

**SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
& SEVENTH SUNDAY OF MATTHEW  
HOLY AND JUST EUDOKIMOS OF CAPPADOCIA  
JULY 31, 2022**



**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 6)

When Mary stood at Thy grave, looking for Thy sacred body, angelic powers shone above Thy revered tomb; and the soldiers who were to keep guard became as dead men. Thou led Hades captive and wast not tempted thereby. Thou didst meet the Virgin and didst give life to the world, O Thou, Who art risen from the dead, O Lord, glory to Thee.

#### ***APOLYTIKION OF ST. EUDOKIMOS*** (TONE 4)

The One that hath called thee from the earth to Heaven to dwell preserveth thy body uncorrupted after thy death, O saintly Eudokimos; for in living modestly and chastely, O blest one, thou didst keep thy flesh free of all stain and defilement; with boldness, therefore, pray unto Christ that we may all be saved.

#### ***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 TRANSFIGURATION*** (TONE 7)

Thou wast transfigured on the mount, and Thy Disciples, in so far as they were able, beheld Thy glory, O Christ our God; so that, when they should see Thee crucified, they would remember that all Thy suffering was voluntary, and could declare to all the world that Thou art truly the effulgent Splendor of the Father.



## EPISTLE



*O Lord, save Thy people and bless Thine inheritance.  
Unto Thee, O Lord, will I cry, O my God!*

**The Reading from the  
Epistle of St. Paul to the Romans 15:1-7**

Brethren, we who are strong ought to bear the infirmities of the weak, and not to please ourselves. Let each one of us please his neighbor for that which is good for his edification. For Christ also did not please Himself; but, as it is written: "The reproaches of those who reproached Thee fell on Me." For whatever was written beforehand was written for our learning, that we might have hope, through the patience and comfort of the Scriptures. Now may the God of patience and comfort grant you to be of the same mind with one another, according to Christ Jesus, that with one accord and one mouth you may glorify God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, receive one another, even as Christ has also received you, to the glory of God.

## GOSPEL

### **The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew 9:27-35**

At that time, as Jesus passed on from there, two blind men followed him, crying aloud: "Have mercy on us, Son of David." When He entered the house, the blind men came to Him; and Jesus said to them, "Do you believe that I am able to do this?" They said to Him, "Yes, Lord." Then He touched their eyes, saying, "According to your faith be it done to you." And their eyes were opened. And Jesus sternly charged them, "See that no one knows it." But they went away and spread His fame through all that district. As they were going away, behold, a dumb demoniac was brought to Him. And when the demon had been cast out, the dumb man spoke; and the crowds marveled, saying, "Never was anything like this seen in Israel." But the Pharisees said, "He casts out demons by the prince of demons." And Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every disease and every infirmity.

## SYNAXARION

*(LIVES OF THE SAINTS OF THE DAY)*

On July 31 in the Holy Orthodox Church, we commemorate the holy and just Eudokimos, Military Commander of Cappadocia.

### Verses

Since Godly Eudokimos laughed at life's vain pleasures,  
To translate him from life is the Godhead's good pleasure.

On the thirty-first the tomb welcometh Eudokimos.

Born of devout parents, Eudokimos served as a young military officer in the time of Emperor Theophilus (829-842). He endeavored with his whole heart to live according to the precepts of the Gospel. He kept his purity unstained and avoided converse with any woman except his mother. He was generous to the poor, assiduous in reading holy books and yet more assiduous in prayer to God. He fled vain chatter and idle talk. The emperor made Eudokimos military governor of Cappadocia because of his high virtues. By God's providence, he died early, at the age of 33, and his relics were found to be miraculous. An insane man touched his tomb and was healed, and a paralytic child stood upright and was made whole. After 18 months, his mother opened his coffin, and found his body as though still alive—with no mark of corruption—and a wonderful fragrance arose from the saint's body. His relics were later translated to Constantinople and buried in the new church built by Eudokimos' parents.

On this day, we also commemorate the Righteous Joseph of Arimathea; and Germanos, bishop of Auxerre.

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

## HOLY OBLATIONS

In memory of the members of St. Nicholas who departed in the upcoming month of August. May their memory be Eternal!

*A man should know that a devil's sickness  
is upon him if he is seized by the urge in  
conversation to assert his opinion, however  
correct it may be. If he behaves this way  
while talking to his equals,  
then a rebuke from his elders may heal him.  
But if he carries on in this way with those who  
are greater and wiser than he,  
his sickness cannot be cured by human means.*

*(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.

Attallah Amash

Joe Corey

Mary Ann Maloley

Dan Abraham

Audrey Nicoloff

Kevin Mitchell

Ralph Thomas

Michael Ellis

David Corey

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.

Mary Howard

Anne Mickel

Leo Salhaney

Carl Yared

Eleanor Heibel

Mintaha Bendekgey

William Wawee

Mose Hattem

Wilson Yared

Dan Sickrey

Mary Henry

Mary Salhaney

Edey Haweeli

Mary Steve

Robert Medich

Maria Joseph

Jamil Karadsheh

Ellis Sickrey

Michael Salhaney

Anis Jacob

Steve Anagnostow

John Zainea

Marcie David

James Yared

Mary Mead