

SUNDAY OF PENTECOST



Icon of Pentecost

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The Propers for today are on pages 203-08 of the teal Divine Liturgy books and pages 73-75 of the yellow pew books. *The Feast of Pentecost:* On this the last and greatest day of the feast, the Lord pours forth the Holy Spirit in the form like tongues of fire upon his followers. On this day we are reminded of our baptism in fire and the Spirit, we are anointed with the manifold gifts of the Spirit, and we receive the courage and wisdom to proclaim the gospel of the Lord.

Glory be to Jesus Christ!

Glory be to Him Forever!

Divine Liturgy Schedule:

All are welcome!

Scripture readings:

Epistle: Acts 2: 1-11

Gospel: St. John 7: 37-52; 8:12

Sat.	June	8	5TH ALL SOULS SATURDAY 9:00 a.m. Memory of all the Faithful Departed 4:00 p.m. For the parish family of St. Nicholas Church
Sun.	June	9	PENTECOST "GREEN" SUNDAY 8:30 a.m. +Andrew Kuruc by the Kuruc family 10:30 a.m. Akathist to the Mother of God — intention for our parish 11:00 a.m. +Ann Kulasa by Mr. Robert Kulasa Reader of the Epistle: Subdeacon Phillip Dinsmore/Cantor
Mon.	June	10	PENTECOST MONDAY, SIMPLE HOLY DAY 9:00 a.m. +Sister Maria, OSBM by Charles and Maureen Porter
Tues.	June	11	Pentecost Tuesday. The Holy Apostles Bartholomew and Barnabas 9:00 a.m. Special intention for M/M David Repko and family
Wed.	June	12	Pentecost Wednesday. Our Venerable Father Onufrius
Thurs.	June	13	Pentecost Thursday. The Holy Martyr Aquilina
Fri.	June	14	Pentecost Friday. The Holy Prophet Elisha
Sat.	June	15	Leave-taking of Pentecost. The Holy Prophet Amos 4:00 p.m. For the parish family of St. Nicholas Church
Sun.	June	16	SUNDAY OF ALL SAINTS — FATHER'S DAY 8:30 a.m. +Father Robert Barter by the parishioners of St. Nicholas Church <i>Panachida for our deceased fathers</i> 11:00 a.m. Special intention for John and Mary Dirda <i>Moleben for our living fathers</i> 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, Kitty Marchione and Pete Digon.

Today is the "Birthday" of the Church — Pentecost Sunday. Among Byzantine Catholics it is sometimes called "the Green Holy Day" because it is the only time in the year that the priest wears green vestments and because the church is decorated with branches of trees that have just sprouted their new green leaves for Spring.....the tender new green leaves being the sign of new life which comes forth from barren branches which seemed so brittle and "dead" during the winter months.

The Feast of Pentecost "If I do not go," Jesus told his apostles, "the Advocate will not come to you. But if I go away, then I will send him to you" (John 16:7). "Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait there for the gift my Father promised, the gift of which I told you. John baptized with water, but in a few days' time you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit" (Acts 1:4-5). These were the Lord's parting words to his disciples, the promise that united them as they made their way back to the city to wait in joyful, expectant faith for the coming of the Holy Spirit. Not that the Spirit would only begin to work among men after Jesus had returned to the Father; he had been at work in the world since the dawn of creation. God's people were not to experience a hitherto unknown indwelling of the Holy Spirit, but those who already belonged to him would know a more abundant outpouring, an increase rather than a first reception of his gifts. Pentecost is the culmination of the work of our salvation, that mighty plan of God's mercy which originated long ago when the Lord first began to form a people for himself. How many mysterious signs can be discovered in this feast which link the old dispensation with the new, teaching us that the law of Moses was the herald of the grace of Christ, in which it was to find its fulfillment! Fifty days after the sacrifice of the lamb marking the deliverance of the Hebrews from the Egyptians, the law was given to the people of Israel on Sinai; and fifty days from the resurrection of Christ after his immolation as the true Lamb of God, the Holy Spirit came down upon the new Israel, the people who put their faith in Jesus. The same Holy Spirit was the author of both Old and New Testaments; the foundations of the gospel were laid with the establishment of the old covenant. What a wealth of meaning can be found, therefore, in the opening words of the second chapter of Acts, "When the days of Pentecost were fulfilled!"

