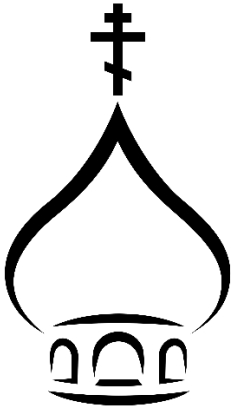


# **Divine Liturgy**

Sunday, July 16, 2023

**6th Sunday after Pentecost**

**Commemoration of the Holy Fathers of the First Six Ecumenical Councils**



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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 July 16, 2023

**6th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – Tone 5. Fathers of the 1st Six Ecumenical Councils.** Hieromartyr Athenogenes, Bishop of Heracleopolis, and his ten disciples (ca. 311). Martyrs Paul and two sisters, Chionia (Thea) and Alevtina (Valentina), at Cæsarea in Palestine (308). Martyr Antiochus, Physician, of Sebaste (4th c.). Virgin Martyr Julia of Carthage (ca. 440 or 613).

## Fr. Nikolai's Office Hours

Monday, July 17<sup>th</sup> - Fr. Nikolai's day off  
Wednesday, July 19<sup>th</sup> - 12:00 pm - 6:00 pm  
Friday, July 21<sup>st</sup> - 9:00 am - 2:00 pm

## Coffee Hour Today

Coffee Hour Today is hosted by The Lezinsky Family  
In Honor of Sophia's 10<sup>th</sup> Birthday and Mike's 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday

## Weekly & Upcoming Calendar

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

<b>Saturday, July 22</b>	6:30 pm - Great Vespers ( <b>Note Different Time!</b> )
<b>Sunday, July 23</b>	7th Sunday after Pentecost 9:10 am - Reading of the Hours 9:30 am - Divine Liturgy
<b>Saturday, July 29</b>	5:00 pm - Great Vespers
<b>Sunday, July 30</b>	8th Sunday after Pentecost 9:10 am - Reading of the Hours 9:30 am - Divine Liturgy

<b>Thursday, August 3</b>	9:00 am - Akathist to the Theotokos, Nurturer of children
<b>Saturday, August 5</b>	5:00 pm - Great Vespers w/ Litia
<b>Sunday, August 6</b>	<b>Transfiguration</b> 9:10 am - Reading of the Hours 9:30 am - Divine Liturgy 5:00 pm - Great Vespers
<b>Saturday, August 12</b>	
<b>Sunday, August 13</b>	<b>10th Sunday after Pentecost</b> 9:10 am - Reading of the Hours 9:30 am - Divine Liturgy 6:00 pm - Great Vespers w/ Litia
<b>Monday, August 14</b>	
<b>Tuesday, August 15</b>	<b>Dormition</b> 8:50 am - Reading of the Hours 9:00 am - Divine Liturgy 5:00 pm - Great Vespers
<b>Saturday, August 19</b>	
<b>Sunday, August 20</b>	<b>11th Sunday after Pentecost</b> 9:10 am - Reading of the Hours 9:30 am - Divine Liturgy 5:00 pm - Great Vespers
<b>Saturday, August 26</b>	
<b>Sunday, August 27</b>	<b>12th Sunday after Pentecost</b> 9:10 am - Reading of the Hours 9:30 am - Divine Liturgy
<b>Tuesday, August 29</b>	<b>Beheading of St. John</b> 8:50 am - Reading of the Hours 9:00 am - Divine Liturgy

# Divine Liturgy

Sunday, July 16, 2023

**6th Sunday after Pentecost**

**Commemoration of the Holy Fathers of the First Six Ecumenical Councils**

**Tone 5      Troparion**    *(Resurrection)*

Let us, the faithful, praise and worship the Word, co-eternal with the Father and the Spirit, born for our salvation from the Virgin; for He willed to be lifted up on the Cross in the flesh, to endure death, and to raise the dead by His glorious Resurrection.

**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 5      Kontakion**    *(Resurrection)*

Thou didst descend into hell, O my Savior, shattering its gates as Almighty, resurrecting the dead as Creator, and destroying the sting of death. Thou hast delivered Adam from the curse, O Lover of man, and we cry to Thee: "O Lord, save us!"

