

# St. Nicholas Eastern Orthodox Church

Stavropigia of the Ukrianian Orthodox Church - Kyivan Patriarchate

## Bulletin for Sunday, June 7, 2020



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# The Feast Day of Pentecost:

*The descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Disciples of Christ*

When the day of Pentecost had come they were all together in one place. And suddenly a sound came from heaven like the rush of a mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. And there appeared to them tongues as of fire, distributed as resting upon each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit.

Acts 2:1-4

**On Pentecost we decorate the church with flowers and green branches to signify the Church as an evergreen, ever-living tree of life, joy and comfort...**

**for the Holy Spirit, "the Treasury of Blessings and Giver of Life, comes and abides in us, and cleanses us from every impurity," and fills our life with meaning, love, faith and hope.**

**Following Divine Liturgy on Pentecost, we will pray the Kneeling Vespers. This is the first kneeling since Easter. Before each Kneeling Prayer, Father Bohdan will say, "On bended knee let us pray to the Lord." What will we be asking from God in the three prayers?**

- **Prayer #1: We ask God to hear us, accept us, forget our sins, purge our sinful thoughts, entrust us to a guardian angel, grant us forgiveness, and cleanse us by the Holy Spirit.**
- **Prayer #2: We ask God to teach us how to pray and what to pray for.**
- **Prayer #3: For our departed loved ones, we ask God to give rest to their souls and forgive their sins.**



**This Week's Bulletin is Dedicated to  
Ellen and Phil Hanavin  
in Celebration of Their  
32<sup>nd</sup> Wedding Anniversary!  
Mnohaya Lita!**



**PLEASE NOTE THAT, AS IN PAST YEARS,  
DIVINE LITURGY WILL BEGIN AT 9:00 AM  
DURING THE SUMMER MONTHS OF  
JUNE, JULY AND AUGUST.**

## Schedule of Services

<b>Saturday, June 6</b>	<b>9:00 am: Divine Liturgy, followed by Panikhida for John Martin 12:00 noon: Grave Blessings at Oakland Cemetery 5:00 pm: Vespers</b>
<b>Sunday, June 7 PENTECOST</b>	<b>9:00 am: Divine Liturgy, followed by Vespers (kneeling prayers)</b>
<b>Saturday, June 13</b>	<b>5:00 pm: Vespers</b>
<b>Sunday, June 14</b>	<b>9:00 am: Divine Liturgy, followed by Moleben Honoring Students and Graduates</b>
<b>Saturday, June 20</b>	<b>5:00 pm: Vespers</b>
<b>Sunday, June 21 FATHER'S DAY</b>	<b>9:00 am: Divine Liturgy, followed by a Panikhida and Moleben for the Fathers</b>
<b>Saturday, June 27</b>	<b>5:00 pm: Vespers</b>
<b>Sunday, June 28</b>	<b>9:00 am: Divine Liturgy</b>



# Moleben for All Students and Graduates

Sunday, June 14

Please email names/photos of Graduates to  
**SNEOC100@gmail.com**



Is anyone graduating? We want to remember the Class of 2020 Graduates in our parish at the Moleben on Sunday, June 14, following Divine Liturgy. Please let us know if someone in your family is graduating College, High School, an Academy, or any study program. Email the information and a photo to [SNEOC100@gmail.com](mailto:SNEOC100@gmail.com).

***“Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.”***



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Your contribution is automatically deposited into the Church Fund of your choice.

You will be emailed a receipt.

*Simple, easy, needed and greatly appreciated!*

A reminder from our Treasurer, Ellen Hanavin: if you have not already paid your Annual Dues for the year 2020, it is time to do so. \$300 for a family living in the same household; \$150 for an individual. You can pay online or in person at the Candle Room window. Becoming a dues-paying member of St. Nicholas Church is a sign of commitment to your Parish. As a member, you are entitled to vote at the Parish Annual Meeting (held every September). Fees for weddings, funerals, and baptisms are also discounted for members.

