

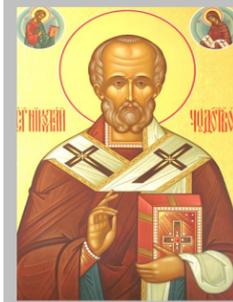
St. Nicholas Ukrainian Catholic School News

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CHRIST IS RISEN! * INDEED HE IS RISEN!



Українська Католицька Церква Св. Миколая слава Ісусу Христу!



The administration, faculty, students, and PTA of St. Nicholas Ukrainian Catholic School offer their sincere congratulations to our 8th grade graduates.

Be proud of how far you've come and be confident in how far you will go!



Congratulations to Nicholas Hawran, Ottilia Kedl, Julia Roman and Anna Zielonka, winners of the President's Award for Educational Excellence, giving national recognition to students who have consistently maintained an average of 90% or higher through all the years of middle school, and who have shown good character and responsibility.

Congratulations to Isabella Andruch, Yulia Dziadiv, Lyubomyr Vovk, and Tatyanna Zurawski, winners of the President's Award for Educational Achievement

Congratulations to our Kindergarten Class of 2020 who will be graduating on June 16th

Jessica Borek, Arianna Cancilleri, Francesca Cancilleri, Sebastian Carino, Svetlana Derhachova, Jakub Gosciak, Solomiia Hul, Nazar Hupan, Ethan Laxamana, Maximillian Lewkowicz, Antony Olenchin, Sofia Petryshyn, Michael Sparandeo, Makayla Worrell.

May God bless all our graduates, their parents, families, and teachers!
Mnobaya Lita!



St. Nicholas Ukrainian Catholic Church

Pastor: Rev. Andriy Dudkevych



Pastoral Care:

In emergencies, please call Fr. Andriy directly - mobile 267-269-4990 if you, a family member, or someone you know who cannot attend church, is homebound, hospitalized, or gravely ill and will need the Eucharist or Anointing of the Sick.
DO NOT WAIT TO THE LAST MINUTE.

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СВЯТІ ЛІТУРГІЇ:

Неділя: 8:30 р., [АНГЛ].

10:30 р., [УКР]

На будні: 7:00 р.,

Субота:

8:00 р., і 5:00 пп.

Свята: 9:00 р., і 6:00 пп.

DIVINE LITURGIES:

Sunday: 8:30 am, [ENG]

10:30 am, [UKR]

Weekday: 7:00 am,

Saturday:

8:00 am, & 5:00 pm.

Holy Days:

9:00 am, & 6:00 pm.

СПОВІДЬ:

Перед Св. Літургіями - в Суботу вечером.

Неділі - Святочні дні.

CONFESSIONS:

Before Liturgies - Saturday evening.

Sundays & Holy Days.



ЗАПРОШУЄМО НА КАВУ

FATHER'S DAY REMEMBRANCE LITURGY
We will soon celebrate Father's Day. Certainly, all of you have started to make special plans for this day. We would like to remember our fathers, both living and deceased, in the Divine Liturgy which will be celebrated on Father's Day, June 21. In addition, there will be a Panakhyda for all the deceased fathers following the Liturgy.

ДЕНЬ БАТЬКА - ПОМИНАЛЬНА ЛІТУРГІЯ
Скоро ми будемо святкувати День Батька. Напевно ви почали робити плани на цей день. Ми хочемо запросити вас і зробити цей день особливим для кожного в нашій парафії. Ми будемо молитися на Св. Літургії за здоров'я і Боже благословення для наших батьків, а також в поминальній панахиді згадувати тих батьків, які відійшли у вічність.

A gentle reminder that our Parish expenses will continue during this difficult time. Kindly mail your weekly contribution to the St. Nicholas parish office at 60 Holdsworth Court, Passaic, NJ 07055.

Mail-in, Drop-off Parish Collections:
June 7, 2020

Weekly Donation 5,885
School 215
Renovation 134
Easter 15
Diocesan 47
Ascension 110
St. John Baptist 40
Ss. Peter/Paul 30
Peter's Pence 10
Summer Utilities 90
Total: \$6,576.00.

Pyrohy - March 2020 - \$ 2,282.00.



Sunday - May 14th - 2nd Sunday after Pentecost - 2-га Неділя після зіслання Св. Духа 2020

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10:30 am God's Blessings for our Parishioner

Monday - June 15th

No services

Tuesday - June 16th

8:00 am +Myron Domaradz (with Panakhyda) Wife & Family

Wednesday - June 17th - Last Day of School

9:00 am **God's Blessings for our Students & Teachers**

7:00 pm **МОЛЕБЕН В ЧЕСТЬ ХРИСТА ЧОЛОВІКОЛЮБЦЯ**

Thursday - June 18th

8:00 am +Mychaylo, Hanna, Marusia, Vasyl, Stefania, Mychas (with Panakhyda) Klinchuk Family

