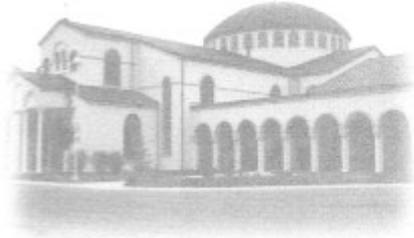


**THE SYNAXIS  
("GATHERING")  
OF THE TWELVE APOSTLES**

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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 THE SYNAXIS (TONE 3)*

O Holy Apostles, intercede with our merciful God, to grant our souls forgiveness of sins.

### *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.

### *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

*Their sound hath gone forth into all the earth.  
The heavens show forth the glory of God.*

### **The Reading from the First Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians** (4:9-16)

Brethren, I think that God has exhibited us Apostles as last of all, like men sentenced to death; because we have become a spectacle to the world, to angels and to men. We are fools for Christ's sake, but you are wise in Christ. We are weak, but you are strong. You are held in honor, but we in disrepute. To the present hour we hunger and thirst, we are ill-clad and buffeted and homeless, and we labor, working with our own hands. When reviled, we bless; when persecuted, we endure; when slandered, we try to conciliate; we have become, and are now, as the refuse of the world, the scourge of all things. I do not write this to make you ashamed, but to admonish you as my beloved children. Though you have countless guides in Christ, you do not have many fathers. I became your father in Christ Jesus through the Gospel. I urge you, then, be imitators of me.

## GOSPEL

### **The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew**

(9:36-10:8)

At that time, when Jesus saw the crowds, He had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then He said to His Disciples, “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; pray therefore the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.” And He called to Him His twelve Disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal every disease and every infirmity. The names of the twelve Apostles are these: first, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother; James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; Simon the Cananaean, and Judas Iscariot, who betrayed Him. These twelve Jesus sent out, charging them, “Go nowhere among the Gentiles, and enter no town of the Samaritans, but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. And preach as you go, saying, ‘The kingdom of heaven is at hand.’ Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse lepers, cast out demons. You received without paying, give without pay.”

## SYNAXARION

On June 30 in the Holy Orthodox Church, we celebrate the Synaxis of the holy, glorious, and all-lauded Twelve Apostles.

### *Verses*

The friends of Christ and twelve God-seers do I honor,  
Whom I dare call heroes and gods, and do rightly.  
The thirtieth gathereth the Twelve glorious Initiates.

Even though each one of the Twelve has his own special day of celebration throughout the year, the Church has set aside this day as a festal assembly of all the apostles together and with them, Paul. These are the names and the separate celebration days of the Holy Apostles; and how each one of these most holy and beneficial men in world history ended their earthly life: Peter (June 29, January 16) was crucified upside down. Andrew (November 30) was crucified. James, the son of Zebedee (April 30) was beheaded. John the Theologian (September 26) died in a miraculous, peaceful manner, the only one of “The Twelve” to do so. Philip (November 14) was crucified. Bartholomew (June 11, August 25) was crucified, scraped and beheaded. Thomas (October 6) was pierced with five spears. Matthew the Evangelist (November 16) was burned alive. James, the son of Alphaeus (October 9) was crucified. Thaddeus [Jude] (June 19), the Brother of James was crucified. Simon the Zealot (May 10) was crucified. Matthias (August 9) was stoned and then was beheaded after death. Paul (June 29) was beheaded.

On this day, we also commemorate the Martyr Peter of Sinope; and New-martyr Michael the Gardener of Athens. By their intercessions, O Christ God, have mercy upon us. Amen.

## HOLY OBLATION IS OFFERED

For the Health and Blessings of Peter Assaly and Meredith Close on their birthdays with love from their family. May the Light of the Lord shine upon them with blessings.



## SERVING MINISTRIES

	<u>Today</u>	<u>Next Week</u>
<b>Epistle Readers:</b>	Evie Philippi	Dan Hoodhood
<b>Coffee Hour:</b>	Schupra Family	Host Needed

*\* 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	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 tragedy, violence, and poverty in the Middle East and throughout the world.

### **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