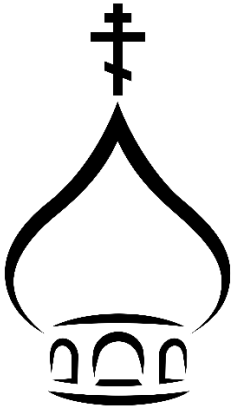


Divine Liturgy

Sunday, June 29, 2025

3rd Sunday after Pentecost

**The Holy, Glorious, and All-Praised Leaders of the
Apostles, Peter and Paul**



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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 29, 2025

3rd SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – Tone 2. The Holy Glorious and All-Praised Leaders of the Apostles, Peter and Paul (1st c.).

Fr. Nikolai's Office Hours

Fr. Nikolai will not have office hours this week due to St. Tikhon's Summer Camp
Please contact Fr. Nikolai directly in the event of an emergency.

Coffee Hour Today

Coffee Hour Today is hosted by The Heitzenrater Family
To Benefit St. Maximus Church in Denton, TX

Weekly & Upcoming Calendar

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

Tuesday, July 1	7:00 pm – Parish Council Meeting
Saturday, July 5	5:00 pm - Great Vespers
Sunday, July 6	4th Sunday After Pentecost 9:10 am – Reading of the Hours 9:30 am – Divine Liturgy 5:00 pm - Great Vespers
Saturday, July 12	
Sunday, July 13	Fathers of the First Six Ecumenical Councils 9:10 am – Reading of the Hours 9:30 am – Divine Liturgy 5:00 pm - Great Vespers
Saturday, July 19	
Sunday, July 20	6th Sunday After Pentecost 9:10 am – Reading of the Hours 9:30 am – Divine Liturgy
Saturday, July 26	3:00 pm – 6:00 pm - Halupki Dinner 6:00 pm - Great Vespers
Sunday, July 27	7th Sunday After Pentecost 9:10 am – Reading of the Hours 9:30 am – Divine Liturgy

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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 4 Troparion *(Apostles)*

O first-enthroned of the Apostles, and teachers of the universe: entreat the Master of all to grant peace to the world, and to our souls great mercy!

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 2 Kontakion *(Apostles)*

O Lord, Thou hast taken up to eternal rest and to the enjoyment of Thy blessings the two divinely inspired preachers, the leaders of the Apostles, for Thou hast accepted their labors and deaths as a sweet-smelling sacrifice, for Thou alone knowest what lies in the hearts of men.

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 8 Prokeimenon (*Apostles*)

Their proclamation has gone out into all the earth, and their words to the ends of the universe. (*Ps. 18:4*)

Epistle

Read by Reader Michael Metz

(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.

(2 Corinthians 11:21-12:9 (*Apostles*)) To our shame I say that we were too weak for that! But in whatever anyone is bold - I speak foolishly - I am bold also. Are they Hebrews? So am I. Are they Israelites? So am I. Are they the seed of Abraham? So am I. Are they ministers of Christ? - I speak as a fool - I am more: in labors more abundant, in stripes above measure, in prisons more frequently, in deaths often. From the Jews five times I received forty stripes minus one. Three times I was beaten with rods; once I was stoned; three times I was shipwrecked; a night and a day I have been in the deep; in journeys often, in perils of waters, in perils of robbers, in perils of my own countrymen, in perils of the Gentiles, in perils in the city, in perils in the wilderness, in perils in the sea, in perils among false brethren; in weariness and toil, in sleeplessness often, in hunger and thirst, in fastings often, in cold and nakedness - besides the other things, what comes upon me daily: my deep concern for all the churches. Who is weak, and I am not weak? Who is made to stumble, and I do not burn with

indignation? If I must boast, I will boast in the things which concern my infirmity. The God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who is blessed forever, knows that I am not lying. In Damascus the governor, under Aretas the king, was guarding the city of the Damascenes with a garrison, desiring to arrest me; but I was let down in a basket through a window in the wall, and escaped from his hands. It is doubtless not profitable for me to boast. I will come to visions and revelations of the Lord: I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago - whether in the body I do not know, or whether out of the body I do not know, God knows - such a one was caught up to the third heaven. And I know such a man - whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows - how he was caught up into Paradise and heard inexpressible words, which it is not lawful for a man to utter. Of such a one I will boast; yet of myself I will not boast, except in my infirmities. For though I might desire to boast, I will not be a fool; for I will speak the truth. But I refrain, lest anyone should think of me above what he sees me to be or hears from me. And lest I should be exalted above measure by the abundance of the revelations, a thorn in the flesh was given to me, a messenger of Satan to buffet me, lest I be exalted above measure. Concerning this thing I pleaded with the Lord three times that it might depart from me. And He said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness." Therefore most gladly I will rather boast in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

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 heavens will praise Thy wonders, O Lord; and Thy truth in the congregation of the saints. (Ps. 88:5)

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.