Friday - June 19th

8:00 am +Edward Stepien (with Panakhyda) Joseph Stepien

7:00 pm **МОЛЕБЕН В ЧЕСТЬ ХРИСТА ЧОЛОВІКОЛЮБЦЯ**

Saturday - June 20th

8:00 am +Slawka Skala (with Panakhyda) Mera Kotys

5:00 pm +Anna & Stefan Zurawski (with Panakhyda) Daughter Olha & Family

Sunday - May 21th - 3rd Sunday after Pentecost - 3-тя Неділя після зіслання Св. Духа

FATHER'S DAY - ДЕНЬ БАТЬКА

8:30 am God's Blessings for our Parishioner

10:30 am God's Blessings for our Fathers

+ ПАНАХИДА FOR OUR FATHERS + ПАНАХИДА ЗА НАШИХ БАТЬКІВ +



МОЛЕБЕН В ЧЕСТЬ ХРИСТА

в місяці червні
буде служитися
кожної
середи та п'ятниці
о 7:00 вечора.
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MOLEBEN IN HONOR OF CHRIST THE LOVER OF MANKIND

will be served on
Wednesdays and
Fridays at 7:00 pm
throughout the
month of June.



WELCOME BACK TO YOUR SPIRITUAL HOME!

Reopening of Our Church Alleluia, June 20th & 21st

Last week, we received word that we may reopen church and celebrate Divine Liturgy with a congregation beginning on Saturday-Sunday, June 20th and 21st. I know we all look forward to being back at church. As we reopen we will still have many restrictions in place, among them the following:

1. We will be limited to about 30% of the capacity of our church. This is subject to change. This includes Divine Liturgies, Funerals, Weddings and Christenings.
2. Wearing of face coverings (masks) MUST be practiced. Please bring your own mask. Face masks are to be worn by all except very young children.
3. Social distancing must be observed between all present at the services. No handshakes, hugs or kissing when greeting one another. No touching or kissing of icons, venerate them with a simple bow.
4. Some pews have been cordoned off and the pews that are open have been marked with blue tape indicating where people may sit. Please note that family groups may sit together and are not bound by social distancing. All pews will be cleaned regularly.
5. Hand sanitizers must be used and will be available at the entrance of the church. You are also encouraged to bring your own small sanitizer.
6. Donation Baskets will be available at the door to accept your gracious contributions. Or we might use only two ushers who will take the Collection with a long-handled basket and place the collection in the usual place.
7. All Hymn Books and Liturgy Books have been temporarily removed from church. You are welcome to bring your own prayer book.
8. Choir singing will not be used. There will be limited use of singing by congregation.
9. Reception of Holy Communion will be explained at the proper time of the Divine Liturgy. People will process to receive communion while maintaining social distance. Face masks should be removed as you approach the Holy Communion.
10. Until further notice, there will not be any visitations to hospitals, nursing homes or private homes. Only in EXTREME CASE OF EMERGENCY will a sacramental visitation be made.
11. Confessions continue to be by special appointment ONLY.
12. As we begin the restoration of Liturgies with a congregation the safety of all is our highest priority. Those individuals who are hesitant or fearful because of COVID-19 concerns as well as those with a COVID-19 diagnosis or symptoms, those who may be asymptomatic carriers, those not feeling well, those with underlying health conditions or those in a high risk category should stay home and avoid any public gathering. Please remember that even though Liturgies with a congregation have been restored the obligation to attend Divine Liturgy is removed until the Hierarchy lift this dispensation.

Beloved in Christ, I look forward to welcoming many back to church on June 20th and 21st and hopefully welcoming everyone back shortly thereafter as restrictions are lifted.

It is important for us to be peaceful during this time! All these rules are subject to change and will be adjusted as we'll move forward.

Let us respect our civil authorities as well as our hierarchy and take serious their call for us to use common sense.

"The Vibrant Parish - A Place to Encounter the Living Christ"

"Жива Парафія - Місце зустрічі Живого Христа"

SECOND SUNDAY OF PENTECOST

Epistle - Romans 2: 10-16 ~ Gospel - Matthew 4: 18-23

"Follow Me" Applies to Us All !

In today's gospel reading, the Lord made His immediate requirements for Peter, Andrew, James, and John quite clear: "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men." They left behind their occupation of fishing and their families in order to follow Christ as "He went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and preaching the gospel of the Kingdom and healing every disease and every infirmity among the people." As we know from elsewhere in the gospels, the disciples did not fully understand who Jesus Christ was until after His resurrection. They did not have a full grasp of His identity, teaching, and mission during the three years that they literally followed Him around. The Lord certainly chastised them for their spiritual confusion and weakness, but He never abandoned them or cast them out. Perhaps it was through their years of doubt and misunderstanding that they were prepared to receive the fullness of the truth of His resurrection with humility, joy, and gratitude.

