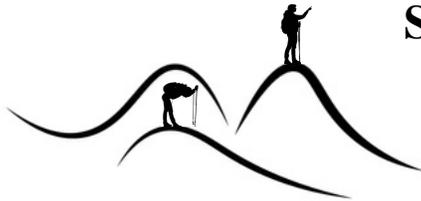




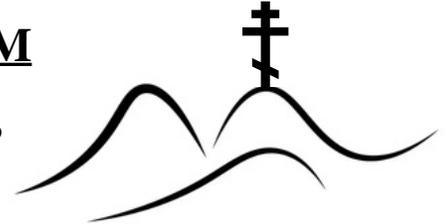
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MAY 28th, 2023: The Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council

Epistle: Acts 20:16-18, 28-36 **Gospel:** John 17:1-13 **Troparia:** p 61-3 (Ascension), 64-5 (Council)

TODAY: SUNDAY, MAY 28th

SUNDAY OF THE FATHERS OF THE FIRST ECUMENICAL COUNCIL marks two celebrations: First, that it is the Sunday after the Feast of the Ascension of our Lord, when we observe Christ ascending into the heavens; Second, in the early centuries of the Church, the Fathers of the Church saw fit to be called together by an emperor to come to a consensus and defense of the Faith from false teachings. We can agree that there are teachings that are true about Jesus and teachings that are untrue, which goes back even to the time of Christ Himself. Many false testimonies were being given even at His "trial" before the High Priest Caiaphas which, if codified, would have led a great number of people to misunderstand the Lord. But Christ gave His Church to be His witness of Truth to the world. There were many heresies the Church responded to in the course of her existence, and many continue until this day. The Church does this together and with the guidance of the Holy Spirit, Whose arrival we commemorate on the day of Pentecost next week. Though Christ has Ascended in glory, through the Holy Spirit, Christ is still among us! He is and always shall be!

HOLY COMMUNION will be distributed toward the end of Divine Liturgy for all repentant Orthodox Christian faithful who are prepared. *If you would like to make a bread offering for a Liturgy, please see Fr. William. There are bread stamps available for purchase on the gift case and recipes alongside.*

FESTIVE ANOINTING OIL (MIROVANIJE) & BLESSED BREAD will be offered after Divine Liturgy for all faithful and visitors that morning. *May God grant you all many happy & blessed years!*

**REMINDER: THERE IS NO KNEELING IN CHURCH SERVICES UNTIL THE
KNEELING PRAYERS OF PENTECOST IN 50 DAYS.**

PANACHIDA will be celebrated for the servant of God +Gregory Dziadyk, offered by daughter Danuta and Bogdan Horbal and family as an 11th Anniversary Remembrance. *May his memory be eternal! Vičnaja Jemu Pamjat!*

COFFEE HOUR will take place after Divine Liturgy in the Main Hall, all are invited downstairs. Join us! And a special thank you to the Altar Society and all the coffee hour teams who make it possible today. *If you are not part of a coffee hour team and would like to be, please contact Debbie at debbiedev@verizon.net*

DURING THE WEEK:

SATURDAY, JUNE 3rd - Divine Liturgy @ 8 AM, Feast of Sts Constantine & Helen
- High School Tour @ 10 AM - 12 PM
- Great Vespers @ 6 PM

NEXT WEEK: PENTECOST SUNDAY, JUNE 4th

BRING FRESH BRANCHES! Next week is the Feast of Pentecost, the celebration of the Descent of the Holy Spirit & the beginning of the work of God's Holy Church. Please bring fresh branches with leaves early to Church next week in order to help decorate our Lord's House properly. Specifically, we are looking for long branches to weave into the Iconostasis this year.

