

Venerable Nicholas Cabasilas (June 20)

The Venerable (Όσιος) Nicholas Cabasilas was born in Thessaloniki in 1322, and was the nephew of Neilos Cabasilas, who was the Archbishop of Thessaloniki. His father's surname was Khamaetos, but he preferred to use his uncle's name - Cabasilas.

Saint Nicholas received an excellent education, both at Thessaloniki and Constantinople, studying rhetoric, theology, philosophy, etc. For a time, he served as an advisor to Emperor John VI Cantacuzenos (reigned 1347-1354), who entrusted him with several important missions in this time of civil war (1341-1347) and religious strife. In the last year of his life, the Emperor abdicated and was tonsured as a monk with the name Joasaph. He remained in the renowned Manganon Monastery (Μονή των Μαγγάνων) until his death. Saint Nicholas seems to have become a monk at Manganon at the same time, and it is possible that he was ordained as a Hieromonk.

He was a disciple of Saint Gregory of Sinai (August 8), and a supporter of Saint Gregory Palamas (November 14), both of whom were proponents of hesychasm (stillness), involving the unceasing prayer of the heart, which can lead to a vision of the Uncreated Light of Tabor. Saint Nicholas took part in the Hesychast controversies of his time, which ended when the Council of 1351 proclaimed the teachings of Saint Gregory Palamas as Orthodox.

The fame of Saint Nicholas rests mainly on his two books: Explanation of the Divine Liturgy (Ερμηνεία της θείας Λειτουργίας), and Concerning the Life in Christ (Περί της εν Χριστώ ζωής), which describes the Church's Holy Mysteries, divine grace, and perfection in the divine virtues.

In his writings Saint Nicholas expounds the hesychastic (and Patristic) teaching that the life in Christ, which begins in this life, is perfected in the Kingdom. Sanctification comes only from Christ, but sanctity is achieved when our wills are in harmony with Christ's will.

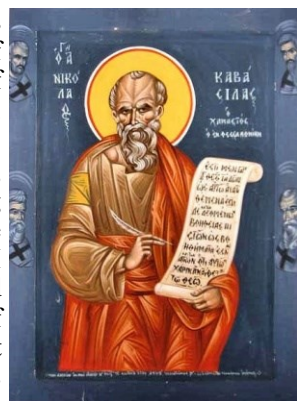
Book 6 of Concerning the Life in Christ contains some very instructive comments on the Beatitudes. Saint Nicholas points out that those who study and meditate on these sayings of Christ shall become truly happy. He compares the Beatitudes to "a ladder by which we may ascend to (the life of blessedness)."

Some of his sermons have survived: on the Ascension, on the Annunciation, etc. There are also encomia in honor of Saint Demetrios, Saint Theodora, Saint Nicholas, and the Three Hierarchs.

The date of Saint Nicholas's blessed repose is uncertain, but it probably occurred before 1391. If that is true, then he must have been aware of the fall of Thessaloniki to the Turks in 1387.

Saint Nicholas Cabasilas was glorified as a saint on July 19, 1983. The Troparion composed in his honor describes him as "a divine teacher, a wise interpreter of the dogmas of faith, and of the divine virtues."

(Text from <https://www.oca.org/saints/lives/2021/06/20/103753-venerable-nicholas-cabasilas>; Image from https://orthodoxwiki.org/Nicholas_Cabasilas)



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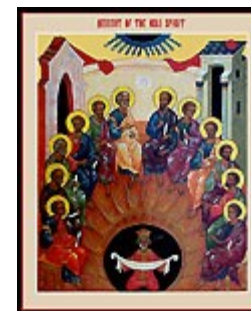


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June 20, 2021
HOLY PENTECOST



Old Testament Readings:

Num. 11: 16-17, 24-29

Joel 2: 23-32

Ezek. 36: 24-28

Matins Gospel - St. John 20:19-23

Epistle: Acts 2:1-11

Gospel: St. John 7:32-52, 8:12

PENTECOST TROPARION - Tone 8 - Most blessed art thou, O Christ our God, who when thou hadst made the fishermen most wise, did send down upon them the Holy Spirit, and by them didst draw the world into thy net! O Lord of mercy, glory to thee!

PENTECOST KONTAKION - Tone 8 - When coming down He brought confusion on mortal tongues, God Most High brought disunion to nations, and again when He apportioned the tongues of fire, He summoned all mankind to unite once more; and with one accord we glorify the All-Holy Spirit.

