

A WORD FOR THE DAY

The inexpressible peace of the holy angels rests on these two dispositions: love of God and love for one another; and the same is true of the peace all the saints of all times. So excellent are the words of the Saviour: On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets (Matt. 22:40).

Maximus the Confessor

I too want freedom and seek it day and night. I learnt that freedom is with God and is given by God to humble hearts who have repented and sacrificed their wills before Him. To those who repent the Lord gives His peace and freedom to love Him. There is nothing better in the world than to love God and one's fellow man. In this does the soul find rest and joy.

The Writings of Staretz Siouan

When the Lord promised to go to the centurion's house to heal his servant, the centurion answered, "Lord, I am not worthy to have you come under my roof; but only say the word, and my servant will be healed." By viewing himself as unworthy, he showed himself worthy for Christ to come not merely into his house but also into his heart. He would not have said this with such great faith and humility if he had not already welcomed in his heart the One who came into his house.

St. Augustine

ST. NICHOLAS ORTHODOX CHURCH

A Parish Of The New England Diocese ✦ Orthodox Church In America

July 2, 2017

4th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST — Tone 3. The Placing of the Honorable Robe of the Most-holy Theotokos at Blachernæ (5th c.). St. Photius, Metropolitan of Kiev (1431). St. Juvenal, Patriarch of Jerusalem (ca. 458).



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Divine Services

Saturday, July 8th.....Great Vespers6:00 p.m.
(followed by Confessions)

Sunday, July 9th Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom..... 10:00 a.m.
(Hours Begin at 9:40 a.m.)

Today's Readings

Epistle: Romans 6:18-23

Gospel: Matthew 8:5-13

Next Week's Readings

Epistle: Romans 10:1-10

Gospel: Matthew 8:28-9:1

For Next Week, July 9

Hours and Thanksgiving Prayers.....Steven Nikitas

Epistle:Irene Vassos

Coffee Hour:**All Parish Picnic!**

In Memory of: John, Maria, Nancy

For the health and well-being of Archpriest Joseph and Matushka Julia, Abdullah, David, Tony, Stanislav, Leonard, Timothy, Helen, Fenaeda, Raya, Irina, Katia, Dennis, Svetlana, Konstantin, Vladislav, Galina, Nancy, Maria, Al, and Michael.

July Birthdays

George Fiscu (07/19), Diane Dunn (07/24), Lilliana Gadoury (07/27) Alla Yefremova (07/30). Anniversaries: Diane and Greg (07/03), Galina and Simeon (07/27)

Announcements

Fr. Joseph, Matushka Mary, and John will be traveling this week from Tuesday, July 4th until Saturday, July 8th. They will not be at the rectory, nor will they be able to be contacted by phone. If there is an emergency, please contact: Senior Officer, Rick Goudey (413-230-9255).

Fr. Joseph will be serving as the leader of the Orthodox Christian Fellowship (OCF) at Princeton University. He will be serving in Holy Transfiguration Chapel located on Princeton University campus. Holy Transfiguration Chapel is neither a parish nor a mission. However, it serves both the students and Orthodox who live in the surrounding area and choose to attend services on campus. Fr. Joseph's detailed responsibilities are yet to be determined.

Fr. Igor Burdikoff of Christ the Savior Orthodox Church in Ballston Spa, NY will be serving the parish of St. Nicholas for Divine Liturgies in July and August. His first Divine Liturgy at the parish will be on July 23rd. Fr. Igor will not be the Administrator

of the Pittsfield Parish, nor will he be the contact person in cases of emergencies that require the ministry of a parish priest. Soon, His Eminence, Archbishop NIKON will officially assign one or more active CT Deanery rectors for that task. Fr. Igor will simply be presiding at Sunday morning Divine Liturgies in order to maintain the proper rhythm of the week-to-week Lord's Day worship. As some of us may know, Fr. Igor has been a priest for 52 years. He was widowed last September, when his wife of 51 years, Matushka Cecilia, entered into blessed repose.

Please continue to pray for Nick Bobrovsky. Nick will be having a procedure done on his heart at the end of this month. It's a procedure that replaces one of his heart valves. For this reason, we will be praying for Nick during our services that God's will be done for the healing of Nick's soul and body.

July Charities will go to Orthodox Christian Prison Ministries (OCPM). OCPM provides an essential need to minister to those in prison, as our Lord Jesus Christ commanded. There have been many converts of those held in prison to the Orthodox Faith due to the work of the OCPM. Therefore, to support this ministry is worthy. Please give!

Youth Rally Aug. 7-12. For children who have completed the 5th grade (or equivalent) and have not yet turned 18 are eligible to attend Youth Rally. As a parish, we are willing to cover any costs for children who cannot afford to pay the full price. The details are in the application. The deadline to return the application is tomorrow, July 3rd 2017. For those interested, please contact Fr. John Hopko at 860-582-3631 or terryvilleorthodoxchurch@gmail.com. If you have any financial concerns, please contact Fr. Joseph.

Upcoming Events

Baptism Tomorrow, July 3rd at 5:30pm. The infant Alexandra, the child of Katya and grandchild of Irena Pozniakova will be baptized unto the body of Christ tomorrow at 5:30pm. The baptism will be followed by a pot-luck meal in the rectory.

John Kreta will visit the parish during **Vespers on Saturday, July 8th**--this Saturday. At the conclusion of Vespers, Fr. John will meet with the parish council and any parishioners in the nave of the church. This gives the parish the chance to ask Fr. John any questions or raise any concerns regarding the immediate future of the parish.



July 9th is our Parish Picnic. Like last summer, we will have a parish picnic. Please bring a dish to share. The parish will provide hamburgers and hot dogs for the grill. This will be the last Sunday Fr. Joseph, Matushka Mary, and little John will be at St. Nicholas. May we say goodbye to one another in peace and with prayer. Please set aside the time to come to the parish picnic! There will be a sign-up sheet at Coffee Hour to indicate what you can bring. Thanks.

Collections

Last Sunday's Collection	\$1,383
2017 Budget	\$96,142
Progress Towards Budget	\$41,577