

ST. NICHOLAS ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

SUNDAY OF THE MYRRH-BEARING WOMEN, PIOUS JOSEPH OF ARIMATHEA & RIGHTEOUS NICODEMUS

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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 is 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.

Holy Oblation Is Offered

For the health & blessings of Virginia Medich on her birthday offered by the Medich family. May God grant Virginia many years!

For the health & blessings of Alan George Abraham, Philip George Abraham, and Mark George Abraham on their Patron Saint George Feast Day offered by Debbie Abraham and family. May God continue to grant each of them many years!

Hymns and Readings of the Day

HYMNS

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION (TONE 2)

When Thou didst submit Thyself unto death, O Thou deathless and immortal One, then Thou didst destroy hell with Thy Godly power. And when Thou didst raise the dead from beneath the earth, all the powers of Heaven did cry aloud unto Thee: O Christ, Thou giver of life, glory to Thee.

APOLYTIKION OF JOSEPH OF ARIMATHEA (TONE 2)

The pious Joseph, having brought down Thy pure body from the Tree, wrapped it in pure linen, embalmed it with ointment, prepared it, and laid it in a new tomb. But Thou didst verily rise after three days, O Lord, granting the world Great Mercy.

APOLYTIKION OF MYRRH-BEARING WOMEN (TONE 2)

Verily, the angel came to the tomb and said to the ointment-bearing women, the ointment is meet for the dead, but Christ hath been shown to be remote from corruption. So cry ye: The Lord is risen, granting the world the Great Mercy.

APOLYTIKION OF ST. NICHOLAS

Thy work of justice did show thee to thy congregation a cannon 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 OF PASCHA (TONE 8)

O Christ our God, though Thou didst descend into the grave, yet didst Thou overthrow the power of Hades and rise as an Immortal Conqueror. Thou didst greet with joy the myrrh-bearing women and to Thine Apostles hast sent Thy peace, and to the fallen, O Lord, didst bring resurrection.

EPISTLE

The Lord is my strength and my song. The Lord has chastened me severely.

The Reading from the Acts of the Apostles. (6:1-7)

In those days, when the disciples were increasing in number, the Hellenists murmured against the Hebrews because their widows were neglected in the daily distribution. And the Twelve summoned the body of the disciples and said, "It is not right that we should give up preaching the word of God to serve tables. Therefore, brethren, pick out from among you seven men of good repute, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we may appoint to this duty. But we will devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word." And what they said pleased the whole multitude, and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, and Philip, and Prochorus, and Nicanor, and Timon, and Parmenas, and Nicolaos, a proselyte of Antioch. These they set before the apostles, and they prayed and laid their hands upon them. And the word of God increased; and the number of the disciples multiplied greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests were obedient to the faith.

GOSPEL

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Mark. (15:43-16:8)

At that time, Joseph of Arimathea, a respected member of the council, who was also himself looking for the Kingdom of God, took courage and went to Pilate, and asked for the body of Jesus. And Pilate wondered if He were already dead; and summoning the centurion, he asked him whether Jesus was already dead. And when he learned from the centurion that He was dead, he granted the body to Joseph. And he bought a linen shroud, and taking Him down, wrapped Him in the linen shroud, and laid Him in a tomb, which had been hewn out of the rock; and he rolled a stone against the door of the tomb. Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of James saw where He was laid. And when the Sabbath was passed, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome, bought spices so that they might go and anoint Him. And very early on the first day of the week they went to the tomb when the sun had risen. And they were saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the door of the tomb?" And looking up, they saw that the stone was rolled back—it was very large. And entering the tomb, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, dressed in a white robe; and they were amazed. And he said to them, "Do not be amazed; you seek Jesus of Nazareth, Who was crucified. He has risen, He is not here; see the place where they laid Him. But go, tell His Disciples and Peter that He is going before you to Galilee; there you will see Him, as He told you." And they went out and fled from the tomb; for trembling and astonishment had come upon them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

Please Remember in Your Daily Prayers

LIVING:

Metropolitan Paul (in captivity)
Archbishop John (in captivity)
Bishop Antoun
Archpriest Elias Bitar
Archpriest William
Olnhausen
Archpriest George Rados
Archpriest Stephen Rhudy
Priest Joseph Gleason

Kh. Kristina Gillquist
Kh. Charlotte Smith
Kh. Jane Chagnon
Clemence Bassett
Dawn Shaheen
Thomas Joseph
Jean Joseph
Joseph Wade
Millard Laramy

