



# MAY 20

## FATHERS OF THE FIRST ECUMENICAL COUNCIL

The Apolitikion (special hymns of the day see insert) are chanted after  
the Small Entrance see pages 34 and 35

Epistle Reading and Gospel Reading: See Insert

**The Creed Pages 46 & 49**

**Communion Prayers Pages 324- 325**

### ENGLISH EPISTLE READER

Justine Perakis

### ALTAR BOYS

Andrew Allen, Alexander Boules, Anthony Gaggos, Demetri Karras, John Kiouis  
Luke Lionas, Anthony Manolias, Kosta Stavropoulos

### ALTAR FLOWERS

From His Loving Family, In Memory of John C. Patches

### ALTAR CANDLES

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Time is flying by and so is 2018. So please pray and give heartfelt thought toward making your **2018 Stewardship Pledge to our Saint Nicholas Church**. Your loving support to your Church, and its programs and ministries, is vital toward fulfilling our Orthodox Christian mission. Thank you for your love and generosity. You will find stewardship cards in the narthex and church office.

Welcome to all our visitors and friends! We welcome you and thank you for praying with us! When it comes time for receiving of Holy Communion from the Chalice, please respect our traditions and practice today the Holy Communion is offered only to baptized /chrismated Orthodox Christians. However, everyone is invited to partake and share of the Antidoron (blessed bread) which is distributed at the end of Divine Liturgy. If you are interested in learning more about the Orthodox Faith, please contact Father Stratton, Father Michael or the church office.

### HIGH SCHOOL AND COLLEGE GRADUATES

The Administration office will need the following Graduating Student information **by June 4, 2018**:

**High School:** What school are they graduating from? What college are they going to? What are they studying?

**College:** College Name, name of degree, are they going to grad school?

**Grad School:** College Name, What is their degree in? Additional education planned?

**Please send all information to Kris Vivier at [office@StNicholasTroy.org](mailto:office@StNicholasTroy.org) or call 248-362-9575.**

### G.O.Y.A BREAD SALE—TODAY

**THERE WILL BE NO COFFEE SOCIAL ON SUNDAY, MAY 27.**

### ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN WOMEN OF MICHIGAN

Orthodox Media Ministries: In Detroit & Beyond-Guest Speaker John E. Lazar, Vice President of the Council of Orthodox Christian Churches of Detroit, COCC Media Ministries Coordinator, **Monday, May 21st at 7:00**

**PM.** St. Lazarus Ravanica Serbian Orthodox Cathedral, 4575 E. Outer Dr. (at Van Dyke, S. of 8 Mile Rd.) - Detroit, MI 48234. **ALL ARE WELCOME** to join in fellowship! Refreshments will be served. For more information contact **Mary Ann Dadich at 586-775-4799.**

**SPRING GENERAL ASSEMBLY WILL BE JUNE 3**

### 2018 ST. NICHOLAS ENDOWMENT FUND GRANT APPLICATIONS ARE AVAILABLE

The 2018 St. Nicholas Endowment Fund Grant Application process has started and is available to all ministries of our St. Nicholas Church. Applications are available in the Church office or by accessing the Document Center on the church's website at [www.stnicholastroy.org](http://www.stnicholastroy.org). **Applications must be submitted by October 31<sup>st</sup>.**

### CHILDREN NEEDED TO HELP PROMOTE OPA! FEST!

Celebrating our 25<sup>th</sup> Opa! Fest Festival at St. Nicholas, we have a date at Troy City Hall on **June 7, 6:30pm** to present Greek Pastries and promote Opa! Fest. We need several students, different ages, wearing our Greek costumes, to approach the City Council at 7:00pm and offer them delicious Greek pastries (these will be provided). An adult or one of the older children can tell them about Opa! Fest and all the festivities that will be offered. The council meetings are shown repeatedly on the Troy Cable Station, which is great publicity for us! Please contact **Pam Nikitas (248-894-4447)** if you can participate and to get more details.

### OPA FEST 2018

Please join us at **OpaFEST** to be part of a **BONE MARROW** Drive. If you are between the ages, 18-55, **YOU** can help save a life. With a simple cheek swab, you can join a registry to be a donor to help 12,000 people in the United States. **YOU** might even be the match for Baby Elias.

