

**ST. NICHOLAS
ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH**

**NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
& THIRD SUNDAY OF LUKE**

MARTYRS SERGIUS AND BACCHUS OF SYRIA

OCTOBER 7, 2018



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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.

WHO WE ARE

St. Nicholas is a worshipping community in the Antiochian Orthodox Christian tradition that preserves, proclaims, and practices the Faith given by Christ to the Apostles, serving Him, one another and our neighbors. We manifest His love through sacramental and liturgical life, education, hospitality, works of mercy, and fellowship.

We would love to share more about our Orthodox Faith with you. Our website and our bookstore are great resources to assist you in learning more about us and what we believe! Also, feel free to make an appointment with our pastor.

We trust that you will experience Christ's presence as you worship with us today.



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 SS. SERGIUS AND BACCHUS (TONE 4)

Thy martyrs, O Lord, in their courageous contest for Thee received as the prize the crowns of incorruption and life from Thee, our immortal God. For, since they possessed Thy strength, they cast down the tyrants and wholly destroyed the demons' strengthless presumption. O Christ God, by their prayers, save our souls, since Thou art merciful.

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.

ORDINARY KONTAKION (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

The Lord is my strength and my song.

The Lord has chastened me severely.

The Reading from the Second Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians. (11:31-12:9)

Brethren, the God and Father of the Lord Jesus, He Who is blessed forever, knows that I do not lie. At Damascus, the governor under King Aretas guarded the city of Damascus in order to seize me, but I was let down in a basket through a window in the wall, and escaped his hands. I must boast; there is nothing to be gained by it, but I will go on to visions and revelations of the Lord. I know a man in Christ who 14 years ago was caught up to the third heaven—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows. And I know that this man was caught up into Paradise—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows—and he heard things that cannot be told, which man may not utter. On behalf of this man I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. Though if I wish to boast, I shall not be a fool, for I shall be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think more of me than he sees in me or hears from me. And to keep me from being too elated by the abundance of revelations, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan, to harass me, to keep me from being too elated. Three times I besought the Lord about this, that it should leave me; but He said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for My power is made perfect in weakness.” I will all the more gladly boast of my weaknesses, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

GOSPEL

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke (7:11-16)

At that time, Jesus went to a city called Nain, and many of His disciples and a great crowd went with Him. As He drew near to the gate of the city, behold, a man who had died was being carried out, the only son of his mother, and she was a widow; and a large crowd from the city was with her. And when the Lord saw her, He had compassion on her and said to her, “Do not weep.” And He came and touched the bier, and the bearers stood still. And Jesus said, “Young man, I say to you: arise.” And the dead man sat up, and began to speak. And Jesus gave him to his mother. Fear seized them all; and they glorified God, saying, “A great prophet has arisen among us!” and “God has visited His people!”

SYNAXARION

(LIVES OF THE SAINTS OF THE DAY)

On October 7 in the Holy Orthodox Church we celebrate the holy Great Martyrs Sergius and Bacchus of Syria.

Verses

O Bacchus, brass were thy sinews before the whips' violence,
And burning fire was thy heart before the sword, O Sergius.

On the seventh, sword slew Sergius, and whips, Bacchus.

They were noblemen at the court of Emperor Maximian whose esteemed them greatly because of their courage, wisdom and fidelity. Once, when there was a great sacrificial offering to idols, the emperor demanded that Sergius and Bacchus offer sacrifices with him, but they openly refused. Beside himself with rage, Maximian commanded that their military garments, rings and emblems be stripped from them and that they be dressed in women's clothing. He then placed iron hoops around their necks and paraded them through the streets of the city of Rome to be mocked by everyone. Afterward, he sent them to Antiochus, his deputy in Asia, for torture. Antiochus had risen to his position with Sergius and Bacchus' help, as they had at one time recommended him to the emperor. When Antiochus implored them to deny Christ and save themselves from dishonorable suffering and death, these saints replied: "Both honor and dishonor, both life and death—all are the same to him who seeks the Heavenly Kingdom." The souls of Sergius and Bacchus went to Paradise, where they received crowns of immortal glory from Christ in 303.

On this day, we also commemorate the Hieromartyr Polychronios of Nicaea; Priest Julian and Deacon Caesarius of Campania; Venerable John the hermit and those with him; and Venerable Sergius of Nurma. By the intercessions of Thy Saints, O Christ God, have mercy upon us. Amen.

SERVING MINISTRIES

	<u>Today</u>	<u>Next Week</u>
Epistle Readers:	Elena Nasser	Victor Jammal
Coffee Hour:	Nasser Family	U-M/MSU Fundraiser

TRISAGION PRAYERS OF MERCY

For the 40-day falling asleep in the Lord of Robert Medich by June Medich and family. May his Memory be Eternal!

HOLY OBLATION IS OFFERED

For the health and blessings of Fr. Elias on his birthday by Eileen, Dn. Justin, Melissa, Olivia, Samuel, Nathan, Ashley and Lucy Adolphson. May God grant him many years!

For the health and blessings of Fr. Elias, Ted Sirotko and Vicky Nasser on their birthdays by Marion Mitchell. May God grant them many years!

For the health and blessings of Kh. Vicky Nasser on her birthday by Fr. Michael, Maria, Joshua, and Elena. May God grant you many years!

For the health and blessings of Kh. Vicky Nasser on her birthday by your St. Nicholas family. Many Years!

For the health and blessings of Theodore (Ted) Francis Sirotko on his birthday by Phyllis Sirotko. May God grant you many years!

For the health and blessings of Victoria Brown, Steve Thomas, and Tyler Riley on their birthdays by Barb Thomas. May God grant them many years!

For the health and blessings of Eva Rose Saseen by Barb Thomas. May God grant her patience, strength, and less pain as she continues to recover.

For the health and blessings of Melissa Powell on her birthday by Dad, Mom, Rick and Lexy. May God grant you many years!

For the health and blessings of John Soukar on his 21st birthday by George, Sophia, and Christina. May God grant you many years!

In memory of Jozlyn Marie Thomas by Barb Thomas. May her memory be Eternal!

REMEMBER IN YOUR DAILY PRAYERS

LIVING

Vera Mijatovic	David Corey
Audrey Nicoloff	Mary Martin
Ralph Thomas	Eva Rose Saseen

* If you desire a name to be added to this prayer list, Holy Oblations may be offered, with the option of being added to the bulletin Prayer List for 40 days.

DEPARTED

Victims of the continued conflicts in the Middle East

PARISHIONERS DEPARTED IN THE MONTH OF OCTOBER

10/01/1974	Fedwa Khaleefey
10/01/2002	Mary Wawee
10/01/2004	Alice Bendekgey
10/02/1985	Mary David
10/02/2008	Eugenie Dudkin
10/03/1993	James Maloley
10/05/2012	Margaret Abraham
10/5/2015	Rosemary Sears
10/06/2011	Virginia Bander
10/09/1968	Salem Bashara
10/13/1996	James McAllister
10/15/1994	Adam Kitolski
10/22/1988	Oscar Sears
10/25/1964	Rose Joseph
10/27/1972	Lilly Sickrey
10/28/1963	Nazera Sayfee
10/29/1959	Leo Derwich