**Donations to the Building Fund 2020**

1. In Memory of Victoria Patterson from Diane Kavchok, Renee Murphy, Vicki Borriello, and Gail Osborn
2. Anna Kuliasha
3. Colleen and Nicholas Philipp in Memory of Parents/Grandparents Pauline and Charles John Redmond



Please remember our homebound parishioner:

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**[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCAcnmIRpplmasL-806\\_Lzrg](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCAcnmIRpplmasL-806_Lzrg)**

# SUNDAY VIGILS LIT TODAY



Altar Candles: \$35;  
Analog Candles: \$25  
Sunday Vigils: \$2;  
Annual Vigils: \$100

## SUNDAY VIGILS

1. For the repose of the soul of John Martin on his 79<sup>th</sup> Birthday and the 4<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of his passing. Memory Eternal. Offered by Susan Guz
2. For the health of my sister, Karen Niehoff, Love, Gail
3. For the health of our sister/aunt, Karen Niehoff, love, Renee, Frank, Alex and Matt
4. For the health of my beloved husband, Phil, on our 32<sup>nd</sup> wedding anniversary, Love, Ellen
5. For the health of my beloved wife, Ellen, on our 32<sup>nd</sup> wedding anniversary, Love, Phil
6. In memory of John Martin, on his birthday, offered by Ellen Hanavin
7. For the health of Bohdana Zhoba, on her graduation from high school, offered by Ellen Hanavin

**A L T A R  
C A N D L E S**  
lit today  
In Memory Of

**HELEN & STEPHEN  
SAMERUCK**

on their  
Wedding  
Anniversary

Offered with Love  
from

**Tom & Judy Hanney  
and Family**







**Father Bohdan's Sermon  
Sunday, May 31, 2020  
John 17:1-13**

This past Thursday we celebrated the Feast Day of Ascension, the final physical departure of Jesus Christ from this world after His Resurrection. John tells us in today's Bible reading us that Jesus' work on Earth is complete, and He talks and prays fervently as the earthly, human Son of God to His Father in Heaven.

In this prayer, Jesus affirms His obedience to God the Father, He prays for the unity and protection of His disciples, and He prays for all those who will come to believe in Him and know the glory of God through the preaching of the Gospel.

The message is important, but equally important is realizing that **EVEN JESUS PRAYED** -- and it is essential for us to do the same. A vital prayer life is necessary to do God's will. We rely on prayer for the wisdom and strength we need. It is so simple for us as Orthodox Christians to pray. It is as natural as breathing. And I am always surprised, after my many years as a priest, how difficult, how unnatural, it is for some people to pray. And I witness countless times their anguish and despair as they try to struggle through life's many challenges without prayer.

We all know the Lord's Prayer by heart. "Our Father Who Art in Heaven..." This is a prayer Jesus taught His disciples. And when we recite this familiar prayer, we must remind ourselves not just to repeat the words, but to pray with faith.

We pray for the sick, the suffering and the departed. We pray for the health of the living. We pray and give thanks for food, for peace within ourselves and in the world.

So, members of St. Nicholas Church: Follow Jesus' example. He wants us to pray in unity as His disciples did for the glory of God so that others will see how we live and want to become followers with us.  
AMEN.



# Preparing for General Confession

Until further notice, Father Bohdan will give absolution at General Confession during Divine Liturgy just prior to Communion. However, *it is essential that you properly prepare for Confession*: fast in the morning; examine your conscience; reflect on your actions and thoughts; and carefully read and acknowledge the prayer of St. John of Kronstadt at home. This Confession prayer will also be read aloud by the Reader prior to receiving Communion.



