

**THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST &
THIRD SUNDAY OF MATTHEW**

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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: Cecelia Olson
Next week: Duane Hattem

EPISTLE

The Lord is my strength and my song.

The Lord has chastened me sorely.

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Romans 5:1-11

Brethren, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Through Him we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in our hope of sharing the glory of God. More than that, we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit which has been given to us. While we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Why, one will hardly die for a righteous man—though perhaps for a good man one will dare even to die. But God shows His love for us in that while we were yet sinners Christ died for us. Since, therefore, we are now justified by His blood, much more shall we be saved by Him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of His Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, we shall be saved by His life. Not only so, but we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received our reconciliation.

GOSPEL

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew 6:22-33

The Lord said, “The eye is the lamp of the body. So, if your eye is sound, your whole body will be full of light; but if your eye is evil, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light in you is darkness, how great is the darkness! No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon. Therefore, I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you shall eat or what you shall drink; nor about your body, what you shall put on. Is not the soul more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of heaven: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And which of you by being anxious can add one cubit to his stature? And why are you anxious about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin; yet I tell you, even Solomon himself in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is alive and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will He not much more clothe you, O men of little faith? Therefore, do not be anxious, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ For the Gentiles seek all these things; and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things shall be yours as well.”

SYNAXARION

(LIVES OF THE SAINTS OF THE DAY)

On July 3 in the Holy Orthodox Church, we commemorate the holy Martyr Hyacinth the Chamberlain and his companions of Caesarea in Cappadocia.

Verses

Bright as the gem-stone is Hyacinth in virtue;
but in the flow of his blood, he is yet brighter.
On the third died Hyacinth of deadly hunger.

Hyacinth was a young courtier of Emperor Trajan, and a secret Christian. Hyacinth stood apart from the emperor's abominable ceremonies where sacrifices were made to idols. The emperor urged him to deny Christ and to join him, but Hyacinth remained firm as diamond and said: "I am a Christian. I revere Christ and worship Him, and I bring my living self to Him as a sacrifice." Whipped, spat upon and flayed, this holy martyr was flung into prison. By order of the emperor, he was given nothing to eat but food that had been sacrificed to idols. Hyacinth refused it, and died in prison after eight days in the year 108. The warder saw two shining angels in the prison: one covering the martyr's body with his own glorious vesture, and the other placing a wreath of glory on his head. The whole prison was filled with light and radiance. Six others died with Hyacinth: Theodota, Theodotus, Diomedes, Eulampios, Asclepiades and Golinduc.

On this day, we also commemorate Anatolios, patriarch of Constantinople; Venerable Martyr Gerasimos the New of Carpenision; and Venerable Nikodemos of Kozhe Lake.

By their intercessions, O Christ God, have mercy upon us. Amen.

HOLY OBLATIONS

For the Health and Safety of the campers and volunteers who left for the Antiochian Village earlier this morning. May they encounter Christ and His Church in a deeper way.

For the Health and Blessings of the newly engaged couple, Leslie Ayoub and Jeff Borisen, by her mother, Julie Karrip. Blessings to both of you!

*A discerning man, when he eats grapes,
takes only the ripe ones and leaves the sour.
Thus, also the discerning mind carefully
marks the virtues
which he sees in any person.*

*A mindless man seeks out the vices and
failings ... Even if you see someone sin with
your own eyes, do not judge;
for often even your eyes are deceived.*

(St. John Climacus)

REMEMBER IN YOUR DAILY PRAYERS

*Names are added to the Prayer List for one week by offering Holy Oblation
or for up to 40 days in the case of an ongoing serious illness.*

LIVING

Metropolitan Paul

Archbishop John

And all the victims of tragedy, violence, and poverty
throughout our nation, in Lebanon, Ukraine,
and throughout the world.

Leslie Ayoub

Dan Abraham

Jeff Borisen

Kevin Mitchell

Attallah Amash

Michael Ellis

Mary Ann Maloley

Sam Barkett

Audrey Nicoloff

Joshua Cass

Ralph Thomas

Margaret Mole

David Corey

Rami Haddad

Joe Corey

Hilliary Edwards

And all campers and volunteers at the Antiochian Village.



DEPARTED

NEWLY DEPARTED

Shirley Salhaney

Robert Laham

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