THE KNEELING PRAYERS OF PENTECOST will take place just before Divine Liturgy. In these prayers, as in every Liturgy, we pray specially to the Holy Spirit to, as He did on Pentecost, to come down now and to fill us, that we may be more the Body of Christ, the Holy Church, more than ever.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS:

CALLING ALL GRADUATES: On Sunday, June 18th, we will honor this year's College, High School, and Middle School Graduates in the parish. Families, please let Fr. William know as soon as possible so we can plan ahead for gifts and celebration. It will coincide, as in most years, with Father's Day. ASAP, please send photos & a paragraph for the church bulletin!



TRACY HEIDENFELDER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP WILL BE ANNOUNCED! We are pleased to announce that the 11th Annual Tracy Heidenfelder Memorial Scholarship was made available to graduating students at St. Nicholas of Myra Orthodox Church! *May God grant to Tracy's family many happy & blessed years! Mnohaja i Blahaja L'ita!*

YOU CAN STILL ADD TO OUR FOOD COLLECTION! We continue to support the North Rockland Food Pantry, who alone serves 100+ families EACH week. Please remember those less fortunate and help us feed the hungry. May God bless you for your generous donations!

MURAL ICONS BOOKLET - \$25: Copies of this newly-published booklet are still available for purchase at today's coffee hour. This published booklet is a compilation of the mural icons of St. Nicholas Church, photographed together with their dedications and their backgrounds. This was put together with good work done by Junior Trustee Andrew McAusland, Trustee Bogdan Horbal, Photography by Paul Krzyzanowski, and edited by Jeffrey Paison. Thank you to all of them for their work! All proceeds will be put toward upcoming projects for the parish, including the creation of a new St. Nicholas Parish Honor Roll, which is currently 'rolling'.

SOME 'LIGHT READING': WHAT IS A HERESY?

The Church takes truth very seriously because the Truth has a name: Jesus Christ. Everything we do and everything we are begins with Christ and we are protective of how Christ and His Teachings are spread through the world. Over time, it was very easy for false teachings and understandings to be spread among the faithful and at certain points, the Church came together to declare together what was what. There have been many different "heresies" in the history of the Orthodox Church, many of which are listed below.

Quickly defined, a heresy is a theological doctrine or belief declared as false.

More deeply defined, a heresy is treated as a sweet poison. Some of these poisons grew through a desire for something temporarily easier, such as believing that Jesus was just a man, or just appeared as a man, which makes a great deal of temporary convenience for a reader of the Scriptures and allows one to disregard certain difficult teachings of Christ. But this, in the end, this disregards Christ entirely and through all heresy, we lose the Whole Person of Jesus Christ. It is important to note as well that a great number of heresies also implicated His (and our) Beloved Mother Mary.

<i>Heresy, by name</i>	<i>Summary</i>	<i>Response</i>
<i>Docetism</i>	<i>The belief that Jesus was God, but only "appeared" to be human.</i>	<i>If Jesus Christ only "appeared" to be human, then humanity is not saved.</i>
<i>Judaizing</i>	<i>The belief that Christians should become Jews first.</i>	<i>Christ states in the scriptures that in Himself, the Law is fulfilled.</i>
<i>Gnosticism</i>	<i>The belief that "Knowledge" saves and may be available only to a select few.</i>	<i>Salvation is there for all mankind. Christ came for all and revealed Himself, telling the disciples to go and baptize all nations.</i>
<i>Marcionism</i>	<i>The belief that the "Old Testament God" should be rejected in favor of the "New Testament God".</i>	<i>The Old and New Testament refer to the same God. If we see a different God, that is our misunderstanding.</i>
<i>Montanism</i>	<i>The belief that ecstatic spiritual experiences should be sought out, in order to receive new revelations.</i>	<i>This belief creates a desire for euphoria and adrenaline in worship, which makes worship about ourselves and not God.</i>

