MAY 16, 2021

Saints Cyril and Methodius
Byzantine Catholic Church

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Sunday
9:00 and 11:00 AM Divine Liturgy
(If unable to attend in person, our 9AM Divine Liturgy
is streamed via our Facebook page.)

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| May 16 | Festal Tone | 8:30 AM Confession  
|        | Acts 20:16-18 & 28-38  
|        | Jn 17:1-13 | 9:00 AM Divine Liturgy  
|        |           | 11:00 AM Divine Liturgy |

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| May 17 | Acts 17:1-15  
|        | Jn 11:47-56 |  |

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| May 18 | Acts 21:26-32  
|        | Jn 16:2-13 |  |

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| May 19    | Acts 23:1-11  
|           | Jn 16:15-23 | 6:00 PM Divine Liturgy |

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| May 20   | Acts 25:13-19  
|          | Jn 16: 23-33 |  |

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<th>Friday</th>
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| May 21 | Acts 26:1-5 & 12-20  
|        | Jn 10:1-9 | 6:00 PM Divine Liturgy |

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| May 22   | Acts 28:1-31  
|          | Jn 21:15-25 | 4:00 PM St. Nicholas Mission Divine Liturgy |

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<th>SUNDAY</th>
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| May 23 | Festal Tone | 9:30 AM Confession  
|        | Acts 2:1-11  
|        | Jn 7:37-52 & 8:12 | 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy (outdoors; followed by parish meeting) |

Call the parish office (919-239-4877) to make an appointment or to speak with Fr. Vasyl (908-404-0777).

**SSCM CHURCH/HALL SCHEDULE**

The St. Nicholas Mission celebrate their Divine Liturgy in our church every Saturday at 4:00 PM.

The Eritrean Orthodox celebrate their Divine Liturgy in our church from 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM on the 1st and 3rd Saturdays of the month.

The Coptic Orthodox celebrate their Divine Liturgy in our church from 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays of the month.

**PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL**

Our Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) meets the second Tuesday of every month. If you have any questions or concerns you would like addressed at the next meeting, please contact one of the members: Mike Carpenter, Marie Taylor, Paul Tooley, Lance Morgan, Dan Pope, and Mike Sapsara.
If you are new to our area or just visiting, please stop and introduce yourself. We are happy you are joining us to share in the celebration of the Divine Liturgy. If you do not have a church home, or your church is not a home for you, we warmly invite you to become part of our parish family.

If you wish to register with our parish, please email Michelle Rubush at sscyrilmethodius@gmail.com

GLORY TO JESUS CHRIST!
GLORY FOREVER!
SLAVONIC: SLAVA ISUSU CHRISTU! SLAVA NA VIKI!

Please remember in your prayers:
Jerry and Holly Kingery; Lance Morgan; Sophia Rose; John Patrick Rose; Rachel Blair; David Hoover; Cameron Shuey; Dale Blair; Bernadette’s parents and aunts: Andrew, Etta, Martha and Yolanda; Father Mark and family; Father Vasyl and family.

Please pray for the repose + of the souls of our faithful departed:
+Elizabeth Macario; +Luke Morgan, +Natalie and John Morgan,
+Rev. Fr. Richard Rohrer, +Gloria Shuey, +Victor Quintero, + Maria Victoria Quintero

In Blessed Repose, Grant O Lord, Eternal Rest to the Soul of Your Departed Servants and may their Memory be Eternal.

In spite of the pandemic, the maintenance of our church continues and bills must be paid. Thanks to all who continue to serve our church with their time, talent, and treasure.

Our church well was recently tested for water quality and it is free of bacteria!

HELP NEEDED FOR CHURCH CLEANING
We need more volunteers so no one is cleaning more than once every three months. Please use the Sign-Up Genius which was sent via email to respond. Volunteers may do the cleaning anytime during the week when the church is not in use. Please send an email to the church if you are able to participate in this very important ministry for our church. Thank you to our current volunteers!

