

**June 19, 2016**

**Bulletin**

**St. Nicholas Orthodox Church**

*Orthodox Church in America*

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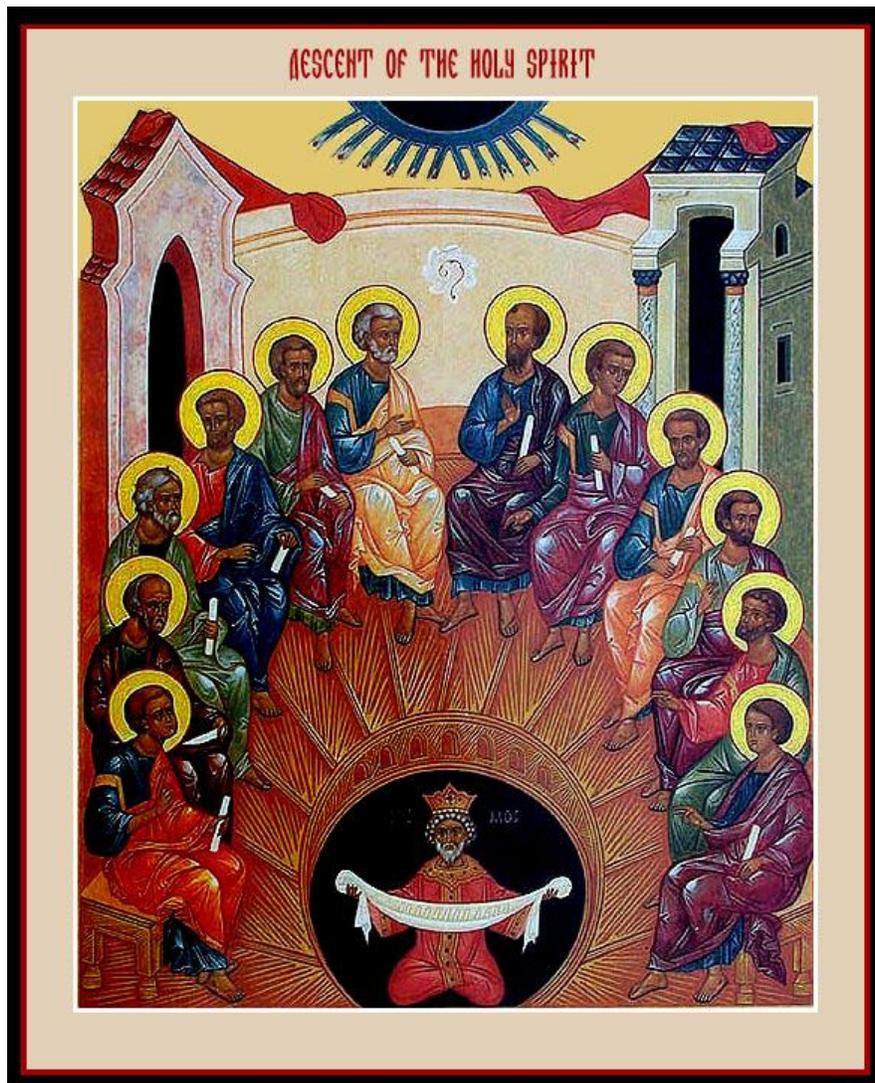
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**SUNDAY, JUNE 19, 2016 8th SUNDAY OF PASCHA. HOLY PENTECOST: FEAST OF THE HOLY TRINITY. Holy Apostle Jude, the brother of the Lord (ca. 80). Ven. Barlaam of Shenkursk (1462). Martyr Zosimas the soldier at Antioch in Pisidia (2nd c.). Ven. Paisius the Great (5th c.). St. John the Solitary of Jerusalem (6th c.). Ven. Paisius of Chilandari (Bulgarian—18th c.). Repose of St. Job, Patriarch of Moscow and All Rus (1607). (Note: The service for St Jude is transferred to June 20.)**

**FIRST ANTIPHON** The heavens are telling the glory of God; / and the firmament proclaims His handiwork.  
**Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Savior save us!**

Day to day pours forth speech, / and night to nights declares knowledge.  
**Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Savior save us!**

Their proclamation has gone out into all the earth, / and their words to the ends of the universe.  
**Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Savior save us!**

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.  
**Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Savior save us!**

**SECOND ANTIPHON** The Lord answer you in the day of trouble; / the name of the God of Jacob protect you!  
**O Gracious Comforter, save us who sing to Thee: “Alleluia!”**

May He send you help from the sanctuary / and give you support from Zion!  
**O Gracious Comforter, save us who sing to Thee: “Alleluia!”**

May He remember all your offerings, / and fulfill all your plans! **O Gracious Comforter, save us who sing to Thee: “Alleluia!”**

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen. Only-begotten Son and immortal Word of God, Who for our salvation didst will to be incarnate of the holy Theotokos and ever-virgin Mary, Who without change became man and wast crucified, Who art one of the Holy Trinity, glorified with the Father and the Holy Spirit: O Christ our God, trampling down death by death, save us!

