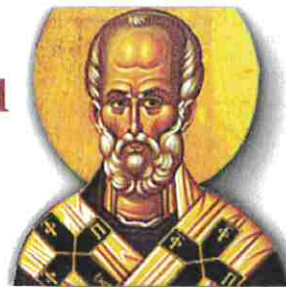




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MAY 2020 NEWSLETTER



MAY 28, 2020

The **Ascension of Our Lord**, which occurred 40 days after Jesus Christ rose from the **dead** on Easter, is the final act of our redemption that Christ began on Good Friday.

On this day, the risen Christ, in the sight of His apostles, ascended bodily into Heaven.

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Orthros 8:30 a.m.

Divine Liturgy 10 a.m.

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Orthros 8:00 a.m.

Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m.

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FATHER'S MESSAGE

May 1, 2020

*When he saw the crowds, he had **compassion** on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. **Matthew 9:36***

Beloved Sisters and Brothers in Christ:

Why do people suffer? And what should we do about it? In this time of sickness and death, of isolation and job loss, this question becomes particularly relevant. Our Lord knew what to do about it. Throughout His earthly ministry, He repeatedly acted to heal, to teach, to feed, and even to resurrect the dead, all in order to alleviate the pain and anguish of His people, the "lost sheep of the house of Israel." In fact, the very reason for His coming to earth and becoming a human being was so that He could liberate us from the relentless experience of sin, sorrow, loss, suffering, and death that characterizes the human condition (John 3:16). In this way, He demonstrated that He is the "light of the world" (John 8:12).

There are numerous examples from throughout the Gospels that demonstrate Jesus' **compassion**. Five times we read that He had compassion on the multitude. He felt a responsibility to pastor them as a shepherd would, because they were evidently not being properly guided or fed by their traditional religious leaders. It was what motivated Him to teach, heal, and then feed the five thousand, and later, the four thousand. He turned no one away, healing and feeding the gentile (pagan) as much as the Jew. Because of His compassion, He healed the blind, the lepers, and the demon-possessed; He brought the widow of Nain's son back to life, as well as Martha and Mary's brother Lazarus. And He is present among us as well, today.

Jesus' compassion was endless, because it expressed the Infinite Love that characterizes God. What, exactly, is compassion? We can begin by examining how it differs from related concepts. Thus, *empathy* describes the often-intuitive ability to understand and experience the feelings or thoughts of another. If we also have *sympathy* for that person, it means that we have taken our empathy a step further, to the point where we identify with him or her in a positive way and are concerned for their welfare (particularly when suffering is involved). As our concern grows and finds its mature expression, the virtue of *compassion* is born: we not only are conscious of another's distress and enter into their pain with them; we also seek for ways to alleviate it. It is the living out of the Golden Rule: "*In everything do to others as you would have them do to you; for this is the law and the prophets.*" (Matt. 7:12, NRSV). The compassion of Christ perfectly demonstrated this, as it was never a case of mere feelings or words, but always culminated in some action that was for the benefit (and, ultimately, the salvation) of the recipient.

The Parable of the Good Samaritan illustrates in story form what Christ was trying to accomplish with His deeds. The Samaritan did not just minister first aid to the fallen man, and then leave him by the side of the road. No, he did far more. At considerable risk and personal expense, he put the victim on his donkey, brought him to an inn, paid the innkeeper for his lodging, and promised to return to reimburse whatever further expenses might be incurred. Jesus told this story in order to teach His privileged listeners (Pharisees, in this case) that the duty to serve one's neighbor in need is universal, regardless of the gap in social position or even holiness that separates them.

Clearly, the Lord had a strong ability and willingness to empathize with others. As R.A. Torrey explains, "Jesus Christ did not go about His work from a cold sense of duty, but His own heart drew Him out towards those He helped and saved. His deeds of mercy cost Him something more than the sacrifice of leisure and the expenditure of effort and power. They cost him heartaches. He made other men's sorrows His own sorrows, other men's agony His own agony, other men's sin and shame His own sin and shame. He could not look upon misery, pain, death or sin without heart pangs." (whatthebibleteaches.com/wbt_164.htm)

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Yet, precisely because He was so willing to enter into the heart of darkness which is the human condition, He was able to heal us and make us whole. As St. Gregory Nazianzus put it, in affirming the reality of the Incarnation, "What is not assumed cannot be saved." In this, he echoed the words of St. Paul: "God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God" (II Cor. 5:21).