TODAY: Orthros 8:30 am & Baptismal Liturgy 9:45 am
Many years to Sara, Barry, & Matthew!
PENTECOST KNEELING PRAYERS at the end of liturgy.
Coffee Hour

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Fr Noah & Fr James are available for hospital visits. If you or anyone you know is in the hospital or homebound and would like a visit, please call the church office.

Weekly Ministries & Stewards:

	This Week:	Next Week (June 27):
PROSPHORA BREAD:	Gabi & Catalin Tinjala	MaryLynne Black
ALTAR CANDLES:	----	----
USHERS:	Dan M. & Ken G.	Steve K. & Tom A.
ALTAR BOYS:	“Archangel Gabriel”	“Archangel Michael”
CLEANING TEAM:	Todd & Kristi Moore	Justin & Kate Gohl & Olena M.
COFFEE HOUR TEAM:	Zach W.; Hirut; Conor M.	Felicia; Abraham; Miriam

* Thank you to the Women of St. Mariamne for serving the Coffee Hour Luncheon today in celebration of Father's Day!

SPECIAL APPEAL

Please consider making a donation to the **St. Justin Academy** which, God willing, we will be starting as a Classical Co-op this fall. Ask Mindi, Denise Y, or Frank for more details. Thank you and may God bless your generosity!

Mark Your Calendar:

Iconography Workshop
July 25-30 – 9-12 yr-olds
August 8-13 – Adults & Teens

Dormition Fast - August 1-14
Daily Paraklesis
Holy Unction, Aug 7, 4 pm

Transfiguration
August 5-6

Vacation Church School
August 9-13

International Food Festival
September 17-18

Pray For:

Living	Departed
Newly-Crowned Jonathan & Alexandra	+Sh. Angela
Newly-Illumined Anastasios; Matthew; Sara; Barry	(June Parish Diptychs) +Nicholas
Suzanne (H) Victoria	+Maria
Presb. Anna Maria	+Marion Betty
AP Gregory	+Anna
HM Sylvester	+Gail
P Sergius	+Sophia
Doris	
John	
James	
Lasha B	
Otari B	
Daniel H	
Peter	
Anesia	<u>Catechumens</u>
Pulcheria	Michael,
Gabriela	Shaun,
Anna	Tina,
Dn Thomas and family	Ryan,
	Laura,
Dn. Thomas, Elizabeth, Jesse, Bill, Elaine & all Missionaries	Taylor,
	Tim & Luke,
New & Expectant Mothers & their children	Kate,
	Tyson,
For the people of our land and their repentance, healing & unity	Joseph & Alana

This Week:

**NO FASTING OR ABSTINENCE THIS WEEK
(WEEK OF PENTECOST)**

Monday, June 21: HOLY SPIRIT MONDAY
Office open

Tuesday, June 22: Office open

Wed, June 23: Office open
Little Compline 6:30 p.m.
Patristic Reading 7 p.m.

Thurs, June 24: Office open

Friday, June 25: Office open
Paraklesis, 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, June 26: VESPERS 6:30 p.m.
Confession 7:30 p.m.

Sunday, June 27: SUNDAY OF ALL SAINTS
ORTHROS 8:45 a.m.
Divine LITURGY 10 a.m.
Coffee Hour

OUTREACH COLLECTION:
Bath & Shower Products

CHALLENGE FOR 2021:
“Your Body is the Temple of the Holy Spirit”

TIMELY REMINDER -- All services are OPEN to non-Orthodox visitors and friends! However, the regulations of the Orthodox Church restrict HOLY COMMUNION, HOLY UNCTION, as well as the other Sacraments (Holy Mysteries) to Orthodox Christians who are sacramentally active and/or qualified. Married Orthodox people are qualified only if their marriage has been blessed in the Orthodox Church.

To be prepared for Holy Communion, an Orthodox Christian must be fasting from all food and drink (including water), and have received Confession/Absolution. If you visit another Orthodox parish, you must make it known to the priest, in advance, that you are prepared. (Don't just step into the Communion line without letting the priest know who you are and where you are from.)

The disciples were first called Christians in Antioch (Acts 11:26)

OFFERINGS: Candles, \$322.50. Collections, \$100. Youth, \$1. Bookshelf Ministry, \$15. Classical School fund, \$14,021.28. Food for Hungry, \$1154.15. Mortgage Reduction, \$250. Needy Fund, \$3,645. Stewardship, \$3,665. Total received: \$23,173.93.

THANK YOU AND GOD BLESS YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!