

# REPOSE OF ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST AND THEOLOGIAN

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## ST. NICHOLAS ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

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Rev. Deacon Clement Nicoloff  
Subdeacon Nicholas Rock



## 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 Church is a worshipping community, living and sharing the Faith Christ gave to the Apostles.

Our parish exists to seek and share Christ's love so that ALL will find eternal life in Him.

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 ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST*** (TONE 2)

O Apostle John, beloved of Christ our God, hasten to deliver a defenseless people. He that allowed thee to recline on His breast receiveth thee bowing in intercession. Implore Him, O Theologian, to dispel the persistent cloud of the heathen, and ask for us His peace and 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.

### ***ORDINARY KONTAKION*** (TONE 2)

O undisputed intercessor of Christians. The mediatrix who is unrejected by the Creator. Turn not away from the voice of our petitions, although we are sinners. Come to us with aid in time, who cry unto thee in faith. For thou art good. Hasten to us with intercessions, O Theotokos. Who dost ever intercede for those who honor Thee.

## EPISTLE READER

Today: Dan Hoodhood  
Next week: Janalyn Salhaney



## EPISTLE



*His voice has gone out into all the earth.  
The heavens declare the glory of God.*

### **The Reading from the First Epistle of St. John 4:12-19**

Brethren, no one has ever seen God. If we love one another, God abides in us, and His love is perfected in us. By this we know that we abide in Him, and He in us, because He has given us of His Spirit. And we have seen, and do testify that the Father has sent the Son to be the Savior of the world. Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God. And we have known and believed the love which God has for us. God is love; and he who abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him. In this is love perfected with us, that we may have boldness in the Day of Judgment; because as He is, even so are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear, because fear has torment; but he who fears is not perfected in love. We love God, because He first loved us.



## GOSPEL



### **The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. John 19:25-27; 21:24-25**

At that time, standing by the Cross of Jesus were His mother, and His mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw His mother, and the disciple whom He loved standing near, He said to his mother, "Woman, behold, your Son!" Then He said to the disciple, "Behold, your mother!" And from that hour the disciple took her to his own. This is the disciple who is bearing witness to these things, and who has written these things; and we know that his testimony is true. But there are also many other things, which Jesus did; were every one of them to be written, I suppose that the world itself could not contain the books that would be written. Amen.

## SYNAXARION

On September 26 in the Holy Orthodox Church, we commemorate the Translation of the holy and glorious Apostle and Evangelist, Bosom-friend, Virgin and Beloved John the Theologian.

### Verses

Thou standest before the beloved Word of the Father,  
Thou who art beloved above all the disciples.  
On the twenty-sixth the Son of Thunder passed unto God.

John was the son of Zebedee the fisherman and Salome the daughter of Joseph, the betrothed of the Holy Theotokos. Called by the Lord Jesus, John immediately left his father and his fishermen's nets and, with his brother James, followed Christ. From then on, he was not separated from his Lord until the end. With Peter and James, he was present at the raising of Jairus' daughter and the Transfiguration of the Lord. At the Last Supper, he inclined his head on Jesus' breast. When all the other apostles had abandoned the crucified Lord, John and the Holy Mother of God remained beneath the Cross. In obedience to the Lord, he was as a son to the Holy Virgin Mary, and carefully served and watched over her until her Dormition. John then lived and labored mostly in Ephesus. By his inspired preaching and miracles, he converted many to Christianity and shook paganism to its foundation. The embittered pagans bound him and sent him to Rome, to face Emperor Dometian, who had him tortured and flogged, which did him no harm. This terrified the emperor and, thinking him immortal, Dometian sent him into exile to the island of Patmos. There John converted many to Christianity by words and miracles, and confirmed well the Church of God. He also wrote his Gospel and Revelation on Patmos. He was over one hundred years old when he went to the Lord, and we celebrate the anniversary of his repose today.

Through his intercessions, O Christ God, have mercy upon us.  
Amen.

## HOLY OBLATIONS

In memory of Jalileh Karadsheh on the three-year anniversary of the falling asleep in Lord, offered by Hatem Karadsheh and family, and all her sons, daughters, and grandchildren and all their families. May her memory be Eternal!

In memory of the members of St. Nicholas who departed in the upcoming month of October. May their memory be Eternal!

## REMEMBER IN YOUR DAILY PRAYERS

*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.*

### LIVING

Metropolitan Paul

Archbishop John

And all the victims of tragedy, violence, and poverty  
throughout our Nation, and in Lebanon,  
England, India, Turkey and throughout the world.

Attallah Amash

Marge Simon

Audrey Nicoloff

Dan Abraham

Ralph Thomas

Mary Ann Maloley

David Corey

Glenn Zimmermann

Joe Corey

Michael Ellis

Hatem Karadsheh

Shirley Salhaney



### DEPARTED

#### NEWLY DEPARTED

Kh. Helen Ashie

And all the newly departed victims of tragedy, violence, and poverty  
throughout our Nation, and in Lebanon,  
Russia, Mexico, Brazil and throughout the world.

Jalileh Karadsheh

Nonna Tsaturova

Adam Kitolski

Fedwa Khaleefey

Margaret Abraham

Suzi Maloley Franklin

Mary Wawee

Rosemary Sears

Oscar Sears

Alice Bendekgey

Virginia Bander

Rose Joseph

Mary David

Salem Bashara

Lilly Sickrey

Eugenia Dudkin

Dolores Bander

Nazera Sayfee

James Maloley

James McAllister

Leo Derwich