

**SUNDAY OF THE HOLY FATHERS
OF FOURTH ECUMENICAL COUNCIL**

**GREAT-MARTYR MARINA
OF ANTIOCH IN PISIDIA**

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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 HOLY FATHERS (TONE 8)

Thou, O Christ, art our God of exceeding praise Who didst establish our Holy Fathers as luminous stars upon earth, and through them didst guide us unto the true Faith, O most merciful One, glory to Thee.

APOLYTIKION OF ST. MARINA (TONE 4)

O Lord Jesus, unto Thee Thy lamb doth cry with a great voice: *O my Bridegroom, Thee I love; and seeking Thee, I now contest, and with Thy baptism am crucified and buried. I suffer for Thy sake, that I may reign with Thee; for Thy sake I die, that I may live in Thee: accept me offered out of longing to Thee as a spotless sacrifice. Lord, save our souls through her intercessions, since Thou art great in mercy.

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

*Be glad in the Lord, and rejoice, O ye righteous.
Blessed are those whose iniquities are forgiven!*

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to St. Titus 3:8-15

Titus, my son, faithful is the saying, and concerning these things I desire you to affirm confidently, that those who have believed in God may be thoughtful of how to preside in honorable occupations. These things are good and profitable to men. But avoid foolish disputes, and genealogies, and contentions, and controversies about the Law; for they are unprofitable and vain. A man who is a heretic after the first and second admonition reject, knowing that such a one is subverted, and sins, being self-condemned. When I send Artemas to you, or Tychicós, give diligence to come to me to Nicopolis; for I have determined to winter there. Set forward Zenas the lawyer and Apollos on their journey diligently, that they may be lacking in nothing. And let our people also learn how to preside in honorable occupations, so as to help in cases of urgent need, that they should not be unfruitful. All who are with me salute you. Salute those who love us in the faith. Grace be with you all. Amen.



GOSPEL



The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew 5:14-19

The Lord said to His Disciples: “You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hid. Nor do men light a lamp and put it under a bushel, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father Who is in heaven. Think not that I have come to abolish the law and the prophets; I have come not to abolish them, but to fulfill them. For truly, I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. Whoever then relaxes one of the least of these commandments, and teaches men so, shall be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but he who does them and teaches them shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven.”

SYNAXARION

(LIVES OF THE SAINTS OF THE DAY)

On July 17 in the Holy Orthodox Church we commemorate the Venerable Irenarchos of Solovky; and the holy and glorious Great-martyr Marina of Antioch in Pisidia.

Verses

The headsman's hand felled thee with a sword, O Marina;
But the Lord's hand with divine grace hath crowned thee swiftly.
On the seventeenth Marina's throat was cut.

She was born to pagan parents and heard of the Lord Jesus at age twelve. Her heart was inflamed with love for the Lord, she vowed never to marry and, further, desired in her soul to suffer for Christ and be baptized with the blood of martyrdom. Her father hated her for her faith, and would not regard her as his daughter. The imperial governor, Olymbrius, desired her for his wife. When Marina refused, he put her to harsh torture, and threw her into prison all wounded and bleeding. Marina prayed to God in the prison, but there appeared to her first the devil in the form of a terrible serpent, which twined itself about her head. When she made the sign of the Cross, the serpent split asunder and disappeared. Then she was bathed in heavenly light; the walls and roof of the prison disappeared and a Cross was revealed, resplendent and lofty. Marina was healed by the power of God of all her wounds. She was finally sentenced to death by beheading. At the moment of her death, the Lord Jesus appeared to her, accompanied by angels.

On this Sunday, we commemorate the 630 holy and God-bearing Fathers of the Fourth Ecumenical Council, which convened in Chalcedon in 451 against the Monophysites.

Verses

Shunning opposite errors
like the sea monsters Scylla and Charybdis,
The Fathers steer the Church on a straight course to safety.

The Holy Fathers were, once again, concerned with the nature of Jesus Christ. The false teaching arose that Christ's human nature (considered by heretics as less perfect) dissolved itself in His divine nature (considered by heretics as more perfect): like a cube of sugar in a parcel of water. Thus, in that scenario, Christ had only one nature, the Divine. These false preachers were called Monophysites ("mono", meaning "one" and "physis", meaning "nature"), and they were led by Eutyches and Dioscorus. Monophysitism overemphasized the divine nature of Christ, at the expense of the human. The Fourth Ecumenical Council condemned Monophysitism and proclaimed that Christ has two complete natures: the divine and the human, as defined by previous Councils. These two natures function as equally perfect, without confusion, and are neither divided nor separate. The Fathers declared that at no time did they undergo any change.

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

TRISAGION PRAYERS OF MERCY

In memory of the Handmaiden of God, Barbara Sielaff, on her one-year falling asleep in the Lord, offered by Bryan, Laura, Carter Helder and Alan, Jenna, Scarlett and Eleanor Sielaff. May her memory be Eternal!

HOLY OBLATIONS

For the Health and Blessings of Jimmie Karadsheh on his baptism, offered by his family. May God bless him with many joys and love. Congratulations!

For the Health and Blessings of Marian Lambert on the occasion of her birthday, offered by her husband and family. May God grant her many years!

For the Health and Blessings of Alison Khorey, offered by her family. May God grant her many years!

For the Health and Blessings of Adele Trimble on the occasion of her birthday, offered with love by her mother, Virginia Medich, and brother, Grant Medich. May God grant her many years!

For the Health and Blessings of Emily Medich on the occasion of her birthday, offered with love by her father, Grant Medich, and grandmother, Virginia Medich. May God grant her many years!

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.

Jimmie Karadsheh

Ralph Thomas

Marian Lambert

David Corey

Alison Khorey

Joe Corey

Adele Trimble

Dan Abraham

Emily Medich

Kevin Mitchell

Attallah Amash

Michael Ellis

Mary Ann Maloley

Sam Barkett

Audrey Nicoloff



DEPARTED

NEWLY DEPARTED

Galina

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