

ST. NICHOLAS ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

SUNDAY OF HOLY FATHERS OF SEVENTH ECUMENICAL COUNCIL & FOURTH SUNDAY OF LUKE

OCTOBER 16, 2016



CLERGY

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Welcome to our guests! Thank you for attending today's Divine Liturgy. Please register your visit by completing the guest book located on the table in the narthex. We would appreciate getting to meet you, so feel free to join us for refreshments & fellowship in the Cultural Center.

We believe **Holy Communion** to be a sign that in Christ we have all things in common, share an identical faith, and are united fully to the Orthodox Church. Anyone interested in learning more about our faith are encouraged to speak with one of our clergy. Orthodox Christians who have prepared themselves through prayer, fasting, & regular confession are welcome to receive Holy Communion.

Hymns and Readings of the Day

HYMNS

RESURRECTION APOLYTIKION (TONE 8)

From the heights Thou didst descend, O compassionate One, and Thou didst submit to the three-day burial, that Thou might deliver us from passion; Thou art our life and our Resurrection, O Lord, glory to Thee.

APOLYTIKION OF THE HOLY FATHERS (TONE 8)

Thou, O Christ, art our God of exceeding praise Who didst establish our Holy Fathers as luminous stars upon earth, and through them didst guide us unto the true Faith, O most merciful One, glory to Thee.

APOLYTIKION OF ST. NICHOLAS

Thy work of justice did show thee to thy congregation a canon of faith, the likeness of humility, a teacher of abstinence, O Father Bishop Nicholas. Wherefore, by humility thou didst achieve exaltation, and by meekness richness. Intercede, therefore, with Christ to save our soul.

KONTAKION FOR ORDINARY SUNDAYS (TONE 2)

O protection of Christians that cannot be put to shame, mediation unto the Creator most constant, O despise not the suppliant voices of those who have sinned; but be thou quick, O good one, to come unto our aid, who in faith cry unto thee: Hasten to intercession, and speed thou to make supplication, thou who dost ever protect, O Theotokos, them that honor thee.



EPISTLE

*Blessed are Thou, O Lord, the God of our Fathers.
For Thou art just in all that Thou hast done.*

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to St. Titus. (3:8-15)

Titus, my son, the saying is sure. I desire you to insist on these things, so that those who have believed in God may be careful to apply themselves to good deeds; these are excellent and profitable to men. But avoid stupid controversies, genealogies, dissension, and quarrels over the law, for they are unprofitable and futile. As for a man who is factious, after admonishing him once or twice, have nothing more to do with him, knowing that such a person is perverted and sinful; he is self-condemned. When I send Artemas or Tychicus to you, do your best to come to me at Nicopolis, for I have decided to spend the winter there. Do your best to speed Zenas the lawyer and Apollos on their way; see that they lack nothing. And let our people learn to apply themselves to good deeds, so as to help cases of urgent need, and not to be unfruitful. All who are with me send greetings to you. Greet those who love us in the faith. Grace be with you all. Amen.

GOSPEL

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. (8:5-15)

The Lord spoke this parable: "A sower went out to sow his seed; and as he sowed, some fell along the path, and was trodden under foot, and the birds of the air devoured it. And some fell on the rock; and as it grew up, it withered away, because it had no moisture. And some fell among thorns; and the thorns grew with it and choked it. And some fell into good soil and grew, and yielded a hundredfold." And when His Disciples asked Him what this parable meant, Jesus said, "To you it has been given to know the secrets of the kingdom of God; but for others they are in parables, so that seeing they may not see, and hearing they may not understand. Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God. The ones along the path are those who have heard; then the devil comes and takes away the word from their hearts that they may not believe and be saved. And the ones on the rock are those who, when they hear the word, receive it with joy; but these have no root, they believe for a while and in time of temptation fall away. And as for what fell among the thorns, they are those who hear, but as they go on their way, they are choked by the cares and riches and pleasures of life, and their fruit does not mature. And as for that in the good soil, they are those who, hearing the word, hold it fast in an honest and good heart, and bring forth fruit with patience." As Jesus said this, He called out, "He who has ears to hear, let him hear."