**THIRD ANTIPHON** In Thy strength the King rejoices, O Lord, and exults greatly in Thy salvation. **Troparion** (Tone 8): Blessed art Thou, O Christ our God, who hast revealed the fishermen as most wise by sending down upon them the Holy Spirit; through them Thou didst draw the world into Thy net. O Lover of Man, glory to Thee! Thou hast given him his heart’s desire, and hast not withheld the request of his lips. **Troparion:** Blessed art Thou, O Christ our God, who hast revealed the fishermen as most wise by sending down upon them the Holy Spirit; through them Thou didst draw the world into Thy net. O Lover of Man, glory to Thee!

For Thou dost meet him with goodly blessings; Thou dost set a crown of fine gold upon his head. **Troparion:** Blessed art Thou, O Christ our God, who hast revealed the fishermen as most wise by sending down upon them the Holy Spirit; through them Thou didst draw the world into Thy net. O Lover of Man, glory to Thee!

**SMALL ENTRANCE**

**Deacon** Wisdom! Stand upright!

**Priest:** Be exalted, O Lord, in Thy strength! We will sing and praise Thy power!

**Choir:** O Gracious Comforter, save us who sing to Thee: “Alleluia!”

**TROPARION**

**(Tone 8)** Blessed art Thou, O Christ our God, who hast revealed the fishermen as most wise by sending down upon them the Holy Spirit; through them Thou didst draw the world into Thy net. O Lover of Man, glory to Thee!

## **KONTAKION**

**(Tone 8)** When the Most High came down and confused the tongues He divided the nations; but when He distributed the tongues of fire, He called all to unity. Therefore, with one voice, we glorify the All-Holy Spirit!

**Instead of “Holy God” we sing:** As many as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ! Alleluia!

***The Prokeimenon in the Eighth Tone: Their proclamation has gone out into all the earth; / and their words to the ends of the universe.***

**v. The heavens are telling the glory of God; and the firmament proclaims His handiwork.**

**THE READING FROM THE ACTS OF THE HOLY APOSTLES (2:1-11)** In those days, when the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly a sound came from heaven like the rush of a mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. And there appeared to them tongues as of fire, distributed and resting on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance. Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven. And at this sound the multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in his own language. And they were amazed and wondered, saying, “Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language? Parthians and Medes and Elamites and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabians, we hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God.”

***Alleluia, Tone 8***

**v. By the Word of the Lord the heavens were made; and all their host by the Spirit of His mouth.**

**v. The Lord looked down from heaven, and saw all the sons of men.**

**THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO SAINT JOHN (7:37-52, 8:12)** On the last day of the feast, the great day, Jesus stood up and proclaimed, “If any one thirst, let him come to me and drink. He who believes in me, as the scripture has said, ‘Out of his heart shall flow rivers of living water.’” Now this he said about the Spirit, which those who believed in him were to receive; for as yet the Spirit had not been given, because Jesus was not yet glorified. When they heard these words, some of the people said, “This is really the prophet.” Others said, “This is the Christ.” But some said, “Is the Christ to come from Galilee? Has not the scripture said that the Christ is descended from David, and comes from Bethlehem, the village where David was?” So there was a division among the people over him. Some of them wanted to arrest him, but no one laid hands on him. The officers then went back to the chief priests and Pharisees, who said to them, “Why did you not bring him?” The officers answered, “No man ever spoke like this man!” The Pharisees answered them, “Are you led astray, you also? Have any of the authorities or of the Pharisees believed in him? But this crowd, who do not know the law, are accursed.” Nicodemus, who had gone to him before, and who was one of them, said to them, “Does our law judge a man without first giving him a hearing and learning what he does?” They replied, “Are you from Galilee too? Search and you will see that no prophet is to rise from Galilee.” Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, “I am the light of the world; he who follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.”

**THE HYMN TO THE THEOTOKOS** Without knowing a man you became a mother, without knowing corruption you bore a child, giving flesh to the Word who creates all things, containing Him Who cannot be contained, encompassing your infinite Maker: O Virgin Theotokos, we magnify you!

