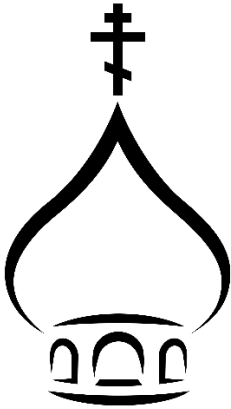


# **Divine Liturgy**

Sunday, July 14, 2024

**3rd Sunday after Pentecost**

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



**SAINT NICHOLAS**  
**RUSSIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH**



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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 14, 2024

**3rd SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – Tone 2. Fathers of the 1st Six Ecumenical Councils.** Apostle Aquila of the Seventy (1st c.). Ven. Stephen, Abbot of Mákhreshche (Vologdá–1406). Martyr Justus at Rome (1st c.). Ven. Ellius (Hellius), of Egypt (4th c.). Ven. Onesimus of Magnesia (4th c.). Repose of Ven. Nikodemos the Hagiorite (1809).

## Fr. Nikolai's Office Hours

Monday, July 15<sup>th</sup> – Fr. Nikolai's Day Off  
Wednesday, July 17<sup>th</sup> – 12:00 pm – 5:00 pm  
Friday, July 19<sup>th</sup> – 9:00 am – 2:00 pm

## Coffee Hour Today

Coffee hour on today will be hosted by the Pierogi workers. The collection will be sent to St. Theodosius Orthodox Cathedral in Cleveland, Ohio. On May 28 a fire caused extensive damage to the roof and inside. Our contribution will go for the restoration of the damage, estimated to be a million dollars. The Church is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. and was featured in the 1978 film The Deer Hunter. Please be generous with your contribution. Checks may be made out to St. Theodosius Cathedral with Cathedral Restoration in the memo section. Thank You.

## Weekly & Upcoming Calendar

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

**Saturday, July 20**

5:00 pm - Great Vespers

**Sunday, July 21**

**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost**

9:10 am – Reading of the Hours

9:30 am – Divine Liturgy

**Saturday, July 27**

5:00 pm - Great Vespers

**Sunday, July 28**

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

9:10 am – Reading of the Hours

9:30 am – Divine Liturgy

**Tuesday, July 30**

7:00 pm – Parish Council Meeting

# Divine Liturgy

Sunday, July 14, 2024

## 3rd Sunday after Pentecost

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

**Tone 2**      **Troparion**      *(Resurrection)*

When Thou didst descend to death, O Life immortal, Thou didst slay hell with the splendor of Thy Godhead. And when from the depths Thou didst raise the dead, all the powers of heaven cried out: "O Giver of life, Christ our God, glory to Thee!"

**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 2**      **Kontakion**      *(Resurrection)*

Hell became afraid, O almighty Savior, seeing the miracle of Thy Resurrection from the tomb! The dead arose! Creation, with Adam, beheld this and rejoiced with Thee, and the world, my Savior, praises Thee forever.

**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 2**      **Prokeimenon**      *(Resurrection)*

The Lord is my strength and my song; He has become my salvation. *(Ps. 117:14)*

*The Lord has chastened me sorely, but He has not given me over to death.  
(Ps. 117:18)*

**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 Nicholas Lezinsky

**(Romans 5:1-10)** Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom also we have access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God. And not only that, but we also glory in tribulations, knowing that tribulation produces perseverance; and perseverance, character; and character, hope. Now hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given to us. For when we were still without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly. For scarcely for a righteous man will one die; yet perhaps for a good man someone would even dare to die. But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him. For if when we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life.

**(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 2**

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

*May the Lord hear thee in the day of trouble! May the name of the God of Jacob protect thee! (Ps. 19:1)*

*Save the King, O Lord, and hear us on the day we call! (Ps. 19:9)*

## **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 6:22-33)** The lamp of the body is the eye. If therefore your eye is good, your whole body will be full of light. But if your eye is bad, your whole body will be full of darkness. If therefore the light that is in you is darkness, how great is that darkness! No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will be loyal to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon. Therefore I say to you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink; nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air, for they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? Which of you by worrying can add one cubit to his stature? So why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin; and yet I say to you that even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. Now if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is, and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will He not much more clothe you, O you of little faith? Therefore do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' For after all these things the Gentiles seek. For your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.

