



# *St. Nicholas Orthodox Church*

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Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

We don't know each other. And isn't it strange that brothers and sisters in Christ don't know each other? Of course, we can say it's a factor of the large numbers of Christians in the area, but let's face reality—most of us stay within our denominational (or non-denominational) circles and rarely interact with other Christians.

We at St. Nicholas Orthodox Church are hoping that others feel as we do: that it's time we met. As you know the 500<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Protestant Reformation occurs at the end of this month. Although Orthodox Christians were not a part of this momentous event in Christian history, for half a millennium it has had an impact on all Christians, and beyond.

On the evening of Monday, October 30 and during the day on Tuesday, October 31, we will be hosting a conference that will reflect on the ramifications of the Reformation and mark the occasion with an opportunity for discussion on what can be described as living parallel lives as Christian communities. Let us join together to fulfill Christ's prayer that "They would be one" (John 17:22).

This conference is blessed with speakers who will offer perspectives on the issues of the nature of the Church, its unity, and its mission from a variety of Christian traditions. We hope the dialogue will be an opportunity for mutual understanding, and perhaps the beginning or furthering of relationships among our various communities.

There is no charge to attend the Reformation Conference; it is open to everyone. Please note that if you are joining us for lunch on Tuesday that an R.S.V.P is required. We hope you and your community will participate and share in this Christian dialogue and fellowship.

Your brother in the Lord,

Rev. Michael Nasser  
Pastor

P.S. We ask that you share the enclosed materials with your community by using the bulletin/newsletter communications and posting the flyer on your office door and bulletin boards.

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