HOLY OBLATION IS OFFERED

For the health & blessing of Rob Rinvelt on his 60th birthday. God grant him many healthy & happy years ahead! We love you—Beth, Zack, Jake, & Tori.

For the good health & blessings of Lea Abraham, Natalie Baradhi, and Elise Abraham on their birthdays offered by their grandparents Alan & Debbie Abraham. May God grant them many years!

For the health & blessings of Noah Hoodhood on the occasion of his birthday offered by his parents Dan & Kim, siblings Sean, Kalie, & Grandparents George, Anne. May God grant him many years!

In loving memory of my daughter Suzi Franklin; she is in my heart. Offered by MaryAnn Maloley. May her Memory Eternal!

In loving memory of my parents John & Josephine Wawe and my brothers Jack & Michael Wawee offered by MaryAnn Maloley and family. May their memory Eternal!

TRISAGION PRAYERS OF MERCY

There will be a 40-day Trisagion (Memorial Service) for handmaiden of God, Marcie David, offered with love from Roger & Kima David & family and Joe & Carol David & family. May her memory be Eternal!

There will be a 5-year Trisagion (Memorial Service) for handmaiden of God, Khazma Makhoul, mother of Charlie Makhoul, offered by the Makhoul family. May her memory be Eternal!



PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR DAILY PRAYERS

LIVING

Metropolitan Paul (in captivity)
Archbishop John (in captivity)
Archpriest Elias Bitar
Archpriest William Olnhausen
Archpriest George Rados
Archpriest Patrick Kinder
Dn. Benjamin Mann
Kh. Khristina Gillquist
Clemence Bassett
Dawn Shaheen
Thomas & Jean Joseph

Sylvia Yova
Jim Nassar
Millard Laramy
Nancy Porritt
Gayane Cherpes
Sema Marutyan
Khachik Marutyan
Sonya A. Kopova
Vera Mijatovic
Sylvia Jemali



DEPARTED

Dn. Bassam	Paul Sielaff
Ed Khouri	Victims of the continued
Larry Kaleefey	conflicts in the Middle East



DEPARTED PARISHIONERS IN THE MONTH OF OCTOBER

10/01/1974	Fedwa Khaleefey	10/09/1968	Salem Bashara
10/01/2002	Mary Wawee	10/13/1996	James McAllister
10/01/2004	Alice Bendekgey	10/15/1994	Walter Kitolski
10/02/1985	Mary David	10/22/1988	Oscar Sears
10/02/2008	Eugenie Dudkin	10/25/1964	Rose Joseph
10/03/1993	James Maloley	10/27/1972	Lilly Sickrey
10/05/2012	Margaret Abraham	10/28/1963	Nazera Sayfee
10/05/2015	Rosemary Sears	10/29/1959	Leo Derwich
10/06/2011	Virginia Bander		

His Eminence
The Most Reverend
Metropolitan JOSEPH



Archbishop of New York and
Metropolitan of
All North America

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To the Beloved Clergy and Laity of our God-protected Archdiocese:

Greetings and blessings in the Name of our Lord, God, and Savior Jesus Christ! I pray this letter finds you and your families in good health.

For the past Thirty-Five years, our beloved teens have ministered to the Athletes of Special Olympics. This coming summer, at the Antiochian Village Camp, our teens will host and serve at the 36th annual Special Olympics SOYO Sports Training Camp. Teen SOYO offers an important outreach ministry to the Special Olympic Athletes by providing them, free of charge, a week of sports training. This year they will host over 320 athletes and coaches.

The website of Special Olympics organization says the following about their mission:

"Special Olympics provides year-round sports training and athletic competition in a variety of Olympic-type sports for children and adults with intellectual disabilities, giving them continuing opportunities to develop physical fitness, demonstrate courage, experience joy and participate in a sharing of gifts, skills and friendship with their families, other Special Olympics athletes and the community".

