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Pastor's Message

by Fr. Nathan Preston

Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy. (The fourth of the Ten Commandments)

To rest is a command of God. Not “downtime” between things alleged more important nor that rest of each day’s sleep, the eight hours that nearly none of us in truth fulfills. To take rest, a full day, and this in imitation of our creator, the scripture here means and commands. But we Americans and we, the inhabitants of this city said so often with pride “that never sleeps”, fall woefully short of obedience. Always, we’re striving somewhere to do some thing busy, and it is one of our society’s least forgivable offenses to “waste” time or to have it wasted. We value busy, praise and affirm busy, reserving our ire for those who cannot keep up. But rest is a holy act. Not different than prayer, not different than the reading of scripture, rest exists by divine dictate. God Himself invites us with a request we dare not refuse, enjoining us to join Him in abstinence from haste, rush, and worry. And as we are called Christians and as we are called to become ever more like our God, He appeals to us do as He did, to be as He is.

For those who take care of others, this command still stands. Indeed, those who are tending to the needs of others must attend to this edict yet more carefully, for the challenge to compromise obedience grows greater in service when doing good seems within our means. The divine decree to lead lives of balance—lives of praise—may be easily upset and unweighted by our best intentions.

President's Message

by James Liolin

June Is Busting Out All Over

First, our Pledge Program has reached a record high. We now have over 100 pledging families and several are new to the program. The amount pledged this year is the highest and surpassed the \$70K milestone. The Council thanks all who have made their commitment to the annual support.

Second, the Church temple will undergo a renovation. For the first time since 1970 major changes will take place. The renovation is scheduled to begin in mid-June and is expected to be completed by the end of August. All the walls and floors will be changed. The old icons will

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How is it that we think we can love and give and give and love endlessly

and without exhaustion? Unrefreshed by rest, we cannot. God knows, but we sometimes have to learn the hard way.

For those who take care of others or hope to be able to continue taking care of others, rest must often be by design: some portion of the week, some segment of the day set aside, sanctified by being put to this purpose. Planning is required here because there are so many needs, so many demands for our time. Built and budgeted into our calendars must be this goal of some silence, some absence or avocation. Rest is time management, and without design we cannot expect success in its pursuit. For caregivers, too, this rest is an admission that their best efforts are not enough. Whether with the sick or the dying or the young or the needy, those who give should know that it will always be a struggle to recall that their best efforts, valiant though they may be, cannot save, revive, or ensure. Perhaps this is why we struggle most with rest, because sitting aside for a time reminds us that we are but human; it demands that we see the limits of our own abilities and capabilities and recall that we are not God. Rest humbles us so that we are not so busy saving others, so slovenly in ourselves being saved.

So God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it God rested from all His work which He had done. (Genesis 2)

be saved and moved and new icons prepared. The Beautification Committee has been working hard over a year and half on developing plans, visiting churches, meeting contractors. We look forward to the new look as we prepare the church for the 75th Anniversary in the fall of 2018.

Third, the date of the Church picnic is changing for this year only, moving forward to June 4th. The location is the same and so is the fun. Bring your family and friends and enjoy the day. Sunday, June 4th liturgy of Pentacost is at 10AM at the church. See you there in Church, the Picnic or both.

Coffee List

Daughters' Corner

by Linda Foundos

Dear Ladies,

Here is the schedule for coffee for the next 2 months. If your name is listed, please be sure to put it on your calendar. If you need to change the date, please advise Christina Liolin or Adelina Llupa.

It is very important to remember that on the day you are scheduled for coffee, **please arrive at church by 10 a.m.** so that preparations can be made.

What to bring:

1. Cake for 50-60 people
2. Cookies for the children
3. 1 gallon of milk

June	04	Picnic
	11	Tina Peters/Rosalie Zacharias
	18	Open
	25	Linda Foundos/Elizabeth Liolin

DURING THE MONTHS OF JULY AND AUGUST COFFEE WILL BE SPONSORED BY THE CHURCH UNLESS THERE IS A MEMORIAL OR OTHER SPECIAL REQUEST.

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY to all the fathers! You are very much appreciated and loved.

Just a "heads up," the Daughters will hold our annual Flea Market & Bake Sale in mid-October this year. So, please begin accumulating your items to donate for our annual fund-raiser. It feels good to flush out some "stuff!"

Have an enjoyable, safe summer. We hope you make many wonderful memories, maybe try to do something new or learn something new.

Some states & what they are famous for

ALABAMA – was the first state to have 9-1-1 (the emergency call number), started 1968.

ALASKA – one out of every 64 people has a pilot's license.

ARIZONA – is the only state in the continental U.S. that does not follow Daylight Savings Time.

