

**TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
& SEVENTH SUNDAY OF LUKE**

**VENERABLE LAZARUS
THE WONDERWORKER OF MAGNESIA**

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**ST. NICHOLAS
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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 3)

Let the heavens rejoice and the earth be glad, for the Lord hath done a mighty act with His own arm. He hath trampled down death by death, and become the first-born from the dead. He hath delivered us from the depths of Hades, granting the world the Great Mercy.

APOLYTIKION OF ST. LAZARUS OF MAGNESIA (TONE 8)

In thy vigilant prayers, thou didst drench thy pillar with streams of tears; by thy sightings from the depths, thou didst bear fruit a hundredfold in labours; and thou becamest a shepherd, granting forgiveness to them that came to thee, O our righteous Father Lazarus. Intercede with Christ God that our souls be saved.

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: Ibtisam Matta
Next week: Rebekah Kaufman

EPISTLE

*O chant unto our God, chant ye.
Clap your hands, all ye nations.*

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Galatians 1:11-19

Brethren, I would have you know that the Gospel which was preached by me is not man's gospel. For I did not receive it from man, nor was I taught it, but it came through a revelation of Jesus Christ. For you have heard of my former life in Judaism, how I persecuted the Church of God violently and tried to destroy it; and I advanced in Judaism beyond many of my own age among my people; so extremely zealous was I for the traditions of my fathers. But when He Who had set me apart before I was born, and had called me through His grace, was pleased to reveal His Son to me, in order that I might preach Him among the Gentiles, I did not confer with flesh and blood, nor did I go up to Jerusalem to those who were Apostles before me, but I went away into Arabia; and again I returned to Damascus. Then after three years I went up to Jerusalem to visit Cephias, and remained with him fifteen days. But I saw none of the other Apostles except James the Lord's brother.

GOSPEL

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke 8:41-56

At that time, there came to Jesus a man named Jairus, who was a ruler of the synagogue; and falling at Jesus' feet he besought Him to come to his house, for he had an only daughter, about twelve years of age, and she was dying. As Jesus went, the people pressed round Him. And a woman, who had had a flow of blood for twelve years, and had spent all her living upon physicians, and could not be healed by anyone, came up behind Him, and touched the fringe of His garment; and immediately her flow of blood ceased. And Jesus said, "Who was it that touched Me?" When all denied it, Peter said, "Master, the multitudes surround Thee and press upon Thee! And Thou sayest, 'Who touched Me?'" But Jesus said, "Someone touched Me; for I perceive that power has gone forth from Me." And when the woman saw that she was not hidden, she came trembling, and falling down before Him declared in the presence of all the people why she had touched Him, and how she had been immediately healed. And Jesus said to her, "Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace." While Jesus was still speaking, a man from the ruler's house came and said, "Your daughter is dead; do not trouble the Teacher any more." But Jesus on hearing this answered him, "Do not fear; only believe, and she shall be well." And when Jesus came to the house, He permitted no one to enter with Him, except Peter and James and John, and the father and mother of the child. And all were weeping and bewailing her; but Jesus said, "Do not weep; for she is not dead but sleeping." And they laughed at him, knowing that she was dead. But taking her by the hand Jesus called, saying, "Child, arise." And her spirit returned, and she got up at once; and Jesus directed that something should be given her to eat. And her parents were amazed; but He charged them to tell no one what had happened.

SYNAXARION

On November 7 in the Holy Orthodox Church, we commemorate the Venerable Lazarus the wonderworker of Magnesia, who struggled in asceticism on Mount Galesion.

Verses

Prepare thou thy bosom, O Father Abraham,
For a Lazarus not inferior to thine.

Lazarus was tonsured a monk, and then ordained priest, at the Monastery of Mar Sabbas in Palestine. He eventually returned to his homeland, and beginning in 1012, he built the monasteries on Mount Galesion. Lazarus raised up a pillar on which he lived as a stylite for many years, enduring unspeakable hardships for the love of Christ. He reposed in the Lord at age 86 in 1053.

On this day, we also commemorate the Thirty-three Martyrs of Melitene.

By the intercessions of Thy Saints, O Christ God, have mercy upon us. Amen.

HOLY OBLATIONS

In memory of Archimandrite John Namie on the 20th anniversary of his falling asleep in the Lord. May his memory be Eternal!

*Even if we perform upon thousands of
good works, my brethren:
fasts, prayers, almsgiving;
even if we shed our blood for our Christ
and we don't have these two loves
[love of God and love of brethren],
but on the contrary have hatred and
malice toward our brethren,
all the good we have done is of the devil
and we go to hell. But, you say, we go to
hell despite all the good we do
because of that little hatred?
Yes, my brethren, because that hatred is
the devil's poison, and just as when we
put a little yeast in a hundred pounds of
flour it has such power that it causes all
the dough to rise, so it is with hatred.
It transforms all the good we have done
into the devil's poison.*

~ St. Kosmos

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, Russia, Turkey, and throughout the world.

Attallah Amash

Hatem Karadsheh

Shirley Salhaney

Audrey Nicoloff

Marge Simon

Linda Traxler

Ralph Thomas

Dan Abraham

Capri Coleman

David Corey

Mary Ann Maloley

Joshua Cass

Joe Corey

Michael Ellis

Nathaniel



DEPARTED

NEWLY DEPARTED

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

Archimandrite John Namie