# Preparation for Confession - A Prayer of St. John of Kronstadt

- I, a great sinner, confess to my Lord and God and Savior Jesus Christ all the evil I have committed, uttered or thought since Baptism to the present day.
- I have not kept the promises I gave in Baptism, and I have made myself worthless in the sight of God.
- I have sinned before the Lord by lack of faith and by doubts in the Faith and in the Church; by lack of gratitude for all God's great and never-ending goodness and long-suffering and His care for me, a sinner; by lack of love for God, and lack even of fear; by my refusal to keep God's commandments and the rules of the Church.
- I have not loved God or my neighbor; I have not tried to learn God's commandments and the Tradition of the Holy Fathers by reason of laziness and carelessness.
- I have sinned in that I have not prayed in the morning and in the evening and in the course of the day; I have sinned in that I have been absent from Church services or have attended them only half-heartedly, lazily and carelessly; I have talked during services, I have been inattentive, I have lacked concentration, I have walked out of Church during services and before the dismissal and final blessing.
- I have sinned by judging members of the clergy.
- I have sinned by disregarding Feasts, by not keeping fasts, by immoderate use of food and drink.
- I have sinned by being egotistical, by disobedience, willfulness, self-righteousness and the seeking of approval and praise.
- I have sinned by faithlessness, by little faith, doubting, despair, faint-heartedness, blasphemous thoughts, blasphemy, and by using the name of God in vain.
- I have sinned in that I have been proud, thought highly of myself; I have been ambitious and vain, I have loved glory and praise, I have been jealous and I have been a braggart.
- I have sinned by judging others, by speaking evil, by anger, remembrance of wrongs, hatred, returning evil for evil, speaking falsely, reproach, flattery, cunning, deceit, hypocrisy, gossip, argumentation, stubbornness, refusing to give way to my neighbor, gloating, malice, spite, abuse, and mockery.
- I have sinned by needless laughter, remembrance of past sins, disrespectful behavior, and rudeness.
- I have sinned in that I have given in to my feelings and emotions, I have enjoyed impure thoughts, I have been impure, I have been unclean in thoughts, words and deeds.
- I have sinned in being impatient in sickness and sorrow, in my love of comfort, excessive attachment to parents, children, relatives and friends.
- I have sinned by hardness of heart, weakness of will; I have not compelled myself to do good.
- I have sinned in being miserly, in loving money, in acquiring possessions I do not really need, in being deceitful, in excessive attachment to possessions.
- I have sinned in judging others, in inattentiveness to the prompting of conscience, in not confessing my sins because I have lacked zeal or because of false shame.
- I have sinned many times in confession itself by deprecating sins, by self justification, by concealment of sin.
- I have sinned against the holy and life-giving Mysteries of the Body and Blood of the Lord by approaching holy Communion without the appropriate preparation and prayer, without grieving at my sinfulness and without the fear of God.
- I have sinned in word, deed, and thought, in knowledge and in ignorance, thoughtfully and thoughtlessly, and I cannot enumerate all my sins because of their great number. I truly repent of all these my sins and of the sins I have not mentioned by reason of forgetfulness.
- I ask to be forgiven because of God's great mercy.