**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 5      Prokeimenon      (*Resurrection*)**

Thou, O Lord, shalt protect us and preserve us from this generation forever.  
(*Ps. 11:7*)

*Save me, O Lord, for there is no longer any that is godly! (Ps. 11:1a)*

**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*)

**Epistle**

Read by Reader Matthew Lezinsky

**(Romans 12:6-14)** Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, let us prophesy in proportion to our faith; or ministry, let us use it in our ministering; he who teaches, in teaching; he who exhorts, in exhortation; he who gives, with liberality; he who leads, with diligence; he who shows mercy, with cheerfulness. Let love be without hypocrisy. Abhor what is evil. Cling to what is good. Be kindly affectionate to one another with brotherly love, in honor giving preference to one another; not lagging in diligence, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord; rejoicing in hope, patient in tribulation, continuing steadfastly in prayer; distributing to the needs of the saints, given to hospitality. Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse.

**(Hebrews 13: 7-16 (Fathers))** Remember those who rule over you, who have spoken the word of God to you, whose faith follow, considering the outcome of their conduct. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever. Do not be carried about with various and strange doctrines. For it is good that the heart be established by grace, not with foods which have not profited those who have been occupied with them. We have an altar from which those who serve the tabernacle have no right to eat. For the bodies of those animals, whose blood is brought into the sanctuary by the high priest for sin, are burned outside the camp. Therefore Jesus also, that He might sanctify the people with His own blood, suffered outside the gate. Therefore let us go forth to Him, outside the camp, bearing His reproach. For here we have no continuing city, but we seek the one to come. Therefore by Him let us continually offer the sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of our lips, giving thanks to His name. But do not forget to do good and to share, for with such sacrifices God is well pleased.

### **Tone 5**

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

*I will sing of Thy mercies, O Lord, forever; with my mouth I will proclaim Thy truth from generation to generation. (Ps. 88:1-2)*

*For Thou hast said: Mercy will be established forever; Thy truth will be prepared in the heavens. (Ps. 88:3)*

### **Tone 1**

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

## **Gospel**

**(Matthew 9:1-8)** So He got into a boat, crossed over, and came to His own city. Then behold, they brought to Him a paralytic lying on a bed. When Jesus saw their faith, He said to the paralytic, "Son, be of good cheer; your sins are forgiven you." And at once some of the scribes said within themselves, "This Man blasphemes!" But Jesus, knowing their thoughts, said, "Why do you think evil in your hearts? For which is easier, to say, 'Your sins are forgiven you,' or to say, 'Arise and walk'? But that you may know that the Son of Man has power on earth to forgive sins" - then He said to the paralytic, "Arise, take up your bed, and go to your house." And he arose and departed to his house. Now when the multitudes saw it, they marveled and glorified God, who had given such power to men.

**(John 17:1-13 (Fathers))** 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.

### **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, July 16, 2023**

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

In Memory Of Subdeacon Michael, Offered Nick & Judy Lezinsky

### **Vigils in Altar - Table of Oblation (2)**

In Memory Of Subdeacon Michael, Offered by Nick & Judy Lezinsky

### **Vigils in Altar - Side Table (2)**

In Honor Of Father Jim's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday, Offered by Nick & Judy Lezinsky

### **Votives in Altar**

Safe Travels Barry & Ann Marie Bretz

### **Votives in Iconostas**

Happy Birthday Mike Dorosh, Offered Damian

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

In Memory Of Frank Davco, Offered by Fran & Mike Slivka

### **Crosses**

Happy Birthday Larissa Mascari, Offered Mom & Dad

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

In Memory Of William Redline, Offered about Gordon & Valerie Roberts

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

In Memory Of Peter Slivka, Brother Michael & Francine Slivka

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

Happy Birthday Sophia Lezinsky, Offered by Daddy, Mommy & Jacob

**Votives - Icon of the Virgin Mary**

In Memory Of Veronica Davco, Offered by Francine & Mike Slivka

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

For Health Of Kyra Monarek on her Birthday, Offered by Barb & Gregory

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

For Health Of Kyra Monarek on her Birthday, Offered by Barb & Gregory

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

Happy Birthday Mike Dorosh, Offered by Nick & Judy

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

Happy 10<sup>th</sup> Birthday Sophia Lezinsky, Offered by Grandpa/Baba

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

Happy Birthday Sophia Lezinsky, Offered by Aunt Marina & Uncle Joe

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

Happy 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday Michael Dorosh  
Offered by Mary, Michael, Toni, Joe & Marina

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

Happy Birthday Mr. Mike, Offered by Sophia & Jacob

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

Happy Birthday Daughter Samantha Rex, Love Mom

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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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## **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!

## **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 fund drive at the repast with all donations going to the Orthodox Christian Prison Ministry in his memory! 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**

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.**