asia; for he was hurrying to be at Jerusalem, if possible, on the Day of Pentecost. From Miletus he sent to Ephesus and called for the elders of the church. And when they had come to him, he said to them: "You know, from the first day that I came to Asia, in what manner I always lived among you, Therefore take heed to yourselves and to all the flock, among which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to shepherd the church of God which He purchased with His own blood. For I know this, that after my departure savage wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock. Also from among yourselves men will rise up, speaking perverse things, to draw away the disciples after themselves. Therefore watch, and remember that for three years I did not cease to warn everyone night and day with tears. So now, brethren, I commend you to God and to the word of His grace, which is able to build you up and give you an inheritance among all those who are sanctified. I have coveted no one's silver or gold or apparel. Yes, you yourselves know that these hands have provided for my necessities, and for those who were with me. I have shown you in every way, by laboring like this, that you must support the weak. And remember the words of the Lord Jesus, that He said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'" And when he had said these things, he knelt down and prayed with them all.

**Tone 1**

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

The Lord, the God of gods, speaks and summons the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting. (Ps. 49:1)

Gather to Me My venerable ones, who made a covenant with Me by sacrifice! (Ps. 49:6)

## **Gospel**

(John 17:1-13) Jesus spoke these words, lifted up His eyes to heaven, and said: "Father, the hour has come. Glorify Your Son, that Your Son also may glorify You, as You have given Him authority over all flesh, that He should give eternal life to as many as You have given Him. And this is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent. I have glorified You on the earth. I have finished the work which You have given Me to do. And now, O Father, glorify Me together with Yourself, with the glory which I had with You before the world was. I have manifested Your name to the men whom You have given Me out of the world. They were Yours, You gave them to Me, and they have kept Your word. Now they have known that all things which You have given Me are from You. For I have given to them the words which You have given Me; and they have received them, and have known surely that I came forth from You; and they have believed that You sent Me. I pray for them. I do not pray for the world but for those whom You have given Me, for they are Yours. And all Mine are Yours, and Yours are Mine, and I am glorified in them. Now I am no longer in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to You. Holy Father, keep through Your name those whom You have given Me, that they may be one as We are. While I was with them in the world, I kept them in Your name. Those whom You gave Me I have kept; and none of them is lost except the son of perdition, that the Scripture might be fulfilled. But now I come to You, and these things I speak in the world, that they may have My joy fulfilled in themselves.

(Instead of "It is truly meet...", we sing:)

Magnify, O my soul, Christ the Giver of Life, Who hath ascended from earth to heaven!

We magnify thee, O Mother of God, who beyond reason and understanding gave birth in time to the Timeless One.

## **Communion Hymn**

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

Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous; praise befits the just! (Ps. 32:1)

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

# **Candle Offerings for Sunday, June 13, 2021**

## **Vigils in Altar**

In Honor Of Fr. James Anniversary of Ordination

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## **Crosses**

In Memory Of John Jay Radio, Offered by Greg & Rosalie

## **Vigils on the Tetrapod**

In Memory Of Michael & Mary Stetz, Offered by Pat & Joan

## **Vigils - Icon of the Virgin Mary**

Happy Birthday Jackson Matthew Slivka  
Offered by Grandparents Francine & Michael Slivka

## **Vigils - Icon of St. John the Baptist**

Happy Birthday Peter Jubinski, Offered Sarah, Dan, Jean

## **Votives - Icon of St. John the Baptist**

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# Church History 101

with Fr. Matthew



Wednesday evening  
classes resume on  
June 2nd, 2021 @ 7pm,  
in person and via Zoom

Sign up by email at  
[Assistant4StNicholas@outlook.com](mailto:Assistant4StNicholas@outlook.com)  
by Tuesday evening.

## **Greeter Schedule is back!**

The Greeters Ministry is back! Please see the candle desk to sign up to welcome visitors and our parish faithful to join us for services. If you have any questions, please contact Aliana Lungu.

## **Epistle Readers Wanted**

If you would like to read the Epistle during the Divine Liturgy, please sign up at the candle. If you have any questions, please contact Nick Lezinsky.



