

Divine Liturgy

Sunday, July 13, 2025

5th 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 13, 2025

5th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – Tone 4. Fathers of the 1st Six Ecumenical Councils. Synaxis of the Archangel Gabriel. Ven. Stephen of St. Savva Monastery (794). St. Julian, Bishop of Cenomanis (Le Mans), Gaul (1st c.). Martyr Serapion (2nd-3rd c.). Martyr Marcian of Iconium (258). Icon of the Mother of God "AXION ESTIN" ("IT IS TRULY MEET").

Fr. Nikolai's Office Hours

Fr. Nikolai will not have office hours this week due to the All American Council.

Coffee Hour Today

Coffee Hour Today is the Baby Shower for the Heitzenraters!!!

Weekly & Upcoming Calendar

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

Saturday, July 19

Sunday, July 20

5:00 pm - Great Vespers

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

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.

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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 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 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 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 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)

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 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.

(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 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)

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 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.

(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 for Sunday, July 13, 2025

Vigils in Altar - Windowsill (2)

Happy Birthday Mr. Damian, Offered by Sophia & Jacob

Vigils in Altar - Table of Oblation (2)

Happy Birthday Damian Drasher, Offered by Gordon & Val Roberts

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

Happy Birthday Damian Drasher, Offered by Nick & Judy

Vigil in Side Candle Holders (2)

In Memory of Veronica Davco, Offered by Fran & Mike Slivka

Crosses

For Health Of Radio & Tomsic Families, Offered by Greg & Rosalie

Vigils on the Tetrapod (2)

Happy Birthday Damian Drasher, Offered by Patty Felix

Vigils on Icon Table (2)

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

Vigils - Icon of the Virgin Mary (2)

Happy Birthday Nancy Redline, Offered by Gordon & Val Roberts

Votives - Icon of the Virgin Mary

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

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

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

Votives - Icon of St. John the Baptist

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

Vigils of St. Gregory (1)

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

Vigils of St. Paul (1)

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

Vigils on North Wall Window Sill (3)

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

Vigil of St. Michael (1)

Happy Birthday Mr. Mike, Offered by Sophia & Jacob

Vigil of St. Andrew (1)

For Health Of Nina, Offered by Mat. Susan Kon

Calling All Bakers for the July 26 Halupki Dinner

Fire up the ovens!

It's time for your SCRUMPTIOUS desserts that St. Nicholas is famous for. If you are a returning baker or new to the task, we welcome your YUMMY desserts. Please keep these things in mind:

- We have very limited refrigerator space, so please consider items that do not require refrigeration.
- Please DO NOT slice your cakes, pies, brownies, etc. The baked goods team will pre-slice items for consistency in serving piece and pricing.
- Feel free to provide a label e.g. German Chocolate Cake, Snickerdoodle Cookies, etc. There is no need to list ingredients, however it is useful to note: "nut free", "egg free", "dairy free" or "sugar free".
- Please provide baked goods on sturdy plates. DO NOT use cardboard because it is often too big and not sturdy.
- Securely label your name on your containers/dishes that you want returned. They will be cleaned and placed on racks in the kitchen where you can pick them up. And, whilst we are very careful with your dishes, DO NOT use precious containers that cannot be replaced if accidentally broken.

Thank you to all the great bakers who contribute to the success of the sale! Your efforts are truly appreciated! Baked goods may be dropped off on Saturday, July 26, 2025 from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm. If you have any questions, please contact Val Roberts.

A Note of Thanks

THANK YOU ALL! Last Sunday's Coffee Hour raised \$393 for the Endowment Fund for which we are very thankful. Every contribution toward the Fund helps ensure the future of St. Nicholas ROC, something near and dear to our hearts.