**Friday, June 22, 4:00pm-9:00pm**

**Saturday, June 23, 4:00pm-9:00pm**

**Sunday, June 24, 12:00pm-7:00pm**

**(For information: 248 318 6334 or 586 804 1632)**

**BAKERS AND WORKERS NEEDED FOR OPA! FEST PASTRY BOOTH** Stop by the Administration office sign up today or contact Karen cosmos @ [kcosmos@comcast.net](mailto:kcosmos@comcast.net).

### OPA! FEST RAFFLE WILL BE COMING IN THE MAIL SOON.

**Please contact the administrative office at 248-362-9575 or email [office@stnicholastroy.org](mailto:office@stnicholastroy.org).**

**WEEKLY BULLETIN DEADLINES:** Please remember to submit weekly bulletin items for the following Sunday. Please email requests to: [office@stnicholastroy.org](mailto:office@stnicholastroy.org) by **Tuesday, May 15th** for Sunday, for **May 20th** bulletin and Eblast.

**ECHO DEADLINES:** The monthly ECHO's deadline is the **15th of every month** and should be submitted to [patti@stnichalostroy.org](mailto:patti@stnichalostroy.org) for the **June Echo**. Thank you.

### *This Week's Services and Activities*

<b>Sunday, May 20</b>	Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council	
	Orthros	9:00 am
	Divine Liturgy	10:00 am
	Catechism Class	10:30am
	G.O.Y.A. Bread Sale	11:30 am
<b>Monday, May 21</b>	Great Vespers SS Constantine & Helen	
	SS Constantine & Helen Feast Day	
	Orthros	9:00 am
	Divine Liturgy	10:00 am
	Golf League	3:00 pm
<b>Tuesday, May 22</b>	Greek School	4:30 pm
	Adult Greek School	7:00 pm
	Greek Dance Practice	6:30 pm
	OPA Fest Meeting	7:00 pm
	Greek School Graduation	4:30 pm
<b>Wednesday, May 23</b>	Greek School Graduation/Program Party	5:30 pm
	Book Study	10:00 am
<b>Thursday, May 24</b>	Book Study	5:30 pm
<b>Saturday, May 26</b>	<b>SATURDAY OF THE SOULS</b>	
	Orthros	9:00 am
	Divine Liturgy	10:00 am
	Memorials	11:00 am

## UPDATE YOUR RECORDS...NEW CHURCH EMAILS

The Church has made new email addresses available to all ministries within our St. Nicholas Church.

Please note these new email addresses when communicating with them.

User	Email Address
Fr. Stratton	<a href="mailto:FrStratton@StNicholasTroy.org">FrStratton@StNicholasTroy.org</a>
Fr. Michael	<a href="mailto:FrMichael@StNicholasTroy.org">FrMichael@StNicholasTroy.org</a>
Kris Vivier (Our Admin)	<a href="mailto:Office@StNicholasTroy.org">Office@StNicholasTroy.org</a> or <a href="mailto:Finance@StNicholasTroy.org">Finance@StNicholasTroy.org</a>
Patti Chalker	<a href="mailto:Patti@StNicholasTroy.org">Patti@StNicholasTroy.org</a>
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On **June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018**, the old email addresses for **Fr. Stratton, Fr. Michael, Kris Vivier and Patti Chalker** will be disabled, so please update your contact lists as soon as possible.

Here are the old email addresses that are scheduled to be removed on June 1<sup>st</sup>.

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Please contact the administrative office at **248-362-9575** for any questions.