It seems clear that the time and energy that is given by our teens toward these goals is truly pleasing to our Lord, God, and Savior Jesus Christ, and deserves our enthusiastic support. He asked us and urged us to receive Him by receiving them *"Whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. Whoever receives one such child in my name receives me"*. (Mathew 18:4-5) Christ asked us to invite them by declaring *"When you give a dinner or a banquet, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, lest they also invite you in return and you be repaid. But when you give a feast, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind"*. (Luke 14:12-13)

Through your generous help, our teens raise the money needed to pay more than \$70,000.00 in expenses, so we ask you to be generous in supporting this vital ministry. As you leave Church this morning, the teen members of your parish will offer you an Icon Bookmark of Saint Paisios the Anthonite (Mount Athos). They offer this icon as an expression of their appreciation for your contribution. Your gift today will have a great impact on the lives of these athletes and the teens that minister to them.

May our Lord, God, and Savior Jesus Christ continue to bless all of your good endeavors with success.

Yours in Christ,

+JOSEPH

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be the name 'Joseph' with a stylized flourish at the end.

Archbishop of New York and Metropolitan of All North America

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

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

October is Youth Month

October is Youth Month. Thank you teens for all of your service!

Thank You

I extend a my deep appreciation to Fr. Michael, the Deacons, Chanters, JoAnn & the Choir, Parish Council & the entire parish family who helped to celebrate my birthday last week.

Thank you for your kind words and good wishes. Love, Fr. Elias.

Project Mexico Slide Show

Please stay for Coffee Hour **today** to watch a humbling and inspirational slide show of our Project Mexico experience. The slide show will be narrated by the Project Mexico team members. This is a great opportunity to see what we did as representatives of St. Nicholas.

Middle Eastern Take-Out Dinner Baking Schedule

Monday, October 17: Hoomus—Bring your blenders!

(Contact Nadira Karadsheh to help nkaradsheh54@gmail.com)

Tuesday, October 18 Baklawa Packaging

(Contact Suzi Merpi to help—suzanne.geha@gmail.com)

Thursday, October 19: Preparation Day

(Contact Debbie Abraham to help—446-0178)

Forerunners

Join us for the *Classics & Pops* concert with performers: Rich & Brandon Ridenour at the *Forest Hills Fine Arts Center* on **Tuesday** at 1:00 pm. Ticket are \$8 in advance or \$10 at the door (Cash/check only). Contact Eileen at **791-0779** if you wish to participate.

Sixth Hour Prayer

Don't miss the opportunity to pause and set your mind on things above **each Wednesday** during Sixth Hour Prayer. The service is from 12:00–12:30 pm in the St. Joseph of Damascus Chapel.

FUNDRAISER



Join the friendly **MSU** vs. **UofM** completion that kicks off today! Your financial support will help to underwrite scholarships for our children & teens to attend the Antiochian Village, provide Orthodox educational materials for the Church School, & seed money for teen programing. Additionally, 1/3 of all of the money you give will go toward reducing our mortgage debt.

GO GREEN!! GO WHITE!!

It's that time of year again to support your favorite team: Michigan State University! Today, we will "kickoff" this fundraiser by having you submit pledge cards. If you'd like to see Father Michael wearing the Green and White vestments, be sure to make a donation to support MSU! Proceeds from all donations will go towards our youth programs at St. Nicholas along with efforts to reduce our debt. If you have any questions, please contact Ben Coleman (ben.coleman000@gmail.com). Thank you in advance for your support!



TO ALL UofM FANS !!!



The UofM /MSU fundraiser is upon us! As you recall, we led our team to a clear victory at last year's fundraiser! With our football team's turnaround this year, we want to make sure Fr. Michael is wearing the Maize & Blue vestments again. Please contact Joe David if you have any questions. joe@eddavidco.com or [616-862-0413](tel:616-862-0413). We appreciate your support and GO BLUE!!

Now is the time to dig deep into your pockets to support the programing that underwrites the Orthodox faith of our children & teens. Give generously!