**(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 14, 2024**

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

For Health Of Heitzenrater Children, Offered by Mama & Papa

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

Happy Birthday Damain Drasher, Offered by The Roberts Families

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

In Memory Of William Redline, Offered by Nancy Redline

## **Votives in Altar**

In Memory Of Philip Stefanov

## **Votives in Iconostas**

In Honor Of Tatiana Friar's Names Day, Offered by Mat. Susan Kon

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

Happy Birthday Nancy Redline, Offered by Gordon & Valerie Roberts

## **Crosses**

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

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

In Memory Of Peter Slivka, Offered by Brother Michael & Francine Slivka

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

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

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

In Memory Of Veronica Davco, Offered by Daughter Francine & Michael Slivka

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

For Health Of Kh. Sophia Shadid, Offered by Fr. Michael & Mat. Susan Kon



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

In Memory Of Frank Davco, Offered by Daughter Francine & Michael Slivka

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

Safe Travels Ann Marie & Barry

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

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

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

Happy Birthday Mike Dorosh, Offered by Damian Drasher

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

For Health Of Radu, Offered by The Lungu Family

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

Happy Birthday Larissa, Love Mom & Dad, The Mascari Family

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

Happy Birthday Mike Dorosh, Offered by Nick & Judy

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

Happy Birthday Damian Drasher, Offered by Nick & Judy

**General Candle Donation**

Happy Birthday Mr. Damian, Offered by Sophia & Jacob

# A Note of Thanks

Dear St. Nicholas Parishioners,

We thank you for your generous donations at this last Coffee Hour to support the church's Endowment Fund. We raised \$567 which was simply wonderful.

With love in Christ,  
Lorraine Chromiak and Patty Felix

## Pierogi Schedule

NO PIEROGI MAKING July 15, 16, 17

NO PIEROGI MAKING July 22, 23, 24

Back to making July 29, 30, 31

*\*\*\*Please note that this schedule is subject to change.\*\*\**

## REMINDER: Kitchen Closure for HVAC Work

Due to scheduled HVAC replacement work, **the kitchen will continue to be off-limits until further notice.**

**If you anticipate needing to use the kitchen or hall AT ALL for anything other than normal Sunday coffee hour activities between now and July 31<sup>st</sup>,** please contact Jennifer Bzik as far in advance as possible to coordinate. In addition to the days listed above, the HVAC workers are coming by at various times to do preliminary setup. If Jen does not know that you have something planned, you may be interrupted by workers or unable to use the kitchen or other parts of the facility as you had planned. **REMINDER that even when there is not HVAC work scheduled, all activities taking place at the church should be listed on the internal church calendar. Please notify Jennifer Bzik if you have ANY activities planned at the church!**

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:**

**Archbishops: Melchisedek Pleska, Nathaniel Popp**

**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, George Hasenecz, Emilian Hutnyan

**Priests:** Nikolai Breckenridge, John Nightingale

**Deacons:** Geoffrey LoBalbo

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

**Servants:** Bethany Bruder, Mary Brzuchalski, Theresa Butler, Helen Cotirgasanu, David G. Cudlic, Val Danchenko, Christopher Felix, Olga Frimenko, David Gowarty, Walter Grigoruk, Donna Haney, Monique Haney, Rachel Hardesty, Artemiy Hartman, Kalista Hartman, Nicholas Hazzard, Don Holobeney, Jonathan Hontz, Sherry Hromiak, Krista Irwin, Michael H. Isbansky, Sarah Jubinski, Alexandra Keysock, William Keysock, Mary K. Koretski, Stephanie Koretski, Bernard Kusior, Jean Kusior, David Lezinsky, Judy Lezinsky, Radu Lungu, Victoria Lustig, Olga Maksimova, Amber Metz, Michael Metz, Lanelle Mikolaitis, Catherine Miller, Nicolae & Doina Marian, Kylie Pinho, Kiera Pheiffer, Laurel Riley, Gordon Roberts, Leah Roberts, Barbara Roman, Victoria Ross, Mary Ruzila, Nancy A. Sabol, Connor Samuels, Robert Schainfeld, Catherine Shea, Janice Shumbata, Francine Slivka, Michael Slivka, Julia Smith, Dorothy Stafiniak, Corinne Stuckey, Maeve Stuckey, Patricia Telepchak, Irene Witanek, Sandra Wyslutsky

**Handmaidens of God:** Lara Bessman, Yana Kotliar, Tosha Roberts and their newborn children.

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