

St. Nicholas Orthodox Christian Church

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June 16, 2019 – Holy Pentecost

Sunday, June 16

-8:40 AM – 3rd and 6th Hours

-9:00 AM – Divine Liturgy, Panikhida for Fathers, Kneeling Vespers

-1:30 PM – Panikhida for St. Nicholas Veterans and Blessing of
Graves at St. Nicholas Cemetery. (Weather Permitting)

Monday, June 17

-9:00 AM – Divine Liturgy – Feast of the Holy Spirit

Wednesday, June 19

- No Divine Liturgy - Clergy Continuing Education

Saturday, June 22

-4:30 PM - Confessions

-4:45 PM – 9th Hour

-5:00 PM – Vespers

Sunday, June 23

-8:40 AM – 3rd and 6th Hours

-9:00 AM – Divine Liturgy followed by a Parish Council Meeting.

We hope that the weather will allow us to hold our services at the cemetery today. If you would like to have a brief Litya graveside service for your family members or friends as is our custom, please take one of the lists of names and fill it out for use during the service. Thank you.

Congratulations!!!

-To the Newly Baptized and Illumined Servant of God, Cameron Charles Armitage and all his family.

-To David and Christina Urciuoli, newly united in Holy Matrimony.

Please note that we will be holding a Parish Council Meeting next Sunday after Divine Liturgy. We will be discussing a number of important items, and invite any and all who are interested in organizing the July 20 Pork Chop Dinner to attend.

Candles

As the air temperatures begin to increase this spring and summer, we see that the melting of the candles on the candle stands has become a problem again. While we do not in any way discourage you from purchasing candles as offerings to God, please consider buying multiple cup candles (50 cents each) to reduce melting. Thanks!

We are continuing to collect for our food pantry ministry. The emphasis for the next several months is on support for migrant workers who harvest crops in our region over the summer. Please be generous and kindly support this worthy charitable work.

Day of the Holy Spirit (Commemorated on June 17)

On the day after every Great Feast, the Orthodox Church honors the one through whom the Feast is made possible. On the day following the Nativity of the Lord, for example, we celebrate the Synaxis of the Most Holy Theotokos (December 26). On the day after Theophany, we commemorate Saint John the Baptist (January 7), and so on.

Today we honor the all-Holy, good, and life-creating Spirit, Who descended upon the Apostles at Pentecost in the form of fiery tongues in fulfillment of the Lord's promise to send the Comforter to His disciples (JN 14:16). That same Holy Spirit remains within the Church throughout the ages, guiding it "into all truth" (JN 16:13).

One of the hymns at Vespers on Saturday evening tells us that the Holy Spirit "provides all things. He gushes forth prophecy, He perfects the priesthood, ... He holds together the whole institution of the Church."

At Vespers on the day of Pentecost, we hear that the Holy Spirit is "the Fountain of goodness, through Whom the Father is known, and the Son is glorified." He is "the living Fountain of spiritual gifts" Who "purifies us from our sins." It is by the Holy Spirit that "the prophets, divine Apostles, and martyrs are crowned." He is the source of life and of sanctification.

In the services of this day, we sing the same hymns as on Pentecost, except the Canon of the Holy Spirit, which is sung at Compline. The Vigil is not prescribed for the eve of today's feast. We sing the Great Doxology at Matins, but not the Polyeleos. The Irmos of the Ninth Ode ("Hail, O Queen, glory of mothers and virgins...") is sung in place of the Song of the Theotokos ("My soul magnifies the Lord....").

At the Liturgy, the priest or deacon chants the Entrance Verse ("Be exalted in Thy strength, O Lord. We will sing and praise Thy power.") as on the day of Pentecost. "Holy God" replaces "As many as have been baptized...." The dismissal of Pentecost is also used.

This whole week is fast-free, and the Leave-taking of Pentecost occurs on Saturday. (OCA Lives of the Saints)