

Divine Liturgy

Sunday, May 28, 2023

7th Sunday of Pascha

Holy Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council

Afterfeast of the Ascension



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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 May 28, 2023

7th SUNDAY OF PASCHA – Tone 6. Holy Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council. Afterfeast of Ascension. St. Niketas, Bishop of Chalcedon (9th c.). St. Ignatii (Ignatius) the Wonderworker, Bishop of Rostov (1288). St. Eutychius, Bishop of Melitene (1st c.). Martyr Heliconis of Thessalonica (244). Hieromartyr Helladius, Bishop in the East (6th-7th c.). St. Germanus (Germaine, Herman), Bishop of Paris (576).

Fr. Nikolai's Office Hours

Monday, May 29th - Fr. Nikolai's day off
Wednesday, May 31st - 12:00 pm - 5:00 pm
Friday, June 2nd - 9:00 am - 2:00 pm

Coffee Hour Today

Coffee Hour Today is hosted by Alyssa Weaver

Weekly & Upcoming Calendar

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

Thursday, June 1	9:00 am - Akathist to the Theotokos, Nurturer of Children
Saturday, June 3	4:30 pm - General Panikhida 5:00 pm - Great Vespers
Sunday, June 4	Pentecost 9:10 am - Reading of the Hours 9:30 am - Divine Liturgy w/ Kneeling Prayers
Monday, June 5	Day of the Holy Spirit 8:50 am - Reading of the Hours 9:00 am - Divine Liturgy
Saturday, June 10	10:00 am - Spring Clean Up

5:00 pm - Great Vespers
OCMC Presentation - After Great Vespers

Sunday, June 11

Sunday of All Saints
9:10 am - Reading of the Hours
9:30 am - Divine Liturgy

Monday, June 12

Peter and Paul Fast Begins

Saturday, June 17

5:00 pm - Great Vespers

Sunday, June 18

Sunday of All Saints of America and Rus
9:10 am - Reading of the Hours
9:30 am - Divine Liturgy

Tuesday, June 20

7:00 pm - Parish Council Meeting

Saturday, June 24

Nativity of St. John the Baptist
8:50 - Reading of the Hours
9:00 - Divine Liturgy
5:00 pm - Great Vespers

Sunday, June 25

3rd Sunday after Pentecost
9:10 am - Reading of the Hours
9:30 am - Divine Liturgy

Wednesday, June 28

5:00 pm - Great Vespers w/ Litia

Thursday, June 29

Ss. Peter and Paul
8:50 - Reading of the Hours
9:00 - Divine Liturgy

Spring Clean Up at St. Nicholas

MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK! ~~~On June 10th at 10:00 am (weather permitting) we will be working on the spring clean up of the church property, including weeding, trimming shrubs, etc. Please join us if you are available. Contact Pat Grammes for more information.

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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

Read by Reader Nicholas Lezinsky

(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 the faithful, with one accord, magnify thee, the Mother of God, who, beyond reason and understanding, ineffably 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

Sunday, May 28, 2023

Vigils in Altar - Windowsill (2)

Happy Birthday Fr. Nikolai

Vigils in Altar - Table of Oblation (2)

In Memory Of Charles Lackatos, Offered by Barb, Kyra and Gregory

Votives in Altar

In Honor Of Fr. John Black, Offered by Gordon & Valerie Roberts

Votives in Iconostas

In Memory Of Thomas Heffelfinger Jr & Sr, Offered by Patricia Owens

Crosses

In Honor Of My Father, Nikolay, Happy Birthday, Offered by Guliana Holobeny

Vigils on the Tetrapod (2)

In Memory Of Mary Stetz, Offered by Pat & Joan

Vigils on Icon Table (2)

In Memory Of Mary Stetz, Offered by Pat & Joan

Vigils - Icon of the Virgin Mary (2)

Happy Birthday Donna Haney, Offered by Patty Felix

Votives - Icon of the Virgin Mary

For Health Of Lungu & Marian Families, Offered by The Lungu Family

Vigils - Icon of St. John the Baptist (2)