ARKANSAS – has the only active diamond mine in the U.S.

CALIFORNIA – its economy is so large that if it were a country, it would rank seventh in the entire world.

COLORADO – in 1976 it became the only state to turn down the Olympics.

CHURCH PICNIC - JOIN US!!!!

Sunday, June 4th

Manorhaven Beach Park

Port Washington, NY

11:00 a.m. til dark

Games for all Ages!!

Volleyball Basketball Handball Softball Tennis Soccer

Donation: \$5 per person or \$15 per family

Directions from NYC:

Long Island Expressway to Seatingtown Road, Exit #36. (becomes Port Washington Blvd, 101 N)

Drive 2.4 miles to Main Street (Post Office on corner) and turn left.

Drive 1 mile to Shore Rd and turn right.

Drive 0.8 miles and turn left on Manorhaven Blvd.

Drive 0.8 miles to Manorhaven Park and turn left.

***** Special Note: Liturgy will be held at St. Nicholas Church at 10:00 a.m.**

Church Beautification Project



St. Nicholas Church is about to begin the work of making the religious area, the Temple, of our Church more beautiful. This project was described and approved at the April General Meeting as well as reported on in the President's Message of the May Orthodox Post.

This Beautification Project will provide for the brightening of the entire area where services are held, relocating some Icons, adding new Icons and providing new flooring.

Construction work will begin in mid-June and extend into September. During this period, services will be held downstairs in the Fellowship Hall.

To help pay for this Beautification, a campaign to raise money will begin soon. Parishioners and Friends of St. Nicholas Church will be asked to make donations for the beautification work and the new Icons.

This Beautification Project is part of preparing for the Church's 75th Anniversary which will be celebrated next year in 2018. More specific information will be provided as we progress through the year.

Mothers' Day Celebration

Mothers' Day was celebrated on Sunday, May 14th at St. Nicholas. The Liturgy provided Special Blessings and was followed by delicious Breakfast served by the men in the Fellowship Hall. All had a wonderful time, especially the Ladies.



Archbishop Nikon Visits St. Nicholas

On Sunday, May 21st, Archbishop Nikon visited our parish. His Eminence celebrated Liturgy commemorating the feast day of St. Constantine and Helen. Afterwards, Archbishop Nikon met with Parishioners at a luncheon held in the Fellowship Hall. All that attended had a wonderful experience.



JUNE FEAST



June 11: All Saints The first Sunday after the Feast of Holy Pentecost is observed by the Orthodox Church as the Sunday of All Saints. This day has been designated as a commemoration of all of the Saints, all the Righteous, the Prophets, Apostles, Martyrs, Confessors, Shepherds, Teachers, and Holy Monastics, both men and women alike, known and unknown, who have been added to the choirs of the Saints and shall be added, from the time of Adam until the end of the world, who have been perfected in piety and have glorified God by their holy lives. The icon of the Sunday of All Saints depicts our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ seated above the throne of heaven surrounded by the Saints. The rows of Saints included the Archangel Michael and other Angels, the Theotokos and John the Baptist, the Apostles, Bishops, Great Martyrs, Ascetics and Monastics. To the side of the throne are Adam and Eve, bowing in reverence to Christ. They are joined by the Saints, who are lifting their hands in worship to the King of Glory. At the lower left of the icon is the Patriarch Abraham who has a righteous soul in his bosom, as told in the story of Lazarus and the rich man in the Gospel. At the lower center is the Good Thief who was crucified with Christ. On the lower right is the Patriarch Jacob.



June 4th – Holy Pentacost



June 14th – St. Niphon of Lukove and Mt. Athos



June 22nd – St. Alban



June 29th – Sts. Peter and Paul

Ads from Merchants Who Support the Church

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Major Church Activities and Events

JUNE:

Sat. 3 - Great Vespers, 5pm: Pentecost
 Sun. 4 - Liturgy, 10am: Holy Pentecost
 - **Church Picnic**
 Sat. 10 - Vespers, 5pm
 Sun. 11 - Liturgy, 10am: All Saints
 Start of Apostles Fast Mon. 12
 Fri. 16 - Akathist to the Holy Spirit, 7pm
 Sat. 17 - Vespers, 5pm
 Sun. 18 - Liturgy, 10am
 Fri. 23 - Akathist to the Holy Spirit, 7pm
 Sat. 24 - Vespers, 5pm
 Sun. 25 - Liturgy, 10am
 Thur. 28 - Vesperal Liturgy, 7pm: Sts. Peter and Paul

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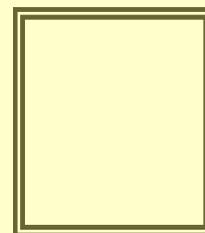
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