With love in Christ, Lorainne Chromiak, Donna Haney and Patty Felix

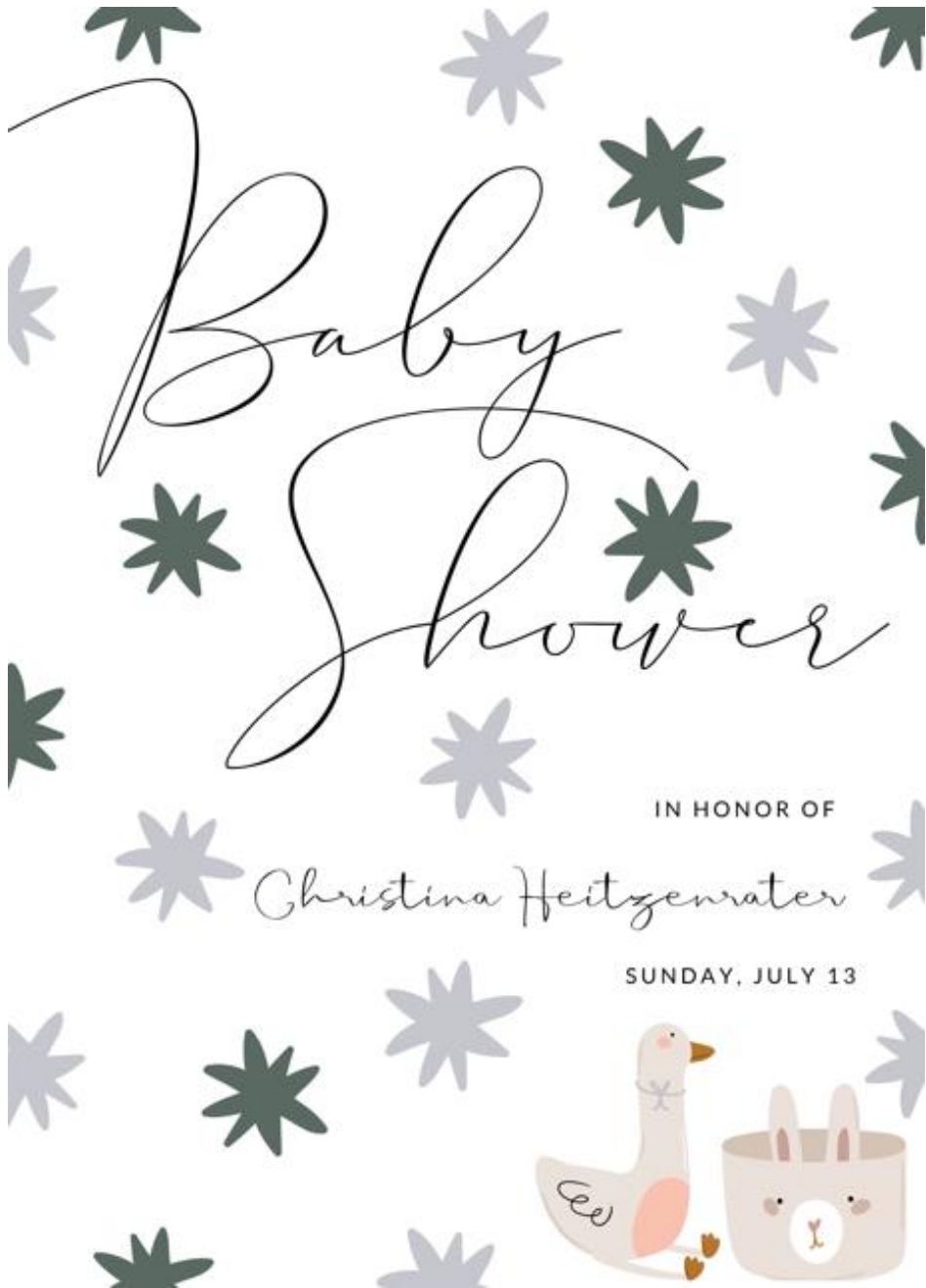
Change of Address

Please update your directories to reflect Damian Draser's new address:

Whitehall Manor, Rm A8

1177 Sixth St.

Whitehall, PA 18052



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 Holobeney, 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.