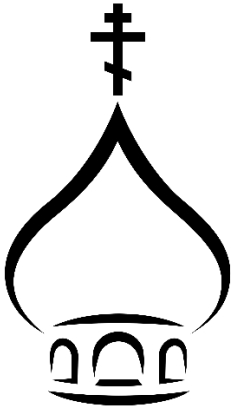


# **Divine Liturgy**

Sunday, July 9, 2023

**5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

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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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before entering the church. Thank you.***

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# Schedule for the Week of July 9, 2023

**5th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – Tone 4.** Hieromartyr Pancratius, Bishop of Taormina in Sicily (1st c.). Hieromartyr Cyril, Bishop of Gortyna in Crete (3rd-4th c.). Martyrs Paternuthius, Coprius, and Alexander the Soldier, in Egypt (4th c.). St. Theodore, Bishop of Edessa (9th c.). St. Dionysios the Rhetorician and his disciple Saint Mētrophánēs (Mt. Athos–1606).

## Fr. Nikolai's Office Hours

Monday, July 10<sup>th</sup> - Fr. Nikolai's day off  
Wednesday, July 12<sup>th</sup> - 12:00 pm - 6:00 pm  
Friday, July 14<sup>th</sup> - 9:00 am - 2:00 pm

## Coffee Hour Today

Coffee Hour Today is hosted by Patty Felix & Lorraine Chromiak  
In Memory Rosalia Felix, Helen Haney & Elizabeth Chromiak

## Weekly & Upcoming Calendar

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

**Saturday, July 15**

**Sunday, July 16**

5:00 pm - Great Vespers

6th Sunday after Pentecost

9:10 am - Reading of the Hours

9:30 am - Divine Liturgy

**Saturday, July 22**

**Sunday, July 23**

6:30 pm - Great Vespers (**Note Different Time!**)

7th Sunday after Pentecost

9:10 am - Reading of the Hours

9:30 am - Divine Liturgy

**Saturday, July 29**

**Sunday, July 30**

5:00 pm - Great Vespers

8th Sunday after Pentecost

9:10 am - Reading of the Hours

9:30 am - Divine Liturgy

# Divine Liturgy

Sunday, July 9, 2023

**5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

**Hieromartyr Pancratius, Bishop of Taormina in Sicily**

**Tone 4      Troparion**                    *(Resurrection)*

When the women disciples of the Lord learned from the angel the joyous message of Thy Resurrection, they cast away the ancestral curse and elatedly told the apostles: "Death is overthrown! Christ God is risen, granting the world great mercy!"

**Tone 4      Troparion**                    *(St. Pancratius)*

By sharing in the ways of the Apostles, thou didst become a successor to their throne. Through the practice of virtue, thou didst find the way to divine contemplation, O inspired one of God; by teaching the word of truth without error, thou didst defend the Faith, even to the shedding of thy blood. O Hieromartyr Pancratius, entreat Christ God to save our souls!

**Tone 4      Kontakion**                    *(Resurrection)*

My Savior and Redeemer as God rose from the tomb and delivered the earth-born from their chains. He has shattered the gates of hell, and as Master, He has risen on the third day!

**Tone 4      Kontakion**                    *(St. Pancratius)*

O Pancratius, thou wast revealed as a brilliant star for the people of Taormina. Thou wast also shown to be a sufferer for Christ. Since now thou standest before Him, O blessed one, pray for those who honor thee.

**Tone 4      Prokeimenon      (Resurrection)**

O Lord, how manifold are Thy works; in wisdom hast Thou made them all.  
(Ps. 103:26)

*Bless the Lord, O my soul! O Lord, my God, Thou art very great! (Ps. 103:1)*

**Epistle**

Read by John Heitzenrater

**(Romans 10:1-10)** Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is that they may be saved. For I bear them witness that they have a zeal for God, but not according to knowledge. For they being ignorant of God's righteousness, and seeking to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted to the righteousness of God. For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to everyone who believes. For Moses writes about the righteousness which is of the law, "The man who does those things shall live by them." But the righteousness of faith speaks in this way, "Do not say in your heart, 'Who will ascend into heaven?' (that is, to bring Christ down from above) or, 'Who will descend into the abyss?'" (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). But what does it say? "The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith which we preach): that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

## **Tone 4**

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

*Go forth, prosper and reign, for the sake of meekness, righteousness and truth!  
(Ps. 44:3b)*

*For Thou lovest righteousness, and hatest iniquity. (Ps. 44:6)*

## **Gospel**

**(Matthew 8:28-9:1)** When He had come to the other side, to the country of the Gergesenes, there met Him two demon-possessed men, coming out of the tombs, exceedingly fierce, so that no one could pass that way. And suddenly they cried out, saying, "What have we to do with You, Jesus, You Son of God? Have You come here to torment us before the time?" Now a good way off from them there was a herd of many swine feeding. So the demons begged Him, saying, "If You cast us out, permit us to go away into the herd of swine." And He said to them, "Go." So when they had come out, they went into the herd of swine. And suddenly the whole herd of swine ran violently down the steep place into the sea, and perished in the water. Then those who kept them fled; and they went away into the city and told everything, including what had happened to the demon-possessed men. And behold, the whole city came out to meet Jesus. And when they saw Him, they begged Him to depart from their region. So He got into a boat, crossed over, and came to His own city.

