

SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



Icon of Healing the Paralytic

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The Propers for today: Sunday Antiphons; Troparion of the Resurrection, Tone 5; Glory be ... now and ever; Kontakion of the Resurrection, Tone 5; Prokeimenon and Alleluia, Resurrection Tone 5; Epistle, Sixth Sunday after Pentecost (EOT 61); Gospel, Sixth Sunday after Pentecost; Communion Hymn: of Sunday. The Propers can be found on pages 146-148 of the teal Divine Liturgy book or page 55 of the yellow pew book.

Glory be to Jesus Christ!

Glory be to Him Forever!

Divine Liturgy Schedule:

All are welcome!

Scripture readings: Epistle: Romans 12: 6-14
Gospel: St. Matthew 9: 1-8

Sat.	July	20	FEAST OF THE HOLY AND GLORIOUS PROPHET ELIJAH (ELIAS) 9:00 a.m. +Deceased Sisters of St. Basil by Olga Hornyiak 12 Noon Lunch — Beginning of <i>Saints in the Summer</i> 4:00 p.m. For the parish family of St. Nicholas Church
Sun.	July	21	SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST — BLESSING OF VEHICLES 8:30 a.m. +Father Robert Barter by parishioners of St. Nicholas Church 10:30 a.m. Akathist to the Mother of God — intention for our parish 11:00 a.m. Special intention for the Spisak family by Gary Spisak Reader of the Epistle: Subdeacon Phillip Dinsmore/Cantor
Mon.	July	22	The Holy Myrrh-bearer Mary Magdalene, Equal to the Apostles
Tues.	July	23	Rest of our Holy Father Blessed Basil Hopko 9:00 a.m. +Poor souls in Purgatory by John MacDonald
Wed.	July	24	The Holy Great Martyr Christine — The Holy Martyrs Boris and Gleb 9:00 a.m. +John and +Helen Pogorele by Deacon John and Ruth Hanchin
Thurs.	July	25	Dormition of St. Anna, Mother of the Theotokos
Fri.	July	26	The Holy Priest-Martyr Hermolaus and His Companions
Sat.	July	27	The Holy Great-Martyr Panteleimon 4:00 p.m. For the parish family of St. Nicholas Church
Sun.	July	28	SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 8:30 a.m. Health and salvation of Mrs. Donna Rozmarynowycz 11:00 a.m. +Joseph Chontos by Judy Chontos and family Reader of the Epistle: Subdeacon Phillip Dinsmore/Cantor

WELCOME TO NEW PARISHIONERS AND VISITORS The faithful of St. Nicholas Church would like to welcome new parishioners and visitors. We are happy that you have joined us on our spiritual journey and we hope that you feel welcome. **RECEIVING HOLY COMMUNION** If you are Roman Catholic or Orthodox you are welcome to receive Holy Communion. When coming to receive Communion please do not extend your tongue — tilt your head back and open your mouth so that the priest can place the Body and Blood of Christ into your mouth with a golden spoon. Please do not close your mouth upon the spoon. **FASTING BEFORE LITURGY** Please fast at least (a minimum of) one hour before attending the Divine Liturgy and receiving Communion. **THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION)** Please do not receive Communion if you have committed sins of a grave nature (i.e., "mortal sins"). Go to Confession first before receiving Communion. Visitors: please sign the guest book by the bulletin board.

Please continue to pray for the sick and shut-in of our parish: Doris Crawley, Lillian Stefano, and Kitty Marchione.

St. Jude, my prayers to you help me to grow in many ways. I pray that I will keep gratitude always at the center of my heart. May I give thanks for each new day, for blessings small and large, for my family and friends, and for God's love. Through my heartfelt gratitude, I pray I will know the peace that comes from being continually aware of all that is good in my life. Amen.

Gospel Meditation Jesus stepped into a boat, crossed over and came to his own town. Some men brought to him a paralytic, lying on a mat. When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, "Take heart, son; your sins are forgiven." Sick people were harassed and rejected by religious folks during this time. Religious people saw them as cursed by God. You might think about what Job was suffering at the hands of his friends. They saw his trouble as a curse from God. Sick people were made to feel guilty for ever being born. You can only wonder at what is going on in the man's own heart as he is brought to Jesus. No doubt the guilt and rejection was like a thick fog hanging over his life. Jesus saw the man's deepest need. Jesus forgave the man. I would like to think that Jesus knew that this man was so guilt ridden that he would need some kind of proof that he had been forgiven. So Jesus says, "Get up, take your mat and go home." "And the man got up and went home."