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SUMMER MARKET - SATURDAY, JUNE 26th
Please save some time during the week prior to the market for food preparation. The day of the market we will need help cooking pierogis, grilling kielbasa, filling orders, parking assistance, etc. More details and job descriptions will be announced soon.
FATHER VASYL’S MESSAGE FOR SUNDAY OF THE FATHERS OF THE FIRST ECUMENICAL COUNCIL

The Sunday before the Descent of the Holy Spirit is traditionally dedicated to the memory of the Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council of Nicaea. We honor those saints of the early Church who courageously defended and zealously spread the true doctrine of Jesus Christ, even against the heresy of Arius. Although the Apostles and their followers received the gift of the Holy Spirit, this did not make the Church immune to difficulties, persecution, and the influence of evil forces in the form of false doctrines (heresies) about Christ. The Holy Spirit strengthened the spiritually true pastors of the Church and helped them overcome these attacks and preserve the Church’s unity. Through His inspiration, the Holy Fathers grew in the knowledge of God and in God's love, zealously guarding and sharing these gifts with others.

In this way, the Fathers of the First Council prepare us by the example of life for the Descent of the Holy Spirit. Through these Fathers, Christ shows us the main tasks of the Church and for each of us: to know and understand God's teaching; and to enlighten and sanctify people with the Word of God, for the realization of which he sends us the help of the Holy Spirit.

Going to the Father, Jesus instructed the Apostles and their followers to continue the work of sanctifying and saving the human race. An important condition for the success of this mission is the preservation of the unity of Christ's teaching and the community of believers. An example of which is the unity of the three persons of the Holy Trinity: Jesus with the Father and the Holy Spirit.

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus Christ speaks of His union with the Father, the unity of his disciples with Him, and with each other, which is an important sign of the true Church. "By this all will know that you are my disciples when you have mutual love." (John 13, 35) Why does Jesus emphasize this unity so much? Christ came to earth to save us, to unite people with God at the cost of His own life through His blood shed on the cross, and His death and resurrection. That is, to restore the original unity that existed between God and man in paradise which was destroyed by original sin.

After his ascension, Jesus saves and unites people with the Father through the Church by the power of his word, which is preached by his disciples, bishops, priests and laity. The knowledge of Christ, the Word of God, reveals to us the love of God and leads man to union with God. And in turn, the unity of Christians with God promotes unity between people, harmony, and understanding. This unity helps to solve various situations of life. This unity is given to us first by the Word of God and the teaching of Christ. Faithfulness to God's Word strengthens our personal, inner unity – our thoughts, beliefs and actions. These strengthen our unity with God and make our prayer and our whole spiritual life successful. The spirit of unity strengthens love and gives strength in life, in struggle. Unity is for a Christian a source of strength, peace, and to some extent becomes an inner guide to Heaven.

By the example of the holy fathers, let us know the Word of God, the teaching of Christ, so that it may bring us closer to Him, and He will bring us together and unite us into one family of God's children - the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. The Kingdom of Heaven! Amen.

A FACE MASK COVERING MOUTH AND NOSE MUST BE WORN DURING DIVINE LITURGY WHICH SHOULD BE REMOVED BEFORE RECEIVING HOLY COMMUNION

As you may be aware, the CDC has recommended that fully vaccinated people do not need to wear masks when indoors, with some exceptions, such as healthcare settings or where local mandates require it. In light of this, as well as Governor Cooper lifting the masking executive order, our parish leadership has been in contact with our Eparchy for further guidance. As of this writing, we have been told that our guidelines remain in place. We anticipate an update in the next few days.

As we await further clarification from our Eparchy on this matter, we will continue to follow the current regulations from Bishop Kurt. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

Parishioners who are considered “high risk,” and more vulnerable to the virus should consider not attending Liturgy in the church and continue to participate via Facebook.

- Parishioners are dispensed from attending Divine Liturgy on Sunday and Holy Days.
- Please bring your own mask as the church has a limited number available.
- Social distancing (six feet) of people not living in the same household should be followed. A family living together can sit in the same area.
- Please refrain from physical contact.
- Please sanitize hands when entering and leaving church.
• There will be no Agape meal in the hall after Liturgy; please do not bring food.
• Please maintain social distancing after Liturgy.
• A collection basket is under the Tetrapod for your weekly donation. You may also mail in your donation or donate online via our website using Tithely.
• As you approach Fr. Vasyl for communion, please state your name.

THE HALL IS CLOSED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

Our Eparchy will be hosting monthly Byzantine Gatherings. Mark your calendars for each date. Gatherings will begin at 6:00 PM. Email contact: FrDeaconTom@gmail.com