Vera Mijatovic
George Mickel
George Fine
Sandie Super
George Zain
Louise Whalen
Janice Russel
Linda McDonald
Audrey Nicoloff

DEPARTED:

Metropolitan Elia
Sylvia Shutes
Abe Simon

Robert Audy
Debra Waibel
Earl Loss

Victims of the continued
conflicts in the Middle East

DEPARTED PARISHIONERS IN THE MONTH OF APRIL:

4/04/2007	Alem Berih	4/22/1972	Mary Salhany
4/07/2015	Margaret Salhaney	4/23/1981	Minerva Bashara
4/10/1968	Albert Yared	4/24/1978	Elizabeth Ann Thomas
4/12/1981	Alexander Koory	4/25/1971	Louis Simon
4/12/2012	Jodi Longstreet	4/25/2015	Wade Abraham
4/13/1957	Jennie Bander	4/28/1959	Mansour Simon
4/14/2009	James Abraham	4/30/1964	V. Rev. John Mickel
4/15/2003	Nicolas Wawee	4/30/1980	George Amash
4/17/1947	Saied Bohysic	4/30/1989	Edward David
4/18/2010	Josephine Orange		



ANNOUNCEMENTS

With Much Appreciation

A very special thank to Linda Storey, Gretchen Zahn, and Linda Abraham who worked diligently to remove the candle wax from the carpet, fabric, and floors in the Church.

Turn-in Your Food For Hungry People Boxes

Place your *Food For Hungry People* boxes in the bin on the Parishioner table. If you are writing a check, make it out to *St Nicholas Church* and note FFHP in the memo section and place it in the offering tray.

Graduates

If you are a graduating senior in high school or college (undergraduate or graduate school), please complete a graduation form so that your graduation announcement can be included in the *St. Nicholas Graduation Commemorative Booklet*. A completed form and a color picture of the graduate (preferably electronically submitted) must be provided to Roger David or Dn. Justin no later than Sunday, May 7. Forms are available on the Parishioner table in the Narthex or by emailing Dn. Justin.

Recent Articles

The Inner City Christian Federation's (ICCF) Spring Newsletter featured the Storey family and St. Nicholas's ministry at Family Haven. The link to the story can be found in Wednesday's E-newsletter.

Column Banding Installation

In November, we shared that the ornamental painting (known as "banding") of the columns in the Church were being painted. They are now completed and are ready for installation next week. As we shared then, the banding is part of the master plan for iconography that was in place before the first icons were installed. This banding will be a beautiful addition to the Church and will help tie together all of the iconography into a cohesive whole.

This week's installation will be the first of three phases for installation of decorative ornamentation/banding. We are thankful for the generous donations of some of our parishioners which are funding this addition. To see an animation of how the Church will appear once completed, please watch the video we first shared in 2015. Go to YouTube and type in the search bar "Design visualization for St. Nicholas Orthodox Church. "

Youth Equipped to Serve (Ages 13-College)

If you are ages 13 through college, you will want to be a part of this service opportunity as Orthodox teens and young adults join together to serve and love our city's most needy residents on **Friday, May 5 - Sunday, May 7**. Register today by visiting:

www.yesnorthamerica.org. Direct your questions to Katrina Bitar: Kbitar@focusna.org.

SOYO will cover \$100 of the fee. Parents should register their kids and then notify Kima David that their child(ren) are registered.

Films with Father

Enjoy going to the movies and then discussing it with friends? If so, join us at 5:45 pm on **Thursday, May 11** at Woodland Celebration Cinema to watch *The Shack*. We will meet in the lobby.

Movie Ticket Price: \$5.00

Contact Sam Bander at 450-5665 or Christine Elias 648-5805 if you are planning to attend. This event is co-sponsored by *The Men of St. Nicholas* and *The Women of St. Nicholas*, ALL parishioners are welcome to attend. Afterwards, we'll head to Arnies to spend time conversing about the movie with Fr. Michael.

Oratorical Festival

Teens, it is time to start thinking about the Oratorical Festival at the *Parish Life Conference* in Chicago (and Archdiocese Convention in Miami for the Diocesan winner) this year. Some teens may be reluctant to commit to speaking publically; however, those who do appreciate the experience. Public speaking is increasing in value in our society and in the job market.