When we, who aspire to be Christ's disciples, put aside our prejudices, preconceptions, and pride in order to serve our suffering neighbor in need with love and compassion, then we truly begin to follow in His footsteps. We see the "face of Christ" reflected back from even "the least of these" – even the "least deserving," and the most recalcitrant, and the most ungrateful. And mysteriously, they too taste something of what the Savior must be all about, as they experience our love, given in the name of Christ. Such selfless love is the strongest witness we can possibly offer to the existence of a loving God. It speaks more eloquently than any sermon could; it offers a glimpse into the power of the Word that is far more convincing than even the finest of theological texts. And, it is exactly what is needed in this difficult time of disease and death, of untold loss and loneliness.

Sometimes, alas, there is little or nothing that we can do, as mere humans, to alleviate the suffering of another. More often than we care to admit, there is no cure, or the grief is inconsolable, or the addiction is just too powerful, or the job has disappeared for good. Our current situation is a perfect example of this. We are dealing with a brand new (to humans) and insidious virus that easily passes from one person to another, sometimes causing no or mild symptoms, but other times serious illness and death. There is no proven medicine for it yet, nor any vaccine. What can we say to the relatives of a victim of the coronavirus who, in just a few days, succumbs to this deadly disease? Words fail. Perhaps the best we can do in such cases is simply to be a kind and patient friend, who takes the time to listen to and commiserate with the bereaved (even if from afar!). We can also follow up with fervent prayer for God's comforting presence and for the repose of the departed loved one, if this seems appropriate.

As long as this world exists in its current fallen state, human beings will suffer. For example, in the current circumstance, an unexpected calamity — a deadly pandemic — has engulfed the world. That is bad enough. But what has made it much worse than it had to be is the very human response by proud but uninformed leaders in numerous places around the world to deny the severity of the epidemic. Because of this, many politicians chose to reject or delay life-saving measures such as sheltering in place and social distancing that could have saved thousands of lives.

God endowed us with free will, and so left it up to us to make our own decisions. It is so easy to make selfish decisions, which end up harming ourselves or others. But it does not have to be this way. With the help of God's grace, we can choose good over evil. We can become powerful yet humble forces for good in the world. Every time that we act in compassionate service towards others, in the name of our benevolent Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, we help to put the lie to the power of sin, death, and despair. We become "little lights," reflecting the power of the One Who is the Light of the world. And as happens at the Paschal service of the Resurrection, we pass the light of faith and hope on to someone else. We proclaim our faith in the victory of the Word: "In him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it." (John 1:4-5) Friends, *"Come receive the light that is never overtaken by night, and glorify Christ, who is risen from the dead."*

With love in the Risen Christ, the light and hope of the world,

Rev. Father Christoph H. Bender

Father Christopher Bender, Protopresbyter

Αἰωνία ἡ Μνήμη — May their memory be eternal!

Our deepest condolences to the family of Angeliki Daskalakis, mother of Argyro Darakos, who fell asleep in the Lord on March 16, 2020. Her funeral took place on March 19 at Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church in Ambridge, PA. May God grant her eternal rest, and comfort to her family in their time of loss.

Our deepest condolences, as well, to the family of Theodore "Ted" Stevenson, Jr., brother of Elaine Bolanis, who fell asleep in the Lord on April 1, 2020 in Homewood, Alabama. May God grant him eternal rest, and comfort to Elaine and to his entire family in their time of loss.

THE MEMORIAL DAY TRISAGION SERVICES - May 25, 2020

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES:

**Divine Liturgy & Trisagion for the names of our loved ones
from both cemeteries
will take place at St Nicholas Cathedral at 10:00 am**

First Names Only- Please Print Clearly!

