

**HIEROMARTYR JOSEPH OF DAMASCUS  
AND HIS COMPANIONS &  
FOURTH SUNDAY OF MATTHEW**

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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. JOSEPH OF DAMASCUS*** (TONE 5)

Come, ye faithful, let us honor the martyr of Christ, a priest of the Church of Antioch; who by the word of the Word, and by his blood and the blood of his companions, baptized the land of Syria, its Church and its people. Being immersed in the light of the Gospel from his youth, he worked and taught and defended the Church of Christ and her flock. O Father Joseph of Damascus, be for us an example, defending us and interceding for us fervently before the Savior.

### ***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: Duane Hattem  
Next week: Sarah Giannakakos

## EPISTLE

*The saints shall boast in glory, and they shall rejoice upon their beds.  
Sing unto the Lord a new song;  
His praise is in the church of the saints.*

### **The Reading from the Second Epistle of St. Paul to St. Timothy 2:1-10**

Timothy, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus; and what you have heard from me before many witnesses entrust to faithful men who will be able to teach others also. Share in suffering as a good soldier of Christ Jesus. No soldier on service gets entangled in civilian pursuits, since his aim is to satisfy the one who enlisted him. An athlete is not crowned unless he competes according to the rules. It is the hard-working farmer who ought to have the first share of the crops. Think over what I say, for the Lord will grant you understanding in everything. Remember Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, descended from David, as preached in my gospel, the gospel for which I am suffering and wearing fetters like a criminal. But the word of God is not fettered. Therefore, I endure everything for the sake of the elect, that they also may obtain salvation in Christ Jesus with its eternal glory.

## GOSPEL

### **The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew 8:5-13**

At that time, as Jesus entered Capernaum, a centurion came forward to him, beseeching Him and saying, "Lord, my servant is lying paralyzed at home, in terrible distress." And Jesus said to him, "I will come and heal him." But the centurion answered Him, "Lord, I am not worthy to have you come under my roof; but only say the word, and my servant will be healed. For I am a man under authority, with soldiers under me; and I say to one, 'Go,' and he goes, and to another, 'Come,' and he comes, and to my slave, 'Do this,' and he does it." When Jesus heard him, He marveled, and said to those who followed him, "Truly, I say to you, not even in Israel have I found such faith. I tell you, many will come from east and west and sit at table with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob in the Kingdom of Heaven, while the sons of the kingdom will be thrown into the outer darkness; there men will weep and gnash their teeth." And to the centurion Jesus said, "Go; be it done for you as you have believed." And the servant was healed at that very moment.

## **SYNAXARION**

*(LIVES OF THE SAINTS OF THE DAY)*

On July 10 in the Holy Orthodox Church we commemorate the holy, glorious and right-victorious New Hieromartyr Joseph Mouhana al-Haddad and his Companions.

Saint Joseph of Damascus, as he is commonly known, was a weaver by trade. After he was married and ordained to the priesthood, Joseph was assigned Great Economos of the Patriarchal Cathedral of the Dormition of the Most Holy Theotokos (al-Mariamiyeh) in the heart of the Old City of Damascus. On Monday, July 9, 1860, the brutal massacre of Christians which began in the Lebanese mountains spread to Damascus. Some Damascenes (including Michael Hawaweeny and his young wife Mariam who was bearing in her womb a son, the future Saint Raphael), fled the city for Beirut. The majority, however, took refuge in al-Mariamiyeh. Joseph took up his communion kit containing the Reserved Sacrament, left his home and began to make his way to the Cathedral by jumping from rooftop to rooftop in the Old City. As he went, he stopped to confess and commune the aged and infirm who could not flee their homes, encouraging them with stories from the Lives of the Great Martyrs. On the morning of Tuesday, July 10, the Cathedral was surrounded, pillaged and burned. Those inside perished in the flames; of those who escaped and fled into the streets, most were caught and forced back into the burning building, while only a few, including Father Joseph, survived. As he roamed the narrow streets searching for survivors who needed confession and communion, Joseph was surrounded by the enemies of Christ. Seeing that his end was near, Saint Joseph took out his communion kit and consumed what remained of the Body and Blood of Christ. Recognizing him as the “leader of the Christians,” the persecutors savagely attacked and killed him with axes. Joseph and his Companions were glorified by the Holy Synod of Antioch in 1993.

On this day, we also commemorate of the holy, glorious and right-victorious 45 martyrs at Nikopolis in Armenia; Venerable Anthony of the Kiev Caves; and Venerable-martyrs Nikodemos the Albanian and Nektarios of the St. Anne Skete on Athos.

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

## THANK YOU

We are glad to have Fr. Elias and Fr. Tom Zain serving today while Fr. Michael is away serving at the Antiochian Village, attending with Mykel and the children from our Parish. Please thank them during Coffee Hour!

## TRISAGION PRAYERS OF MERCY

In memory of the Handmaiden of God Shirley Salhaney on her 40-day falling asleep in the Lord, offered by Michael Salhaney and family. May her memory be Eternal!

In memory of the servant of God George Zain on his two-year falling asleep in the Lord, offered by Lorraine and family. May his memory be Eternal!

## HOLY OBLATIONS

For the Health and Blessings of Lorraine Zain and family, offered by Glenn and Linda Zimmermann. May you continue to walk in God's peace and joy, and may He grant you many years!

For the Health and Blessings of my cousin, Jean Laramy, who celebrates her 90th birthday this month! May God bless you and keep you happy and grant you many years! Offered by Eileen Adolphson and family.

For the Health and Blessings of Mike Powell as he undergoes hip replacement surgery offered by Kaye, Melissa, Rick, Lexy, Maci and Melanie. May God grant him many years!

For the Health and Blessings of Jeffrey Abraham on the occasion of his birthday, offered with love by his nieces and nephews. May God continue to watch over you. Thank you for being a wonderful uncle.

For the Health and Blessings of Chris and Christa Julien on the occasion of their recent marriage, offered with love by Duane and Patricia Hattem. Wishing them abundant blessings forever.

## 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.

Lorraine Zain & family

David Corey

Jean Laramy

Joe Corey

Mike Powell

Dan Abraham

Jeffrey Abraham

Kevin Mitchell

Chris Julien

Michael Ellis

Christa Julien

Sam Barkett

Attallah Amash

Joshua Cass

Mary Ann Maloley

Margaret Mole

Audrey Nicoloff

Rami Haddad

Ralph Thomas

Hilliary Edwards



### DEPARTED

#### NEWLY DEPARTED

Shirley Salhaney

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

George Zain