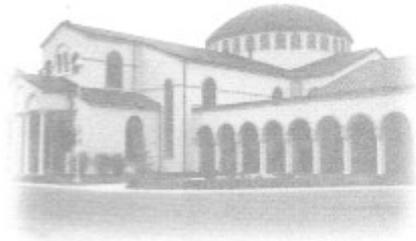


**TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST
& TWELFTH SUNDAY OF LUKE**

JANUARY 19, 2020



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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 6)

When Mary stood at Thy grave, looking for Thy sacred body, angelic powers shone above Thy revered tomb; and the soldiers who were to keep guard became as dead men. Thou led Hades captive and wast not tempted thereby. Thou didst meet the Virgin and didst give life to the world, O Thou, Who art risen from the dead, O Lord, glory to Thee.

APOLYTIKION OF ST. MAKARIOS OF EGYPT (TONE 1)

Thou didst prove to be a citizen of the desert, an angel in the flesh, and a wonderworker, O Makarios, our God-bearing Father. By fasting, vigil, and prayer thou didst obtain heavenly gifts, and thou healest the sick and the souls of them that have recourse to thee with faith. Glory to Him that hath given thee strength. Glory to Him that hath crowned thee. Glory to Him that worketh healings for all through 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 PRESENTATION OF CHRIST (TONE 1)

Thou, O Christ God, Who by Thy Birth, didst sanctify the Virgin's womb, and, as is meet, didst bless Simeon's arms, and didst also come to save us; preserve Thy fold in wars, and confirm them whom Thou didst love, for Thou alone art the Lover of mankind.

EPISTLE

*How magnified are Thy works,
O Lord; in wisdom hast Thou made them all.
Bless the Lord, O my soul.*

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Colossians 3:4-11

Brethren, when Christ, Who is our life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory. Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. On account of these, the wrath of God is coming upon the sons of disobedience. In these you once walked, when you lived in them. But now put them all away: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and foul talk from your mouth. Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old nature with its practices and have put on the new nature, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its Creator. Here there cannot be Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free man, but Christ is all, and in all.

GOSPEL

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke 17:12-19

At that time, as Jesus entered a village, He was met by ten lepers, who stood at a distance and lifted up their voices and said, “Jesus, Master, have mercy on us.” When He saw them He said to them, “Go and show yourselves to the priests.” And as they went they were cleansed. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice; and he fell on his face at Jesus’ feet, giving Him thanks. Now he was a Samaritan. Then Jesus said, “Were not ten cleansed? Where are the nine? Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?” And He said to him, “Rise and go your way; your faith has made you well.”

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faith has made you well.”*

SYNAXARION

On January 19 in the Holy Orthodox Church we commemorate our righteous Father Makarios the Great of Egypt, the Anchorite; and our righteous Father Makarios of Alexandria.

Verses

*The pair of divine Makarii now dying,
they partake of a life exceedingly blessed.*

On the nineteenth, the Makarii obtained the land of the blessed.

Both men were the contemporaries of Anthony the Great. Makarios the Great withdrew into the wilderness where he spent 60 years in labor and struggle, both internally and externally for the Kingdom of Heaven. So much did he succeed in cleansing his mind and heart of evil that God bestowed upon him the abundant gift of miracle-working; he even raised the dead. Makarios often told his disciple Paphnutius: "Do not judge anyone and you will be saved." Nine days before his death, St. Anthony, St. Pachomius and a cherub revealed to him that he would enter the Kingdom of Heaven. Makarios lived to be 97 years old and died in the year 390. The younger Makarios also entered the monastic life to fight demonic temptations. Once, a brother saw him fill a basket with sand, carry it uphill and empty it. Astonished, the brother asked him, "What are you doing?" Makarios answered, "I am tormenting my tormentor," that is, the devil. He died in the year 393, well past the age of 100.

On this day, we also commemorate the Venerable Arsenios, bishop of Kerkyra; and Venerable Mark Eugenikos, metropolitan of Ephesus, pillar of Orthodoxy. By their intercessions, O Christ God, have mercy upon us. Amen.

HOLY OBLATION IS OFFERED

For the Health and Blessings of Dorothy Salhaney on her 95th birthday by her children Judy & Jon, Bonnie, Nancy & Dick, Sandy & John, Susi, and her grandchildren and great grandchildren. May God grant her His grace and many years!

For the Health and Blessings of Phyllis Sirotko on her birthday by Fr. Theodore Sirotko. May God grant her many years!

For the Health and Blessings of Christian Upson on his birthday by Fr. Theodore & Phyllis Sirotko. May God grant him many years!

For the Health and Blessings of Nancy O'Meara on the occasion of her birthday on January 20 by her loving husband, Mark Sielaff. May God grant her many more years!

For the Health and Blessings of Laura Helder on the occasion of her birthday on January 20 by her father, Mark Sielaff and Nancy O'Meara. May God grant her many more years!

In loving memory of the falling asleep in the Lord of our mother, Lena Audy, and our father, Abe Audy by Pat & Marve Halbert and family. May their memory be Eternal!

SERVING MINISTRIES

	<u>Today</u>	<u>Next Week</u>
Epistle Readers:	Ibtisam Matta	Janalyn Salhaney
Coffee Hour:	Kaufman family	General Assembly Lunch provided

HAPPENING TODAY

Parish Council meeting @ 12:30 PM

Church School Christmas Party
Sky Zone Trampoline Park (3636 29 St. SE Kentwood)
1-3:15 PM

REMEMBER IN YOUR DAILY PRAYERS

LIVING

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

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		