"May their memory be eternal!"

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GOOD FRIDAY, PROCESSION AND LUMINARIES



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“VIRTUAL” Luminaries that were lit in the Narthex Good Friday Evening

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Athas & Kiki Markopoulos
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Stephen Popson
Angeliki Popson
Athanasius G Thomas
Erma, Betty & James Machin
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Helen Eliopoulos
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Vasiliki & Peter Kemeris
Euphemia & Presley Yeo
Nicholas Kemeris
Daphne Black
Angie Pappas
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James Gary
John & Nick Kartsonas
Petinos Family
Anest G Kotsagrelis
Michael & Pauline Geanopoulos
George & Emorfia Kotsagrelis
Emmanuel Amurgis
Anthony Geanopoulos

BIBLE STUDY

Father Christopher will be online and over the phone, using the ZOOM platform as well as Facebook, every TUESDAY, EVENING at 8:30 pm with a BIBLE STUDY that will focus on a variety of texts from the Old and New Testament that are appropriate to the paschal season, as well as to our current situation. You do not have to be an existing member of our “Living Orthodoxy” program in order to join in. Nor do you need to follow the program every week – just when you are able to.

In addition, Father also offers a presentation focusing on some element from that Sunday’s readings or commemoration, on SATURDAY EVENINGS AT 8:30 PM ON ZOOM and the church’s and his own FACEBOOK pages.

An email with detailed information about how to access the event live on Zoom will be sent to the entire parish listserv earlier in the day each time there is an event (because it will always change, for security reasons). It will also be uploaded afterwards to the Church’s Facebook page and Father’s Facebook page. (If the presentation had to be cancelled for some reason, that also will be announced.)

PHILOPTOCHOS UPDATES

Father’s Day – While many of our fundraisers, programs and activities have been put on hold due to the pandemic, Philoptochos is happy to be able to help you honor the special men in your life for Father’s Day! Please consider this opportunity to make a donation to Philoptochos! The form is included in this newsletter. Thank you!

Food Bank – The Food Bank continues to need your support! You can donate by making a check payable to the “St. Nicholas Philoptochos Food Bank” or through United Way by designating the St. Nicholas Food Bank (#3288) through your employers United Way contribution. Questions: contact Elaine Andrianos (412-731-4334) or Denise Daugherty (412-508-1326).

Neighborhood Resilience Project Food Drive – At this time, we are unable to collect food drive donations for Neighborhood Resilience Project (formerly known as FOCUS Pittsburgh). There is a great need for support during this difficult time for many. We encourage parishioners to take non-perishable food donations directly to Neighborhood Resilience Project located at 2038 Bedford Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15219. They appreciate your support!

Celebrating FATHER'S DAY

St. Nicholas Philoptochos believes in honoring the men in our lives. Honor your husband, father, grandfather, godfather, brother, uncle or a special friend with a gift to Philoptochos. Your donation will enable us to continue our work of charitable giving to individuals and families in need, area food banks, shelters for the homeless, social service agencies and countless research efforts in the battle against cancer and other catastrophic diseases.

Join us this Father's Day by honoring someone you love with a gift to Philoptochos.

Make checks payable and send to: St. Nicholas Philoptochos, 419 S. Dithridge St. Pittsburgh, PA 15213, Memo: Father's Day

DEADLINE TO SUBMIT NAMES FOR INCLUSION IN BULLETIN – SUNDAY, JUNE 24, 2020

Enclosed is my gift of \$ _____

(minimum gift of \$5.00 per name please — all donations are tax deductible)

Your Name: _____

Honorees will receive a special Father's Day acknowledgement card.

The amount of your gift will not be disclosed.

☐ Please accept this gift in **honor** of:

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*List any additional names and addresses on the back of this flyer and indicate whether donation is in Honor or in Memory.
Please print clearly.*

FOOD FESTIVAL

Our May Food Festival has been postponed until the fall, rescheduled the week of September 13 - 19, 2020. With God's grace, it will be a Go. Planning ahead, we will be meeting this summer to make Tiropita and then again in September for Diples.

