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**Sunday, July 12, 2020**  
5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

*Glory Be To Jesus Christ!*

*Glory Be Forever!*

## ***Welcome Back Everyone!***

*At this time, we are utilizing up to 50% capacity in the church, so the first 75 people who arrive at the church to attend Divine Liturgy on Sunday will be permitted to attend the service. At the candle stand will be an attendance sheet to have the usher write down your name and phone number so we know who is attending each service. There is no pressure or expectation to attend services during this period of COVID-19. Remember to wear a mask and practice social distancing of six feet except for immediate family members. These procedures and guidelines are in effect not only to protect ourselves but also to protect one another. It is essential that we know who is attending the Divine Liturgy in the event that a “notice of infection” is requested and contact tracing becomes necessary.*

*Some points to remember:*

**You no longer need to call Father James each week to confirm that you will be in church.**

*Please have the Usher write down your name and phone# on the attendance sheet as soon as you enter the church. Your temperature will be taken. Please follow the directions of the usher on lighting candles.*

*Please expect assigned seating to ensure proper social distancing.*

*Icons can be venerated by blessing yourself with the sign of the cross and bowing without physical contact (no kissing or touching the icons)*

*Please follow the instructions of the Priest on how to receive Communion.*

*Antidoron will not be distributed at this time.*

*Please remember to wear a mask and bring your own Divine Liturgy Book.*

Liturgical Services have started, although with ‘preventative measures’! Please see May 31, 2020 bulletin for the full procedures. We are blessed to have the services with restrictions and we pray for the time that these conditions are no longer necessary!

**Blessed Pussy Willows will be available in the church basement after Divine Liturgy on Sunday, July 12. If you would like some, please get them at that time.**

Sun...July 12... 9:30 AM – Divine Liturgy

Sat...July 18... 4:00 PM – NO VESPERS

Sun...July 19... 9:30 AM – Divine Liturgy

If you do not feel comfortable coming to church yet, you may continue to watch On-line Services:

Go to the Diocese of Eastern PA website at the bottom of our church website.

At the top of the page – Click on Live Streaming – Scroll down to church services

**St. Nicholas Orthodox Church – Mogadore, OH – You Tube**

Services every day of the week – Mon. to Fri. at 7:00 PM

Saturday Vespers – 5:00 PM; Sunday Divine Liturgy – 9:30 AM

**Please say an extra prayer for Matushka Lisa and Father James this week.  
For any clergy emergencies, please call John Evetushick (570-573-0540)**

**Prayer List:** *HEAVENLY FATHER ... Physician of our souls and bodies, Who has sent your only begotten Son to heal every sickness and infirmity, visit us and heal us, Your servants, from all physical and spiritual ailments through the grace of Your Son Jesus Christ; grant to us patience in this sickness, strength of body and spirit, and recovery of health. Lord, You have taught us through Your word to pray for each other that we may be healed. You are the source of healing and to You, we give glory; to the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.*

Matushka Lovey Ropitsky, Matushka Lisa Weremedic, Michael Birocik, Clark Bogosh, Theodore Bogosh, Jane Bubernak, Cecil Buchanan, Emmalyn Naomi Buchanan, Evanna Jane Buchanan, Stephanie Chmel, Edward Conarty, Irene David, Ilene Devine, Gloria Ferri, Julia Forte, Olga Hebda, John King, Claire Kononchuk, Michael Kulick, John Kushnir, Helen Macenka, MaryAnn Macenka, Mary Maholick, Alexandra Miller, Courtney Miller, Mildred O'Shura, Anna Pisko, Helen Scheese, Melissa Schmitt, Althea Shellock, Helen Suda, Martha Stafiniak, Martha Teno, Nancy Vanno, Russell Wishousky, Russell Yallas, & Richard York

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**If anyone is in need of a priest please call Father James Weremedic at 570-645-2772 ..... Visitation of the Sick and Infirm:** If you are going into the hospital for any reason, please inform Fr. James at the Rectory. **Emergency Calls: Please call the Rectory (570-645-2772) anytime (day or night) in an emergency.**

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**Financials 7/1-5/20 Operating Acct:** - Candles 77 – Weekly 207 – Non-Env 300 – Holy Days 5 = Total \$ 589.00  
Please continue to keep filling your church envelopes. Charity -- 20. Thank you!

