

**SUNDAY OF
THE MYRRH-BEARING WOMEN,
PIOUS JOSEPH OF ARIMATHAEA
& RIGHTEOUS NICODEMUS**

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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

***APOLYTIKION OF JOSEPH OF ARIMATHAEA** (TONE 2)*

The pious Joseph, having brought down Thy pure body from the Tree, wrapped it in fine linen, embalmed it with ointment, provided for it, and laid it in a new tomb. But Thou didst verily rise after three days, O Lord, granting the world Great Mercy.

***APOLYTIKION OF THE MYRRH-BEARING WOMEN** (TONE 2)*

Verily, the angel came to the tomb and said to the ointment-bearing women: the ointment is meet for the dead, but Christ is shown to be remote from corruption. But cry ye: The Lord is risen, granting the world the Great Mercy.

***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 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

The Lord is my strength and my song.

The Lord has chastened me severely.

The Reading from the Acts of the Sainly and Pure Apostles (6:1-7)

In those days, when the disciples were increasing in number, the Hellenists murmured against the Hebrews because their widows were neglected in the daily distribution. And the Twelve summoned the body of the disciples and said, "It is not right that we should give up preaching the word of God to serve tables. Therefore, brethren, pick out from among you seven men of good repute, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we may appoint to this duty. But we will devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word." And what they said pleased the whole multitude, and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, and Philip, and Prochorus, and Nicanor, and Timon, and Parmenas, and Nicolaos, a proselyte of Antioch. These they set before the apostles, and they prayed and laid their hands upon them. And the word of God increased; and the number of the disciples multiplied greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests were obedient to the faith.

GOSPEL

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Mark (15:43-16:8)

At that time, Joseph of Arimathaea, a respected member of the council, who was also himself looking for the Kingdom of God, took courage and went to Pilate, and asked for the body of Jesus. And Pilate wondered if He were already dead; and summoning the centurion, he asked him whether Jesus was already dead. And when he learned from the centurion that He was dead, he granted the body to Joseph. And he bought a linen shroud, and taking Him down, wrapped Him in the linen shroud, and laid Him in a tomb, which had been hewn out of the rock; and he rolled a stone against the door of the tomb. Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Joses saw where He was laid. And when the Sabbath was passed, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome, bought spices so that they might go and anoint Him. And very early on the first day of the week they went to the tomb when the sun had risen. And they were saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the door of the tomb?" And looking up, they saw that the stone was rolled back—it was very large. And entering the tomb, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, dressed in a white robe; and they were amazed. And he said to them, "Do not be amazed; you seek Jesus of Nazareth, Who was crucified. He has risen, He is not here; see the place where they laid Him. But go, tell His Disciples and Peter that He is going before you to Galilee; there you will see Him, as He told you." And they went out and fled from the tomb; for trembling and astonishment had come upon them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

CHRIST IS RISEN! TRULY HE IS RISEN!

Arabic:	Al Massih Qam! Haken Qam!
Greek:	Christos Anesti! Alithos Anesti!
Russian:	Khristos Voskresel! Voistinu Voskresel!
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 é risorto, é veramente risorto!

HOLY OBLATION IS OFFERED

For the health and blessings of George Hoodhood on his 90th birthday by his wife, children, grandchildren and great-grandson, J.J. God grant you many more years with your family in good health and with much happiness. We love you dearly husband, dad, grandpa, and great-grandpa. Happy Birthday!

For the health and blessings of John, Justin, and Jeff Amash on their birthdays by Attallah and Mimi Amash. May God grant them and their families many years!

For the health and blessing of Emma Rose, Annie Bashara, and Annette Saseen on their birthdays by Barbara Thomas. May God grant them many years!

For the health and blessings of Nathan Sirotko on his birthday by Dn. Ted and Phyllis Sirotko. May God grant him many years!

For the health and blessings of Leah Kaufman on her adoption date by Ryan and Carole Kaufman. May God grant her many years!

In memory of Charles Riley by Barbara Thomas. Memory Eternal!

For the health and blessings of Eva Saseen as she continues on her road to complete recovery by Barbara Thomas.

For the health and blessings of Mike & Angela Sirotko on their anniversary by Dn. Ted and Phyllis Sirotko. May God grant them many years!

For George and Ann Hoodhood as they celebrate their 68th wedding anniversary by their children, grandchildren, and great-grandson. May God grant you many more years of good health and much happiness with thanks to God for giving 68 wonderful years with both of you. You are great role models. Congratulations with love from your family.

For the health and blessing of Annie Bashara and Alex Kurian on their engagement by Barbara Thomas. May God guide them in this new stage of their lives.

For the health and blessings of Andrea Riley on Mother's day, the best mother in the world. With love, Emma Rose.

For the health and blessings of Melissa Adolphson on Mother's Day by her son, Sam. May God grant her many years!

For the health and blessings of Kara Amash on Mother's Day by her daughter, Evelyn. May God grant her many years!

For the health and blessings of Ivetta Kazarov on Mother's Day by her daughter, Arianna. May God grant her many years!

For the health and blessings of Amy Amash on Mother's Day by her son, Jackson. May God grant her many years!

For the health and blessings of Gretchen Zahn on Mother's Day by her daughter, Evelyn. May God grant her many years!

For the health and blessings of Dina Nached on Mother's Day by her daughter, Farida. May God grant her many years!

For the health and blessings on this Mothers' Day for Ann, Mary K, and Kim Hoodhood by their respective husbands; George, Jeff and Dan. Also by George Jr, Gary and grand-daughter Melissa Ann for giving us our darling Julian Jeffrey (J.J.).

REMEMBER IN YOUR DAILY PRAYERS

LIVING

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

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 MAY

5/01/1999	Robert Hickerty	5/18/2014	Louise Philippi
5/02/1945	Asa Marod	5/19/2016	Adele Abraham
5/02/1991	Victor Ziton	5/19/1984	Yesda Fraam
5/03/1963	Salema Salhaney	5/21/1959	Mike Joseph
5/05/1945	Lilian Sickrey	5/21/1947	Nicholas Courey
5/06/1964	Abraham Yared	5/23/1959	Charles Bendekgey
5/09/1979	Sadie Samra	5/23/1979	Elias Amash
5/12/1997	Fred Bendekgey	5/24/1989	Georgette Abraham
5/15/1986	Sarah Jabara	5/26/1975	Wadiah Laham
5/15/2000	Charlotte Cooley	5/26/1976	James Ayoub
5/16/1970	Jennie Ziton	5/27/1960	Bertha Corey
5/17/1950	Nathalie Collings	5/27/1982	Abraham Kaleefey
5/17/2001	David Hanna	5/31/1999	John Soukar
5/17/2003	Charles Riley		