Much of our budget depends on our May food festival proceeds. In the interim, if you are able, please consider supporting our Church through either the festival ad book, your stewardship or personal donations. God bless us all. Stay strong! Stay safe! Stay healthy!

SIXTY CLUB NEWS

How lucky can we be!! Eleven of us met at the Frick Fine Arts Museum expecting to do a casual walk on our own through an exhibit sponsored by the Associated Artists of Pittsburgh.

Instead we were treated to an extraordinary forty-five-minute guided tour by Dr. Sylvia Rhor, Director and Curator of the University Art Gallery and her assistant Anna Rodriguez, who were taking advantage of the university's spring break to do "maintenance work."

The *Mary Ethel McAuley: Behind the German Lines and Three Artists* proved to be an exciting and enlightening experience. Ms. McAuley, a journalist, artist and author lived in Germany during World War I. Her paintings depict everyday life and humanize the enemy, for which she was often criticized in her time.

The paintings by Sheila Cuellar-Shaffer reflect the stereotypical role of women in South America while Tina Williams Brewer uses fabric as a medium to tell the story of the migration of the Blacks to the North.

Our own very talented Frances Gialamas combined her cultural heritage in several displays: a collage of orthodox icons combined with everyday life, influences of Greek architecture through her *CLASSICAL APPROPRIATIONS* and her personal *ELEGY FOR MY MOTHER*. Bravo, Fran!

After food for thought we met at the Union Grill for food for the body and conversation for the spirit. Many thanks to Lillian Panagulias who initiated and organized this very satisfying event.

As always, the Planning Committee is open to suggestions for future outings. In the meantime, please be sure to update your dues for 2020; \$15.00 payable to St. Nicholas Cathedral Sixty Club. Virginia is collecting.

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“A Time for Every Purpose Under Heaven”

The Stewardship of Time

Ecclesiastes 3

Re-dedicate yourself to God by participating
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2020 STEWARDSHIP		04/27/2020
Total Stewards		241
Total Amount Pledged		\$126,612.00
Average Pledge		\$ 525.36
% Parish Participation to Date		80%
2020 Stewards (GOAL)		300
% of Total Budget to Date		68%
2020 Budget (GOAL)		\$ 185,000.00
Total Giving to Date		\$ 80,353.81
As of:		03/31/2020
Income: Pledges & Basket Collection and Food Festival	\$ 56,944.00	
Expenses: Salaries, Utilities, Maintenance, Commitments, etc.	\$ 110,860.00	
	\$ (53,916.00)	

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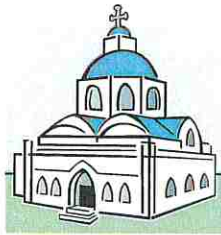
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St. Nicholas Church School

Christ is Risen! Truly He is Risen!

The St. Nicholas Church School Teachers and Staff misses everyone!

Finishing up my 13th year as Church School Director, I want to thank Father Christopher, Deacon Robert, my teachers (Pam Bertos & Presbyteria Filitsa, Alisa Mathews & Aimee Walker, Linda Hages & Nicholas Hages, Sophia Bender, Alaina Graziano & Denise Daugherty, Vasie-Leigh Andriotis & Maria Bender and Lee Katsafanas & Dina Persinger), the students and **YOU** (the St. Nicholas parishioners) for helping to make this year a memorable one. We all came together to enrich the lives of **our** children. St. Nicholas is our spiritual family and we all took part in educating our **youth** (the **you** of tomorrow). As a community, we showed our children our love and devotion to our Orthodox faith. Thank you for sharing your children with us every Sunday!

Church School did a lot this year and here is a recap:

An **Agiasmo Service** was done on Sunday, September 15, 2019, to start off the Church School year!

Sunday, November 3, 2019, was **Godparent/Special Friend Sunday**. Godparents/Special Friends worshiped during the Divine Liturgy, received Holy Communion together and attended Church School to see what their Godchild/Special Friend learns there (and made cards to send to children at Children's Hospital for Make a Difference Day). Afterwards many attended the Coffee Hour hosted by Philoptochos. It was the start of a wonderful day together!

