

**TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
& TENTH SUNDAY OF MATTHEW**

**AFTERFEAST OF  
THE DORMITION OF THE THEOTOKOS**

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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 1)

While the stone was sealed by the Jews, and the soldiers were guarding Thy most pure body, Thou didst arise on the third day, O Savior, granting life to the world. For which cause the heavenly powers cried aloud unto Thee, O giver of life. Glory to Thy Resurrection, O Christ, glory to Thy kingdom, glory to Thy providence, O Thou Who alone art the lover of mankind.

### ***APOLYTIKION OF THE DORMITION*** (TONE 1)

In thy birth-giving, O Theotokos, thou didst keep and preserve virginity; and in thy falling-asleep thou hast not forsaken the world; for thou wast translated into life, being the Mother of Life. Wherefore, by thine intercessions, deliver our souls from death.

### ***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 DORMITION*** (TONE 2)

Verily, the Theotokos, who is ever watchful in intercessions, and whose prayers are never rejected, neither tomb nor death could control. But since she is the Mother of Life, He Who dwelt in her ever-virgin womb did translate her to life.

## EPISTLE

*Let Thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us.  
Rejoice in the Lord, O ye righteous.*

### **The Reading from the First Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians 4:9-16**

Brethren, God has exhibited us Apostles as last of all, like men sentenced to death; because we have become a spectacle to the world, to angels and to men. We are fools for Christ's sake, but you are wise in Christ. We are weak, but you are strong. You are held in honor, but we in disrepute. To the present hour we hunger and thirst, we are ill clad and buffeted and homeless; and we labor, working with our own hands. When reviled, we bless; when persecuted, we endure; when slandered, we try to conciliate; we have become, and are now, as the refuse of the world, the off scouring of all things. I do not write this to make you ashamed, but to admonish you as my beloved children. For though you have countless guides in Christ, you do not have many fathers. For I became your father in Christ Jesus through the Gospel. I urge you, then, be imitators of me.

## GOSPEL

### **The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew 17:14-23**

At that time, a man came up to Jesus and kneeling before Him said, “Lord, have mercy on my son, for he is an epileptic and he suffers terribly; for often he falls into the fire, and often into the water. And I brought him to Thy disciples, and they could not heal him.” And Jesus answered, “O faithless and perverse generation, how long am I to be with you? How long am I to bear with you? Bring him here to me.” And Jesus rebuked him, and the demon came out of him, and the boy was cured instantly. Then the disciples came to Jesus privately and said, “Why could we not cast it out?” Jesus said to them, “Because you have no faith. For truly, I say to you, if you have faith as a grain of mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, ‘Move from here to there,’ and it will move; and nothing will be impossible to you. This kind never comes out except by prayer and fasting.” As they were traveling together through Galilee, Jesus said to them, “The Son of man is to be delivered into the hands of men, and they will kill Him, and He will rise on the third day.”

## **SYNAXARION**

*(LIVES OF THE SAINTS OF THE DAY)*

On August 21 in the Holy Orthodox Church, we continue to celebrate the Dormition of the Most-holy Theotokos, and we commemorate the holy Apostle Thaddeus of the Seventy.

### Verses

O Thaddeus! What other fair laurel shall I weave thee,  
Than to call thee the Word's initiate and eyewitness?  
Thaddeus on the twenty-first flew up out of life.

After His glorious Resurrection and Ascension, the Lord sent Thaddeus to his birthplace of Edessa, in fulfillment of His promise to Prince Avgar, which He made when He sent him the napkin with the imprint of His face (see Aug. 16). By kissing this napkin, Avgar was healed of his leprosy, though a little remained on his face. When Thaddeus visited Avgar, Christ's Apostle instructed him in the true Faith and then baptized him. When the baptized Avgar came up out of the water, the remaining leprosy fell from him. Glorifying God, Prince Avgar desired that his people should come to the knowledge of the true God and glorify Him. Hearing the Apostle's words about Christ and seeing their miraculously-healed prince, the people of Edessa cast away their idols and their unclean living, embraced the Christian faith and were baptized. Thaddeus preached the Gospel throughout Syria and Phoenicia, and entered into rest in the Lord in Beirut.

On this day, we also commemorate the Martyrs Bassa and her sons Theognios, Agapios, and Pistos of Edessa.

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

## TRISAGION PRAYERS OF MERCY

Trisagion prayers were offered last night during Great Vespers in memory of the Handmaiden of God Louise Badeen, wife of the late Fr. John Badeen, on her one-year falling asleep in the Lord, offered by her daughter, Farida Badeen. May her memory be Eternal!

## HOLY OBLATIONS

For the Health and Blessings of Handmaiden of God Eloise Koster Merpi offered by Rick and Suzi and the Merpi family. May she be blessed with abiding faith and may God grant her many years!

For the Health and Blessings of Alan Abraham on the occasion of his birthday, offered by Debbie, his children, and grandchildren. May God grant him many years!

For the Health and Blessings of Joshua Philip Abraham on the occasion of his 2nd birthday, offered by Philip, Mindy, Lea, Allie Adele and Christopher. May God shine his light on him, guide him and protect him all his life.

In memory of our beloved brother, Chuck Audy, on the 18th year of his falling asleep in the Lord, offered by Pat & Marve Halbert and family. Memory Eternal!

In memory of the Servant of God Bob Ozman on his 10-year falling asleep in the Lord, offered by his sister, Julie Karris and family. May his memory be Eternal!

## 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, especially in Kentucky,  
and in Lebanon, Ukraine, and throughout the world.

Eloise Merpi

David Corey

Alan Abraham

Joe Corey

Joshua Abraham

Dan Abraham

Edward Buckwell

Kevin Mitchell

Attallah Amash

Michael Ellis

Mary Ann Maloley

Sam Barkett

Audrey Nicoloff

Tony Tran

Ralph Thomas

Jobje Lammers



### DEPARTED

#### NEWLY DEPARTED

Matushka Anne

Lois Workman

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

Loise Badeen

Chuck Audy

Bob Ozman