

## St. Nicholas Ukrainian Catholic School News

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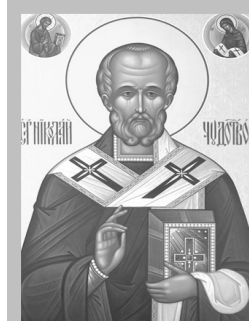
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223 President Street - Passaic, NJ

**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.

Happy Father's Day



## Українська Католицька Церква Св. Миколая

### слава Ісусу Христу!



**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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#### Cantors :

Anatoli Dolyk - Ukrainian

Jerome Mykietyk - English

#### 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

#### Announcement:

While we parishioners are self isolated at home, perhaps doing your Spring cleaning, sorting through closets, drawers etc., cleaning out unwanted and underused clothing. Please remember that the Pyrohy Ladies continue to collect gently worn clean clothing - men's, children's, as well as towels, sheets, blankets, quilts... If you have these items that you intend to discard, be sure to remember this project and bring your clothing items in black plastic bags to the parish and leave them at the back door of the school auditorium at 212 President St. Remember not to bring books, shoes or belts. Your donation is greatly appreciated. Thank You ! Any questions, please phone Oksana Hrubec at 201-587-1343.



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

##### May 17, 2020

Weekly Donation 2017

School 305

Renovation 50

Diocesan 19

Seminary 100

Easter 8000

Ascension 100

Total 10,591

THANK YOU





Sunday - May 24th - Sunday of the Fathers of the 1st Ecumenical Council

2020

Sunday

10:30 am

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God's Blessings for our Parishioner

God's Blessings for Olha & Tony

God's Blessings for Marianna Hoholuk & Family

Parents

Mother & Family

Monday

- May 25th

No services

Tuesday

8:00 am

- May 26th

+Slawka Skala (with Panakhyda)

+Vitaliy Tabaka (with Panakhyda)

Julia Jaroszak

Mother Family

Wednesday

8:00 am

- May 27th

+Maria Kosciolek

Helen Fedoriw

Thursday

8:00 am

- May 28th

+Emilia Ilnitcki (with Panakhyda)

Helen Fedoriw

Friday

8:00 am

- May 29th

+Anastasia & Wolodymyr Andruch (with Panakhyda)

Family

Saturday

8:00 am

- May 30th

God's Blessings for Teodozia Brykowycz

God's Blessings for Adriana Oliver

Katria Czerwoniak

Parents & Family

Sunday

10:30 am

- May 31st - Pentecost Sunday - Зіслання Святого Духа

God's Blessings for our Parishioner

LIVESTREAM WORSHIP

MOLEBEN IN HONOR OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

will be celebrated Monday thru Friday at 7:00 pm throughout the month of May.

МОЛЕБЕН В ЧЕСТЬ ПРЕЧИСТОЇ ДІВИ МАРІЇ

в місяці травні буде служитися щодня з понеділка до п'ятниці о 7:00 вечора.

**Молитва духового Св. Причастя** - Мій Ісусе! Вірую, що Ти є присутній у Пресвятій Тайні Євхаристії. Люблю Тебе понад усе! Моя душа тужить за Тобою. А що не можу Тебе тепер прийняти у Пресвятій Євхаристії, тому бодай духовим способом прийди до мого серця. Обіймаю Тебе так, якби Ти вже був у мені і лучся зовсім з Тобою. Не допусти, щоб Я колись відлучився від Тебе. Ісусе, моя найвище Добро і моя солодка Любове! Обійми й запали моє серце, щоб воно ціле горіло завжди для Тебе. Амінь.

**ЯКЕ ЗНАЧЕННЯ МАЄ СВІЧКА, ЯКУ ВІРУЮЧІ ЗАПАЛЮЮТЬ ПЕРЕД ІКОНАМИ В ХРАМІ?**

Запалюючи свічку перед образом, ми супроводжуємо цей жест молитвою до Господа або молитвою про заступництво Богородиці і святих, і продовжуємо нашу молитву: полум'я свічки символізує цю безперервність молитви. Іноді, зайшовши в храм, ми хотіли б залишитися в ньому на якийсь час, але не можемо: тоді, запалюючи свічку, ми ніби залишаємо її на знак нашої молитовної присутності.

Крім того, запалена свічка означає визнання віри: ми залишаємо цей знак, даємо свідчення нашої віри, щоб спонукати інших до молитви і віри.

Запалена свічка означає також прохання, звернене до Господа, про якісь особливі ласки, про благословення і захист. Як правило, запалюючи свічку, ми залишаємо невеличкий внесок – це наша маленька особиста пожертва, яка покликана нагадувати нам, що кожна молитва, кожне прохання про допомогу Господа повинне супроводжуватися і справами. Молячись за отримання благодаті, ми повинні своїм життям і справами бути налаштовані до отримання цієї благодаті. Залишаючи пожертву, ми позбавляємо себе чогось, віддаючи це Господу. Але, зрозуміло, ми запалюємо свічку і залишаємо пожертву не в обмін на отримання благодаті, - яка у багато разів перевищує і наші очікування, і наші пожертви, – а на знак нашої надії на Господа, на знак нашого шанування Пресвятої Діви Марії і святих, до заступництва яких ми звертаємось. Ласки, які дає нам Господь, багаторазово перевершують те, про що ми просимо, – хоча іноді це стає очевидним не відразу.