Church School, organized by Anna Kukunas, had a successful Bake Sale and sponsored a Balloon artist at the **St. Nicholas Day Bazaar**. Thank you, Anna, for your efforts!

The Church School children presented their **Christmas Pageant** under the direction of Jenny DeMatteo, Kelly Gary and Aimee Walker on Sunday, December 22, 2019. It was a beautiful program enjoyed by the whole congregation. Thank you, Jenny Kelly and Aimee!

Many hats, mittens, scarves, gloves, etc. that decorated our Christmas Tree were delivered to FOCUS for their **Project Bundle-up**. We collected 15 Hats, 15 pairs of Gloves/Mittens and 6 Scarves! Thanks to all who contributed to this worthwhile cause.

The St. Nicholas Church School teachers, staff and students supported our GOYANs (and Church School students) at the Sts. Constantine & Helen (Cleveland Heights, OH), Holy Trinity (Canton, OH) and Holy Cross (Pittsburgh, PA) **GOYA Basketball Tournaments** they attended (1/17-19/20, 01/31-2/2/20 and 2/21-23/20). Both the boys and the girls' teams did well. They also supported them at the **GOYA Volleyball Tournament** at St. Nicholas (we hosted) on 03/07/20.

Sunday, March 8, 2020, the Church School students participated in the **Sunday of Orthodoxy Icon Procession** with their favorite icon!

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic the St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Cathedral's Church School Open House, St. Lazarus Communion Breakfast & Palm Making, Agape Service Easter Egg Hunt & Coffee Hour and Graduation had to be cancelled.

Have a wonderful summer and see you in September!

Yours in Christ,
Miss Michelle

GREEK SCHOOL

Christos Anesti! St. Nicholas Greek School teachers have been working through the challenges of not being in our regular classrooms to teach our students. Some of the teachers are utilizing Skype, others are using Zoom, and others are sending packets, and communicating with parents and students to assign work. Most of our teachers are also using Quizlet within their assignments. Hopefully all students are also continuing with Rebooting Greek. With these challenging times, technology has become more useful than we would have normally done. But what is evident is that our faith and church are most important. For now our plans are to continue for the month of May and for part of June in the same way.

We ask for everyone to please continue praying for little Elias Kazas and his family and have included his story with an address to send monetary assistance directly to them. We have seen many miracles that have occurred here at St. Nicholas with prayers -- prayers of both young and old together.

May our Resurrected Lord and our Panaghia always shelter and guide us, especially through these trying times.



Elias ("E") Kazas

Some of you may already know about the medical situation regarding Elias Kazas, who was diagnosed with an inoperable malignant brain tumor in January 2019, when he was 11 years old.

On his twelfth birthday, he had the first of several biopsies. The second biopsy, conducted at St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, showed that the cancer is a rare form which usually affects adults (approximately 300 cases per year in the USA). To complicate matters, his type of cancer also has 2 mutations – making it even more rare (30 cases).

Little E or "E" has had radiation treatment at St. Jude's and is currently undergoing chemo (2 treatments every day, along with 2 anti-nausea drugs) in western PA through a partnership with St. Jude's and Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh (amazing places with amazing people who do amazing things).

With God's grace and mercy, he celebrated his 13th B-Day in January 2020!

"E" lives in Beaver, PA (outside of Pittsburgh) with his parents, Silvia and George. He has an older brother Peter (19) who is a freshman at Chatham University and an older sister Elena (17) who is a junior at Beaver Area High School.

"E" has many interests, foremost among them is serving in the altar in his home parish of Kimisis Tis Theotokou in Aliquippa, PA. Nicknamed "the Hellenic Warrior", due to his fighting spirit, he also has a passion for all things "Greek" especially visiting his family in Kalamata, Greece where he chose to go on a trip sponsored by the Make a Wish Foundation.

"E" also loves the game of basketball – especially playing in tournaments with his GOYA friends! □

We ask for and thank you for your prayers for Elias, his family and friends – and his medical Team.

