



# Saint Nicholas Orthodox Church

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## Fourth Sunday of Lent

July 5th, 2026

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Hebrews 6:13-20 (Epistle)

Mark 9:17-31 (Gospel)

For more than a century, the people of St. Nicholas have gathered here to give glory to God. We are grateful you are with us today.

### ■ TODAY — JULY 5TH, 2026

St. John Climacus (of The Ladder); Hieromartyr Basil of Ancyra (†362-363); Martyr Drosis, daughter of Emperor Trajan

Readers: Hours: **Marlo Perry**

Epistle: **Maria Llamas**

**9:10 am** Third & Sixth Hours · Confession

**9:30 am** Divine Liturgy

**11:10 am** Fellowship Hour

### WEEK AHEAD

MON Jul 6	WED Jul 8	THU Jul 9	FRI Jul 10	SAT Jul 11	SUN Jul 12
	The SITKA Icon of the Mother of God		Ven. Anthony of the Kiev Caves, Founder of Monasticism in Russia	5:00 pm Vespers	Venerable Paisios of the Holy Mountain 9:30 am Divine Liturgy St. Nicholas Orthodox Church, ... 11:30 am Fellowship Hour

### STEWARDSHIP CORNER

**\$1,043.01**

Sunday, June 28TH, 2026

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### ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### Stewardship

As summer continues and many are away, please remember to support our parish through your stewardship offering. You may mail your contribution to the church or donate on-line by clicking the "Donate" button on our website. If you are experiencing financial hardship, please speak with Fr. Mykola. Otherwise, we kindly ask for your continued support of our parish through faithful stewardship.

#### St. Elijah Car Blessing

On Sunday, July 19TH, following the Divine Liturgy, we will gather in the parking lot for special prayers and the annual blessing of vehicles and other forms of transportation. Having asked God's blessing upon our vehicles, we are reminded to use them for His glory. As Scripture teaches, "Without Me, you can do nothing" (John 15:5). May the Lord protect all drivers and passengers, and grant them safe travels as they strive to glorify Him in all their journeys.

#### Fellowship Hour

If wondering when to sign up, there is no wrong time. Great reasons to host include birthdays, wedding anniversaries or memorial anniversaries. Hosting fellowship hour can be a great way to multiply your happiness or divide your sorrow. Sign up at: <https://tinyurl.com/2026-Fellowship-Hour> — <https://tinyurl.com/2026-Fellowship-Hour>

#### Independence Day Celebration

Join us in giving thanks for the blessings of freedom as we celebrate our Nation's Independence Day. Today, we continue the celebration with a festive BBQ. Veterans and active-duty service members are encouraged to wear their uniforms or a service pin. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share, invite a friend, and come with a grateful heart.

### ◆ PARISH CELEBRATIONS

## Many Years!

■ Happy Birthday ■

Happy Birthday to Yulia Kulyna on July 5TH Happy Anniversary to Iryna & Mike Baker on July 9TH and Svitlana & Wasył Batko on July 2TH

### ■ PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

We lift up the following in prayer, that God may grant them healing and grace:

Dn. David Hanneman	Kathy Hanneman	Sevasti Bergstrom	Matushka Lilia Lymar	Tom Kompare
Nadia Bilanyk	Toma Andreev	Stevan Lunich	Tatiana Mazur	Vladimir Shiltsev
Alla Lavrynenko	Fr. Borys Zabrodskij	Lily Nelson	Mike Baker	Jose Felix
Alice Pistilli	Roman Filipov	Elena Pavlov	Nicholas Jermihov	Gianni Zanelli

◆ **TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS**

<p><b>Today Epistle (Hebrews 6:13-20)</b></p> <p>Romans 10:1-10 — 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.</p>	<p><b>Апостол Дня (Hebrews 6:13-20)</b></p> <p>Рим. 10:1-10 — Братия моего сердца желание и молитва к Богу о Израильтянах, чтобы они были спасены. Ибо я свидетельствую им, что у них есть ревность по Богу, но не по знанию. Поскольку они невежественны в праведности Божией и стремятся установить свою собственную праведность, не подчиняются они праведности Божией. Ибо Христос конец закона для праведности всякому верующему. Ибо Моисей пишет о праведности, которая есть по закону: «Человек, который делает это, будет жить ими». Но праведность веры говорит так: «Не говорите в сердце своем: „Кто поднимется на небеса?“» (то есть, чтобы принести Христа снизу). «Или кто войдет в глубины?» (то есть, чтобы принести Христа из мертвых). Но что говорит? «Слово близко тебе, во рту твоём и в сердце твоём» (то есть, слово веры, которое мы проповедуем): если ты исповедашся устами своего о Господе Иисусе и поверишь в сердце своем, что Бог воскресил Его из мертвых, то будешь спасен. Поскольку с сердца вера к праведности, а исповедание устами к спасению.</p>
<p><b>Today Gospel (Mark 9:17-31)</b></p> <p>Matthew 8:28-9:1 — 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.</p>	<p><b>Евангелие Дня (Mark 9:17-31)</b></p> <p>Мф. 8:28-9:1 — Когда Он пришёл на другую сторону, в страну Гергесенскую, там встретили Его двое бесноватых людей, выходивших из гробов, очень жестокие, так что никто не мог пройти тем путем. И вдруг они закричали, говоря: «Что нам до Тебя, Иисусе, Сыне Божий? Пришел ли Ты здесь нас мучить прежде времени?» А вдалеке от них было стадо свиней многочисленное, пасущееся. И бесы просили Его, говоря: «Если выгонишь нас, дозвожь нам уйти в стадо свиней». И Он сказал им: «Иди». Когда они вышли, то вошли в стадо свиней. И вдруг все стадо свиней бросилось с крутого места в море и погибло в воде. Тогда те, которые их пасли, побежали; и ушли в город и рассказали обо всем, что случилось с бесноватыми людьми. И behold, вся городская община вышла навстречу Иисусу. Когда они увидели Его, то просили Его уйти из их области. И Он вошёл на лодку, пересёк и пришёл в свою родную область.</p>

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