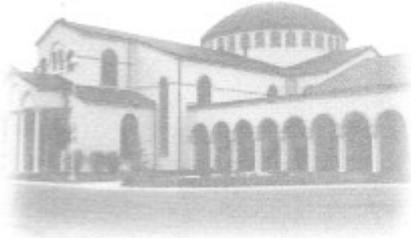


FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST:

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

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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 8)

From the heights Thou didst descend, O compassionate One, and Thou didst submit to the three-day burial, that Thou might deliver us from passion; Thou art our life and our Resurrection, O Lord, glory to Thee.

APOLYTIKION OF ALL SAINTS (TONE 4)

Thy Church, O Christ God, hath regaled herself in the blood of Thy Martyrs throughout the entire world, as in porphyry and purple. Through them she lifteth her voice crying: Turn with Thy compassion toward Thy people, and grant peace to Thy city, and to our souls the Great Mercy.

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.

KONTAKION OF ALL SAINTS (TONE 8)

As first-fruits of our nature to the Planter of created things, the world presenteth the God-bearing martyred Saints in offering unto Thee, O Lord. Through their earnest entreaties, keep Thy Church in deep peace and divine tranquility, through the pure Theotokos, O Thou Who art greatly merciful.

HOLY OBLATION IS OFFERED

For the Health and Blessings of Fr. Michael and Vicky on their 25th wedding anniversary. May joy and peace continuously reign in your marriage and may you continue to fall ever-more deeply in love! May God grant you many years!

In Memory of the nine-year anniversary of the falling asleep in the Lord of Gregory Graban. May his Memory be Eternal!



SERVING MINISTRIES

	<u>Today</u>	<u>Next Week</u>
Epistle Readers:	Ibtisam Matta	Evie Philippi
Coffee Hour:	Cake & coffee	Schupra Family

** 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.*

EPISTLE

*God is wonderful among His saints.
Bless God in the congregations.*

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Hebrews (11:33-12-2)

Brethren, all the saints through faith conquered kingdoms, enforced justice, received promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection. Some were tortured, refusing to accept release, so that they might rise again to a better life. Others suffered mocking and scourging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned, they were sawn in two, they were tempted, they were killed with the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, afflicted, ill-treated—of whom the world was not worthy—wandering over deserts and mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth. And all these, though well attested by their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had foreseen something better for us, that apart from us they should not be made perfect. Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfection of our faith.

GOSPEL

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew

(10:32-33, 37-38; 19: 27-30)

The Lord said to His disciples, “Everyone who acknowledges Me before men, I also will acknowledge before my Father Who is in heaven; but whoever denies Me before men, I also will deny before My Father Who is in heaven. He who loves father or mother more than Me is not worthy of Me; and he who loves son or daughter more than Me is not worthy of Me; and he who does not take his cross and follow Me is not worthy of Me.” Then Peter said in reply, “Lo, we have left everything and followed Thee. What then shall we have?” Jesus said to them, “Truly, I say to you, in the New World, when the Son of Man shall sit on His glorious throne, you who have followed Me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. And every one who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or wife or children or lands, for My Name’s sake, will receive a hundred fold, and inherit eternal life. But many that are first will be last, and the last first.”

SYNAXARION

On June 23 in the Holy Orthodox Church, we commemorate the Martyr Agrippina of Rome; and Hieromartyrs Aristocles the Presbyter, Demetrius the Deacon, and Athanasius the Reader, of Cyprus.

On this day, the Sunday after Pentecost, we celebrate the feast of All Saints who shone forth throughout all the world, North and South, East and West.

Verses

*Of all my Lord's friends, I laud and sing the praises;
And let any to come, with them all be numbered.*

David the Prophet and king, who revered the beloved of God, and respected them because of his great piety, said in the Psalms, "How precious are Thy beloved unto me, O God" (138:17). And the Apostle Paul, in his Epistle to the Hebrews, recounted the lives of the saints, when he wrote, "Wherefore, seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin that so easily besets us; and let us run with patience the race that is set before us" (12:1). Therefore, as Orthodox Christians, we honor the beloved saints of God, respecting them as keepers of God's commandments, shining examples of virtue and benefactors of humanity. We commemorate all of the holy ones every year on this day, as the list of saints ever increases, even though some of their names escape us. Nevertheless, we honor them for their piety and strive to imitate their good works.

By the intercessions of Thine immaculate Mother, O Christ God, and of all Thy Saints from the beginning of time, have mercy and save us, since Thou alone art good and the Lover of mankind. Amen.

REMEMBER IN YOUR DAILY PRAYERS

LIVING

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

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 JUNE

6/01/1980	Mary Maloley
6/05/1976	Margaret Khouri
6/05/2013	Marie Catrib
6/07/1951	Archimandrite Peter Horton
6/08/1989	Theodore Assaley
6/10/1982	Charles Hiemstra
6/13/1969	Eli Ade
6/17/1999	Lauretta Yared
6/18/1965	Anna Simon
6/18/1968	Mack Nassif
6/16/1977	Matlilda Zain
6/22/2010	Gregory Graban
6/24/1962	John David
6/25/1991	Eddie Abraham
6/25/2001	Elizabeth Hanna
6/26/1966	Elias Bendekgey
6/26/1974	Sadie Nagel