It is a blessing and a challenge to have a strong and clear sense of what God wants you to do in life. How many holy people—from the very first Christians until this very day—die as martyrs or suffer abuse and persecution for their faithfulness to Christ? To take even small steps toward a holy life requires struggle, persistence, and a willingness to endure tension within our own souls and usually with other people. To lead a righteous life requires loving God with every ounce of our being and our neighbors as ourselves. Try to do that seriously and you will find yourself fighting many battles, especially in your own soul.

St. Paul was a Jewish convert to Christianity who knew that God had called the Hebrews for a unique role in the salvation of the world. The Jews certainly had an advantage over the Gentiles because of all that God had revealed to them through Moses and the prophets. But St. Paul also knew that God shows no partiality. Hearing the Law without obeying it was of no benefit at all, even as Christ's disciples would have gained nothing by ignoring Christ's call to follow Him. What matters is actually doing what God requires of us.

St. Paul knew that God had not abandoned the Gentiles, for He gave everyone a conscience, a knowledge of right and wrong engraved in our hearts; that is an important part of what it means to be a human being in God's image and likeness. So whether Jew or Gentile, whether according to the Law of Moses or the dictates of conscience, St. Paul teaches that God holds us all accountable to the truth that we have received. The question for every human being, then, is whether we obey the Lord according to what we know of His purposes for us.

He was under no illusion that the Jews had perfectly obeyed the Law or that the Gentiles had lived fully in accordance with conscience. St. Paul taught that all have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God. No one is in the position to boast of a privileged status before the Lord or to judge another, for both Jew and Gentile (namely, all human beings) stand in need of grace and mercy to the depths of our souls. Everyone is in need of a Savior Who conquers sin and death and brings us into the eternal life of God.

That was certainly true our Lord's disciples, who failed with some frequency to obey or even understand what Christ expected of them. They largely abandoned Him at His arrest and crucifixion, and it was not until He appeared to them after His resurrection and gave them a measure of the Holy Spirit that their eyes were truly opened. It was not until the descent of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost that they boldly and effectively became "fishers of men" whose preaching and miracle-working ministry brought multitudes into the life of Christ. As a consequence of their apostolic ministry, they took up their crosses in suffering persecution, hardships of all kinds, and even death as martyrs. The Lord did not call them to an easy life of special privilege, but to an extremely demanding one of sacrifice for the sake of the Kingdom.

At the end of the day, He does the same with us all. Of course, the details will be different. We are not fishermen in first-century Palestine or the very pillars of the Church in the sense that they were. St. Paul surely did not have us in mind when he wrote to the Romans about Jews and Gentiles. It is possible to get so caught up in the particular callings and circumstances of others such that we miss the larger point. To be perfectly clear, the larger point is that we are all fully responsible for hearing and responding to God's calling in our lives, no matter how imperfectly we understand it or how difficult it is to obey.

In this season of the Apostles' Fast, we want to become more like those blessed men who left everything behind in response to the Savior's call, even though they often fell short. Their understanding was imperfect and the same was true of their actions on many occasions. But the Lord did not abandon or reject them, even when they abandoned Him. He is merciful and calls us all to accept His mercy when we realize that we have not been doers of His will and have disregarded His calling. Like the apostles, we do not yet have perfect faith and obedience; but just like them, we are responsible to respond to the calling we have received as best we can. To do so will never be easy or without sacrifice; we will often stumble along the path of discipleship. But if we continue the journey with humble repentance, we will grow each step of the way in hearing Christ's calling more clearly and in gaining the strength to obey Him more fully.

As hard as it is to believe, Jesus Christ calls each of us with the urgency that He called those first disciples and apostles. We are every bit as responsible for obeying Him as they were, indeed even more responsible because we have the benefit of their example. They had to wait three years for Christ's resurrection and the empowerment of the Holy Spirit, while we do not. Far more than the Jews of the Old Testament or the ancient Gentiles, God has opened the eyes of our souls to know what He requires of us. He has given us a great calling to share personally in His eternal and holy life. There is no question about that. The only question is how we will respond to the One Who says to each and every one of us: **"Follow Me."** We need to pay attention to that call daily and do what is necessary to strengthen ourselves spiritually so that we will be able to respond responsibly to the great blessings that we have been given in His Body, the Church. Remember what St. Paul wrote: **"God knows no partiality... it is not the hearers of the Law who are righteous before God, but the doers of the Law who will be justified."** So let us not only hear God's truth, but actually live it out each day of our lives. (Excerpt from Ancient Faith website – Fr. Philip)

The Apostles' Fast is a prescribed fasting period of the Church, lasting from the day after the Sunday of All Saints, June 8, to the 29th of June, the feast of the Apostles Peter and Paul.

The spiritual benefit derived from the Apostles' Fast is great. Saint Leo the Great noted that, "After the extended feast of Pentecost, the fast is particularly needed in order to cleanse our mind by ascetic labors, and to make us worthy of the gifts of the Holy Spirit." Saint Leo also reminds us, "In the Apostolic canons inspired by God Himself, the Church fathers have, at the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, established first and foremost that all virtuous labors begin with fasting."