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<i>Sabellianism</i>	<i>The belief that the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit are only “modes” or “masks” of one divine Individual.</i>	<i>Jesus Christ Himself testifies that the Father is one distinct Person, He, the Son, is one distinct Person, and that the Holy Spirit is one distinct Person.</i>
<i>Novatianism</i>	<i>The belief that people who commit serious sins can never be forgiven or absolved.</i>	<i>This is a denial of the forgiveness of Christ Who says only one sin, a sin that is not repented of, is one that will not be forgiven.</i>
<i>Donatism</i>	<i>The belief that moral unworthiness invalidates the sacraments of the clergy, even if they are repentant.</i>	<i>The Sacraments do not exist because we are holy; they exist because we have need of God and holiness.</i>
<i>Arianism</i>	<i>The belief that Jesus Christ is not God, only the highest created being.</i>	<i>“In the beginning was the Word (Jesus Christ), and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.”</i>
<i>Apollinarianism</i>	<i>The belief that Christ did not have a human soul.</i>	<i>To be fully human is to have a human body and a human soul. If Jesus did not have a soul, then our souls are not saved.</i>
<i>Pneumatomachianism</i>	<i>The belief that the Holy Spirit is not divine, but is a creation of God.</i>	<i>If the Holy Spirit is not God, whom Jesus sends to us, then Jesus Christ is not with us after all.</i>
<i>Pelagianism</i>	<i>The belief that man can save himself without divine grace.</i>	<i>This is a denial of the need for God for anything at all.</i>
<i>Nestorianism</i>	<i>The belief that Jesus Christ is two persons “conjoined.”</i>	<i>If God did not also become man, then mankind is not saved.</i>
<i>Monophysitism</i>	<i>The belief that Jesus Christ has one, hybrid nature, half-God and half-man.</i>	<i>Christ took on <u>all</u> human nature and, at no point, ceased to be God in any measure.</i>
<i>Apokatastasis (Universalism)</i>	<i>The belief that all will be saved anyway, even if they reject God.</i>	<i>Christ Himself testifies that not everyone will be saved in the end.</i>
<i>Iconoclasm</i>	<i>The belief that Icons should be removed from churches and destroyed.</i>	<i>Icons are not being worshipped but are part of our worship. The honor and veneration we give to the images of our ‘heavenly family’, that honor is given to them and to God.</i>
<i>Filioquism</i>	<i>The belief that the Holy Spirit proceeds from the Father and the Son.</i>	<i>This is the difference between the Roman Catholic and Orthodox Creeds. The Father alone is the one from whom both the Son and Holy Spirit proceed.</i>

And there are many, many more, many of which continued in different “denominations” of Christianity or other faiths. In the end, the scriptures testify to an Orthodox Faith and are your inheritance to that end. However, the scriptures cannot be interpreted on our own; they are part of a greater Orthodox Faith and Traditions that have been set forth from the time of Christ and the Apostles. With that, a steady reading of the Holy Scriptures, faithfulness to the Divine Liturgy of the Church and Her sacraments, and participation in the life of the Church, especially through prayer and charity to one another, guides & nourishes us on our path to God.



ST. NICHOLAS PARISH PRAYER LIST

For additions or updates, please contact Fr. William directly: fr.william.bennett@gmail.com

CONTINUOUS: Phyllis Kanya Adams, Matuska Olga Andrejuk, Walter Bubniak, David Bulko, Kim Busel, Bianca Ceselka, Peter & Maria Ceselka, Tony Ceselka, Michal Derevjanik Sr., Paul Dolhy, Pani Kathy Dutko, Cassandra Eddy, Mary & Tommy Fackovec, Gia Fazio, Charlie & Helen Gaydos, John Geida, Julius Gontkovsky, Olga Gubinski, Danny & Marilyn Halama, Diana Hannan, Priest Joseph Hoffmann, Noah Homyak, Aleksandra Horbal, Magdalena Ilanovska, Jana Johnson-Plutchok, Sharon Kanya, Michael Kerr, Paul Koehler, Joanna Kolaczko, Maria Koneval, Betty Kormanik, Michal Kormanik, Ann Mammoliti, Anna Mamrillova, Alex & Holly Marchak, Kamila Matišinova, Luboš Matlak, Richard McCullough, Stephanie McNellis, Christine Merriam, Sean Merriam, Christine & Rick Martines, Lucia Matišinova, John Ochlan, Stephen Pezzulich, Deacon Michael Pirich, Rastislav Salon, John Salony, Mary Seewald, Paul Sikoryak Sr, Toni Sikoryak, George Sipko, Miroslav Strenk, Katherine Tam, Paul Tymus Sr, Teri Upton, Tim Upton, Lorraine Vira, Marek Vattek, Bill Vislocky, Catherine Vislocky, Sandy Wagner, Cathryn Walker, Dennis & Cathy Walsh, and Reader Bob & Debbie Zizik. For those suffering from the invasion of Ukraine. For those suffering from the earthquakes in Syria & Turkey.

