

SUNDAY AFTER THEOPHANY OF CHRIST

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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 4)

Having learned the joyful message of the Resurrection from the angel the women disciples of the Lord cast from them their parental condemnation. And proudly broke the news to the Disciples, saying: Death hath been spoiled; Christ God is risen, granting the world Great Mercy.

APOLYTIKION OF THE THEOPHANY OF CHRIST (TONE 1)

When Thou, O Lord, wast baptized in the Jordan, worship of the Trinity wast made manifest; for the voice of the Father bore witness to Thee, calling Thee His beloved Son. And the Spirit in the likeness of a dove confirmed the truth of His word. O Christ our God, Who hast appeared and enlightened the world, 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.

KONTAKION OF THE THEOPHANY OF CHRIST (TONE 4)

On this day Thou hast appeared unto the whole world, and Thy light, O Sovereign Lord, is signed on us who sing Thy praise and chant with knowledge: Thou hast now come, Thou hast appeared, O Thou Light unapproachable.

EPISTLE

*Let Thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us.
Rejoice in the Lord, O ye righteous.*

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Ephesians 4:7-13

Brethren, grace was given to each of us according to the measure of Christ's gift. Therefore, it is said, "When He ascended on high He led a host of captives, and He gave gifts to men." (In saying, "He ascended," what does it mean but that He had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? He who descended is He who also ascended far above all the heavens, that He might fill all things.) And His gifts were that some should be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ.



GOSPEL



The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew 4:12-17

At that time, when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew into Galilee; and leaving Nazareth he went and dwelt in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulon and Naphtali, so that what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: “The land of Zebulon and the land of Naphtali, toward the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles—the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned.” From that time Jesus began to preach, saying, “Repent, for the kingdom of Heaven is at hand.”

SYNAXARION

(LIVES OF THE SAINTS OF THE DAY)

On January 9 in the Holy Orthodox Church, the third day of the After-feast of the Theophany of Christ, we commemorate the holy Martyr Polyeuktos of Melitene in Armenia.

Verses

Polyeuktos, whose passion was beheading,
Through much prayer, O Word, had Thy grace to suffer.
On the ninth, O Polyeuktos,
the glaive's stroke gave thee great glory.

There were in the town two friends who were officers: Nearchus and Polyeuktos, the former baptized and the latter unbaptized. When a decree went out from the Emperor Valerian that all Christians were to be killed, Nearchus prepared himself for death. On the following day, Polyeuktos related to Nearchus a dream: the Lord Himself had appeared to him in light, stripped his old clothing from him, clothed him in new and shining raiment and set him upon the saddle of a winged horse. Polyeuktos was baptized, and then went off to the town, tore up the royal decree on the persecution of Christians and smashed many statues of idols. The blood of Polyeuktos was spilled in the year 259. Nearchus later became a martyr for Christ in the fire.

On this day, we also commemorate the Venerable Eustratios the wonderworker; New-martyr Parthenas; and Philip, metropolitan of Moscow.

By their holy intercessions, O God, have mercy upon us and save us. Amen.

HOLY OBLATIONS

For the Health and Blessings of Phyllis Sirotko on her birthday, offered by Fr. Ted, her children and grandchildren. May God grant her many years!

For the Health and Blessings of Barbara Thomas on the occasion of her 75th birthday, offered with much love from her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. May God grant her many years!

For the Health and Blessings of Allison Manica on her birthday, offered with much love by Marian and Greg Lambert. May God grant you many blessed years!

In memory of our beloved brother, Dennis, on the two-year anniversary of the falling asleep in the Lord, offered by Deeb, Donna, Duane & Pat, and Julian & Andrea. May his memory be Eternal!

In memory of the Handmaiden of God Ester Mariethe, on the two-year anniversary of the falling asleep in the Lord, offered by Fr. Ted & Phyllis Sirotko. May her Memory be Eternal!

In memory of the Servant of God, Hilby, on the falling asleep in the Lord, offered by Scott Storey. May his 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, France, Italy and throughout the world.

Phyllis Sirotko	Marge Simon	Georgianna Daugherty
Barb Thomas	Mary Ann Maloley	Kevin Mitchell
Allison Manica	Dan Abraham	Andrew
Attallah Amash	Capri Coleman	Anastasia
Audrey Nicoloff	Michael Ellis	Nina
Ralph Thomas	Shirley Salhaney	Matthew
David Corey	Joshua Cass	Liudmila
Joe Corey	Kim Clark	Alexander
Hatem Karadsheh	Roy Gurk	Thomas



DEPARTED

NEWLY DEPARTED

Archpriest Nicholas Neyman
Leona Assaly

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

Dennis	Raisa
Ester	Nina
Hilby	Zoya