Gifts of the Holy Spirit Isaiah told us the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit: Is 11:2 "The Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord." They are: wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety, and fear of the Lord. These seven gifts, part of sanctifying grace, complete and perfect the virtues of those who receive them.

As the Father sent me, so I am sending you: receive the Holy Spirit (John 20: 19) Every Catholic knows that today's solemnity ranks as one of the principal feasts of the Church. The reverence due to it is beyond all question, because this day is consecrated by the most sublime and wonderful gift of the Holy Spirit.

Kneeling Prayers We are invited to kneel during the Kneeling Prayers on Pentecost Sunday (even though it is the custom of our Church to stand throughout each Divine Liturgy). This is our first kneeling since Easter. It signifies that after these fifty days of Paschal joy and fullness, of experiencing the Kingdom of God, the Church now is about to begin her pilgrimage through time and history. Temptations and failures await us, when, more than anything else, we need Divine help, that presence and power of the Holy Spirit, who has already revealed to us the joyful End, who now will help us in our effort towards fulfillment and salvation. The prayers will be taken before the dismissal of each Divine Liturgy.

A priest was talking to a group of Sunday school children. "And now," he said, "is there any boy or girl who would like to ask me a question?" There was silence. Then a shrill voice asked: "Please, father, why did angels walk up and down Jacob's ladder when they had wings?" "Ah, yes," said the priest. "Now would any child like to answer that question?"

Weekly Collections

6/2/2019

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

Offertory	\$ 1,529.00
Holy Days	\$ 332.00
Fuel	\$ 20.00
Candles	\$ 40.00
Icon Class	\$ 160.00
GCU Grant	\$ 73.69
Poor Box	\$ <u>2.50</u>
Total:	\$ 2,157.69

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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)

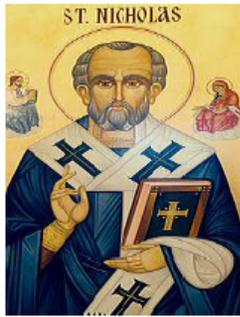
There is Life in the Church because in the Church is the Spirit

My brothers and sisters, if you want the Holy Spirit to dwell in you, listen carefully. Our spirit, by means of which each individual lives, is called the soul. And look what the soul does in the body. It gives life to all the limbs. It sees with the eyes, hears with the ears, smells with the nose, speaks with the tongue, works with the hands, walks with the feet. It is present at one and the same time in all the limbs to make them live. It gives life to all the limbs and to each limb its function. It is not the eye that hears, not the ear that sees, not the eye or the ear that speaks. Yet they are nonetheless alive. The ear is alive, the tongue is alive. Their functions are different, the life is the same.

The Church of God is like that. By means of some believers she performs miracles, by means

of others she teaches the truth; by means of some she keeps virginity, by means of others she respects marital fidelity. The tasks are different, the life is the same. What the soul is to the body of a human being, the Holy Spirit is to the Body of Christ, the Church. The Holy Spirit does for the whole Church what the soul does for the body of the individual. Look then and see what you ought to fear and what you ought to avoid. If the body suffers an amputation (for example of a finger or a hand or a foot) does the soul go with the limb that has been cut off? While it was in the body, that limb was alive; when it is cut off it loses its life. It is like that with Christians. They are alive only while they are in the Body. If they are cut off from the Body, the Holy Spirit is no longer with them.

St. Augustine of Hippo



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Glory to Jesus Christ! Glory Forever!

Slava Isusu Christu! Slava na v'iki!

Announcements for June 9, 2019: Pentecost Sunday

Flag Day Ceremony today (Sunday, June 9th): In honor of Flag Day coming up this week on June 14th, GCU Lodge 860 invites all parishioners to participate in a short Flag Day ceremony, immediately following this Sunday's 11:00am Divine Liturgy. Lodge 860 will provide lunch in the hall afterwards, too.

All GCU Lodge 860 members are asked to please stick around after the Flag Day ceremony for their **2nd Quarterly meeting**, in the church hall.

Father's Day is next Sunday (June 16th): Please remember to submit your Father's Day envelopes, by this Sunday, June 9th, so that Father Joe can compile the list of living and deceased fathers that we will pray for on Father's Day. We will have a Panachida after the 8:30 liturgy for deceased fathers, and a Moleben after the 11:00 liturgy for the living fathers.

