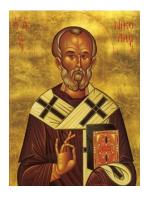
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St.Nicholas Orthodox Church

Fr. Nathan Clausson Acting Rector Mark Howanetz, Choir Director 8th Sunday of Pascha Holy Pentecost – Feast of the Holy Trinity

June 4th 2023



Gospel John 7:37-52; 8:12

Epistle Acts 2:1-11

Troparion Tone 8 Blessed art <u>Thou</u>, O <u>Christ</u> our God, Who hast re<u>vealed</u> the <u>fish</u>ermen as <u>most</u> wise by sending <u>down</u> upon <u>them</u> the Holy <u>Spir</u>it, and through them Thou didst <u>draw</u> the <u>world</u> into Thy net.// O Lover of <u>Man</u>, <u>glory</u> to Thee!

Troparion (Feast)

Thou hast given him his heart's desire, and hast not withheld the request of his lips.

Troparion (Feast)

For Thou dost meet him with goodly blessings; Thou dost set a crown of fine gold upon his head.

Entrance Verse

Be Thou exalted, O Lord, in Thy strength! We will sing and praise Thy power!

Kontakion Tone 8 (Feast)

When the Most <u>High</u> came <u>down</u> and con<u>fused</u> the tongues, He divided the <u>na</u>tions; but when He dis<u>trib</u>uted the <u>tongues</u> of fire, He called all to <u>unity.//</u> Therefore, with one <u>voice</u> we <u>glo</u>rify the All-holy <u>Spir</u>it.

Prayers for the Sick



Archpriest Vladimir Priest John Matushka Gloria Matushka Myra Matushka Nancy

Thom Julie Joan Vera Helen Marie

For all who are sick or suffering with afflictions in our parish, our community and throughout the world!

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Announcements

Welcome Father Nathan, Matushka Katherine, Micaiah, Evangeline, Gideon, Zacharias, Ignatius, and Basil,

Archbishop Mark is pleased to announce the assignment of Father Nathan Clausson as our new Acting Rector beginning on June 1, 2023.

May God grant them Many Years as they begin their ministry here at St. Nicholas parish.

July 2, 2023

His Eminence Archbishop Mark will visit our parish on July 2, 2023. We will be joined by Father Paul Witek and the parishioners of All Saints Church for his visit. Please plan to attend divine liturgy on that Sunday.

More details about the day will be forthcoming.

July 9, 2023

Once again Bill and Marie Evanina have opened their lovely home to us for our annual parish picnic. A sign up sheet will be at the candle desk. Dinner will be provided but we are asking for appetizer donations. See Matushka Kyra if you can bring something.

The picnic will begin after divine liturgy and there will be no coffee hour. Bring your swimsuits, they have a beautiful pool! Thank you Bill and Marie.

Coffee Hour in the fellowship hall after Divine Liturgy. Please join us! We will be making Peroghi on Saturday's June 10th & 17th at 10:30 AM The price of our Peroghi is now \$10 per dozen.

Services for the Week

Saturday June 10th, Great Vespers 5:00 PM Sunday June 11th, Divine Liturgy, with 9:30 AM

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This is a day of great rejoicing: All that Christ imparted to us through His saving Incarnation, defeat of sin and death on the cross, resurrection, and glorious ascension, has its fulfillment and culmination on this day: the disciples, formally confused and fearful, who cowered in the upper room for fear of their fellow Jews, are now emboldened and enlightened by the descent of the Holy Spirit. In an instant, all is changed: the disciples now courageously witness to the truth, speaking with great conviction and authority—the Holy Spirit has descended upon them and replaced their heart of fear with power from on high.

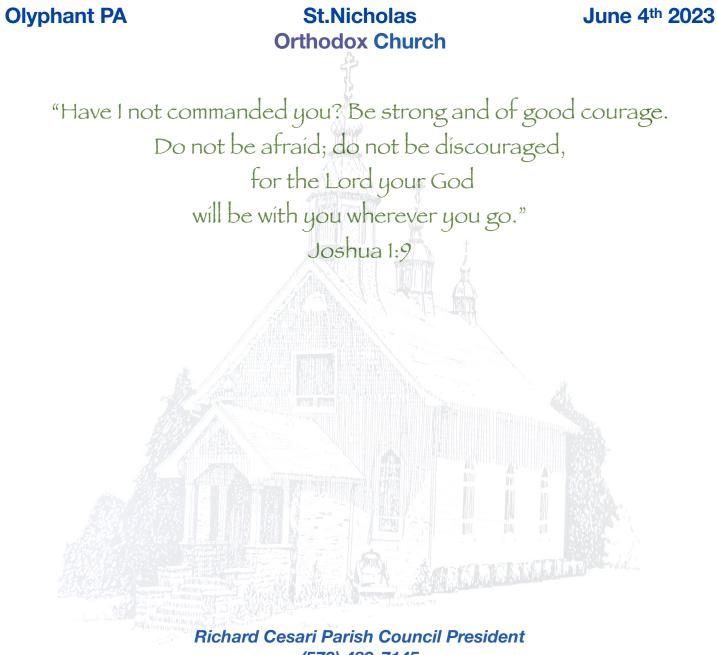
Now, we see the Apostles, ordained by



Christ, in the streets, united, and preaching to the people with one voice the Good News of new life in Christ Jesus in fulfillment of all that God had promised Israel and the world in His great love and mercy. The significance of Pentecost is seen in even greater light if we understand its historical context in man's relationship with God. Mankind's efforts at unity without God are always prideful, ego-centric, seeking to take the place of God, as we see in the Tower of Babel. To humble man and teach him to follow God and His way that alone is life, God divided the tongues. But now, at Pentecost, God offers us again a way to unity—not one of man's making, but the way of God by the Holy Spirit. Christ promised before His ascension: "Nevertheless, I tell you the truth, it is to your advantage that I go away; for... when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth" (John 16:7, 13).

By the Holy Spirit we are indeed led "into all truth." And what is this truth? Pilot asks this same question of Jesus at His trial. Christ's answer, found in Jn. 14:6 is clear: "I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life." This revelation of Christ is manifested through His fulfillment of the Law and the Prophets, by His power over death, His ability to heal and give life, to forgive sins, and through the witness of the changed lives of His Saints, which continue to bring into the present the message of that same Gospel, which changed the world on that Pentecost 2,000 years ago.

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