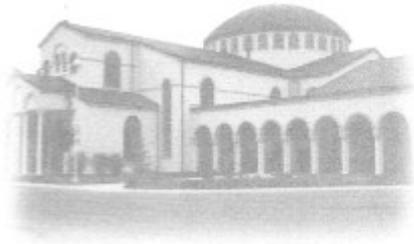


**THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY OF PENTECOST  
& FIFTEENTH SUNDAY OF LUKE  
("ZACCHAEUS")**

**JANUARY 26, 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 7)*

Thou didst shatter death by Thy Cross, Thou didst open paradise to the thief; Thou didst turn the sadness of the ointment-bearing women into joy. And didst bid Thine Apostles proclaim a warning, that Thou hast risen O Christ, granting to 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 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

*The Lord will give strength to His people.  
Ascribe to the Lord, O sons of God;  
ascribe to the Lord honor and glory.*

### **The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to St. Timothy 4:9-15**

Timothy, my son, the saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance. For to this end we toil and strive, because we have our hope set on the living God, Who is the Savior of all men, especially of those who believe. Command and teach these things. Let no one despise your youth, but set the believers an example in speech and conduct, in love, in faith, in purity. Until I come, attend to the public reading of scripture, to preaching, to teaching. Do not neglect the gift you have, which was given you by prophetic utterance when the council of elders laid their hands upon you. Practice these duties; devote yourself to them, so that all may see your progress.

*“For to this end we toil and strive,  
because we have our hope set on  
the living God...”*

## GOSPEL

### **The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke 4:9-15**

At that time, Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through. And there was a man named Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector, and rich. And he sought to see Who Jesus was, but could not, on account of the crowd, because he was small of stature. So he ran on ahead and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see Jesus, for He was to pass that way. And when Jesus came to the place, He looked up and said to him, “Zacchaeus, make haste and come down; for I must stay at your house today.” So he made haste and came down, and received Him joyfully. And when they saw it they all murmured, “He has gone in to be the guest of a man who is a sinner.” And Zacchaeus stood and said to the Lord, “Behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor; and if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I restore it fourfold.” And Jesus said to him, “Today salvation has come to this house, since he also is a son of Abraham; for the Son of man came to seek and to save the lost.”

*“Today salvation has come to this house”*

## SYNAXARION

On January 26 in the Holy Orthodox Church we commemorate our righteous Father Xenophon of Constantinople, along with his wife, Mary, and their two sons, Arkadios and John.

### **Verses**

*I offer up a dainty banquet of discourse  
to Xenophon and his family, though from earth departed.  
On the twenty-sixth died Xenophon with children and wife.*

Prominent and wealthy citizens of the fifth century, Xenophon and Mary lived a God-pleasing life and dedicated all their attention to the Christian upbringing of their sons. When their sons reached adulthood, they were sent to study in Beirut; but it so happened that a storm capsized their boat. John and Arkadios were tossed ashore by the waves but in two different places so that each thought the other was drowned. Out of grief for each other, they both became monks in two different monasteries. After two years, their grieving parents came to Jerusalem on a pilgrimage to pay homage before the holy shrines. There, with the help of a spiritual father, first the brothers met and, after that, the parents with their sons. Out of gratitude to God, Xenophon and Mary distributed their entire estate to the poor and both of them were tonsured. Thus the Lord wonderfully guides the destiny of those who believe in Him. He permits pain and sorrow upon them that they may, later on, be strengthened in faith, in order to lead them into still greater joy.

On this day, we also commemorate the translation of the relics of Venerable Theodore the Studite. By their intercessions of Thy Saints, O Christ God, have mercy upon us. Amen.

## **HOLY OBLATION IS OFFERED**

For the Health and Blessings of Isabella Margaret on the blessed occasion of her entrance into the Orthodox Church with love by Ben and Ashley Coleman. *"Every good and perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of heavenly lights." James 1:17*

For the Health and Blessings of Pat Halbert on her birthday. May God Bless you with Good Health and much happiness. With love always, Marve.

For the Health and Blessings of Patrick Coleman on his birthday, with love by his family. May the gift of God's loving grace be with him always.

9-day Trisagion Prayers of Mercy were offered for the falling asleep in the Lord of Dennis Hattem last night following Great Vespers by the Hattem family. May Dennis's memory be Eternal!

In memory of the Servant of God, Abe Abraham, by Alan, Cheryl, Carol, Kaye and their families. "Well Done, Thou Good And Faithful Servant."

In memory of the falling asleep in the Lord of Leo, Mary and Karen Henry; George Karolle, and Mary Stankovich by Judy and Mike Karolle and Beth Melton. May their memory be Eternal!

## **SERVING MINISTRIES**

	<b><u>Today</u></b>	<b><u>Next Week</u></b>
<b>Epistle Readers:</b>	Janalyn Salhaney	Nick Nicola
<b>Coffee Hour:</b>	General Assembly Lunch provided	David & Anita Cowles

## **HAPPENING TODAY**

Annual General Assembly  
Immediately following Divine Liturgy  
Lunch and child care provided

# **REMEMBER IN YOUR DAILY PRAYERS**

## **LIVING**

Fr. John Dixon	David Corey	Sam Homsey
Vera Mijatovic	Eva Rose Saseen	Jean Laramy
Audrey Nicoloff	Barbara Sielaff	Laura Lee
Ralph Thomas	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 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		