We are pleased to announce the inauguration of the annual ***Wade Abraham Scholarship Fund*** benefiting Oratorical Participants from our parish. A scholarship of **\$850** (\$350 cash gift and \$500 in reimbursed travel costs) will be given to the participant in the Senior Division from St. Nicholas.

We encourage all of our teens to participate. However, since we will have only one representative. We plan to hold our own St. Nicholas Oratorical Festival on June 11 to choose who will represent St. Nicholas! Contact Fr. Michael, Dn. David, Dan or Kathy Abraham on or before next week Sunday in soon to inform them of your desire to participate!

Coach Needed

Our Pre-teens need a Bible Bowl coach willing to meet regularly and assist them in preparing for the Bible Bowl. If you are interested, contact Fr. Michael.

Bible Bowl

The teens have formed their team now we are waiting on the Pre-teens (ages 10-12) and adults (ages 20 and above) to get their teams created for this year's *Parish Life Conference Bible Bowl*. Visit: www.orthodoxyouth.org. Contact Fr. Michael if you are interested in participating.

2017 Parish Life Conference in Chicago!

Don't miss the **June 21-25** upcoming Diocese of Toledo and the Mid-west's Parish Life Conference being held at St. George in Cicero, Il. . Visit: www.antiochianevents.com/toledo.html for more information.

Archdiocese Convention History Journal (Deadline May 15)

The "History Journal" will be a collaboration of the history of our Archdiocese, our Bishops and parishes dating back to its inception in the 19th Century. Don't miss the opportunity to be a part of the "History Journal" CELEBRATING:

- ◆ The 25th Anniversary of His Eminence Metropolitan JOSEPH in the Holy Episcopacy
- ◆ A lifetime of Service and Eight Decades of Love, Humility and Sunshine of His Grace Bishop ANTOUN
- ◆ The 25th Anniversary of His Grace Bishop BASIL in the Holy Episcopacy
- ◆ The Antiochian Orthodox Family
- ◆ Families/Individual's roles in the History of the Archdiocese
- ◆ The History of Parishes

For further information including registration and sample templates visit: www.ac2017miami.org.

Miami Archdiocese Convention

You will not want to miss all the exciting events in store for you from **July 23-30, 2017!** The Grand Banquet will honor His Grace Bishop ANTOUN who has served the church for 80 years.

The AC2017 Convention Committee has designed wave after wave of family fellowship events including spiritual growth, educational workshops and wonderful family fun events and activities. Head to their website to register and to learn more about convention opportunities: www.ac2017miami.org.

CHRIST IS RISEN! HE IS RISEN!

Arabic:	Al Massih Qam! Haken Qam!
Greek:	Christos Anesti! Alithos Anesti!
Russian:	Khristos Voskrese! Voistinu Voskrese!
Armenian:	Krisdos haryav ee merelotz! Orhnyal eh harootiunun Krisdosee!!
Romanian:	Hristos a Inviat! Adevarat a Inviat!
Ethiopian:	Christos Tensiou! Bahake Tensiou!
French:	Le Christ est Ressuscite! En Verite Il est Ressuscite!
German:	Christus ist Erstanden! Er ist Wahrhaftig Erstanden!
Spanish:	Christo ha Resucitado! En verdad, ha Resucitado!
Italian:	Cristo e risorto, e veramente risorto!

THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

Today

* Grade 6 & 7 Presentations

Tuesday, May 2

* 2019 Convention mtg. (6:30 pm)

Wednesday, May 3

* Sixth Hour Prayer (Noon)

Thursday, May 4

* Forerunners mtg. (2 pm)

Friday, May 5-Sunday, May 7

* YES Weekend @ St. George

Saturday, May 6

* Great Vespers (6 pm)

Sunday, May 7

* Matins & Orthodox Education (8:50 am)

* Divine Liturgy (10 am)

- Blood Pressure Checks

LOOKING AHEAD

Church School

* Last day of Church School (May 14)

Feast of the Ascension Services

* (Wednesday, May 24)

Matins - 5pm

Divine Liturgy - 6pm

Strategic Planning Session II

* (June 2, 6:30 pm & June 3, 9 am)

Parish Life Conference

* (June 21-25 in Cicero, Il.)

Archdiocese Convention

* (July 23-30 in Miami)

SERVING TEAMS

Today:

Altar Servers:

Team B

Tithe & Offering Team:

JoAnn & Linda

Coffee Hour Hosts:

Poulose Family

Next Week:

Team A

JoAnn & Linda

Barbara Thomas & Emma