

**SUNDAY OF  
THE GREAT FEAST OF PENTECOST**

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Rev. Deacon John Kaufman  
Subdeacon Nicholas Rock



## WELCOME TO OUR GUESTS

Thank you for attending today's Divine Liturgy. Please register your visit by completing the guest book located on the table in the narthex. We would appreciate getting to meet you, so feel free to join us for refreshments & fellowship in the Cultural Center.

We believe **Holy Communion** to be a sign that in Christ we have all things in common, share an identical faith, and are united fully to the Orthodox Church. Anyone interested in learning more about our faith is encouraged to speak with one of our clergy. Orthodox Christians who have prepared themselves through prayer, fasting, & regular confession are welcome to receive Holy Communion.

## WHO WE ARE

St. Nicholas Church is a worshipping community living and sharing the Faith Christ gave to the Apostles.

Our parish exists to seek and share Christ's love so that all will find eternal life in Him.

We would love to share more about our Orthodox Faith with you. Our website and our bookstore are great resources to assist you in learning more about us and what we believe! Also, feel free to make an appointment with our pastor.

We trust that you will experience Christ's presence as you worship with us today.



## HYMNS AND READINGS OF THE DAY

### HYMNS

#### ***APOLYTIKION OF PENTECOST*** (TONE 8)

Blessed art Thou, O Christ our God, Who hast revealed the fishermen as most wise, having sent upon them the Holy Spirit, and through them Thou hast fished the universe, O Lover of mankind, glory to Thee.

#### ***KONTAKION OF PENTECOST*** (TONE 8)

When the High One descended, confusing tongues, He divided the nations. And when He distributed the fiery tongues He called all to one unity. Wherefore, in unison we glorify the most Holy Spirit.

### **Today's Homily**

In preparation for this year's Oratorical Competition, both Eli Hajjar and Aelitta Kazarov will be giving their orations in church today. Everyone is encouraged to listen carefully as we witness this beautiful opportunity of seeing our youth preach the Gospel to the faithful.

Eli and Aelitta will be representing our parish in the annual Oratorical Competition in the Junior Division of the Midwest Diocese Parish Life Conference. The competition will be held in the Haldane Meeting Room (3rd floor) of the Embassy Suits on Friday, June 17th from 11:15am-1:00pm. This event is open to any and all who would like to attend and support all of our diocese' orators.



## EPISTLE

*Blessed art Thou, O Lord, the God of our Fathers.  
For Thou art just in all Thou hast done to us.*

### **The Reading from the Acts of the Apostles 2:1-11**

When the day of Pentecost had come, the Disciples 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."

## GOSPEL

### **The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. John 7:37-52; 8:12**

On the last day of the feast, the great day, Jesus stood up and proclaimed, "If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and drink. He who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, 'Out of his belly 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, many 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 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."

## SYNAXARION

(LIVES OF THE SAINTS OF THE DAY)

On this day, the eighth Sunday of Pascha,  
we celebrate Holy Pentecost.

### **Verses**

*In a mighty wind Christ distributeth the Divine Spirit*

*In the form of fiery tongues unto the Apostles.*

*In one great day, the Spirit was poured out on the Fishermen.*

On this day—the fiftieth after Great and Holy Pascha—we commemorate the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the holy Disciples and Apostles in the form of tongues of fire. Numbering about 120, they who followed the Master gathered in Jerusalem in the upper room of a house to await the Lord's promise to send the Holy Spirit. At about the third hour of the day, there came a sound from Heaven as of a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the house. Cloven tongues immediately appeared, like as of fire, and sat upon the head of each of them. The Apostles began to speak, not with the languages of their ancestors, but with other languages with which the Holy Spirit supplied them, as He inspired them. After the Apostle Peter explained what had happened, 3,000 people joined the Church on the inauguration of the priesthood of grace. The objectives of Pentecost are, namely, the coming of the Holy Spirit into the world, the fulfillment of the promise of Jesus Christ, and the completion of the undefiled hope of the Apostles.

By the intercessions of the Holy Apostles,  
O Christ our God, have mercy on us. Amen.

## HOLY OBLATIONS

For the Health and Blessings of Fr. Michael, Fr. Elias, Fr. Ted, Archdn. David, Dn. Clem, Dn. Justin, Dn. John, and Subdn. Nicholas on the occasion of Father's Day offered by your Church family. May God continue to fill you with wisdom and strength.

For the Health and Blessings of all Fathers, Grandfathers, and Godfathers, and in remembrance of all these servants of God who have departed. Happy Father's Day!

For the Health and Blessings of George Hoodhood Sr. on the occasion of his 93rd birthday on June 18, offered by his family. May God grant him many years!

For the Health and Well being of Arthur Makhoul. May the Lord give the desire of your heart and make your plans succeed. (Psalm 19.4). Love Mom and Dad.

For the Health and Blessings of Olivia Adolphson on the occasion of her 16th birthday offered by Dad, Mom, Sam, and Grace. May God grant you many years!

For the health and blessings of Olivia Irene Adolphson on her 16th birthday! May she continue her deep devotion and service to her faith offered by Eileen Adolphson. May God grant her many years!

For the Health and Blessings of Grace Stewart on the occasion of her 16th birthday offered by the Adolphson family. May God grant you many years!

For the Health and Blessings of Duska Mijatovic on the occasion of her 10th birthday offered by Ratko Mijatovic. God grant you many years!

## REMEMBER IN YOUR DAILY PRAYERS

*Names are added to the Prayer List for one week by offering Holy Oblation  
or for up to 40 days in the case of an ongoing serious illness.*

### LIVING

Metropolitan Paul

Archbishop John

And all the victims of tragedy, violence, and poverty  
throughout our nation, in Lebanon, Ukraine  
and throughout the world  
and for our fathers, grandfathers, and Godfathers.

Archpriest Michael

Attallah Amash

Archpriest Elias

Mary Ann Maloley

Priest Ted

Audrey Nicoloff

Archdn. David

Ralph Thomas

Dn. Clem

David Corey

Dn. Justin

Joe Corey

Dn. John

Dan Abraham

Subdn. Nicolas

Kevin Mitchell

George Hoodhood

Michael Ellis

Arthur Makoul

Sam Barkett

Olivia Adolphson

Joshua Cass

Grace Stewart

Gennady Gertser

Duska Mijatovic

Margaret Mole



### DEPARTED

#### NEWLY DEPARTED

Archbishop Paul

Shirley Salhaney

Robert Laham

And all the newly departed victims of tragedy, violence, and poverty  
throughout our nation, in Lebanon, Ukraine  
and throughout the world and for our departed fathers,  
grandfathers, and Godfathers.