(Matthew 16:13-19 (Apostles)) When Jesus came into the region of Caesarea Philippi, He asked His disciples, saying, "Who do men say that I, the Son of Man, am?" So they said, "Some say John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter answered and said, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." Jesus answered and said to him, "Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah, for flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but My Father who is in heaven. And I also say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it. And I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven."

Communion Hymn

Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest! *(Ps. 148:1)*
Their proclamation has gone out into all the earth, and their words to the ends of the universe. *(Ps. 18:4)*
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Candle Offerings for Sunday, June 29, 2025

Vigils in Altar - Windowsill (2)

Happy Birthday Sasha Florenz, Offered by Grandpa & Baba

Vigils in Altar - Table of Oblation (2)

Happy Birthday John Fink, Offered by Gordon & Valerie Roberts

Vigils in Altar - Side Table (2)

In Memory Of Dr. Anna Herz, Offered by Dan & Jean Jubinski

Votives in Altar

In Memory Of Dr. Anna Herz, Offered by Peter & Sarah Jubinski

Votives in Iconostas

Happy Birthday Terry Butler, Offered by Nick & Judy

Vigil in Side Candle Holders (2)

Happy Birthday Nick Roberts, Offered by Mom & Dad

Crosses

In Honor Of John & Christina Heitzenrater's Anniversary
Offered by The Heitzenrater Children

Vigils on the Tetrapod (2)

Happy Birthday Robin Haney, Offered by Patty Felix

Vigils on Icon Table (2)

In Memory Of Helen Lackatos, Offered by Barb, Kyra & Gregory

Vigils - Icon of the Virgin Mary (2)

In Memory Of Selar Konsevitch
Offered by The Roberts and Konsevitch Families

Votives - Icon of the Virgin Mary

Happy Birthday Sasha Florenz, Offered by Family

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

In Memory Of Philip Stefanov

Votives - Icon of St. John the Baptist

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Vigils on South Wall Window Sill (3)

In Memory Of Mom, Dad & Joan, Offered by Pat & Tom

Vigils of St. Gregory (1)

For Health Of Gordon Roberts, Offered by Val

Vigils of St. Paul (1)

For Health Of Gordon Roberts, Offered by Children & Grandchildren

Vigil of St. Michael (1)

For Health Of Nora, Offered by Mat. Susan Kon

Vigil of St. Andrew (1)

For Health Of Luke Gabriel, Offered by Fr. Michael & Mat. Susan Kon

Coffee Hour Today - To Benefit St. Maximus Church in Denton, TX

The Heitzenrater Family's Texas home parish of St. Maximus has desperately needed a real church building for years. All that's left, now, is to raise the money to be able to build! This week's coffee hour will be to raise funds for the building of a new temple. The link to information is:

<https://orthochristian.com/170786.html>

Thank you for your generosity!

A Note of Thanks

A Big Thank You to the Church Scholarship Fund and Mrs. Nancy Kohudic for awarding Michael and Alex Lustig with scholarships this year. These students will use this money to pay for summer classes in July. ~The Lustig Family

