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Special Dates in July

Sunday, July 5th, 8:45am
Orthros and Divine Liturgy
4th Sunday of Matthew

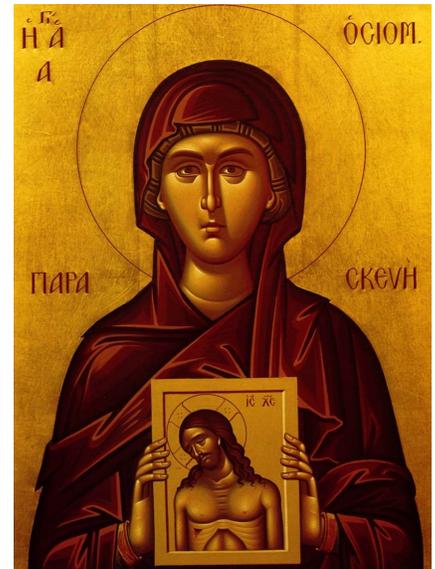
Sunday, July 12th, 8:45am
Orthros and Divine Liturgy
5th Sunday of Matthew

Sunday, July 19th, 8:45am
Orthros and Divine Liturgy
Sunday of the Holy Fathers

Monday, July 20th, 8:30am
Orthros and Divine Liturgy
Elias the Prophet

Sunday, July 26th, 8:45am
Orthros and Divine Liturgy
St. Paraskeve

Monday, July 27th, 8:30am
Orthros and Divine Liturgy
St. Panteleimonos



Announcement:

Our church services are being live-streamed! Many have enjoyed being able to stay connected to the church during these challenging times. You can find these broadcasts on our church Facebook Page. If you do not have Facebook, please go to our website: www.stnicholasjamestown.org and click on the "Facebook" button.

See you online!

May Prosforo Schedule

Sunday, July 5th

Tiffany Theofilactidis

Sunday, July 12th

Sabrina Piaschyk

Sunday, July 19th

Joanne Christ

Sunday, July 26th

Christine Cheronis



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The United States of America is actually a very young nation compared to the other nations of the world. In fact, the entire 214 years of history have been spanned by the lives of just eight Presidents. When Thomas Jefferson died, Abraham Lincoln was a young man of seventeen. Lincoln's life was short, but when he died, Woodrow Wilson was a boy of eight. By the time the nation mourned for Wilson, Gerald Ford had reached the age of ten. So you see, the United States has risen quickly, but we pray and hope the fall of this nation will not be so quick with our problems and our ills.

What are some of the ills that befall this nation? The first are disillusionment and cynicism. Have some lost their enthusiasm and optimism about the future? Is there a lack of old fashioned trust and confidence in one another?

Second is the loss of national integrity and character. Everyone knows that the crime rate seems to be increasing. Violence throws a shadow over the security of our citizens, of you and me. Stealing is epidemic. Divorce is shattering marriages at an outstanding rate.

The third is preoccupation with unworthy things such as materialism, sex, pleasure, satisfaction here and now without regard to others. We have lost much of the will to sacrifice for the good of others and for the national good.

The fourth is, and I am persuaded that this is basic, have we lost our fear of God and our awareness of His sovereignty? I am, therefore, reminded on this entrance into a new millennium of the words of the Prophet Micah:

**“what does the Lord require of you but to do justice,
and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God.”**

The words of the Prophet direct us to the way God expects us to live as citizens of this land and of the world. He says first of all:

“to do justice...”

This is a challenge to insure the rights of all and to interpret the truths of equality under God that we are all equal. He also says :

“to love kindness...”

A caring relationship for other persons: our family, our friends, the hurt and the hungry. Lastly, the Prophet commands us:

“to walk humbly with your God.”

This is a requirement which the pilgrim fathers knew well and which we must recognize anew in the midst of personal pride.

We need to fear the voice of God through the Prophet Micah and turn to him, our God, before it is too late. The future of the U.S. may lie in the hands of future generations, but you as you celebrate the birthday of our nation must renew your covenant, your agreement with God, individually, “to do justice, to love kindness and to work humbly with your God” for betterment of this nation. For as we are able to greet our tomorrow with a faith that is bigger and better than yesterday, we will continue to grow as a blessed nation, “under God”.

Remember the people who walk with God shall know God. If thousands of Americans know God, then He will know us and our nation always. Put God back into these United States. God bless America, the Beautiful!

Dear Fellow Parishioners,

It is my hope that everyone in our Parish community continues to stay safe and is receiving the many blessings of God. The Council looks forward to the day when we can all be back in our Church together as the reopening of our state continues. We have been given guidelines from the Metropolis as to the best procedures to follow during our reopening, and when we've followed the appropriate steps, everyone will be notified.

Some of the procedures that we will have to follow are:

Temperature check upon entry

Masks will be required

Bulletins and booklets will be removed

Every other pew will be used

Two Chanters are allowed, but no choir

No youth altar servers

50% capacity will involve families attending services by last name every other week

(A to L one week, M to Z the next week)

As updates come available, we will continue to try to communicate these new developments as we try our best to keep everyone safe, and continue to serve our Lord. Thank you for your understanding as we navigate this difficult process.

