

5th Sunday after Pentecost

Hieromartyr Pancratius, Bishop of Taormina in Sicily

July 9th, 2023

Assigned Readings

Romans 10: 1-10

Matthew 8: 28-9:1

The Hieromartyr Pancratius, Bishop of Taormina, was born when our Lord Jesus Christ yet lived upon the earth. The parents of Pancratius were natives of Antioch. Hearing the good news of Jesus Christ, Pancratius' father took his young son with him and went to Jerusalem in order to see the great Teacher for himself. It was during this period that young Pancratius got to know the holy Apostle Peter.

After the Ascension of the Savior, one of the Apostles came to Antioch and baptized the parents of Pancratius together with all their household. When the parents of Pancratius died, he left behind his inherited possessions and went to Pontus and began to live in a cave, spending his days in prayer and deep spiritual contemplation. The holy Apostle Peter, while passing through those parts, visited Pancratius at Pontus. He took him along to Antioch, and then to Sicily, where the holy Apostle Paul then was. There the holy Apostles Peter and Paul made Saint Pancratius Bishop of Taormina in Sicily.

Saint Pancratius toiled zealously for the Christian enlightenment of the people. In a single month he built a church where he celebrated divine services. The number of believers quickly grew, and soon almost all the people of Taormina and the surrounding cities accepted the Christian Faith.

Saint Pancratius governed his flock peacefully for many years. However, pagans plotted against the saint, and seizing an appropriate moment, they fell upon him and stoned him. Thus, Saint Pancratius ended his life as a martyr.

Announcements

July 9th: No coffee hour, Annual Parish Picnic hosted by Bill and Marie Evanina, dinner is provided. Thank you to Bill and Marie for their continued hospitality.

Our June Collection for St. Francis of Assisi soup kitchen was successful, please see Fr. Nathan with suggestions for the next collection effort.

Fr. Nathan will be traveling with his family from 7/17 through 7/24. I will check messages periodically for any no immediate matters. Please contact Fr. Innocent Neal in the event of an emergency at (570) 691-9076.

June Pierogi making raised \$2290 profit. Thank you to all for the hard work and effort.

July 16th we will have a blessing of cars following service and a make-up parish council meeting to follow coffee hour.

Upcoming Services:

July 15th Great Vespers – 5:00 pm.

July 16th Divine Liturgy – 9:30 am.

July 22nd – No Vespers: Fr. Nathan is traveling.

July 23rd Divine Liturgy – 9:30 am.

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Troparion and Kontakion of the Day

Troparion to St. Nicholas – Tone 4

The truth of things revealed you to your flock as a rule of faith, an icon of meekness and a teacher of abstinence.

You thus reached the heights through humility and wealth through poverty.

O Holy Hierarch Father Nicholas, // pray to Christ God for the salvation of our souls.

Kontakion to St. Nicholas – Tone 3

You proved yourself to be a holy priest, O Nicholas;

You served God in Myra and lived the gospel of Christ.

You offered your life for your people;

You rescued the innocent from death.//

Therefore God has glorified you as a trustworthy guide of things divine.

Steadfast Protectress – Tone 6

Steadfast protectress of Christians,

constant advocate before the Creator,

do not despise the cry of us sinners,

but in your goodness come speedily to help us who call on you in faith,

hasten to hear our petition and to intercede for us O Theotokos//

For you always protect those who honor you.

Prayers for the Sick:

Archpriest Vladimir

Thom

Priest John

Julie

Priest James

Joan

Matushka Gloria

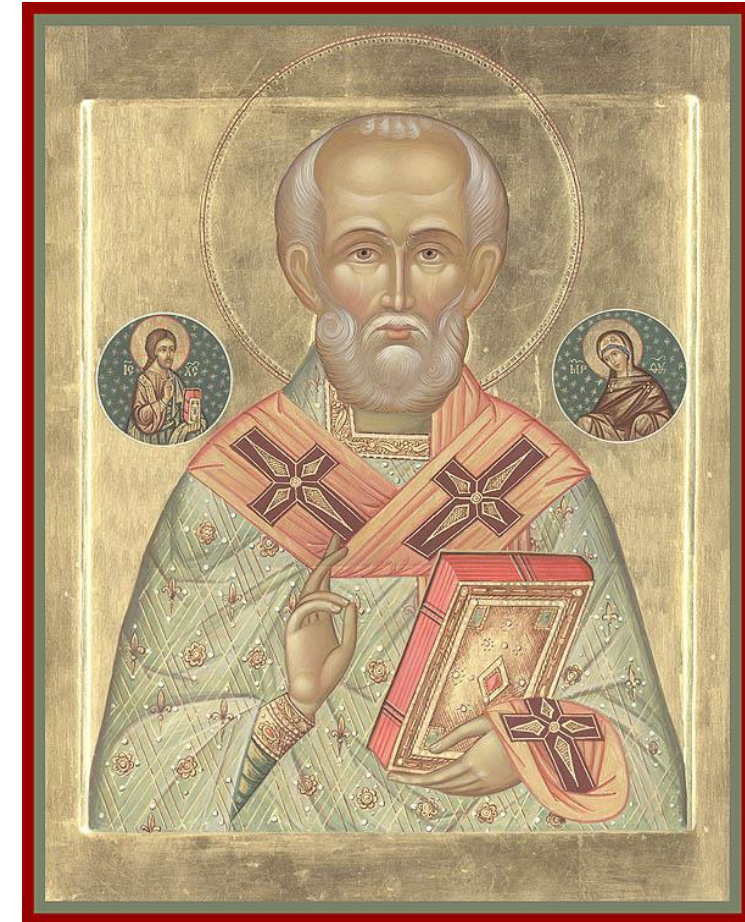
Vera

Matushka Myra

Helen

Matushka Nancy

Marie



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