**«Стою при дверях і стукаю»,** каже Господь у Біблії. Чи відчиниш ти Йому сьогодні двері свого серця? Бог живе там, куди ми дозволимо Йому увійти. Азволити Йому увійти можемо тільки туди, де самі перебуваємо, де живемо правдивим життям, — тобто у серце. Споглядаючи безмежний простір нічного неба, повного миготіння зірок, можемо бачити, що все створіння, його краса і безмежні пустельні простори запрошують людину наповнити їх життям і любов'ю<sup>3</sup> покаятись за свої гріхи.

**Пам'ятаймо, що Святе Письмо** - це місце де живе Боже слово. Живий Бог довго чекає на її сторінках на людину, готовий її підносити і прощати, допомагати у важких хвилинах і додавати сили і снаги. Тож нехай Святе Письмо буде знаним у кожній родині, щоб читаючи його, ми щораз більше відкривали своє серце на Бога, поглиблювали свою віру, утверджувались у надії і зростали в любові.

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

"Жива Парафія - Місце зустрічі Живого Христа"

SUNDAY OF THE HOLY FATHERS OF THE NICENE COUNCIL

Epistle - Acts: 20, 16-18; 28-36 ~ Gospel - John: 17, 1-13

The seventh Sunday after the Feast of Holy Pascha is observed by the Church as the Sunday of the Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council. This day commemorates the 318 God-bearing Fathers who gathered in Nicaea in 325 at the request of the Emperor, Saint Constantine the Great, to address the heresy of Arianism together with other issues that concerned the unity of the Church.

Arius was a Protopresbyter of the Church of Alexandria, and in 315, he began to blaspheme against the Son of God saying that He was not the true God, consubstantial with the Father, that the Father alone is God and that Jesus Christ, the Son of God, was made, not begotten, that He was the first creature the Father created before all worlds and ages. But, He was not Light from Light, true God of true God, of one essence with the Father. His essence, what He was, was created, not uncreated. These teachings shook the faithful at Alexandria. The Bishop of Alexandria, Alexander, attempted to correct Arius through admonitions, cut him off from communion, and finally deposed him in 321 through a local council. Arius continued with his heretical teachings, creating controversy and division in the churches of other cities, which led to a theological and ecclesiastical crisis throughout the Christian Church.

Moved with divine zeal and concern for unity, the Emperor Constantine the Great, equal to the Apostles, summoned the First Ecumenical Council in Nicaea, a city of Bithynia. It was in this place that the bishops of the Church gathered in 325. All of them, with one mouth and one voice, declared that the Son and Word of God is one in essence with the Father, true God of true God. The Fathers composed the holy symbol of Faith, the Nicene Creed.

God is Three Persons in one essence, one essence in Three Persons. The Father is fully God but He is not the Son. The Son is fully God but He is not the Father. The Holy Spirit is fully God, but He is not the Father or the Son. Three Persons, not one Person, who are yet one essence, not one God in Three essences. The Son is begotten of the Father; the Holy Spirit proceeds from the Father. Note, the Cause of the Son and the Holy Spirit is the Father, not the essence. This dogma is revealed to us to produce in those who receive it true philosophy, love of the Father's Wisdom, who is Christ.

The main point is that God the Father is not just the Father of Jesus but He is our Father too. And that intimate relationship between God and Jesus can be the nature of our relationship with God too. That relationship was broken and damaged because of the sin of Adam and Eve and we ourselves have done plenty to perpetuate the problem through our own sins and passions. Thankfully, however, Jesus came and restored that relationship through His voluntary Passion, Resurrection from the dead and His glorious Ascension, which we just celebrated last Thursday.

The Fathers anathematized (condemned) Arius for his heretical beliefs and teachings, cutting him off from the Church.

Recognizing the divine Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council as heralds of the Faith after the divine Apostles, the Church has appointed this present Sunday for their annual commemoration, in thanksgiving and unto the glory of God, unto their praise and honor, and unto the strengthening of the true Faith.

The icon of the Sunday of the Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council depicts Saint Constantine together with the God-bearing Fathers and Saints of the Church who attended the Council and affirmed the unity of the Faith through the Nicene Creed. The Fathers are shown holding the text of the Creed, also referred to as the Symbol of Faith. *(Excerpts from Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America)*

In the Nicean Creed, the holy Fathers set forth and confirmed the Apostolic teachings about Christ's divine nature. The heresy of Arius was exposed and repudiated as an error of haughty reason. After resolving this chief dogmatic question, the Council also issued Twelve Canons on questions of churchly administration and discipline. Also decided was the date for the celebration of Holy Pascha. By decision of the Council, Holy Pascha should not be celebrated by Christians on the same day with the Jewish Passover, but on the first Sunday after the first full moon of the vernal equinox.

**CATECHISM - CHRIST OUR PASCHA - TODAY'S GOSPEL LESSON :**  
**FAITH:** Page 1, Section 1—5; Page 34, Section 74; Page 99, Section 283

**Next Sunday—May 31— we will celebrate the Feast of Pentecost**, also known as Trinity Sunday. For centuries, the Feast of Pentecost has embodied sincere joy, gladness, and spirituality. This is a very beautiful holiday because all homes and churches are decorated with green branches, herbs, and flowers.

Pentecost Sunday is celebrated on the 50th day after Easter and symbolizes the opening of God's triune nature: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. The Pentecost also represents purification, the victory of truth and virtue.

Since olden times Slavic people decorated their homes and temples with herbs and flowers. It was believed that greenery was the symbol of life.

During these days of our being isolated in our homes be sure to prepare your homes next week to celebrate Pentecost—decorate them with greenery as our Churches would be decorated, celebrate the joy of this day, the Birthday of the Church, with your loved ones.