ENGAGED:

Benjamin Worobey & Sophia Timko

Catechumens:

Ricardo Sullivan
John Stutts
Donovan Valencia

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Priest David Kossey (Yonkers, NY)
Priest Andrew Gromm (Seaford, NY)

SEMINARIANS: Nicholas Worobey, Seamus Murray, Samuel Lopusky, Timothy Paproski, Nicholas Fong, & Nicolas Laliberte. *That God may grant them many more blessed years, and for more vocations to the Priesthood!*

COLLEGE STUDENTS: May God bless all of our parish college students both near & far, and members of Orthodox Christian Fellowship (OCF), especially the NYU OCF & Rutgers OCF.

BIRTHDAYS: May God grant many more happy & blessed years to those celebrating their birthdays this week, especially to Alex Marchak, Jan Hubka, Alex Righetti, Barbara Macaluso, & Mirka Sasarakova! *Mnohaja i Blahaja L'ita!*

ANNIVERSARIES: May God grant many more happy & blessed years to those celebrating their anniversaries this week, especially to Nick & Justine Timko, Mikulaš & Maria Salon, Paul & Pat Sikoryak, Michael & Evelyn Kormanik, & Paul & Dawn Krzyzanowski! *Mnohaja i Blahaja L'ita!*

SPECIAL OCCASIONS:

Newly-Wedded Andrew & Erin Timko
Newly-Graduated Seminarians Thomas Kovalak & Thomas Slosky



CHURCH SERVICE & ACTIVITY CALENDAR

Note from Fr. William: If you would like anyone remembered or prayed for during the course of the week or would like someone remembered in a memorial service, please see Fr. William or simply email: fr.william.bennett@gmail.com

MAY - JUNE 2023

*Shaded areas indicate days of fasting

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
MAY 28 FATHERS OF THE 1st ECUMENICAL COUNCIL <i>Divine Liturgy @ 10 AM</i> - <i>Panachida for +Gregory Dziadyk</i>	29 <i>Memorial Day</i>	30	31	JUNE 1	2	3 STS CONSTANTINE & HELEN <i>Divine Liturgy @ 8 AM</i> - <i>Great Vespers @ 6 PM</i>
4 PENTECOST <i>Divine Liturgy @ 10 AM</i> - <i>Responses by St. Nicholas Choir</i>	5 <i>SPIRIT MONDAY</i>	6	7	8	9	10 <i>Great Vespers @ 6 PM</i>
11 ALL SAINTS <i>Divine Liturgy @ 10 AM</i>	12 <i>Apostles' Fast Begins</i>	13	14	15	16	17 <i>Great Vespers @ 6 PM</i>
18 CARPATHO-RUSYN SAINTS <i>Divine Liturgy @ 10 AM</i> - <i>Father's Day Blessings</i> - <i>Graduation Blessings</i>	19	20	21	22	23	24 <i>Great Vespers @ 6 PM</i>
25 <i>Divine Liturgy @ 10 AM</i>	26	27	28	29	30	JULY 1 <i>Great Vespers @ 6 PM</i>

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