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## Gospel Reading

**Ἐκ τοῦ Κατὰ Ἰωάννην 17:1-13 Εὐαγγελίου τὸ Ἀνάγνωσμα**

Τῷ καιρῷ ἐκείνῳ, ὁ Ἰησοῦς, καὶ ἐπήρε τοὺς ὀφθαλμοὺς αὐτοῦ εἰς τὸν οὐρανὸν καὶ εἶπε· πᾶτερ, ἐλήλυθεν ἡ ὥρα· δόξασόν σου τὸν υἱόν, ἵνα καὶ ὁ υἱὸς σου δοξάσῃ σε, καθὼς ἔδωκας αὐτῷ ἐξουσίαν πάσης σαρκός, ἵνα πᾶν ὃ δέδωκας αὐτῷ δώσῃ αὐτοῖς ζωὴν αἰώνιον. αὕτη δὲ ἐστὶν ἡ αἰώνιος ζωὴ, ἵνα γινώσκωσί σε τὸν μόνον ἀληθινὸν Θεὸν καὶ ὃν ἀπέστειλας Ἰησοῦν Χριστόν. ἐγὼ σε ἐδόξασα ἐπὶ τῆς γῆς, τὸ ἔργον ἐτελείωσα ὃ δέδωκάς μοι ἵνα ποιήσω· καὶ νῦν δόξασόν με σύ, πᾶτερ, παρὰ σεαυτῷ τῇ δόξῃ ἣ εἶχον πρὸ τοῦ τὸν κόσμον εἶναι παρὰ σοί. Ἐφανέρωσά σου τὸ ὄνομα τοῖς ἀνθρώποις οὓς δέδωκάς μοι ἐκ τοῦ κόσμου. σοὶ ἦσαν καὶ ἐμοὶ αὐτοὺς δέδωκας, καὶ τὸν λόγον σου τετηρήκασι. νῦν ἔγνωκαν ὅτι πάντα ὅσα δέδωκάς μοι παρὰ σοῦ ἐστὶν· ὅτι τὰ ῥήματα ἃ δέδωκάς μοι δέδωκα αὐτοῖς, καὶ αὐτοὶ ἔλαβον, καὶ ἔγνωσαν ἀληθῶς ὅτι παρὰ σοῦ ἐξῆλθον, καὶ ἐπίστευσαν ὅτι σύ με ἀπέστειλας. Ἐγὼ περὶ αὐτῶν ἐρωτῶ· οὐ περὶ τοῦ κόσμου ἐρωτῶ, ἀλλὰ περὶ ὧν δέδωκάς μοι, ὅτι σοὶ εἶσι, καὶ τὰ ἐμὰ πάντα σὰ ἐστὶ καὶ τὰ σὰ ἐμὰ, καὶ δεδόξασμαι ἐν αὐτοῖς. καὶ οὐκέτι εἶμι ἐν τῷ κόσμῳ, καὶ οὗτοι ἐν τῷ κόσμῳ εἶσι, καὶ ἐγὼ πρὸς σὲ ἔρχομαι. πᾶτερ ἅγιε, τήρησον αὐτοὺς ἐν τῷ ὀνόματί σου ᾧ δέδωκάς μοι, ἵνα ὡσιν ἐν καθὼς ἡμεῖς. ὅτε ἤμην μετ' αὐτῶν ἐν τῷ κόσμῳ, ἐγὼ ἐτήρουν αὐτοὺς ἐν τῷ ὀνόματί σου· οὓς δέδωκάς μοι ἐφύλαξα, καὶ οὐδεὶς ἐξ αὐτῶν ἀπώλετο εἰ μὴ ὁ υἱὸς τῆς ἀπωλείας, ἵνα ἡ γραφὴ πληρωθῇ. νῦν δὲ πρὸς σὲ ἔρχομαι, καὶ ταῦτα λαλῶ ἐν τῷ κόσμῳ ἵνα ἔχωσιν τὴν χαρὰν τὴν ἐμὴν πεπληρωμένην ἐν αὐτοῖς. .

**The Gospel According to John 17:1-13**

At that time, Jesus lifted up his eyes to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him power over all flesh, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they know you the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth, having accomplished the work which you gave me to do; and now, Father, you glorify me in your own presence with the glory which I had with you before the world was made.

"I have manifested your name to the men whom you gave me out of the world; yours they were, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything that you have given me is from you; for I have given them the words which you gave me, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you did send me. I am praying for them; I am not praying for the world but for those whom you have given me, for they are mine; all mine are yours, and yours are mine, and I am glorified in them. And now I am no more in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, keep them in your name, which you have given me, that they may be one, even as we are one. While I was with them, I kept them in your name, which you have given me; I have guarded them, and none of them is lost but the son of perdition, that the scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to you; and these things I speak in the world, that they may have my joy fulfilled in themselves."

## Epistle Reading

**Πράξεις Ἀποστόλων 20:16-18, 28-36**  
**Εὐλογητὸς εἶ, Κύριε, ὁ Θεὸς τῶν Πατέρων ἡμῶν.**  
**Στίχ. Ὅτι δίκαιος εἶ ἐπὶ πᾶσιν, οἷς ἐποίησας ἡμῖν. .**