Happy Birthday Hannah Slivka, Offered by Michael & Francine Slivka

Votives - Icon of St. John the Baptist

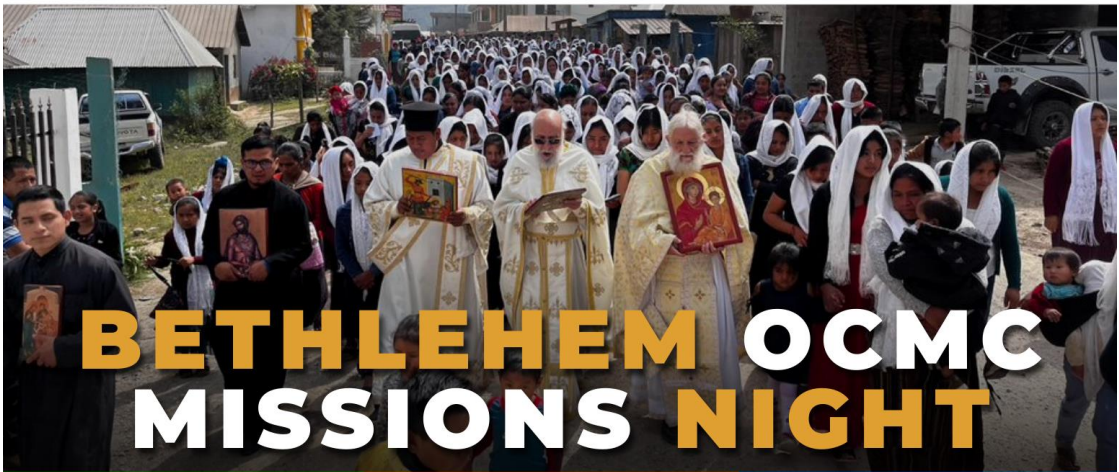
Safe Travels Moses Hodson, Offered by Carmen, Alex & Christopher

Vigil of St. Michael (1)

For Health Of All, Offered by Patricia Owens

Vigil of St. Andrew (1)

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Saturday, June 10

Great Vespers 5PM | Presentation 6 PM

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Missions Presentation By:

Fr. Christopher Rowe

OCMC Assistant Director of Development



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We won't become angels, but we can all be a part of the Heavenly Host!

For more information, please contact Jennifer Bzik.

A Note Of Thanks

Dear Parish Family,

Thank you to so many who have called offering all kinds of assistance, prayers and sent cards. Especially to Father Nikolai for his prayers along with all of yours. Your heartfelt care has touched me deeply. This is truly a loving parish family and I am blessed. Thank you from the bottom of my heart.

Patty Felix

A Note Of Thanks

On Sunday 4/23 a light luncheon was hosted in honor of Bill Keysock's 75th birthday. All monies collected were given to St. Basil Pastoral Academy in Mexico through the OCA. NSS will matched the funds up to \$500, which along with all of the donations from our generous parish totaled \$1,100. Thanks to all who supported this coffee to help promote Orthodoxy.

Hope Rescue Mission needs your HELP!



St. Nicholas Russian Orthodox Church is collecting coats, hats, boots, belts, men's clothing for the men at Hope Rescue Mission and for the women's and children's shelter (Lighthouse). We will take all seasons of clothing for men, women, and children. We have a need for new men's underwear, undershirts, and sweatpants all in sizes medium to xxxl.

You can drop items off in the designated containers in the Chernay Fellowship Hall. Please make all donations by **Sunday, June 4, 2023.**

This clothing helps provide food, clothing, and shelter for the men at Hope Rescue and the women and children at Lighthouse.

Thank you in advance for your donations!

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:

Archbishop Melchisedek Pleska

Igumen: Patric Carpenter, David Lewis

Archpriests: Thomas Edwards, John Perich, James Mason, Claude Vinyard, Dimitri Oselinsky, David Shewczyk, Ian Shipley, Dennis Swenki, James Weremedic, John Onofrey

Priests: Nikolai Breckenridge, John Nightingale

Deacons: Geoffrey LoBalbo

Subdeacons: Michael (Frank) Guydan

Matushki: Liudmyla Breckenridge, Marie Mason, Johanna Bohush, Evelyn Edwards, Paraskeva Vansuch, Myra Kovalak, Gloria Martin, Priscilla Shipley, Katia Vansuch, Lisa Weremedic, Stephanie Onofrey, Julia Romanchak

Servants: Bethany Bruder, Mary Brzuchalski, Helen Cotirgasanu, David G. Cudlic, Val Danchenko, Christopher Felix, Patricia Felix, Olga Frimenko, Patricia G. Fu, Walter Grigoruk, Rachel Hardesty, Nicholas Hazzard, Don Holobeny, Jonathan Hontz, Sherry Hromiak, Michael H. Isbansky, Sarah Jubinski, Alexandra Keysock, Mary K. Koretski, Stephanie Koretski, Bernard Kusior, Jean Kusior, David Lezinsky, Judy Lezinsky, Victoria Lustig, Olga Maksimova, Amber Metz, Michael Metz, Lanelle Mikolaitis, Catherine Miller, Nicolae & Doina Marian, Kylie Pinho, Joseph Pinkowicz, Kiera Pheiffer, Laurel Riley, Victoria Ross, Mary Ruzila, Nancy A. Sabol, Connor Samuels, Robert Schainfeld, Catherine Shea, Francine Slivka, Michael Slivka, Julia Smith, Dorothy Stafiniak, Joan Stetz, Mary Strohecker, Ola Tatusko, Patricia Telepchak, Irene Witaneck

Handmaidens of God: Lydia Hashinger, Julianna Kahl, Amanda Riley, and their unborn children, Kaylee Riley and Alyssa Weaver and their newborn children.

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