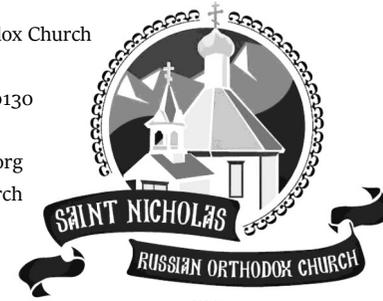




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Announcements

- **“Greening” of the church** — as a visual expression of the new life given us at Pentecost, it is customary to decorate our churches with greenery/branches. If you are able to provide some branches, please let Father know.
- **Service of Holy Unction** — as a tangible expression of the new life given to the Church through the outpouring of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, our parish will celebrate the Mystery of Holy Unction on **Wednesday, May 30**. This service is primarily for those who are ill in body and soul. In preparation for this the Church states: “This Mystery is bestowed on those who have confessed and are at peace with God. One cannot expect to receive healing without repentance; confession precedes the healing.”
- **Volunteers STILL needed** — With Tourist/Cruise Ship season here the parish is desperately in need of volunteers to help as “tour guides” in the church as well as in the Gift Shop. This is a concrete way to assist your parish while also bringing our Faith to others. Please see Fr. Steven or Kristina Luhr to indicate your availability.
- **Calling all singers** — if you can carry a tune... if you enjoy singing in the shower... your parish choir needs you! Choir practice takes place each Saturday evening at 5:00 PM. Please consider serving the Divine Liturgy... and your parish in this valuable way... for “He who sings, prays twice”!!

Scriptural Readings

Epistle
Acts of the Apostles
20: 16–18, 28–36

Gospel
St. John 17: 1–13

A warm welcome to those who are visiting an worshipping with us today!

We invite you to join us following **Divine Liturgy for Coffee Hour in the Parish House.**

Schedule of Services For Week of

May 21

Thursday, May 24

5:30 PM Weekly Akathist service

Saturday, May 26

5:00 PM: Choir Practice

6:00 PM: Great Vespers

Sunday, May 27

9:35 AM: Third and Sixth Hours

10:00 AM: Divine Liturgy

6:00 PM: Vespers of Pentecost

(with the “Kneeling Prayers”)

Confession is offered weekly following the Thursday Akathist, and after Saturday Great Vespers, or any time by appointment.

May 20, 2018

The Fathers of the First Oecumenical Council
(Seventh Sunday after Pascha)
(Tone 6)

The Rev. Fr. Steven F. McGuigan, Rector
Located at 326 5th St., Juneau, Alaska 99801

Troparia and Kontakia for May 20
(Sunday of the Fathers of the First Oecumenical Council)

Tone 6 Troparion *(Resurrection)*

The Angelic Powers were at Thy tomb; the guards became as dead men.
Mary stood by Thy grave, seeking Thy most pure body.
Thou didst capture hell not being tempted by it.
Thou didst come to the Virgin, granting life.//
O Lord, Who didst rise from the dead, glory to Thee.

Tone 4 Troparion *(Ascension)*

Thou hast ascended in glory, O Christ our God,
granting joy to Thy Disciples by the promise of the Holy Spirit.
Through the blessing they were assured, that Thou art the Son of God,//
the Redeemer of the world!

Tone 8 Troparion *(Fathers)*

Thou art most glorious, O Christ our God,
Who hast established the Holy Fathers as lights on the earth.
Through them Thou hast guided us to the true Faith.//
O greatly compassionate One, glory to Thee!

Glory to the Father...

Tone 8 Kontakion *(Fathers)*

The Apostles' preaching and the Fathers' doctrines have established one Faith for the Church.
Adorned with the robe of truth, woven from heavenly theology,//
It defines and glorifies the great mystery of piety.

Now and ever...

Tone 6 Kontakion *(Ascension)*

When Thou hadst fulfilled the dispensation for our sake and united earth to heaven,
Thou didst ascend in glory, O Christ our God, not being parted from those who love Thee,
but remaining with them and crying:// "I am with you, and there is no one against you!"

From the Rector's Desk.....

In the account of Our Lord's Ascension which we find in the Acts of the Apostles we read the following: "Men of Galilee, who do you stand there staring at the sky?" (Acts 1:11). In a very real way the Ascension is our "wake up call" to stop standing there looking into space, and take action! I would like to suggest two practical and timely ways to "take action" and help YOUR parish.

Next Wednesday evening our parish will celebrate the Holy Mystery of Unction (the "Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick"). This would be a wonderful opportunity to put our Faith into action by offering to assist those family members and friends who are in need of assistance getting to the church. Likewise, if you know of members of the parish who are currently in nursing homes but are well enough to come and receive the Mystery of Unction, consider doing what you can to help get them here.

Another very practical way you can assist YOUR parish is by volunteering as a greeter/tour guide in our church during tourist season (or by offering to help staff the Gift Shop). Welcoming visitors and explaining/answering questions about our church and about our Orthodox Faith not only is an act of Christian hospitality but also provides a wonderful opportunity to share the Faith and spread the Gospel – a task we all accepted at our Baptism!

Despite the fact that "we've always done it this way in the past" putting this task on the shoulders of one or two people is unreasonable. Not only is it too much for one or two to handle, it is something which the entire parish needs to take ownership. It's time for everyone to "step up" and do their part to LIVE what we say we believe!

The Rev. Steven F. McGuigan