With love in Christ,

Tim Anderson
Council President



Memorials

**In memory of Thomaidha Dimas
to the Ladies' Erene Society**

Athena Constantine

Tom & Dawn Constantine

Greg & Christina Constantine

Alice Ludwiczak

Patricia Rewers

Charlie & Valerie Heggarty

Sandra Sarro

Janet Abbate

Kathleen Colon

Sally & Charles Hauck

In memory of Betty Pappas

Constance Psychos

In memory of Nora Bitchakas

Markos and Anna Bahas & Family

Constance Psychos

**Angie & Bill Turner have made a
donation in memory of the following:**

Richard Campbell

Cindi Rashid

Timothy Proskie

Mrs. Francis Beverino

Colleen Nelson Yurick

Bryce Dhunjishaw

Sunday School News:

With the Governor allowing summer camps to happen, St. Nicholas will be having a Vacation Church School Program August 17th-21st from 9am -2:15pm (no cost). Please note that necessary health protocols will be followed, and trained Youth Workers of the parish will be present at all times during this event. This is a great program and a wonderful opportunity for our children.

Here is the tentative schedule:

Theme- The Miracles of Christ

9am-9:15am: Opening prayer

9:15am-10am: Class time

Students split into groups: Groups will rotate between arts and crafts, music, and outdoor activity.

10am-12:15pm Group rotation

Lunch 12:15pm-1pm

1pm-2pm: Big group activity

2pm-2:15pm- closing prayer

Friday- Is a fun day with Paraklesis first (parents invited) then lunch and fun day (outside).

If you have any questions, comments, or concerns please do not hesitate to contact me or Father.
In Christ, Sabrina Piaschyk

A NOTE FROM THE CHOIR

The St. Nicholas Parish and Choir are still under lockdown due to Covid-19, but services continue to be live-streamed on our Facebook website. Stay connected to your Parish by tuning in to a service! We are hoping that the church will be opening back up to the faithful by Saturday August 15th for the Feast of the Dormition of the Theotokos. The service will be celebrated with Jim & Dora at the chant stand. God willing, we will be able to add the choir to our Church services soon!

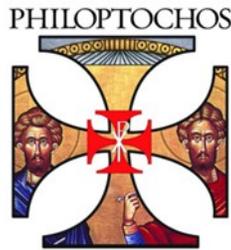
In the meantime, we had the pleasure to welcome Fr. John Hutnyan for an Orthros and Divine Liturgy service in June. We also had the beautiful experience of celebrating Sunday services with Fr. James Rousakis, who was visiting his son (our very own Fr. Soteri), on Sunday June 28th.

In the two pictures below are Louis Tsitso, Jim Cheronis and Dora Turner with Fr. John in green vestments, and Fr. James in white vestments.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Cheronis
Choir Director





St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox
Ladies Erene Society
Submitted by: Christine Cheronis, President

This month's article for the St. Nicholas Philoptochos Society (Erene Society) has made me look back on how our Erene Society has been able to persevere through this pandemic called COVID-19. Our ladies have been unable to meet physically for the last 4 months and when we do meet, it is via a zoom call which limits participation because not all of our members have the ability to join due to technology issues. So, how have we been able to keep the mission of the Philoptochos Society going? Love. Commitment. Patience and Understanding.

For all of us at St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church, COVID-19 has been a test of our love, commitment, patience and understanding. There have been times that we all have "lost our cool", have become depressed about being unable to attend Holy Liturgy and receive the Eucharist and frustrated that we have not been able to physically participate in church-related activities. So, at times, we may have fallen into apathy and despair. Satan is certainly feeling powerful right now. So what can we do as members of our parish and members of the Philoptochos Society? Pray. Love. Forgive. Endure.

- Prayer keeps us in direct communication with God.
- Love keeps us joined together as a family of God.
- Forgiveness keeps us moving forward towards God.
- Endurance gives us the hope that we will one day be with God.

Simple, yes? Not always! Each day is a test of our ability to include all those items listed above in our daily lives. No one ever said earthly life would be easy. In fact, it is just the opposite. Our journey here on this earth is a classroom for us to learn how to become more Christ-like and to long for Theosis. So, this moment in time, which has suffering, sadness, separation from those we love, death, and despair is teaching us to reach out to our Father for love, guidance, forgiveness and endurance. Pray daily. Stay in touch with God. Love those who are suffering. Extend a helping hand wherever you can. Be present and allow God to lead your journey. Trust in Him to know what is best for you. He will never fail you.

Our ladies continue to support and assist organizations in our community who provide food, comfort, medical assistance and love to those in need. Our commitment to our community is stronger than ever. We invite you join us at our next meeting to learn more about our Erene Society. The next Erene zoom meeting will be held on August 6th at 6pm. If you would like to attend via zoom, please send your email to Christine Cheronis at: ccheronis@gmail.com We welcome interested ladies of St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church to join us!

Rejoicing in hope; patient in tribulation; continuing in prayer; (Romans 12:12)

All Are Loved, All Are Welcome.

Installation of the Choir Doors has been completed. We are grateful to George and Kathy Theofilactidis for covering the cost of the doors and installation!

The project planned to remedy the drainage on the back hillside of the Church and to repave the back driveway is temporarily on hold due to delays caused by COVID-19. It is possible that we will have to wait until next year for the work to be completed. At our recent General Assembly meeting via Zoom, George and Kathy Theofilactidis committed to paying for the Church's expenses associated with the project once it gets underway! Our parish is blessed by the generosity of this couple, who have been life-long active members and patrons of St. Nicholas.



**Congratulations to Kathy and Rick
On their wedding, June 27th!**

July 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
			5:30pm Vision Meeting			
5 8:45am Orthros 10:00am Divine Liturgy	6	7	8	9	10	11
12 8:45am Orthros 10:00am Divine Liturgy	13	14	15	16	17	18
19 8:45am Orthros 10:00am Divine Liturgy	20 Elias the Prophet 8:30am Orthros/Liturgy	21	22	23	24	25
			6:30pm Parish Council			
26 St. Paraskeve 8:45am Orthros 10:00am Divine Liturgy	27 St. Panteleimon 8:30am Orthros/Liturgy	28	29	30	31	

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