## **Communion Hymn**

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

# **Candle Offerings**

## **Sunday, July 9, 2023**

### **Vigils in Altar - Windowsill (2)**

Happy Birthday Nick Roberts, Offered by Damian

### **Votives in Altar**

In Memory Of Mary Roberts, Offered by Gordon & Valerie Roberts

### **Votives in Iconostas**

Happy Birthday Nick Roberts, Offered by Damian

### **Vigil in Side Candle Holders (2)**

In Honor Of Pres. Stephanie Petrides, Offered by Fr. Michael & Mat. Susan Kon

### **Crosses**

In Memory Of Peter Kohudic

### **Vigils on the Tetrapod (2)**

Happy Birthday Joan Stetz, Offered by Pat & Tom

### **Vigils on Icon Table (2)**

Happy Birthday Joan Stetz, Offered by Pat & Tom

### **Vigils - Icon of the Virgin Mary (2)**

In Memory of Rosalia Felix, Offered by Patty Felix

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

Happy Birthday Damian Drasher  
Offered by Matthew, Jessica, Evelyn & Hannah Roberts

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

Happy Birthday Damian Drasher, Offered by Alex, Megan & Emily Roberts

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

Happy Birthday Damian Drasher,  
Offered by Nicholas, Tosha, Lili & Leah Roberts

**Vigils on South Wall Window Sill (3)**

Happy Birthday Damian Drasher, Offered by Gordon & Valerie Roberts

**Vigils of St. Gregory (1)**

Happy Birthday Nancy Redline, Offered by Valerie & Gordon Roberts

**Vigils of St. Paul (1)**

Happy Birthday Damian Drasher, Offered by Nick & Judy

**Vigils on North Wall Window Sill (3)**

Happy Birthday Mr. Damian, Offered by Sophia & Jacob

**Vigil of St. Michael (1)**

Happy Birthday Grandson Hunter Lee Dimler, Love Nana

**Flowers to Adorn the Icon**

In Memory Of Subdeacon Michael Guydan, Offered by Michele Guydan

## **Wonderworker**

Fr. Nikolai will be working on the Summer edition of The Wonderworker in the coming weeks. If you or your church organization have photos or other information that you wish to include, please send to Fr. Nikolai or Jennifer Bzik by Friday, July 28, 2023. Thank you!



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# HALUPKI DINNER

JULY 22  
4 PM - 6 PM

EAT IN OR TAKE OUT

\$12

**DINNER INCLUDES:**

2 Halupki, 2 Pierogi, Fresh Green Beans, Roll and Homemade Dessert



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## **A Note Of Thanks**

Before his passing, Subdeacon Michael and I made a donation to the parish discretionary fund in thanksgiving for our St. Nicholas family! During the last few years of his life, your prayers, cards, food, visits, "logistic" help have meant more to us than words can express! May God Richly Bless You!

Most Sincerely,  
Michele Guydan

## **Save the Date**

Please remember Subdeacon Michael's 40<sup>th</sup> day by joining us on Sunday, July 30<sup>th</sup> following Liturgy for a Panikhida. A repast will be held! July 30<sup>th</sup> is also "Prison Ministry Awareness Sunday". We will be having a matching N.S.S. fund drive at the repast with all donations going to the Orthodox Christian Prison Ministry in his memory! Remember - The national organization will match up to \$500.00 of donations collected! Your generosity is greatly appreciated! "I was in prison and you ministered to me."

Most Sincerely,  
Michele Guydan

## **Bakers Needed!**

Dust off your pans and let's start baking! Baked goods needed for our Halupki Dinner on July 22, 2023. Please sign up with Pat Grammes if you will be baking a dessert.

## **Pierogi Making Schedule**

NO Pierogi Making:

Monday, July 10, Tuesday, 11, Wednesday July 12

BACK TO MAKING

Monday, July 17, Tuesday 18, Wednesday July 19

Monday, July 24, Tuesday, July 25, Wednesday, July 26

AS of now, there are no free days in August.

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

**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, 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 Witanek

**Handmaidens of God:** Krista Irwin, Julianna Kahl, Amanda Riley, and their unborn children, Lydia Hashinger and Kaylee Riley and their newborn children.

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