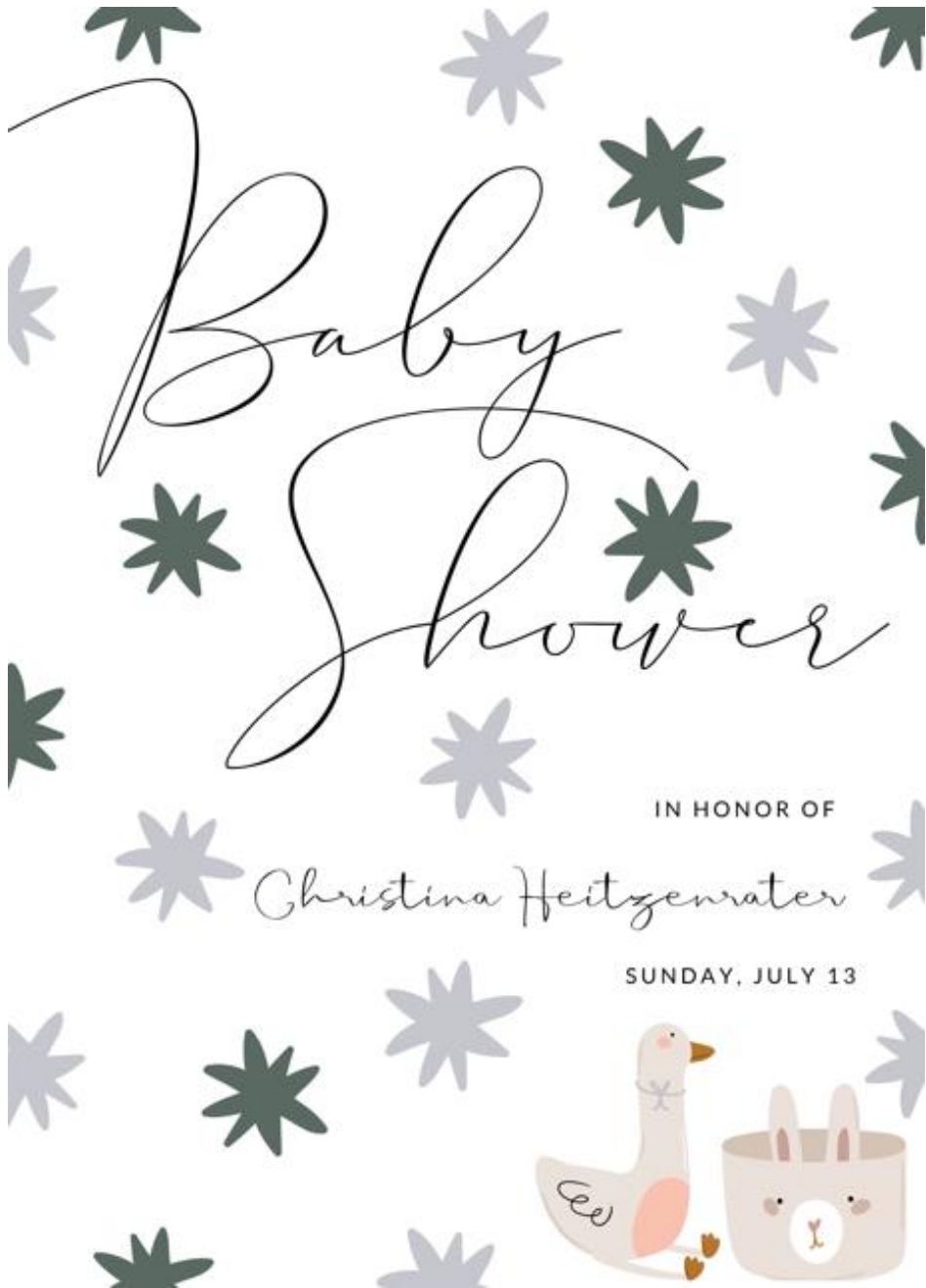
Upcoming Parish Council Meeting

Parish Council Meeting - Tuesday, July 1, at 7:00 pm.

Some may not know, but Council Meetings are open to all Parishioners to observe. If you wish to attend, please let Fr. Nikolai or Jen know, so we know to expect you.

Pierogi Making Schedule

NO PEROGI MAKING ALL SUMMER Monday, June 9 to Wednesday, Sept. 10
RESUME Making our delicious pierogi Monday, September 15, Tuesday, September 16 and Wednesday, September 17.



Several people have asked about what the Heitzenrater Family might need for the new baby. They are registered on Amazon.

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\$15 DINNER INCLUDES:

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

Complimentary Coffee & Tea

Soda/Water \$1

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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: Nikolai Breckenridge, Thomas Edwards, John Perich, James Mason, Claude Vinyard, Dimitri Oselinsky, David Shewczyk, Ian Shipley, James Weremedic, John Onofrey, George Hasenecz, Emilian Hutnyan, 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, Theresa Butler, Helen Cotirgasanu, David G. Cudlic, Val Danchenko, Alexis Defoe, Maryann Dudash, Christopher Felix, Olga Frimenko, David Gowarty, Tom Grammes, Rachel Hardesty, Artemiy Hartman, Kalista Hartman, Nicholas Hazzard, Marina (Margaret) Heitzenrater, Don Holobeny, Jonathan Hontz, Sava Hrebinka, Sherry Hromiak, Krista Irwin, Michael H. Isbansky, Shirley Isbansky, Sarah Jubinski, Alexandra Keysock, William Keysock, Mary K. Koretski, Stephanie Koretski, Bernard Kusior, Jean Kusior, David Lezinsky, Judy Lezinsky, Radu Lungu, Mircea Lupo, Victoria Lustig, Olga Maksimova, Amber Metz, Michael Metz, Lanelle Mikolaitis, Nicolae & Doina Marian, Kylie Pinho, Joseph Pinkowicz, Kiera Pheiffer, William Potter, 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, Maeve Stuckey, Patricia Telepchak, Irene Witanek, Sandra Wyslutsky

Catechumen: Chris Kiris

Handmaiden: Christina Heitzenrater, Christina Mazur, Amanda Riley, Corinne Stuckey, and their unborn children; Kerry Kurtz and her newborn son

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