Feast of St. Elias At a most critical period in the history of the Israelite people God sent inspired leaders to call His people back to the worship of the One True God. First and greatest among these prophets was Elias the Thisbite (also called Elijah) who enters Israelite history with dramatic suddenness. (1 Kings 17) He prized belief in the One God and there was no deviation from his total dedication. Appropriately, the name Elias means "the Lord is my God." The feast of St. Elias is celebrated on July 20. The icon depicting the Prophet Elias fed by ravens shows that nature itself is governed by the will of God. The raven, a bird of prey, is chosen by God to be His instrument. God's words to Elias were: "You shall drink of the stream, and I have commanded ravens to feed you there." (1 Kings 17:4) St. Basil the Great gives an interpretation of this event: "The dwelling place of Elias was Mount Carmel, a high uninhabited mountain. The wilderness received the hermit; but it was the soul that instituted all for this righteous man, and the provision for his life's journey was hope in God. Yet despite this mode of life, he did not die of hunger; on the contrary, the most rapacious birds of prey brought him food. Those whose custom was to steal food of others became servants at his table. At the command of the Lord they changed their nature and became faithful guardians of bread." This event is a prophetic prefiguration of the coming of the Kingdom of God in power. Elias did not die! He was carried away in a fiery chariot while yet alive. This introduced the thought that he would return to announce the Messiah. This, he is often mentioned in the New Testament, both in preparation for Christ and also by Christ. Through Elias we see God's constant faithfulness to His people. He sends prophets in every age to lead His people in the knowledge of One True God.

Blessing of a car or any kind of vehicle for the Feast of St. Elias Priest: Let us pray to the Lord. Response: Lord, have mercy. Priest; O Lord our God, Who make the clouds your conveyance and walk on the wings of the wind, Who sent your servant Elias a chariot of fire, Who have guided man to invent this car (truck, etc.); which is as fast as the wind, we render thanks to You; for You have provided your servants with this car to serve in their different needs. Therefore, O Master, pour now upon it your heavenly blessings; assign to it a guardian angel to preserve it against all evil. And as You have granted faith and grace by Your deacon, Philip, to the man from Ethiopia who was sitting in his chariot and reading holy Scripture, show the way of salvation to Your servants, so that, helped by Your grace and always intent on doing good works, they may, after all the trials of their pilgrimage and life on earth, attain to everlasting joys, through the intercession of our Lady, the most holy and ever-Virgin Mary, the Mother of God, through the power of the honorable and life-giving Cross; through the prayers of the holy Angels and of all the Saints: for You are the Provider and the Sanctifier of all things, and we give glory to You, and to Your only-begotten Son, and to Your all-holy, gracious and life-giving Spirit, now and ever, and forever. Response: Amen.

Weekly Collections

7/14/2019

"My return to the Lord for all His goodness to me"

Offertory	\$ 2,154.00
Candles	\$ 11.00
Total:	\$ 2,165.00

St. Nicholas parishioners are exceptionally generous. Thank you to those who generously support our parish. Thank you to ALL who made the Saints in the Summer VBS a BIG success.

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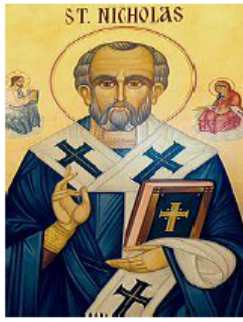
- Served by: Father Joseph J. Repko, Pastor
Subdeacon Phillip Dinsmore
- Cantors: George Nagrant, Nicholas P. Nagrant, Joseph Wanchik, Steve Terlescki, John P. Minarish, and Subdeacon Phillip Dinsmore and Richard Baranko, *Cantor Emeritus*.
- Choir Director: Nicholas J. Nagrant
- Catechetical Director: Suzanne Swanney
- Youth Directors: Adam Digon and Kimberly Kaufman
- Liturgy Schedule: Saturday 4:00 P.M. (Anticipated Sunday Obligation with Vespers)
Sunday 8:30 A.M. (Slavonic / English mix)
11:00 A.M. (English)
Daily Liturgy as scheduled (see inside of the bulletin)
Holy days as scheduled (see inside of the bulletin)

They Marveled and Glorified God

Do you see how He is shown to be Creator of both souls and bodies? He heals the paralysis in both soul and body. The healing of the soul is made evident through the healing of the body, even while the body still remains a creature crawling on the ground. The crowds were slow to recognize who He was: "When the crowds saw it, they were afraid, and they glorified God, who had given such authority to humans." ... He proceeded by His daily actions to arouse them and lift up their thinking. It would have been no small thing for Him to be thought greater than all others, as having come from God. If they had established this adequately in their own minds, they would have known in due order that He was indeed the Son of God.

But they did not grasp these things clearly. Because of this they did not come close to recognizing who He was. For again they were saying, "This man is not from God! How can this man be from God?" Their minds churned over these statements continuously. Which thing many now also do; and thinking to avenge God, fulfill their own passions, when they ought to go about all with moderation. For even the God of all, having power to launch His thunderbolt against them that blaspheme Him, makes the sun to rise, and sends forth the showers, and affords them all other things in abundance; whom we ought to imitate, and so to entreat, advise, admonish, with meekness, not angry, not making ourselves wild beasts.

St. John Chrysostom



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Glory to Jesus Christ! Glory Forever!

Slava Isusu Christu! Slava na v'iki!

Announcements for July 21, 2019: Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

Vehicle Blessings this weekend (July 20-21): As part of the commemoration of the Feast of St. Elijah on July 20th, Fr. Joe will have a special blessing of vehicles in the main parking lot immediately following all three Divine Liturgies this weekend. Any and all types of vehicles are welcome!