## ANNUAL VIGILS LIT TODAY

1. +The Repose of the soul of Carol Dantine, offered by David Dantine, Jr. and Family. exp. 11/1/21
2. +The Repose of the souls of George and Barbara Wohar, offered by Barbara McMonigle and Family. exp.11/1/20
3. +The Repose of the souls of John and Helen Guz, and John and Mary Dzwonczyk, offered by daughters/granddaughters Patricia Walker and Susan Guz. exp. 12/31/20
4. +The Repose of the souls of Helen and Michael Zaruba, and Christina and Christopher Natale. May Their Memory Be Eternal. Offered with love by Daughter/Sister/Aunt, Marcia O'Connor. exp. 10/1/20
5. +The Repose of the souls of the Kucheruk Family, Matrona, Constantine, George, William, Anthony, Anna, John "Whitey" and Helen Horbacz. exp. 7/1/20
6. +The Repose of the souls of All Members of the Sisterhood Fallen Asleep in the Lord, offered by the Sisterhood of the Pokrova. exp. 10/13/20
7. +The Repose of the souls of the Boljarevich Family, Anastasia (Nancy) Yarosh, Helen Kon, Helen and John "Whitey" Horbacz, Harry Mason, Sophie Gamble, Michael Zaruba and John Martin. PERPETUAL
8. +The Repose of the soul of my beloved husband, our devoted father and grandfather, Jack Kavchok. May his memory be eternal! Offered with love, Diane, John, Michael, Melissa, Makenzie, Riley and Kylie. exp. 8/1/20
9. +The Repose of the souls of Emil and Helen Levchenko offered by daughter, Ellen Hanavin. exp. 12/31/20
10. +The Repose of the souls of Irina and Michael Sierp, Konstantin, Olga, Lydia and Juris Teterski, Richard Boswell, and the health of all living members of the Teterski, Sierp, Boswell and Lis Families, offered by Susan Lis. exp. 9/18/20
11. +The Repose of the soul of our mother and grandmother, Helen Marx, offered by Victoria, Frank, Christopher, Stephanie, Julia, Nicholas, Krissy, Nathan and Morgan Borriello. exp. 4/19/21
12. +In memory of John and Susan Stetsuk, offered by Susan Isaac. exp. 12/31/20
13. +In memory of Paul Stetsuk, offered by Susan Isaac. Exp. 12/31/20
14. +In memory of Vera, Richard and Paul Wienckowski, offered by Susan Isaac. exp. 12/31/20
15. +In memory of Evelyn Atlee, offered by the Borriello Family. exp. 12/31/20
16. +In memory of Nadia Borriello, offered by the Borriello Family. exp. 5/31/21
17. +In loving memory of our mother Lillian Fox, offered by Renee, Gail, Karen & Families, exp. 8/1/20
18. +The Repose of the souls of the Kowal Family: Andrew, Paraskeva, Andrew, Catherine, Susan, John, Nionila, Anna, David, Franklin Shultz and Edward Barrett, offered by Drew Kowal. exp. 11/1/20
19. For the health of Mykhailo, Tetiana, David, Svitlana, Vitaliy, Marina, Viktor, Ilona, Bogdan, Oleksandra, Volodymyr, Halyna, Victoria, Mykola, Father Bohdan Zhoba and his family, and in memory of Mykhailo, Yaroslav, Anna, Petro, Bohdan, newly-departed Anna, Veronika, Tetiana, Oleksander, Diana, Olga, Hrustyna, Dimitriy and Diana, offered by Michael, Tetiana and David Kuchmiak. exp. 12/31/20
20. +In memory of my beloved parents, Nadejda and Carlos Davidyan, and for the health and protection of my son, Karlos, offered by Era Carter. exp. 6/1/20
21. For the health of Vasyl, Maria, Anna, Mykhailyna, Viktor, Oksana, Volodymyra, Anna-Diana, Olga, Mykola, Olga, Marianna, Oksana, Volodymyra, Olga, Roman, Volodymyr, Iryna-Olesia, Bohdan and Angelina, offered by Oksana and Victor Voloshnovskyy. exp. 9/1/20
22. +The Repose of the souls of Stephen and Helen V. Sameruck, offered by Barbara Latsios, Judy Hanney and families. exp. 10/25/20



# THE SCRIPTURE READING FOR SUNDAY, JUNE 7

## PENTECOST



**PRIEST:** Let us attend! Peace be unto all!

**READER:** And to thy spirit.

**PRIEST:** Wisdom!

**READER:** The Prokeimenon in the 7<sup>th</sup> Tone: The Lord shall give strength to His people! The Lord shall bless His people with peace!

**CHOIR:** The Lord shall give strength to His people! The Lord shall bless His people with peace!

**READER:** Offer to the Lord, O ye sons of God! Offer young rams to the Lord! The Lord shall give strength to His people!

**CHOIR:** The Lord shall bless His people with peace!

**PRIEST:** Wisdom!

**READER:** The reading is from the Acts of the Holy Apostles.

**PRIEST:** Let us attend!

**READER:** Brothers...When the Day of Pentecost had fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. Then there appeared to them divided tongues, as of fire, and one sat upon each of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance. And there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men, from every nation under heaven. And when this sound occurred, the multitude came together, and were confused, because everyone heard them speak in his own language. Then they were all amazed and marveled, saying to one another, "Look, are not all these who speak Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each in our own language in which we were born? Parthians and Medes and Elamites, those dwelling in Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya adjoining Cyrene, visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs—we hear them speaking in our own tongues the wonderful works of God. **(Acts 2:1-11)**

**PRIEST:** Peace be unto thee, Reader.

**READER:** And to thy spirit.

**PRIEST:** Wisdom!

**READER:** Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! **CHOIR:** Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

**READER:** It is good to give thanks unto the Lord, to sing praises to Thy Name, O Most-High!  
To declare Thy mercy in the morning, and Thy truth by night!