**COMMUNION HYMN** Let Thy good Spirit lead me on a level path. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

## **IN PLACE OF “WE HAVE SEEN THE TRUE LIGHT”**

**(Tone 8)** Blessed art Thou, O Christ our God, who hast revealed the fishermen as most wise by sending down upon them the Holy Spirit; through them Thou didst draw the world into Thy net. O Lover of Man, glory to Thee!

**HOLY PENTECOST** Fifty days after the Resurrection of Jesus the Holy Spirit came upon the Apostles gathered in Jerusalem. By the power of the Spirit they went forth to proclaim the good news that Jesus of Nazareth is the Son of God made flesh and that by His death and Resurrection we have been saved. This kernel of faith has been passed on from generation to generation and faith has been passed on from generation to generation and preached to the four corners of the world. We ourselves receive this missionary command because we, too, have received the Holy Spirit. At our chrismation, our own personal Pentecost, we were anointed with the sacred chrism and the words were pronounced to us: “The seal of the gift of the Holy Spirit!” Sealed with the Holy Spirit as God’s gift to us, our bodies have become living temples of God’s Spirit. And we at our baptism and chrismation heard the words of Christ, “Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.” (Matthew 28:19) This mission given to the first apostles in the first century is given to us the Church in the twenty-first century. We who believe are not to hide our faith under a bushel basket but to live it as a light before all people. We are not to be ashamed of our faith or apologetic about it. And we must be prepared to give good answer to those who ask us why we believe in Jesus, what makes us follow Him. “Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and reverence.” (1 Peter 3:15-16) We believe and follow Him because He is God Himself become man who has given us the words of eternal life. By His death and resurrection He has saved us from the bondage of sin and death. And as a memorial of all this He has given us His own Body and Blood that we may be united with Him and He with us. May we reflect in our lives the communion with one another and with the Father that Christ calls us to by the power of the Holy Spirit who came upon the Apostles at the first Pentecost and who dwells with us, the Church, even today.

### **Towards the Council – Archbishop Job of Telmessos (*continued*)**

Bearing in mind that the two texts on the relationship of the Orthodox Church to the ecumenical movement and the relationship of the Orthodox Church with the Christian world had been combined into one, it resulted that the six items on the agenda of the Council, approved by the 2016 Synaxis, with the relevant texts are: 1) The Orthodox diaspora; 2) Autonomy and the manner of its proclamation; 3) The sacrament of marriage and its impediments, 4) The importance of fasting and its observance today; 5) The relationship of the Orthodox Church with the rest of the Christian world; 6) The mission of the Orthodox Church in the contemporary world.

*The Synaxis of the Primate decided to convoke the Holy and Great Council at the Orthodox Academy of Crete from 16 to 27 June 2016*

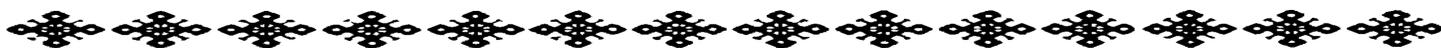
Given the difficult political situation in the Middle East, and tense relations between Turkey and Russia in particular, the Synaxis of the Primate of January 2016 decided not to assemble the Council in Constantinople and finally decided to convoke the Holy and Great Council at the Orthodox Academy of Crete from 16 to 27 June 2016. The opening of the Council will take place after the Divine Liturgy of the feast of Pentecost, and the closure – the Sunday of All Saints, according to the Orthodox calendar. The Synaxis also adopted the text of the Regulation of the organization and operation of the Holy and Great Council of the Orthodox Church.

According to the latter, delegations of each local Orthodox Church each will be composed of 24 bishops of this Church, as decided at the Synaxis of the Primate of 2014, and “*may be accompanied by special advisors, clergymen, monks and lay people, but the number of these cannot normally exceed the number of six members, as well as three assistants for each Church*” (Article 3). The official languages of the Council will be Greek, Russian, French and English as well as Arabic as a working language (Article 9). Moreover, it is expected that a Pan-Orthodox Council Secretariat will be “*composed of a hierarch of each delegation and the Secretary for the preparation of the Holy and Great Council, which supervises the work of the Secretariat*” (Article 6). These fifteen bishops will be “*assisted in their work by ad hoc advisors, clergymen, monks and laymen, chosen from among the counsellors of the delegations of the local Orthodox Churches. [...] These counsellors may not exceed the number of two per Church*” (Article 6). It is this secretariat, normally implemented by the end of February

2016, which will accredit the journalists who will be present at this council (Article 16). These journalists and invited observers from other Churches and Christian Confessions, as well as Christian organizations, will attend the opening and closing sessions of the Council, of course, without the right to speak and vote (Articles 14 and 16).

