

**SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
& SIXTH SUNDAY OF MATTHEW
GREAT-MARTYR CHRISTINA OF TYRE**

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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 5)

Let us believers praise and worship the Word; coeternal with the Father and the Spirit, born of the Virgin for our salvation. For, He took pleasure in ascending the Cross in the flesh to suffer death; and to raise the dead by His glorious Resurrection.

APOLYTIKION OF ST. CHRISTINA (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



*Thou, O Lord, wilt preserve us and keep us from this generation.
Save me, O Lord, for the Godly man hath disappeared.*

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Romans 12:6-14

Brethren, having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith; if service, in our serving; he who teaches, in his teaching; he who exhorts, in his exhortation; he who contributes, in liberality; he who gives aid, with zeal; he who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness. Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with brotherly affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Never flag in zeal, be aglow with the Spirit, and serve the Lord. Rejoice in your hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints, practice hospitality. Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them.



GOSPEL



The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew 9:1-18

At that time, Jesus got into a boat, crossed over and came to His own city. And behold, they brought to Him a paralytic, lying on his bed; and when Jesus saw their faith He said to the paralytic, “Take heart, my son; your sins are forgiven.” And behold, some of the scribes said to themselves, “This man is blaspheming.” But Jesus, knowing their thoughts, said, “Why do you think evil in your hearts? For which is easier, to say, ‘Your sins are forgiven,’ or to say, ‘Rise and walk?’ But that you may know that the Son of man has authority on earth to forgive sins”—He then said to the paralytic—“Rise, take up your bed and go home.” And he rose and went home. When the crowds saw it, they marveled, and they glorified God, Who had given such authority to men.

SYNAXARION

(LIVES OF THE SAINTS OF THE DAY)

On July 24 in the Holy Orthodox Church, we commemorate the holy and glorious Great-martyr Christina of Tyre.

Verses

The blood of martyrdom hath chastely united
The blameless bride Christina to Christ the Bridegroom.
On the twenty-fourth Christina was cast upon sharp stakes.

She was the beautiful daughter of the imperial governor, Urban, an idolater. Christina knew nothing of the Savior until the age of eleven, but, when she reached that age, her father—who was hiding her from the world until she was fully grown—made her live in a high tower. He gave her every comfort, but Christina’s young soul was suffocated in this idolatrous atmosphere. Looking out of the window at God’s natural wonders, she came, through her own understanding, to a firm belief in Him. God, in His great mercy, sent His angel to her, who named her the bride of Christ and fully instructed her in the things of God. Then Christina smashed all the golden idols in her rooms and distributed the remnants to the poor. Urban and two other leaders, Dion and Julian, tortured her and intended to kill her. Urban and Dion dropped dead, and Julian was blinded when Christina threw her severed tongue into his face. Christina’s courage in suffering and the marvels which were performed by the power of God brought many of Tyre’s pagan inhabitants to Christianity. Christina entered the immortal kingdom in the year 200.

On this day, we also commemorate the New-martyrs Athanasios of Ikia and Theophilos of Zakynthos; Athenagoras the Confessor; and the Passion-bearers Boris (Roman) and Gleb (David).

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!

In memory of our beloved father and husband, Hatem Karadsheh, on his six-month falling asleep in the Lord, offered by his wife, children, and family. God Bless his soul, and may his memory be Eternal!

HOLY OBLATIONS

For the Health and Blessings of Subdeacon Nicholas who celebrates his birthday this month, offered with love by Carolyn and family. May God grant you many years!

For the Health and Blessings of Nicholas Sirotko on the occasion of his birthday, offered by his family. May God grant you 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.

Subdn Nicholas

David Corey

Nicholas Sirotko

Joe Corey

Attallah Amash

Dan Abraham

Mary Ann Maloley

Kevin Mitchell

Audrey Nicoloff

Michael Ellis

Ralph Thomas

Sam Barkett



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.

Barbara Sielaff
Hatem Karadsheh