

St. Nicholas Orthodox Church

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Sunday, July 18, 2010. Eighth Sunday after Pentecost (Tone 7).

The Holy Fathers of the First Six Ecumenical Councils.

Saints of July 18: Martyr Emilian of Silistria in Bulgaria (363). Venerable Pambo of Egypt (4th century).

Scripture lessons: 1 Corinthians 1:10-18, Hebrews 13:7-16
Matthew 14:14-22, John 17:1-13

Monday, July 19 – Friday, July 23. There are no weekday services this week

Saturday, July 24. Great Vespers of the Resurrection, 6:00PM.

Sunday, July 25. **Ninth Sunday after Pentecost (Tone 8).** The Dormition of the Righteous Anna, Mother of the Theotokos; Olympias the Deaconess of Constantinople; Eupraxia of Tabenna.

- Divine Liturgy, 9:00AM (Sixth Hour, 8:50AM)
- Scripture lessons: 1 Corinthians 3:9-17, Matthew 14:22-34

A journey begun. This morning we welcome Paul Kiesling as our newest catechumen at St. Nicholas. Paul is a junior at Salem State, and he has expressed his desire to study and, God-willing, be received into the Orthodox Church. We will pray the “enrollment” prayer for Paul after the sermon this morning, and it is important that we all support Paul through prayer and encouraging words. Please welcome Paul and introduce yourself if you have not yet had the chance.

Vechnaya Pamyat. Two of our parish families are travelling to attend funerals. Protodeacon Basil and Mat. Mary Rose are in Texas for the funeral of Mary Rose’s bother-

in-law, Carlos. The Balach family is in Minnesota for the funeral of Lana’s mother, Ann. Please keep both families in your prayers, and please also pray for the newly-departed Carlos and Ann. May their memories be eternal!

Parish Council meeting today. This is a reminder that there is a Parish Council meeting today during coffee hour.

The Fourth Annual “More Mature Party.” The annual get-together for the “more mature” members of St. Nicholas is THIS WEEK -- Wednesday, July 21 from Noon to 3PM. The party will take place at the Pohotsky home, and rides are being provided. Our thanks to Christine Liberti and Donna Pohotsky for organizing this wonderful event.

Calling all cars, bikes, wagons, and chariots! This Tuesday, July 20 is the Feast of the Prophet Elijah. Elijah was one of the great figures of the Old Testament, and Scripture tells us that Elijah was taken up to heaven in a flaming chariot. In honor of the Prophet Elijah, it is the custom in some parts of the Orthodox world to bless vehicles. Here at St. Nicholas we will indeed bless vehicles, but we will do so during coffee hour next Sunday, July 25. If it has wheels and you can bring it to Church, then bring it next week for a blessing!

General Confession. We will hold a service of General Confession after Great Vespers on Saturday, July 31. General Confession is a wonderful chance to reflect on our need for God’s love and forgiveness. General Confession does not replace personal confession with a priest, but General Confession is a wonderful “school” of repentance, one which helps us to think about the sins and struggles which we should bring to personal confession.

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!

Looking Ahead.

- August 1, Sunday. Feast of the Procession of the Cross. Start of the Dormition Fast.
- August 6, Friday. Feast of the Transfiguration.
Blessing of fruit.
- August 15, Sunday. Feast of the Dormition of the Theotokos.
Blessing of flowers, herbs, and seed.