

St. Nicholas Orthodox Church

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Sunday, July 11, 2010. Seventh Sunday after Pentecost (Tone 6).

Saints of July 11: Greatmartyr Euphemia (451); Blessed Olga, Princess of Russia (969); Hieromartyr Cindeus, Presbyter, of Pamphylia (4th c.).

Scripture lessons: Romans 15:1-7, Matthew 9:27-35

Monday, July 12 – Friday, July 16. There are no weekday services this week

Saturday, July 17. Great Vespers of the Resurrection, 6:00PM.

Sunday, July 18. **Eighth Sunday after Pentecost (Tone 7).** The Holy Fathers of the First Six Ecumenical Councils. Venerable Pambo of Egypt (4th century).

- Divine Liturgy, 9:00AM (Sixth Hour, 8:50AM)
- Scripture lessons: 1 Corinthians 1:10-18, Hebrews 13:7-16
Matthew 14:14-22, John 17:1-13

Romans 15:7. “Welcome one another, therefore, as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.” This is the final verse from today’s Epistle reading. In all things, Christ is our model ... even when it comes to greeting each other in joy and love. St Paul reminds us that to welcome someone with warmth is no small matter. We are to welcome others because Christ welcomes each of us into the Kingdom and to His heavenly banquet table.

A special welcome indeed! Welcome to Jennifer and Luke Freeman, who are visiting family on the North Shore this summer. Jennifer and Luke are parishioners at Holy Transfiguration in New Haven, CT, and they are the proud parents of newly born Alice Anastasia! This morning, it is our joy to pray the churching prayers for Jennifer and

Anastasia before the start of Liturgy. By these prayers, the Church welcomes back the mother who has given birth and extends a first welcome to the child born of her.

Parish Council meeting next Sunday. This is a reminder that there will be a Parish Council meeting next Sunday, July 18, during coffee hour.

The Fourth Annual “More Mature Party.” The annual get-together for the “more mature” members of St. Nicholas is just around the corner. The party this year is Wednesday, July 21 from Noon to 3PM at the home of the Pohotsky’s. Rides will be provided. Our thanks to Christine Liberti and Donna Pohotsky for organizing this wonderful event. Please contact Christine or Donna if you have questions.

Monthly bulletin. Although it may take a few months to streamline the process, we hope to publish the bulletin on the final Saturday/Sunday of each month. If you would like to assist, or to contribute something to the monthly bulletin, please speak with Fr. Theophan.

Mark your calendar! To welcome Fr Theophan and the Whitfield family to St Nicholas, there will be a parish picnic on Sunday, August 22, at 12PM at the home of John and Diane Klibansky. More information is coming soon, but save the date!

Vechnaya pamyat. Many of us knew Pep Cornacchio. Not only was he a special member of the Salem community, he was also a good friend of St Nicholas Church. It was with sadness that we learned of Pep’s death last week. May his memory be eternal!

Are you travelling this summer? As best you can, please plan to attend weekend services while on vacation. (The website www.orthodoxyinamerica.org is a big help in locating Orthodox churches throughout the country.) Also, be mindful of your offering envelopes. If you will be away for an extended period, please send your envelopes to St. Nicholas by mail.

Looking Ahead.

July 18, Sunday.

Parish Council meeting during Coffee Hour.

July 25, Sunday.

The blessing of vehicles, in honor of the Prophet Elijah.

July 31, Saturday.

General Confession, following Great Vespers.

August 1, Sunday.

Cross Procession. Start of the Dormition Fast.

August 15, Sunday.

Feast of the Dormition of the Theotokos.