**CHOIR:** Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

**PRIEST:** Wisdom! Let us attend! Let us listen to the Holy Gospel. Peace be unto all.

**CHOIR:** And to thy spirit.

**PRIEST:** The reading is from the Holy Gospel according to Saint John.

**CHOIR:** Glory to Thee, O Lord, glory to Thee.

**PRIEST:** Let us attend. On the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried out, saying, "If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and drink. He who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, out of his heart will flow rivers of living water. But this He spoke concerning the Spirit, whom those believing in Him would receive; for the Holy Spirit was not yet given, because Jesus was not yet glorified. Therefore many from the crowd, when they heard this saying, said, "Truly this is the Prophet." Others said, "This is the Christ." But some said, "Will the Christ come out of Galilee? Has not the Scripture said that the Christ comes from the seed of David and from the town of Bethlehem, where David was? So there was a division among the people because of Him. Now some of them wanted to take Him, but no one laid hands on Him. Then the officers came to the chief priests and Pharisees, who said to them, "Why have you not brought Him?" The officers answered, "No man ever spoke like this Man!" Then the Pharisees answered them, "Are you also deceived? Have any of the rulers or the Pharisees believed in Him? But this crowd that does not know the law is accursed. Nicodemus (he who came to Jesus by night, being one of them) said to them, Does our law judge a man before it hears him and knows what he is doing? They answered and said to him, "Are you also from Galilee? Search and look, for no prophet has arisen out of Galilee." Then Jesus spoke to them again, saying, "I am the light of the world. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life." **(John 7:37-52; 8:12)**

**CHOIR:** Glory to Thee, O Lord, glory to Thee.

# Safety Guidelines for the Reopening of St. Nicholas Church

Very Reverend Bohdan Zhoba, Rector

St. Nicholas Church has created its own guidelines to prepare us to safely worship together in Church.

*All services will be webcast.*

- 1. Everyone must wear a mask. No mask, no entry.**
- 2. Upon entering the church, touching the exterior door handle is inevitable. Signs will be posted instructing everyone to immediately wash their hands upon entering the building and prior to going upstairs to the sanctuary.**
- 3. Bathroom entry doors will be left open to eliminate touching.**
- 4. Bathrooms will be amply stocked with soap and paper towels.**
- 5. Hall doors and the door to the sanctuary will be left open to eliminate touching.**
- 6. A plexiglass shield with an opening at the bottom will be set up in the candle room window. Hand sanitizer will be supplied for the person selling candles in the candle room.**
- 7. Every other row of seats will be roped off to prevent sitting in that row to enforce social distancing. Families can sit together.**
- 8. Signs will be placed telling worshippers not to touch or kiss the icons. Venerate, do not touch.**
- 9. The person passing the collection basket will wear a mask and gloves. No children should pass the basket at this time.**
- 10. Confession: Father Bohdan will give absolution during a general confession, after reading the prayer of St. John of Kronstadt. He will instruct penitents to prepare properly for general confession (fasting in the morning, praying, examining your conscience, reflecting on your actions and thoughts). The confession prayer of St. John of Kronstadt will be read aloud by the Reader prior to receiving Communion.**
- 11. Communion. Father will wear a mask to protect himself when parishioners receive communion. Tables with trays will be set up to hold individual communion spoons, one tray for clean spoons; another for used spoons.**
- 12. Communion Line: An X will be marked on the floor with yellow tape every 6 feet to enforce social distancing.**
- 13. After receiving Communion, wine will be poured into disposable cups. Pieces of prosphora will also be put into individual disposable cups to prevent people from touching other pieces.**
- 14. A trash can, lined with a plastic bag, will be placed in the area to dispose of used cups.**
- 15. Prior to pouring the wine and setting up the bread on the communion cart, that person must wash his/her hands, in addition to wearing gloves and a mask.**
- 16. For the time being, the Choir Director will sing the responses alone. (The Choir members will return in September at which time the music stands will be moved further apart separated with clear plastic curtains.)**
- 17. We will refrain from socializing after church services. No coffee hour, no fellowship lunches until further notice.**
- 18. Father Bohdan will determine his own safety rules behind the altar. For the time being, he will continue to serve alone.**
- 19. Our church cleaning person will clean and disinfect the bathrooms and sanctuary during the week prior to the next Sunday's service.**
- 20. Reopening the Church does not mean that you must come. If you are not comfortable in attending, STAY HOME. If you are not feeling well, STAY HOME. If you want to attend and are healthy, welcome!**