Ἐν ταῖς ἡμεραῖς ἐκείναις, ἔκρινεν ὁ Παῦλος παραπλεῦσαι τὴν Ἔφεσον, ὅπως μὴ γένηται αὐτῷ χρονοτριβῆσαι ἐν τῇ Ἀσίᾳ· ἔσπευδεν γάρ, εἰ δυνατὸν ἦν αὐτῷ, τὴν ἡμέραν τῆς Πεντηκοστῆς γενέσθαι εἰς Ἱεροσόλυμα. Ἀπὸ δὲ τῆς Μιλήτου πέμψας εἰς Ἔφεσον μετεκαλέσατο τοὺς πρεσβυτέρους τῆς ἐκκλησίας. Ὡς δὲ παρεγένοντο πρὸς αὐτόν, εἶπεν αὐτοῖς, προσέχετε οὖν ἑαυτοῖς καὶ παντὶ τῷ ποιμνίῳ, ἐν ᾧ ὑμᾶς τὸ πνεῦμα τὸ ἅγιον ἔθετο ἐπισκόπους, ποιμαίνειν τὴν ἐκκλησίαν τοῦ κυρίου καὶ θεοῦ, ἣν περιεποιήσατο διὰ τοῦ ἰδίου αἵματος. Ἐγὼ γὰρ οἶδα τοῦτο, ὅτι εἰσελεύσονται μετὰ τὴν ἀφίξίν μου λύκοι βαρεῖς εἰς ὑμᾶς, μὴ φειδόμενοι τοῦ ποιμνίου· καὶ ἐξ ὑμῶν αὐτῶν ἀναστήσονται ἄνδρες λαλοῦντες διεστραμμένα, τοῦ ἀποσπᾶν τοὺς μαθητὰς ὀπίσω αὐτῶν. Διὸ γρηγορεῖτε, μνημονεύοντες ὅτι τριετίαν νύκτα καὶ ἡμέραν οὐκ ἔπαυσάμην μετὰ δακρύων νοουθετῶν ἕνα ἕκαστον. Καὶ τὰ νῦν παρατίθεμαι ὑμᾶς, ἀδελφοί, τῷ θεῷ καὶ τῷ λόγῳ τῆς χάριτος αὐτοῦ, τῷ δυναμένῳ ἐποικοδομῆσαι, καὶ δοῦναι ὑμῖν κληρονομίαν ἐν τοῖς ἡγιασμένοις πᾶσιν. Ἀργυρίου ἢ χρυσοῦ ἢ ἱματισμοῦ οὐδενὸς ἐπεθύμησα. Αὐτοὶ γινώσκετε ὅτι ταῖς χρεῖαις μου καὶ τοῖς οὐσιν μετ' ἐμοῦ ὑπῆρέτησαν αἱ χεῖρες αὐταί. Πάντα ὑπέδειξα ὑμῖν, ὅτι οὕτως κοπιῶντας δεῖ ἀντιλαμβάνεσθαι τῶν ἀσθενούντων, μνημονεύειν τε τῶν λόγων τοῦ κυρίου Ἰησοῦ, ὅτι αὐτὸς εἶπεν, Μακάριόν ἐστιν μάλλον διδόναι ἢ λαμβάνειν. Καὶ ταῦτα εἰπὼν, θεὶς τὰ γόνατα αὐτοῦ, σὺν πᾶσιν αὐτοῖς προσηύξατο.

**Acts of the Apostles 20:16-18, 28-36**  
**Blessed are you, O Lord, the God of our fathers.**  
**Verse: For you are just in all you have done.**

IN THOSE DAYS, Paul had decided to sail past Ephesus, so that he might not have to spend time in Asia; for he was hastening to be at Jerusalem, if possible, on the day of Pentecost. And from Miletos he sent to Ephesus and called to him the elders of the church. And when they came to him, he said to them: "Take heed to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to care for the church of God which he obtained with the blood of his own Son. I know that after my departure fierce wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock; and from among your own selves will arise men speaking perverse things, to draw away the disciples after them. Therefore be alert, remembering that for three years I did not cease night or day to admonish every one with tears. And now I commend you to God and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all those who are sanctified. I coveted no one's silver or gold or apparel. You yourselves know that these hands ministered to my necessities, and to those who were with me. In all things I have shown you that by so toiling one must help the weak, remembering the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said, 'it is more blessed to give than to receive.' " And when he had spoken thus, he knelt down and prayed with them all.

## Η ΜΙΚΡΑ ΕΙΣΟΔΟΣ

Δεῦτε προσκυνήσωμεν καὶ προσπέσωμεν Χριστῷ. Σῶσον ἡμᾶς Υἱὲ Θεοῦ, ὁ ἀναστὰς ἐκ νεκρῶν, ψάλλοντάς σοι, Ἀλληλουῖα.