Thus ends the long drawn work of preparing the council that lasted forty years. The merit of its methodology – the consensus method (or decisions taken unanimously), which has been also the main difficulty would assure that the Holy and Great Council will be the manifestation of the unity of the Orthodox Church, not the occasion of schisms or divisions. It is hoped that the Holy Spirit is also present at the meeting in Crete in June 2016. That is why the Primates, meeting at the Synaxis in January 2016 in Chambésy “humbly invoke the grace and blessing of the Holy Trinity and ardently invite to prayer the fullness (pleroma) of the Church, clergy and laity, during the period leading to the Holy and Great Council and during it” (press release of 27 January 2016). *Translated from the French by A. Krochak*

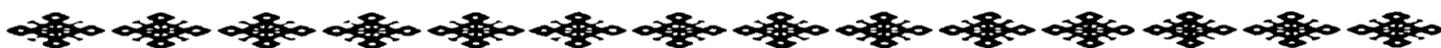
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### **CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR THE HEALTH AND BLESSINGS OF**

Congratulations & God’s Blessings Joe Neely, Megan Krigner and Carli Nicoloff  
on your graduation, wishing you all the best..... Stojan & Mira Prusac  
Special Intention ..... Joe Tome  
Health & God’s Blessings Dennis Haley..... Dorothy Goodman  
Health & God’s Blessings Nik Evanenko..... Akkerman Family  
Happy Birthday & God’s Blessings Eileen Branoff (June, 20) and  
Dennis Goodman (June, 21)..... John & Rose Goodman  
Fr. Joe, Fr. Moses, Fr. Lavrenty, Deacon Anthony, Jo Ann, Nikolai, Gloria, Laurie,  
Walt & Zina, Dorothy, Jeanette, Reggie, Ruth, Stojan & Mira, Bosa, Joseph,  
Helen, Ted & Marlene, Gladys, my family & friends ..... Joe Tome

### **CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR ALL THOSE IN BLESSED REPOSE**



Welcome all of our friends and visitors to St. Nicholas! Please join us for fellowship, coffee and donuts in our parish hall. Volunteers are needed to serve coffee and donuts this morning.

Happy Father’s Day to all our fathers, Godfathers, grandfathers and uncles.

There will be a one year Parastas for the repose of Jim Brown following the veneration of the cross. Coffee and donuts are being donated today in Jim’s memory by his family.

### **CHARITY MINISTRIES**

**HOPE IN A BOX** is collecting Laundry Soap for the month of June. Place the items in the Blue Box in the hall. Catholic Charities Community Closet will distribute the items.

**FOOD DRIVE** Place non-perishable food items in the other blue box in the hall.

**NORTH END SOUP KITCHEN** We serve this Thursday, July 7 from 9 am to 1 pm.

**DIOCESAN CONFERENCE & ORDINATION BANQUET** will be held next Sunday, June 26 following the Divine Liturgy in our hall. Tickets for the banquet must be purchased in advance (we need to give a number to the caterer). Adults are \$15 and children 12 and under \$6. Debbie will be selling tickets on your way to coffee. **A limited number of tickets will be sold the day of on a first come first served basis.** Menu: roast sirloin of beef, chicken, cabbage rolls, triangles, mashed potatoes with gravy, corn, California blend. Beverages: coffee, milk, ice tea and punch. We will have an ordination cake for dessert. Volunteers are welcome to bake other sweets for dessert. Please contact the office if you can bake sweets.

*Schedule of services and events for the week of June, 19:*

Monday, June 20

12 noon

Macedonian Open @ Davison Country Club

Tuesday, June 21

Father in Toledo

Wednesday, June 22

9:00 am

Divine Liturgy for the Leave-taking of Pascha

11:00 am

Adult Education

Thursday, June 23

Father at Diocesan Clergy Retreat at Dormition Monastery

Friday, June 24

Father at Diocesan Clergy Retreat at Dormition Monastery

Saturday, June 25

2:30 -5:30 pm

Diocesan Conference at Holiday Inn Gateway (Grand Blanc)

6:00 pm

Vespers

Sunday, June 26

9:30 am

**ALL SAINTS**

Third Hour

10:00 am

Divine Liturgy/Ordination of Deacon Esteban into the priesthood

12:30 pm

Diocesan/Ordination Banquet

**Offerings for the week June 12, 2016**

<i>Weekly Offerings</i>	\$1,040.00
<i>Estimated Average Weekly Expenses</i>	\$5,255.62
	<b>-\$4,215.62</b>

*72 people were in attendance on  
Sunday, June 12, 2016*

“If you cannot see Christ in the beggar at the church door, you will not find Him in the chalice.”

**St. John Chrysostom**