## **Coffee Hour is back!**

Coffee Hour is back! Please see the candle desk to sign up to host our weekly coffee hour. If you have any questions, please contact Jennifer Bzik.

## **A Note of Thanks**

Dear Parish Family,

Thank you so much for all of the Birthday Cards and well wishes, as well as your prayers, calls and cards throughout the year. It means so much to me.

Love, Pauline Kasick

## **Save The Date**

Please save the date on Sunday, July 25 we will be celebrating Fr. Mason's Mitre Award. At its Spring Session the Holy Synod of Bishops has granted Fr. James Mason the right to wear the Mitre. The parish will honor this award with a Luncheon after Liturgy on Sunday, July 25. Please plan to join us to thank Fr. James for his many years of dedicated service.

## **A Note of Thanks**

Dear St. Nicholas Parish Family,

Thank you all who planned and prepare a lovely going away coffee hour for the Distefano's! We thank you for the timely opportunity to celebrate together with our St. Nicholas parish family, and to say thank you for love and friendship over the past 12 years. We will remember our days in Bethlehem fondly and all of you that have been part of our lives. May the blessings of God be upon the parish and each of you individually, now and always.

Love, Denise & Bryan

## **Gardening Volunteers**

If you like to garden and want to help beautify the grounds of St. Nicholas Parish, please consider volunteering. We are looking to expand the number of volunteers for this service. Please contact Jennifer Bzik.

## **Raisin and Plain Paska Breads Available**

We still have some raisin and plain paska breads available. These breads were baked last year and have been frozen since that time. Please contact Maxine Marsh at 610-837-8063 if you are interested in the breads. Donations accepted.

Heavenly Father...

Physician of our souls and bodies, Who has sent Your only-begotten Son to heal every sickness and infirmity, visit and heal us, Your Servants, from all physical and spiritual ailments, through the grace of Your Son, Jesus Christ. Grant to us patience in this sickness, strength of body, and recovery of health. Lord, You have taught us through Your Word to pray for each other that we may be healed. For You are the source of healing, and to You we give glory; Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

## **Prayers for the Health of the Servants of God:**

**Metropolitan Herman**

**Igumen David Lewis**

**Archpriests:** Thomas Edwards, John Perich, Rodion Pfeifer, James Mason, Claude Vinyard, Dimitri Oselinsky, David Shewczyk, Dennis Swenki, James Weremedic

**Priests:** Matthew Joyner, Ian Shipley, John Nightingale

**Deacons:** Geoffrey LoBalbo

**Subdeacons:** Michael (Frank) Guydan

**Matushki:** Ashley Joyner, Marie Mason, Johanna Bohush, Evelyn Edwards, Paraskeva Vansuch, Myra Kovalak, Gloria Martin, Maryann Oselinsky, Priscilla Shipley, Katia Vansuch, Lisa Weremedic

**Servants:** Bethany Bruder, Mary Brzuchalski, Helen Cotirgasanu, David G. Cudlic, Roberta Cusick, Val Danchenko, Judi Diaz, Betty Fedora, Christopher Felix, Olga Frimenko, Patricia G. Fu, Walter Grigoruk, Rachel Hardesty, Nicholas Hazzard, Jonathan Hontz, Sherry Hromiak, Michael H. Isbansky, Sarah Jubinski, Pauline Kasick, Mary K. Koretski, Stephanie Koretski, David Lezinsky, Judy Lezinsky, Victoria Lustig, Olga Maksimova, Lanelle Mikolaitis, Catherine Miller, Nicolae & Doina Marian, Kylie Pinho, Ryan Pinkowicz, Kiera Pheiffer, Gordon Roberts, Clara Roman, Victoria Ross, Mary Ruzila, Nancy A. Sabol, Robert Schainfeld, Cate Shea, Francine Slivka, Michael Slivka, Julia Smith, Julia G. Smolenski, Dorothy Stafiniak, Natalie Stepanoff, Mary Strohecker, Ola Tatusko, Irene Witaneck

**Child of God:** Emily Estrin

**Handmaidens of God:** Corinne Gahles Stuckey, Amanda Riley, and their unborn children

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