Father's Day Continental Breakfast: Please join us next Sunday for a continental breakfast between the two Liturgies, in honor of all of the fathers in our parish.

IMPORTANT-- Eparchial Stewardship Drive: We are nearing the end of this year's Stewardship Drive, but we still are ~\$2,150 short of our goal (as of May 24). If you have not yet made your pledge for this Stewardship year, please send it in today! The deadline for making payments is June 30th.

50th Anniversary of the Eparchy of Parma: His Grace Milan Lach, SJ, Bishop of the Eparchy of Parma, heartily invites and encourages believers across the eparchy to the 50th anniversary celebrations of the Eparchy of Parma from June 21-22, 2019 at the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist, 1900 Carlton Road, Parma, Ohio. Bishop Milan will be joined by His Eminence Cardinal Leonardo Sandri, Prefect of the Congregation for the Oriental Churches, His Excellency Metropolitan William C. Skurla, Archbishop of Pittsburgh, archbishops and bishops from the USA and Europe, priests, and parishioners from churches across the region. Come and pray with us as we are celebrating this unique golden anniversary.

There will NOT be a 4 p.m. Divine Liturgy celebrated on Saturday, June 22nd at St. Nicholas Church. All priests of the Eparchy of Parma are required to be at the Cathedral of St. John in Parma, Ohio for the anniversary celebration. The remainder of the Liturgical schedule will be taken that weekend (8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. Divine Liturgies on Sunday, June 23rd).

Do you know of any parishioners graduating from high school or college this year? If so, please let us know so that we can recognize them for this significant achievement. Please see Fr. Joe directly or send us an e-mail with the graduate's name and school, and if it's from a college or university, what degree(s) they have earned.

OTHER UPCOMING EVENTS (fliers to be posted soon):

Sunday, August 4th

Saturday, August 24th

Saturday, September 14th

GCU District 11 Annual Golf Scramble

St. Nicholas Parish Pork-n-Potluck Picnic (aka "Pig Roast")

GCU Night at Comerica Park, w/ Tailgate Party at St. Nick's

St Nicholas's 100th Anniversary Celebration coming in 2021! We are asking current and former parishioners, visitors, guests, 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) – please email scanned photos in jpeg form (.jpg file) to stnicksbyzantine@yahoo.com, or in print form – 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 info. on the back.) Any questions, email stnicksbyzantine@yahoo.com – attention: Val Marszalec or Jim Van Kula.

Happy Birthday this week to Clay Hycki (6/14)! May God grant to his servant Clay many more happy, healthy, and blessed years!

Happy Anniversary this week to Andrew and Jane Skurya (6/10), Gerry and Sharon May (6/13), and Jordan and Kimberly Prodan (6/15)! May God grant to them many more years of peace, health, and happiness together!

Attention, Young Adults: You are invited to the first-ever Byzantine Catholic Young Adult Convocation. The convocation will take place August 1st-4th at St. Mary's Byzantine Catholic Church in New York City and is open to all young adults ages 18-35. Registration is available at theosisinaction.org/convocation-2019 through June 15th. We welcome and invite all young adults ages 18-35 to join us on this very special weekend! Young adults with questions are welcome to reach out to Adriana Shubeck or Chris Russo, co-founders of Theosis in Action, the official young adult ministry of the Eparchy of Passaic at theosisinaction@gmail.com or <https://www.facebook.com/theosisinaction>.

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!

Volunteers Needed for our Eparchy's 50th Anniversary Celebration: Deacon Greg Loya has put out a second request for help. They are looking for additional volunteers to help on both Friday and Saturday, June 21-22. Specifically, they still need help for the following:

Friday 7 PM vespers: Parking lot, ushers, greeters, servers.

Saturday 10 AM Moleben: Ushers, greeters, servers. Parking lot.

Saturday 11 AM Divine Liturgy: Ushers, greeters, servers. Parking lot.

Saturday Dinner: Greeters at door, checking reservations.

Also, they could use some extra staffing in their "first aid station." Medical experience is not required for this, as the volunteers will not be expected to provide that level of care. If anyone is interested in volunteering in any of these capacities for the Eparchy's 50th Anniversary, please contact Subdeacon Phillip.

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