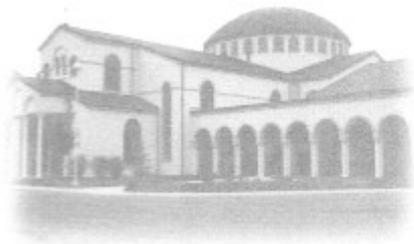


**SUNDAY AFTER  
THE THEOPHANY OF CHRIST**

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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 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 THE THEOPHANY OF CHRIST*** (TONE 1)

When Thou, O Lord, wast baptized in the Jordan, worship of the Trinity wast made manifest; for the voice of the Father bore witness to Thee, calling Thee His beloved Son. And the Spirit in the likeness of a dove confirmed the truth of His word. O Christ our God, Who hast appeared and enlightened the world, glory to Thee.

### ***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 THE THEOPHANY OF CHRIST*** (TONE 4)

On this day Thou hast appeared unto the whole world, and Thy light, O Sovereign Lord, is signed on us who sing Thy praise and chant with knowledge: Thou hast now come, Thou hast appeared, O Thou Light unapproachable.

## EPISTLE

*Let Thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us.  
Rejoice in the Lord, O ye righteous.*

### **The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Ephesians 4:7-13**

Brethren, grace was given to each of us according to the measure of Christ's gift. Therefore, it is said, "When He ascended on high He led a host of captives, and He gave gifts to men." (In saying, "He ascended," what does it mean but that He had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? He who descended is He who also ascended far above all the heavens, that He might fill all things.) And His gifts were that some should be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ.

## GOSPEL

### **The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew 4:12-17**

At that time, when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew into Galilee; and leaving Nazareth he went and dwelt in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulon and Naphtali, so that what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: “The land of Zebulon and the land of Naphtali, toward the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles—the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned.” From that time Jesus began to preach, saying, “Repent, for the kingdom of Heaven is at hand.”

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## SYNAXARION

On January 12, we continue to celebrate the Theophany (Epiphany) of our Lord Jesus Christ, and we commemorate the holy Martyr Tatiana of Rome, the Deaconess, and those with her.

### **Verses**

*For Tatiana, who was in all things resplendent,  
The bright sword gave her head a resplendent laurel.  
On the twelfth, they trimmed Tatiana's neck.*

Tatiana lived during the reign of Emperor Alexander Severus, whose chief assistants persecuted Christians without the emperor's orders. When they brought out the virgin Tatiana for torture, she prayed to God for her torturers. And behold, their eyes were opened and they saw four angels around the martyr. Seeing this, eight of them believed in Christ for which they also were tortured and slain. The tormentors continued to disfigure Tatiana, but God sent His angels to the dungeon to encourage her and to heal her wounds. Each morning, Tatiana appeared before the torturers completely healed. Finally, Tatiana and her father were both beheaded in about the year 225. Thus, this heroic woman and those with her were crowned with immortal wreaths of glory.

On this day, we also commemorate the Martyr Peter Absalom of Palestine; Virgin-martyr Euthasia; and Martyr Mertios of Mauretania. By their intercessions, O Christ God, have mercy upon us. Amen.

## **TRISAGION PRAYERS OF MERCY**

In memory of the 40-day falling asleep in the Lord of the handmaiden of God LaVerne Audy offered by Elaine Audy and Linda Audy. Memory her memory be Eternal!

### **HOLY OBLATION IS OFFERED**

For the Health and Blessings of granddaughter, Bernadette Jo Abraham on the occasion of her 1st Birthday and Baptism as well as for her parents, Nicholas and Laurel Abraham, and godparents, Matthew Abraham, Kate Fiocchi, and Linda Zimmermann by JoAnn Abraham. May God grant this beautiful child His grace and many years!

For the Health and Blessings of Anthony Abraham on his name day of St. Anthony (January 17) by JoAnn Abraham. May God grant him many years!

For the Health and Blessings of Jenny Khorey on her birthday by Jackson Amash. May God grant her many years!

For the Health and Blessings of Ryan Kaufman on his birthday by Carole, Sarah, Leah, Rebekah. May God grant him many years!

For the Health and Blessings of Rebekah Kaufman on her 18th birthday by her parents. May God grant her many years!

For the Health and Blessings of Christina Soukar and John Soukar by George and Sophia Soukar. May God grant them many years!

In memory of the falling asleep in the Lord of Esther Marie Bourziel by Fr. Theodore and Phyllis Sirotko. May her memory be Eternal!

In memory of the four-year falling asleep in the Lord of Kirk Dehaan by the Storey family. May his memory be Eternal!

### **SERVING MINISTRIES**

	<b><u>Today</u></b>	<b><u>Next Week</u></b>
<b>Epistle Readers:</b>	Ibtisam Matta	Gresham Olson
<b>Coffee Hour:</b>	Women of St. Nicholas Bishop ANTHONY fundraiser.	Kaufman family

## REMEMBER IN YOUR DAILY PRAYERS

### LIVING

Fr. John Dixon	David Corey	Joe Corey
Vera Mijatovic	Eva Rose Saseen	Sam Homsey
Audrey Nicoloff	Dennis Hattem	Jean Laramy
Ralph Thomas	Barbara Sielaff	Matthew Charon

*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 JANUARY

1/01/1970	David Corey	1/17/2005	Lena Audy
1/01/1974	Mahrouse Joseph	1/18/1961	Latife Hattem
1/03/2008	Marian Hickerty	1/18/1986	Minerva Naifeh
1/07/1979	Theodore Gounos	1/19/1957	George Salhaney
1/07/2003	Patricia Cook	1/20/1958	Rev. Jerome Yared
1/08/2008	Bea Hiemstra	1/22/2004	Gazelle Courey
1/13/2002	S. Nicholas Ayoub	1/23/2001	William Najjar
1/14/2007	Alexandra Sulizki	1/24/2017	Camille Swan
1/14/2013	Nick Bander	1/27/1996	Abe Audy
1/16/1962	Edward Yared	1/28/1980	America Yared
1/16/1993	Nazema Khouri	1/29/1961	George Ember
1/17/1944	Essa Salhaney	1/29/2014	Abe Abraham
1/17/1985	Lambert Orange		