## ΑΠΟΛΥΤΙΚΙΑ

Ἀγγελικαὶ Δυνάμεις ἐπὶ τὸ μνήμᾳ σου, καὶ οἱ φυλάσσοντες ἀπενεκρώθησαν, καὶ ἴστατο Μαρία ἐν τῷ τάφῳ, ζητοῦσα τὸ ἄχραντόν σου σῶμα. Ἐσκύλευσας τὸν Ἅδην, μὴ πειρασθεῖς ὑπ' αὐτοῦ, ὑπήντησας τῇ Παρθένῳ, δωρούμενος τὴν ζωὴν, ὁ ἀναστὰς ἐκ τῶν νεκρῶν, Κύριε δόξα σοι.

Ἀνελήφθης ἐν δόξῃ, Χριστέ ὁ Θεὸς ἡμῶν, χαροποιήσας τοὺς Μαθητάς, τῇ ἐπαγγελίᾳ τοῦ ἁγίου Πνεύματος· βεβαιωθέντων αὐτῶν διὰ τῆς εὐλογίας, ὅτι σὺ εἶ ὁ Υἱὸς τοῦ Θεοῦ, ὁ λυτρωτὴς τοῦ κόσμου.

Ἵπερδεδοξασμένος εἶ, Χριστέ ὁ Θεὸς ἡμῶν, ὁ φωστῆρας ἐπὶ γῆς τοὺς Πατέρας ἡμῶν θεμελιώσας, καὶ δι' αὐτῶν πρὸς τὴν ἀληθινὴν πίστιν, πάντας ἡμᾶς ὁδηγήσας· πολυεύσπλαγχνε, δόξα σοι.

Κανόνα πίστεως καὶ εἰκόνα πραότητος, ἐγκρατείας Διδάσκαλον, ἀνέδειξέ σε τῇ ποιίμνῃ σου, ἡ τῶν πραγμάτων ἀλήθεια· διὰ τοῦτο ἐκτίσω τῇ ταπεινώσει τὰ ὑψηλά, τῇ πτωχείᾳ τὰ πλούσια, Πάτερ Ἱεράρχα Νικόλαε· πρέσβευε Χριστῷ τῷ Θεῷ, σωθῆναι τὰς ψυχὰς ἡμῶν.

Τὴν ὑπὲρ ἡμῶν πληρώσας οἰκονομίαν, καὶ τὰ ἐπὶ γῆς ἐνώσας τοῖς οὐρανόις, ἀνελήφθης ἐν δόξῃ, Χριστε ὁ Θεὸς ἡμῶν, οὐδαμόθεν χωριζόμενος, ἀλλὰ μένων ἀδιάστατος, καὶ βοῶν τοῖς ἀγαπῶσί σε· Ἐγὼ εἶμι μεθ' ὑμῶν, καὶ οὐδεὶς καθ' ὑμῶν.

## SMALL ENTRANCE (WITH THE BOOK OF THE HOLY GOSPELS)

Come, let us worship and bow down before Christ. Save us, O Son of God, risen from the dead, we sing to You, Alleluia.

## APOLYTIKIA

When the angelic powers appeared at Your grave, the soldiers guarding it feared and became as dead. And standing by the sepulcher was Mary who was seeking Your immaculate body. You devastated Hades, not afflicted by it. You went to meet the virgin, and granted eternal life. You resurrected from the dead. O Lord, glory to You.

You ascended in glory, O Christ our God, after You filled the Disciples with joy, by promising to send them the Holy Spirit, and You blessed them and established their faith, that You are the Son of God, the Redeemer of the world.

Supremely blessed are You, O Christ our God. You established the holy Fathers upon the earth as beacons, and through them You have guided us all to the true Faith, O greatly merciful One, glory be to You.

The truth of your way of life led your flock to believe in you as a canon of faith and as a holy image of gentleness and as a teacher of temperance. You have therefore acquired through your humility the greatest heights and riches through poverty. Father, Holy Hierarch Nicholas intercede to Christ our God, entreating that our souls may be saved.

When You had fulfilled the dispensation for our sake, \* and united things on earth with the things in heaven, \* You were taken up thither in glory, O Christ our God, \* going not away from any place, \* but continuing inseparable, \* and to them that love You crying out: \* "I am with you, and there is, therefore, none against you."