

**ST. NICHOLAS
ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH**

**EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
& SECOND SUNDAY OF LUKE**

HIEROMARTYR GREGORY, ENLIGHTENER OF
GREATER ARMENIA

SEPTEMBER 30, 2018



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 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 1)

While the stone was sealed by the Jews, and the soldiers were guarding Thy most pure body, Thou didst arise on the third day, O Savior, granting life to the world. For which cause the heavenly powers cried aloud unto Thee, O giver of life. Glory to Thy Resurrection, O Christ, glory to Thy kingdom, glory to Thy providence, O Thou Who alone art the lover of mankind.

APOLYTIKION OF ST. GREGORY OF ARMENIA (TONE 4)

Thou hast become like the Apostles in their states, a successor to their throne, finding indeed the intelligential ladder, O thou God-inspired. Therefore, thou hast followed the Word of God in righteousness, and striven unto blood for the Faith. O Hieromartyr Gregory, intercede with Christ God to save our souls.

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 righteous shall rejoice in the Lord.
O God, hear my prayer.*

The Reading from the second Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians. (9:6-11)

Brethren, he who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each one must do as he has made up his mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that you may always have enough of everything and may provide in abundance for every good work. As it is written, "He scatters abroad, he gives to the poor; his righteousness endures forever." He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your resources and increase the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way for great generosity, which through us will produce thanksgiving to God.

GOSPEL

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke (5:1-11)

The Lord said: “As you wish that men would do to you, do so to them. If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. And if you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. But love your enemies, and do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return; and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High; for He is kind to the ungrateful and the selfish. Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful.”

SYNAXARION

(LIVES OF THE SAINTS OF THE DAY)

On September 30 in the Holy Orthodox Church we celebrate the holy Hieromartyr Gregory, bishop and enlightener of Greater Armenia.

Verses

Knowing God the Word's word, even: Be ye watchful,
Thou wast found watchful when God called thee, O Father.

On the thirtieth died Gregory of Greater Armenia.

Gregory was born of prominent families of Persia and Armenia. He eventually withdrew to Caesarea in Cappadocia, where he first learned of the Christian Faith, was baptized and married. He had two sons of this marriage, Bardanes and Aristakes, and dedicated them both to the service of the Church. (Aristakes was one of the 318 Holy Fathers at the First Ecumenical Council.) After the death of his wife, Gregory returned to Armenia and placed himself in the service of King Tiridates. But when the king learned that Gregory was a Christian, Tiridates threw him into a deep pit full of poisonous reptiles to kill him. However, the All-seeing God preserved Gregory's life in that pit for 14 full years. Tiridates went insane and was like a wild boar. His sister had a dream in which a man, dazzlingly bright, told her that Tiridates would only become well when Gregory was removed from the pit. Taken from the pit, Gregory healed and baptized Tiridates. Then, at the wish of Tiridates, Gregory became Bishop of Armenia. Gregory ended his earthly life of great labor in old age, in about the year 335.

On this day, we also commemorate the Martyrs Rhipsime and Gaiana and companions of Armenia; Michael the wonderworker, first metropolitan of Kiev; and Venerable Gregory of the Pelshma River. By the intercessions of Thy Saints, O Christ God, have mercy upon us. Amen.

HOLY OBLATION IS OFFERED

For the health and blessings of Dn. Dave and Joanna Khorey on their birthdays by Jenny, Cassie, Chris, Alison and George. May God grant them many years!

For the health and blessings of Katherine Khorey on her birthday by Dn. Dave and Jenny. May God grant her many years!

For the continued good health and God's blessing of Julie and Jerry Abraham and family by George and Loraine Zain & family.

For the health and blessings of Ted Sirotko on his birthday, by MaryAnne Sirotko-Turner and John Turner III. May God grant him many years!

For the health and blessings of Dn. Justin & Melissa Adolphson, and Nathan, Ashley, & Lucille Marie Adolphson on their fall birthdays offered by Eileen Adolphson. May God grant them many years!

For the health and blessings of Rob Rinvelt on his birthday by Beth, Jake, Tori, Zack and Samantha. May God grant you many healthy and happy years!

For the health and blessings of Stephanie and Michael Soukar by their parents Elie and Lama. May God grant them many years!

In memory of the falling asleep in the Lord of Lorraine's father the Servant of God, Abraham Haddad by George and Lorraine Zain and family. May his memory be Eternal!

SERVING MINISTRIES

	<u>Today</u>	<u>Next Week</u>
Epistle Readers:	Dan Hoodhood	Elaina Nasser
Altar Servers:	<u>Team B</u>	<u>Team A</u>
	Josh Nasser	Parker David
	Sam Adolphson	Alexander Amash
	Jackson Amash	Cam David
	Hamilton Gilbert	Aiden DeMorrow
	Joachim Gilbert	Alek DeMorrow
	Nate Sirotko	Eli Hajjar
	Nick Sirotko	Victor Jammal
		Constantin Stanescu
		Dieter Zahn
Coffee Hour:		Nasser Family

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 SEPTEMBER

9/02/1970	Mary Sayfee
9/06/1959	Alex Ruffin
9/07/1956	Leena Majerezak
9/07/1987	John Wawee
9/08/1986	Nicholas Salhaney
9/08/1998	Robert Mickel
9/10/2009	John Ayoub
9/11/1966	Fred Maloley
9/13/1977	Seth Salhaney
9/17/2004	Mountaha Rizk
9/19/1987	Protosyngellos Khouri
9/21/1946	Faris Nickola
9/22/1960	Sellen Yared
9/22/2001	Demetra Yared
9/22/2016	Larry Kaleefey
9/23/1944	Hattem Corey
9/23/1984	James Mickel
9/26/1963	Abraham Haddad
9/27/1976	Mitchell Salhaney
9/28/1996	Josephine Wozniak
9/30/1996	James Mickel