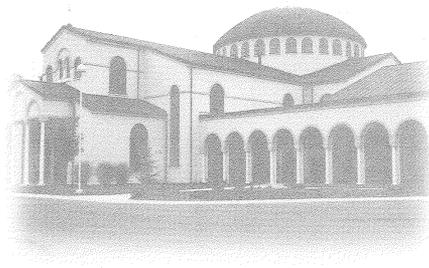


**ST. NICHOLAS
ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH**

FIFTH SUNDAY OF GREAT LENT

**COMMEMORATION OF OUR
RIGHTEOUS MOTHER MARY OF EGYPT**

APRIL 14, 2019



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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.



THE DIVINE LITURGY OF **ST. BASIL THE GREAT**

On the Sundays of Great Lent, the Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great is served in place of the typical Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom. The main difference is in the prayers said by the Priest, which can be followed in the white spiral-bound Divine Liturgy book or in the red Service Book (page 132).

HYMNS AND READINGS OF THE DAY

HYMNS

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION (TONE 5)

Let us believers praise and worship the Word; coeternal with the Father and the Spirit, born of the Virgin for our salvation. For, He took pleasure in ascending the Cross in the flesh to suffer death; and to raise the dead by His glorious Resurrection.

APOLYTIKION OF ST. MARY OF EGYPT (TONE 8)

Through thee, the divine likeness was securely preserved, O mother Mary; for thou didst carry the cross and follow Christ. By example and precept thou didst teach us to ignore the body, because it is perishable, and to attend to the concerns of the undying soul. Therefore, doth thy soul rejoice with the angels.

APOLYTIKION OF ST. NICHOLAS (TONE 4)

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 SUNDAYS IN GREAT LENT (TONE 8)

O, undisputed intercessor of Christians, the mediatrix who is unrejected by the Creator, Turn not away from the voice of our petitions, Although we are sinners, Come to us with aid in time who cry unto Thee in Faith, for Thou art good. Hasten to us with intercessions, O Theotokos Who dost ever intercede for those who honor Thee.

EPISTLE

*Make your vows to the Lord our God, and perform them.
God is known in Judah; His Name is great in Israel.*

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Hebrews. (9:11-14)

Brethren, when Christ appeared as a high priest of the good things that have come, then through the greater and more perfect tent (not made with hands, that is, not of this creation), He entered once for all into the Holy Place, taking not the blood of goats and calves but His own blood, thus securing an eternal redemption. For if the sprinkling of defiled persons with the blood of goats and bulls and with the ashes of a heifer sanctifies for the purification of the flesh, how much more shall the blood of Christ, Who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without blemish to God, purify your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?

GOSPEL

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Mark (10:32-45)

At that time, Jesus took His twelve Disciples, and began to tell them what was to happen to Him, saying, "Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem. And the Son of man will be delivered to the chief priests and the scribes, and they will condemn Him to death, and deliver Him to the Gentiles. And they will mock Him, and scourge Him, and spit upon Him, and kill Him; and after three days He will rise." And James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to Him, and said to Him, "Teacher, we would that thou shouldest do for us whatsoever we shall desire" And Jesus said to them, "What do you want Me to do for you?" And they said to Him, "Grant us to sit, one at Thy right hand and one at Thy left, in Thy glory." But Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or to be baptized with the baptism with which I am baptized?" And they said to Him, "We are able." And Jesus said to them, "The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized. But to sit at My right hand or at My left is not Mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared." And when the ten heard it, they began to be indignant at James and John. And Jesus called them to Him and said to them, "You know that those who are supposed to rule over the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great men exercise authority over them. But it shall not be so among you; but whoever would be great among you must be your servant, and whoever would be first among you must be servant of all. For the Son of man also came not to be served but to serve, and to give His life as a ransom for many."

SYNAXARION

(LIVES OF THE SAINTS OF THE DAY)

On April 14 in the Holy Orthodox Church, we commemorate the Apostles Aristarchos, Pudens and Trophymos of the Seventy; Martyr Thomais of Alexandria; and New-martyr Demetrios of the Peloponnesos.

On this same day, the Fifth Sunday of Great Lent, it was ordained that we make remembrance of our Godly Mother Mary of Egypt.

Verses

Spirit rose up, flesh melted away erewhile;
hide, O earth, the worn bones of Mary's body.

Once, during the Honorable Fast, the priest-monk Zosimus withdrew into the wilderness. He caught sight of a withered woman named Mary; her hair was white as snow. Mary then told Zosimus that she was born in Egypt and at the age of 12 began to live a life of debauchery in Alexandria for 17 years. One day, she went to Jerusalem to enter the church to venerate the Honorable Cross. However, some invisible force restrained her. In great fear, she gazed upon the icon of the Theotokos in the vestibule and prayed that she be allowed to enter the church, all the while confessing her sinfulness. She was then permitted to enter the church. Having venerated the Cross she again entered the vestibule and, before the icon, gave thanks to the Mother of God. At that very moment she heard a voice saying: "If you cross the Jordan, you will find glorious rest!" Mary left for the wilderness and remained there for 47 years in repentance. She bade Zosimus to come back in one year with Holy Communion, which he did. The following year, on Holy Thursday, April 1, 522, Zosimus discovered Mary's lifeless body, and buried her. Thus, the Lord glorifies penitent sinners. The Church exalts and exemplifies Mary to the faithful in Great Lent as an incentive for repentance that brings entry into the Heavenly Kingdom.

Through her intercessions, O Christ God, have mercy upon us.
Amen.

HOLY OBLATION IS OFFERED

For the health and blessings of Leah Kaufman on her birthday offered by her parents. May God grant her many years!



SERVING MINISTRIES

	<u>Today</u>	<u>Next Week</u>
Epistle Readers:	Rebekah Kaufman	Gresham Olson
Coffee Hour:	Food For Hungry People	Palm Sunday Luncheon

** All families are encouraged to host at least one Coffee Hour each year. Feel free to invite another family to partner with you if you prefer. When selecting a Coffee Hour date, take into account significant dates such as: memorials, anniversaries, names day, significant birthdays, etc. The Coffee Hour sign-up sheet can be found on the Parishioners' table in the Narthex. As a reminder, Coffee Hour does not have to be elaborate. It can be as simple as Coffee and bagels. We have all of the paper products and coffee supplies on hand.*

REMEMBER IN YOUR DAILY PRAYERS

LIVING

Vera Mijatovic	LaVerne Audy	Cheri Donahue
Audrey Nicoloff	Eva Rose Saseen	Barbara Sielaff
Ralph Thomas	Dennis Hattem	Adele Trimble
David Corey	Richard Traxler	
Mary Martin	Kh. Cynthia Hogg	

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, and the natural disaster in Southern Africa.

PARISHIONERS DEPARTED IN THE MONTH OF APRIL

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