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## **Commemorations of the Day:**

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Blessed Peter the Heir:

A Tartar by race and the nephew of the Tartar King Berkai, he once listened to a sermon on salvation by Kiril, Bishop of Rostov, and the words embedded themselves deeply in his heart. When he saw the miraculous healing of Berkai's son by Kiril's prayers, he secretly left the Golden Horde, and ran off to Rostov, where he was baptised and devoted himself heart and soul to the ascetic life and to training himself in faith and devotion. Once he spent the night on the shore of a lake, and the Apostles Peter and Paul appeared to him in his sleep and told him to build a church dedicated to their memory on that spot, giving him the money he would need to accomplish this. Peter built a beautiful church there, and was there made a monk in old age, after the death of his wife. He finished his earthly course peacefully on June 29<sup>th</sup>, 1290, and his church became and remains the Petrovski monastery.

Our Holy Father George the Georgian

Born in Iberia or Georgia in 1014, he was a kinsman of the Georgian King Bagrat. He received a good classical education in his early years, but his heart ever drew him towards the spiritual life. He laboured in asceticism under the renowned spiritual teacher George on the Black Mountain. He then went off to the Holy Mountain and continued his asceticism in the monastery of Iviron, becoming the abbot of that monastery. With the assistance of the Byzantine Emperor, Constantine Monomachus, he restored Iviron and roofed the church with lead. This same leaden roof remains to this day. He translated the Holy Scriptures, the Prologue and the books for Divine Service into Georgian. Bagrat summoned him back to Georgia to teach the people, and he received a royal welcome in his homeland. He travelled far and wide, instructing the clergy and the people. Reach old age, he desired to depart this life on the Holy Mountain and set out on the road, but death overtook him in Constantinople in 1067. His relics were taken to Iviron. Although he died on May 24<sup>th</sup>, the Georgians celebrate his memory on June the 30<sup>th</sup>, counting him as equal to the apostles.

From the Prologue of Ochrid

## **Announcements**

June Charity is being directed towards an equipment purchase for St. Tikhon's Summer Camp. We have been asked to sponsor the Camp Water Balloon Fight. Today is the last day to contribute.

Parish Family Picnic is scheduled for Sunday July 21<sup>st</sup> following the Divine Liturgy. Please mark you calendars and plan to attend.

July Parish Council Meeting is next Sunday, July the 7<sup>th</sup>. We have some members traveling, so if a quorum is not available we will hold the meeting the following week on July 14<sup>th</sup>.

St. Elijah the Prophet's commemoration falls on Saturday, July 20<sup>th</sup>. Anyone who wishes to have their chariots (automobiles) blessed please plan for after Divine Liturgy on Sunday the 21<sup>st</sup>.

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## **Spiritual Food for Thought:**

“All human beings need prayer no less than plants and trees need water. And just as they cannot grow and bear fruit if they are not receiving water and nourishment through their roots, neither can we bring forth the fruits of piety, godliness, and a life pleasing to God if we are not watered by the grace of the Holy Spirit in prayer.”

-St. John Chrysostom  
Homily on Prayer

## **Prayers for the Sick:**

Archbishop Nathaniel  
Archpriest Vladimir  
Priest John  
Archpriest Michael  
Archpriest Gregory  
Priest Michael  
Matushka Gloria  
Matushka Myra  
Thom

Nancy  
Julie  
Joan  
James  
Thomas  
Diane  
Cathy  
Dimitrios

## **Upcoming Services:**

July 6<sup>th</sup> – No Vespers

July 7<sup>th</sup> – Divine Liturgy – 9:30am

July 13<sup>th</sup> – Great Vespers – 6:00pm

July 14<sup>th</sup> – Divine Liturgy – 9:30am

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## **1<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Pentecost: All Saints**

**June 23<sup>th</sup>, 2024**



## **St. Nicholas Orthodox Church**

OCA Diocese of Eastern Pennsylvania  
Archbishop Mark – Hierarch

Fr. Nathan Clausson – Rector  
Fr. Vladimir Fetcho – Attached  
Fr. John Nightingale – Attached  
Mark Howanetz – Choir Director  
Thomas LaTournous – Parish President