And if you would like, please send donations to his parents:

Silvia and George Kazas
605 Midway Drive
Beaver, PA 15009

Thank you and may God bless you and yours!!

A MESSAGE FROM APHRODITE AMORGIANOS

TO ALL THE MEMBERS OF ST NICHOLAS CATHEDRAL

*THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU...FOR ALL YOUR KIND
THOUGHTS, PRAYERS, FLOWERS, AND GIFTS TO US THROUGH MY
ROAD TO RECOVERY.*

CONGRATULATIONS to our honorees for 2020/2021

St Photios Banquet:

BECKY BERTOS and **LINDA HAGES**. We look forward to May 2021, when, with God's help, the next St. Photios banquet will take place, and they can be honored in person.

Becky Bertos

March 30, 2020

To my extended family of St Nicholas and our beloved priest, Father Bender,

I am so humbled and proud to be one of this year's recipients of the St Photios award and would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to all. Over 65 years ago, St Nicholas became for me and later my entire family, a 2nd home and a place where my heart and soul are nurtured. I'm so honored to become a part of this beautiful group of recipients who have given so much over the years. God willing we will get through this time quickly and meet once again in our beautiful church and later at the official banquet with His Eminence Metropolitan Savas where I can thank and hug all of you in person.

May God bless and grant everyone health, happiness and love especially during this crisis and may the Panagia protect us.

Yours in Christ,

Becky

*Wishing all a blessed Happy Easter
"Xpotos Agapē"*

My dearest St. Nicholas Family,

I truly am honored and humbled to be chosen as a St. Photios award recipient along with Becky Bertos. I know I will be joining a larger group of dedicated parishioners who have volunteered so much of their time and talents to the church.

I especially would like to thank Fr. Chris for his support and guidance in my continuing work with the youth of St. Nicholas.

I am blessed to be able to give back to the church in service to our Lord.

With love in Our Risen Lord,

Linda Hages

ST. NICHOLAS WOULD LIKE TO ACKNOWLEDGE ALL OF OUR GRADUATES!

Please fill out this short questionnaire and submit to church office via email (church@stnickspgh.org), fax (412-683-4960) or mail (419 S. Dithridge Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15213). Thank you!

Name _____

Phone: _____

Month of Graduation _____

High School: _____

Or _____

University/ Graduate School: _____

Degree Earned: _____

***Please email a recent photo to church@stnickspgh.org so that we can include in the next issue of the Newsletter.

Awards and Honors:

Activities:

Future Plans:

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MAY 2020

PLEASE NOTE: CANCELLATIONS AND LIMITATIONS ON THE NUMBER OF WORSHIPPERS AT SERVICES DUE TO THE CONTINUING HEALTH CRISIS ARE DEFINITELY POSSIBLE. We will make every effort to keep you informed. The church office will always have the most up-to-date information.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3 Myrrh-bearing Women Orthros 8:30 am Divine Liturgy 10 am	4	5	6	7	8	9
PLEASE NOTE: THE FOOD FESTIVAL HAS BEEN POSTPONED UNTIL SEPTEMBER 13-19, 2020, GOD-WILLING.						
10 The Paralytic Orthros 8:30 am Divine Liturgy 10 am MOTHERS DAY	11	12	13	14	15	16
17 Samaritan Woman Orthros 8:30 am Divine Liturgy 10 am	18 "Virtual" Parish Council Meeting 7 p.m.	19	20 EVENING VIGIL SERVICE AND DIVINE LITURGY FOR SS. CONSTANTINE AND HELEN, 6 PM	21	22	23
24 The Man Born Blind Orthros 8:30 am Divine Liturgy 10 am	25 Memorial Day OFFICE CLOSED Divine Liturgy & Trisagion AT CHURCH 10 am	26	27 EVENING VIGIL SERVICE AND DIVINE LITURGY FOR THE ASCENSION, 6 PM	28	29	30
31 Fathers of 1st Ecumenical Council Orthros 8:30 am Divine Liturgy 10 am						

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