

**ST. NICHOLAS
ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH**

**SUNDAY OF
GREAT AND ALL-HOLY PASCHA**

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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.



CHRIST IS RISEN! TRULY 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!

HYMNS AND READINGS OF THE DAY

HYMNS

PASCHA APOLYTIKION (TONE 5)

Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death, and upon those in the tombs bestowing life!

HYPAKOE OF PASCHA (TONE 4)

When they who were with Mary came, anticipating the dawn, and found the stone rolled away from the sepulcher, they heard from the Angel: Why seek ye among the dead, as though He were mortal man, Him Who abideth in everlasting light? Behold the grave-clothes. Go quickly and proclaim to the world that the Lord is risen, and hath put death to death. For He is the Son of God, Who saveth the race of man.

KONTAKION OF PASCHA (TONE 8)

Though Thou didst descend into the grave, O Immortal One, yet didst Thou destroy the power of Hades, and didst arise as victor, O Christ God, calling to the myrrh-bearing women, Rejoice, and giving peace unto Thine Apostles, O Thou Who dost grant resurrection to the fallen.

EPISTLE

*This is the day which the Lord hath made;
let us rejoice and be glad therein!
O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good;
His mercy endureth forever.*

The Reading from the Acts of the Apostles. (1:1-8)

In the first book, O Theophilus, I have dealt with all that Jesus began to do and teach, until the day when He was taken up, after He had given commandment through the Holy Spirit to the Apostles whom He had chosen. To them He presented Himself alive after His passion by many proofs, appearing to them during forty days, and speaking of the kingdom of God. And while staying with them He charged them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, which, He said, "You heard from Me; for John baptized with water, but before many days you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit." So when they had come together, they asked Him, "Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?" He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or seasons which the Father has fixed by His own authority. But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria and to the end of the earth."

GOSPEL

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. John (1:1-17)

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God; all things were made through Him, and without Him was not anything made that was made. In Him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came for testimony, to bear witness to the light, that all might believe through him. He was not the light, but came to bear witness to the light. The true light that enlightens every man was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made through Him, yet the world knew Him not. He came to His own home, and His own people received Him not. But to all who received Him, who believed in His Name, He gave power to become children of God; who were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth; we have beheld His glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father. (John bore witness to Him, and cried, "This was He of Whom I said, 'He Who comes after me ranks before me, for He was before me.'") And from His fullness have we all received, grace upon grace. For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.

SYNAXARION *(LIVES OF THE SAINTS OF THE DAY)*

On this day, Great and Holy Pascha, we celebrate the life-giving Resurrection of our Lord and God and Savior Jesus Christ; for Christ alone did descend with condescension to fight hades; and He ascended bringing the abundant spoils of victory which He had snatched.

Mary Magdalene, and the other women prepared fragrant spices and myrrh, so that they might anoint the body of Jesus. At early dawn, almost thirty-six hours since the death of the Life-giving Redeemer, they came to the sepulchre with the spices to anoint His body. There was a fearful earthquake; and an Angel rolled away the stone and sat upon it. The guards that were there became as dead from fear and took to flight. The women, however, went into the sepulchre, but did not find the Lord's body. Instead, they saw two other Angels who told them that the Savior was risen, and they sent forth the women, who ran to proclaim to the disciples these gladsome tidings. Then Peter and John arrived, having learned from Mary Magdalene what had come to pass, and when they entered the tomb, they found only the winding sheets. Therefore, they returned again to the city with joy, as heralds now of the supernatural Resurrection of Christ, Who in truth was seen alive by the disciples on this day on five occasions.

As we celebrate today this joyous Resurrection, we greet and embrace one another in Christ, thereby demonstrating our Savior's victory over death and corruption, and the destruction of our ancient enmity with God, and His reconciliation toward us, and our inheritance of life everlasting. The feast itself is called Pascha, which is derived from the Hebrew word which means "passover"; because Christ, Who suffered and arose, has made us to pass over from the curse of Adam and slavery to the devil and death unto our primal freedom and blessedness. In addition, this day of this particular week, which is the first of all the rest, is dedicated to the honor of the Lord; in honor and remembrance of the Resurrection, the Apostles transferred to this day the rest from labor that was formerly assigned to the Sabbath of the ancient Law.

HOLY OBLATION IS OFFERED

In our belief and celebration of our Risen Lord Jesus Christ, for the Faith, Health, Protection and Love of our family: Rick, Suzi, Ricky, Julia, Lou, Eddie, Aubrey, Michael, Evelyn, Mallory, Oscar, Spencer, Kaitlin, Ryan Mike and Judy; and the Merpi Geha, Thomas, Pomponi, and Henry Families.

For the Health and Blessings of Allison Assaly on the occasion of her 30th birthday with love from her family. May the LIGHT of the Lord shine upon Allison and grant her good health and happiness.

For the Health and Blessings of Cameron and Meredith Close with love from their family. Christ is Risen! *“This is the day which the Lord hath made, let us rejoice and be glad in it.”*



SERVING MINISTRIES

	<u>Today</u>	<u>Next Week</u>
Epistle Readers:	Nick Ayoub	Janalyn Salhaney
Coffee Hour:	Paschal Breakfast	Rinvelt Family

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	Joe Corey
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