

**NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
& FIFTH SUNDAY OF LUKE**

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**ST. NICHOLAS
ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH**

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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 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 2)

When Thou didst submit Thyself unto death, O Thou deathless and immortal One, then Thou didst destroy hell with Thy Godly power. And when Thou didst raise the dead from beneath the earth, all the powers of Heaven did cry aloud unto Thee: O Christ, Thou giver of life, 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.

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: Jackson Amash
Next week: Ibtisam Matta

EPISTLE

*The Lord is my strength and my song.
The Lord has chastened me severely.*

The Reading from the Second Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians 11:31-12:9

Brethren, the God and Father of the Lord Jesus Christ, the One who is blessed for evermore, knows that I do not lie. In Damascus, the governor under Arétas the king guarded the city of the Damascenes, willing to seize me, and through a window I was let down in a basket by the wall, and escaped his hands. I must boast, though it is not expedient; but I will come to visions and revelations of the Lord. I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago—whether in the body, I do not know, or whether out of the body, I do not know; God knows—who was caught up to the third heaven. And I know that this man—whether in the body or out of the body, I do not know; God knows—was caught up into Paradise, and heard unspeakable words, which no person is allowed to utter. On behalf of this one I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my infirmities. For if I would desire to boast, I shall not be foolish, for I shall speak the truth. But I refrain from it, lest anyone should think of me above that which he sees me to be, or hears from me. And to keep me from being exalted above measure through the abundance of revelations, I was given a thorn in the flesh, an angel of Satan to buffet me, to keep me from being exalted above measure. For this thing I beseeched the Lord three times, that it might depart from me. And He said to me, “My grace is sufficient for thee, for My strength is made perfect in weakness.” Most gladly therefore will I rather boast in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

GOSPEL

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke 16:19-31

The Lord said, “There was a rich man, who was clothed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, full of sores, who desired to be fed with what fell from the rich man’s table; moreover the dogs came and licked his sores. The poor man died and was carried by the angels to Abraham’s bosom. The rich man also died and was buried; and in Hades, being in torment, he lifted up his eyes, and saw Abraham far off and Lazarus in his bosom. And he called out, ‘Father Abraham, have mercy upon me, and send Lazarus to dip the end of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in anguish in this flame.’ But Abraham said, ‘Son, remember that you in your lifetime received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in anguish. And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been fixed, in order that those who would pass from here to you may not be able, and none may cross from there to us.’ And he said, ‘Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father’s house, for I have five brothers, so that he may warn them, lest they also come into this place of torment.’ But Abraham said, ‘They have Moses and the prophets; let them hear them.’ And he said, ‘No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.’ He said to him, ‘If they do not hear Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced if someone should rise from the dead.’”

SYNAXARION

On October 31 in the Holy Orthodox Church we commemorate the holy Apostles Stachios, Apellos, Amplias, Urban, Aristoboulos and Narcissos of the Seventy.

Verses

The Apostles, having caught souls in their discourse,
Cometh to God with the catch and craveth the wages.
On the thirty-first, six Apostles found their end.

Stachios was a helper of Andrew the First-Called, who made him bishop of Byzantium. He built a church in Argyropolis, and governed his flock with faithfulness and zeal. After sixteen years as bishop, he entered peacefully into rest in the Lord. Amplias and Urban were also fellow-workers with St. Andrew, and were made bishops by him: Amplias in Lydda and Urban in Macedonia. They both died as martyrs for Christ the Lord. Narcissos was made Bishop of Athens by the Apostle Philip, and holy Apellos was Bishop of Heraklion in Trachis. Aristobulus, the brother of the Apostle Barnabas, preached the Christian faith in Britain and died peacefully there.

On this day, we also commemorate the Martyr Epimachos of Alexandria; and New-martyr Nicholas of Chios. By the intercessions of Thy Saints, O Christ God, have mercy upon us. Amen.

HOLY OBLATIONS

For the Health and Blessings of Ann Hoodhood on the occasion of her 90th birthday, offered by her family. We love you! May God grant you many years!

For the Health and Blessings on the newly entered child of God, Lorelai Leah DeLonge, offered by Sam & Wendie Bander, and Tom Bander & Amy Oberlin. May God's favor shine upon her and bless her and her parents, Jennifer and Cody, with love, peace, and joy.

For the Health and Blessings of Rebekah Kaufman in honor of her adoption day, offered by her family, Ryan, Carole, Leah, Sarah Kaufman. May God grant you many years!

In loving memory of the Handmaiden of God, Dolores Bander on the two-year anniversary of her falling asleep in the Lord by Sam and Wendie Bander, Jackie and Paul Solberg, and their children and grandchild. May her memory be Eternal!

In memory of the members of St. Nicholas who departed in the upcoming month of November. 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

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

Anne Hoodhood	Ralph Thomas	Mary Ann Maloley
Lorelai DeLonge	David Corey	Michael Ellis
Jennifer DeLonge	Joe Corey	Shirley Salhaney
Cody DeLonge	Hatem Karadsheh	Linda Traxler
Rebekah Kaufman	Marge Simon	Capri Coleman
Attallah Amash	Dan Abraham	Nathaniel
Audrey Nicoloff		



DEPARTED

NEWLY DEPARTED

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

Delores Bander	Harold Whalen	Michael Jazzar
Sophia Salhaney	Fred Salhaney	Jeanette Eassa
William Audy	Michael Oleszczuk	Adam Kitolski
Joseph Maloley	Isabell Leachman	LaVerne Audy
Ted Gantos	Millard Laramy	Helen McAllister
George Skaff	George Derwich	Ann Hendrix
Marie Bell	Charles Moses	