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**July Birthdays:** 2- Mary Taylor, 5- Isaac Miller, 10- Helen Scheese (90), 11- Geri Vavra, 15- Sami Vavra, 17- Althea Shellock, 20- John Evetushick, 22- Michael Ropitsky, 28- Chris Kalavritinos

**July Wedding Anniversaries:** 9 – David & Chris King, 16 – Joseph & Dorothy Macenka, 18 – John & Dorothy King

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**Candles (from April 19):**

**7-Day Vigils/Altar...**In memory of **Kay & Paul Maliniak** offered by William Yelsh

**Altar Candles...** For the health of **Martha Teno** offered by Barbara Teno

**Eternal Lamp...** In memory of **Marion Pickenheim** offered by William Yelsh

**Vigil Crosses ...** In memory of **Mary & Andrew Yelsh** offered by William Yelsh

**7-Day Vigil/Tetrapod...** In memory of **Andrew & Mary Bybel Family** offered by Friends

**Decorated Candles/Tetrapod...** In memory of **Wasil Horvath** offered by Helen & George Yurchak

**Candles (from July 5):**

**7-Day Vigils/Altar...** In memory of **deceased members of the Herbert Family** offered by Millie O'Shura

**Altar Candles...** For the health of **Aunt Olga Hebda** offered by Raymond & Mary Jo Danchak

**Eternal Lamp...** In memory of **Mother, Mary Lutash** offered by Raymond & Mary Jo Danchak

**Vigil Crosses ...** In memory of **Say (Mary) Blair** offered by Russell & Geri King

**7-Day Vigils/Tetrapod...** In memory of **Andrew & Mary Bybel Family** offered by Friends

**Decorated Candles/Tetrapod...**

## **A MASTER OF “WORDSHIP”**

“This Sunday’s Church Bulletin highlights the life of a relatively modern saint: NIKODEMOS of the Holy Mountain. He was born on the island of Naxos in 1749, and was educated in Smyrna. At the age of 27, Nikodemos set off for Mt. Athos – the Holy Mountain – where he entered a monastery. At this ancient center of Orthodox monasticism, Nikodemos put to good use his God-given talents for writing and composing music.

Nikodemos travelled extensively throughout Asia Minor and Eastern Europe, gathering material for his literary and musical projects. Some of his works include: the ‘Philokalia,’ a spiritual guidebook drawing from the writings of saints of the Church and the ‘Pedalion,’ a masterful compilation of all of the sacred canons of the Church. This volume is commonly referred to as the ‘Rudder of the Church’ because of its clear, concise interpretations of our dogmas, doctrines and disciplines. Nikodemos also compiled a two-volume edition of ‘The Lives of the Saints.’ One of his most noted musical accomplishments was his writing of the hymns for the services on Great and Holy Friday.

Nikodemos died in 1809. He will live on, however, through the vast amount of spiritual and catechetical material that he authored during his 60 years of service to the Lord. This theological giant has enriched all our spiritual lives.”

The Orthodox Weekly Bulletin.....Vestal, Cliffwood, New Jersey

**5<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST. Tone 4.** Martyrs Proclus and Hilary of Ancyra. Ven. Michael of Maleinus. Martyrs Theodore and his son, John, of Kiev. Ven. Arseny of Novgorod, Fool-for-Christ. Ven. Simon, Abbot of Volomsk. Martyr Golinduc, of Persia. Ven. John and Gabriel, of the Holy Mountain. Saint Serapion the New.

**Prokeimenon – Tone 4: O Lord, how manifold are Thy works!  
In wisdom hast Thou made them all!**

**Epistle: Romans 10:1-10      Gospel: Matthew 8:28-9:1**

### **Martyrs Proclus and Hilary of Ancyra**

Troparion — Tone 4

Your holy martyrs Proclus and Hilary, O Lord, / through their sufferings have received incorruptible crowns from You, our God. / For having Your strength, they laid low their adversaries, / and shattered the powerless boldness of demons. / Through their intercessions, save our souls!

Kontakion — Tone 4

Podoben: “As You were voluntarily raised...” / Like the morning star, / your glorious sufferings enlighten us with holy miracles. / We celebrate your memory, Proclus and Hilary; / pray to Christ God for us / that He will save our souls.

### **Romans 10:1-10 (Epistle)**

Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is that they may be saved. For I bear them witness that they have a zeal for God, but not according to knowledge. For they being ignorant of God's righteousness, and seeking to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted to the righteousness of God. For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to everyone who believes. For Moses writes about the righteousness which is of the law, "The man who does those things shall live by them."

But the righteousness of faith speaks in this way, "Do not say in your heart, 'Who will ascend into heaven?' (that is, to bring Christ down from above) or, 'Who will descend into the abyss?'" (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). But what does it say? "The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith which we preach): **that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.**

### **Matthew 8:28-9:1 (Gospel)**

When He had come to the other side, to the country of the Gergesenes, there met Him two demon-possessed men, coming out of the tombs, exceedingly fierce, so that no one could pass that way. And suddenly they cried out, saying, "What have we to do with You, Jesus, You Son of God? Have You come here to torment us before the time?"

Now a good way off from them there was a herd of many swine feeding. So the demons begged Him, saying, "If You cast us out, permit us to go away into the herd of swine." And He said to them, "Go." So when they had come out, they went into the herd of swine. And suddenly the whole herd of swine ran violently down the steep place into the sea, and perished in the water.

Then those who kept them fled; and they went away into the city and told everything, including what had happened to the demon-possessed men. And behold, the whole city came out to meet Jesus. And when they saw Him, they begged Him to depart from their region. So He got into a boat, crossed over, and came to His own city.