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15th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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2 Corinthians 4:6-15 (Epistle)

Matthew 22:35-46 (Gospel)

A warm welcome to everyone joining us for worship and fellowship. We are delighted to have visitors worshipping with us, and we pray that you will be blessed through your participation in our services.

If you are without a spiritual home, please make OUR HOME, YOUR HOME.

TODAY Martyr Sophia and her three daughters: Faith, Hope and Love at Rome (ca. 137)

9:40 am Hours

10:00 am Divine Liturgy followed by Fellowship with Refreshments & memorial service for Sophie Cook.

6:00 pm Catechumen / Bible Study Class. Today topic: "Orthodox Liturgy" (inside the church)

Saturday, September 23

4:45 pm Greeting of Bishop PAUL

5:00 pm Great Vespers with the blessing of the restored historical icons on our Iconostasis.

Join us after for some light refreshments and a chance to speak with His Grace.

Sunday, September 24 Holy New Martyrs of Alaska, Hieromonk Juvenaly and Peter the Aleut

9:20 am Greeting of Bishop PAUL

9:40 am Hours

10:00 am Divine Liturgy with ordination of Subdeacon Dave Hanneman to the Holy Diaconate.

Potluck lunch to follow, bring your relatives and friends.

110th Anniversary of St. Nicholas We look forward to welcoming His Grace Bishop PAUL, Bishop of Chicago and the Diocese of the Midwest, clergy and guests at our anniversary celebration weekend.

125th ANNIVERSARY OF ORTHODOXY IN CHICAGO on September 30, 2017 at Lane Tech Auditorium

SPECIAL COLLECTION • We mailed to IOCC a \$1,000.00 to help those affected by Hurricane Harvey and also those now facing Hurricane Irma. Last Sunday, we collected over \$500.00 and our Parish rounded to \$1,000.00. Thank you for your generosity!!!

Support our seminarians. All funds will be given directly to our seminarians. Please be generous to help lighten our seminarians financial burdens.

GOD BLESS YOU
FOR YOUR GENEROUS &
RESPONSIBLE STEWARDSHIP!!!

FELLOWSHIP HOUR Please check your schedule and see when you can take your turn! A sign up sheet is hanging up on the hall bulletin board for next months coffee hour rotation.

PASTORAL MINISTRY Call (815) 725-4742 or (630) 559-5785 to register as a parishioner, to initiate instruction in the Faith, to schedule sacraments, visitation, etc.

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MANY THANKS Millie RADA KOVICH for hosting this mornings Fellowship.
 Mike BAKER for cleaning & organizing the hall storage closet.
 Richard BRUMER for removing wax from numerous church items.

A NOTE OF GRATITUDE Lou KLINE: "I want to thank all of those at St. Nicholas for their prayers and kind words while I was recuperating. I will be returning to work on Monday and still have a way to go before the injuries are completely healed, but I am doing so much better. Prayers do work wonders!!!"

ATTENTION PARENTS: The diocese of the Midwest's Youth Department wants to hear your thoughts and impressions about the spiritual formation of your children! Complete this short 6-question anonymous survey <http://bit.ly/mw-parent-survey2017> (before Sunday, October 1).

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS the following people, who are in need of God's healing and grace:

MaryAnn MAGERKO	Tom KOMPARE	Juliana MATUSIAK	Colin HEGARTY	Georgia PATTEN
Nancy JOVANO VICH	Nick COSTA	Matushka Barbara КОРКА	Valeriya HEGARTY	Gloria WATSON

If there is anyone who is in need of prayers, please let me know.

MANY YEARS... Happy Birthday to John VOIGHT on September 21st.

Happy Anniversary to Terri & Dan O'BRIEN on September 24th.

May God grant all our celebrants Many Happy and Healthy Years!

Today Epistle (2 Corinthians 4:6-15)

Brethren... For it is the God who commanded light to shine out of darkness, who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellence of the power may be of God and not of us. We are hard-pressed on every side, yet not crushed; we are perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed – always carrying about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus, that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our body. For we who live are always delivered to death for Jesus' sake, that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our mortal flesh. So then death is working in us, but life in you. And since we have the same spirit of faith, according to what is written, "I believed and therefore I spoke," we also believe and therefore speak, knowing that He who raised up the Lord Jesus will also raise us up with Jesus, and will present us with you. For all things are for your sakes, that grace, having spread through the many, may cause thanksgiving to abound to the glory of God.

Today Gospel (Matthew 22:35-46)

Then one of them, a lawyer, asked Him a question, testing Him, and saying, "Teacher, which is the great commandment in the law?" Jesus said to him, "You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.' This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets." While the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them, saying, "What do you think about the Christ? Whose Son is He?" They said to Him, "The Son of David." He said to them, "How then does David in the Spirit call Him 'Lord,' saying: 'The LORD said to my Lord, sit at My right hand, till I make Your enemies Your footstool'? If David then calls Him 'Lord,' how is He his Son?" And no one was able to answer Him a word, nor from that day on did anyone dare question Him anymore.

Апостол Дня (2-е Коринтян 4:6-15)

Братия... Потому что Бог, повелевший из тьмы воссиять свету, озарил наши сердца, дабы просветить нас познанием славы Божией в лице Иисуса Христа. Но сокровище сие мы носим в глиняных сосудах, чтобы преизбыточная сила была приписываема Богу, а не нам. Мы отовсюду притесняемы, но не стеснены; мы в отчаянных обстоятельствах, но не отчаиваемся; мы гонимы, но не оставлены; низлагаемы, но не погибаем. Всегда носим в теле мертвость Господа Иисуса, чтобы и жизнь Иисусова открылась в теле нашем. Ибо мы живые непрестанно предаемся на смерть ради Иисуса, чтобы и жизнь Иисусова открылась в смертной плоти нашей, так что смерть действует в нас, а жизнь в вас. Но, имея тот же дух веры, как написано: я веровал и потому говорил, и мы веруем, потому и говорим, зная, что Воскресивший Господа Иисуса воскресит через Иисуса и нас и поставит перед Собою с вами. Ибо все для вас, дабы обилие благодати тем большую во многих произвело благодарность во славу Божию.

Евангелие Дня (Матфея 22:35-46)

И один из них, законник, искушая Его, спросил, говоря: Учитель! какая наибольшая заповедь в законе? Иисус сказал ему: возлюби Господа Бога твоего всем сердцем твоим и всею душою твоею и всем разумением твоим: сия есть первая и наибольшая заповедь; вторая же подобная ей: возлюби ближнего твоего, как самого себя; на сих двух заповедях утверждается весь закон и пророки. Когда же собрались фарисеи, Иисус спросил их: что вы думаете о Христе? чей Он сын? Говорят Ему: Давидов. Говорит им: как же Давид, по вдохновению, называет Его Господом, когда говорит: сказал Господь Господу моему: седи одесную Меня, доколе положу врагов Твоих в подножие ног Твоих? Итак, если Давид называет Его Господом, как же Он сын ему? И никто не мог отвечать Ему ни слова; и с того дня никто уже не смел спрашивать Его.

FOR OVER 110 YEARS SAINT NICHOLAS CHURCH HAS BEEN SERVING THE ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN FAITHFUL IN JOLIET AND THE SURROUNDING AREAS.