Next Sunday afternoon, July 28th, GCU Lodge 250 invites everyone to their annual picnic, which will be held from 12-4pm at Hartsig Park in Warren. All food and drinks will be provided compliments of Lodge 250.

GCU District 11 invites all parishioners to their Annual Golf Scramble, which will be held this year on Sunday afternoon, August 4th, at Rammler Golf Course in Sterling Heights. Sign up as a foursome, or as an individual, for this FUN event which includes a nice buffet dinner, awards, and prizes afterwards. Cost is a very reasonable \$65/person. For more information including the application to sign up, please look for fliers posted in the vestibule, or contact John P. Minarish. **Note: The deadline to register is next Monday, July 29, 2019!!!**

Our annual Pork-n-Potluck Picnic date has been set for Saturday, August 24th, after the 4pm Divine Liturgy. Please lock this into your calendars, so we can all look forward to another great turnout. And, of course, friends, relatives, and neighbors are welcome, too! As always, we would appreciate parishioner help with the set-up, clean-up, and games for this year's event. If you are able to donate even the slightest amount of your time, we would gladly appreciate it, and ask that you please sign up on the sheets in the vestibule so we know we can count on your support.

GCU District 11 invites all parishioners to their annual Tailgate Party and GCU Night at Comerica Park, which will be held on Saturday, September 14th. The tailgate party will be held here at St. Nick's, and then buses will take everyone to the park for the 6:10pm game between the Detroit Tigers and Baltimore Orioles. Please see the fliers posted in the vestibule and hall, or contact George Nagrant to sign up. **The deadline to purchase tickets is Monday, August 12th.**

Now accepting photos and other memorabilia for our parish's 100th Anniversary Celebration in 2021! We are asking all current and former parishioners, visitors, guests, and friends to please check your cameras, computers, photo boxes, basements, attics, frames, junk drawers, memorabilia, scrapbooks, photo albums.....and turn in your good quality captures of those great St. Nick's moments and occasions (of any location, event/activity, group or era) in either digital form (preferred) or hard copies. If you have digital copies, please email scanned photos in jpeg form (.jpg file) to stnicksbyzantine@yahoo.com. If you have hard copies only, please deposit photos to the specially designated box in the parish office to be archived. (If you want print photos returned to you, please include your name and contact information on the back.) Any questions, email us at stnicksbyzantine@yahoo.com, attention: Val Marszalec or Jim Van Kula.

Free to a good home: wooden office furniture! Two of the older cabinets from our parish office are available to any parishioner who can make good use of them. They have been temporarily moved to the back of the hall, near the coat racks, if you'd like to take a look at them. The cabinets are available "as is," on a first-come, first-served basis. If you or someone you know may be interested, please see Fr. Joe, Subdeacon Phillip, or George Nagrant. You would be responsible for arranging your own transportation.

Akathist services at St. Nick's: For those that might be interested, St. Nicholas Parish has started a regular offering of a special prayer service called an Akathist to the Mother of God on select Sundays (check the service schedule in the bulletin each week to confirm). The Akathists will start at 10:30am and end before the 11am Liturgy. Please attend if you are able. We will be praying for the spiritual welfare and growth of our parish!

Have you heard? We now have the ability to accept donations on-line!!! We can accept donations electronically, and securely, through our website. Please check it out! Just go to www.stnicksdetroit.com, and click on the "donations" tab. Everything else should be self-explanatory and simple to use, but of course, please feel free to let us know if you have suggestions for making improvements.

Happy Birthday this week to Steve Terlescki (7/24)! May God grant you many more years of peace, health, and happiness!

If you would like to have your birthday and/or wedding anniversary recognized in our bulletin, but did not indicate so in our last parish survey (Dec 2016), please let us know-- we would be happy to add you to our list! Simply drop off a note in the parish office with your name and your birthday/anniversary dates, or send us an e-mail with this info at stnicksbyzantine@yahoo.com. Please note that for any children birthdays to be included in the bulletin, we must receive written parental permission.

Other Announcements from within our Eparchy/Deanery:

Icon Workshop coming to St. Basil Parish in Sterling Heights: Fr. Damian Higgins is scheduled to teach his annual icon class from September 16 to 20. This Icon workshop will teach the traditional Byzantine style of icon writing. Students will learn the traditional methods and materials of egg tempera. This course is limited to 16 participants, the cost: \$350 per person. All materials will be provided. Register by phone by September 2, 2019. To register please contact Fr. Mychail from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at 586-268-1082. Please leave a message if Father is unable to answer the phone.

Upcoming Pilgrimage Opportunities:

August 17-18: Eparchial Pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Mariapoch in Burton, OH
August 30- September 2: Pilgrimage to Our Lady of Perpetual Help, at Mount St. Macrina in Uniontown, PA

Please note that if you would like to attend the Uniontown Pilgrimage, now would be a good time to secure your hotel reservations. Tent and camper space is also available on-site, for those interested. See Fr. Joe if you have any questions regarding either of these two pilgrimages.

For more info: Please see our bulletin, LIKE us on Facebook or visit our website: stnicksdetroit.com