

**ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
& ELEVENTH SUNDAY OF MATTHEW  
RIGHTEOUS FATHER MOSES OF ETHIOPIA  
AUGUST 28, 2022**



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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 2)

When Thou didst submit Thyself unto death, O Thou deathless and immortal One, then Thou didst destroy hell with Thy Godly power. And when Thou didst raise the dead from beneath the earth, all the powers of Heaven did cry aloud unto Thee: O Christ, Thou giver of life, glory to Thee.

### ***APOLYTIKION OF ST. MOSES THE ETHIOPIAN*** (TONE 1)

Thou didst prove to be a citizen of the desert, an angel in the flesh, and a wonderworker, O Moses, our God-bearing Father. By fasting, vigil, and prayer thou didst obtain heavenly gifts, and thou healest the sick and the souls of them that have recourse to thee with faith. Glory to Him that hath given thee strength. Glory to Him that hath crowned thee. Glory to Him that worketh healings for all through thee.

### ***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 NATIVITY OF THE THEOTOKOS*** (TONE 4)

By thy holy nativity, O pure one, Joachim and Anna were delivered from the reproach of barrenness; and Adam and Eve were delivered from the corruption of death; thy people do celebrate it, having been saved from the stain of iniquity, crying unto thee: The barren doth give birth to the Theotokos, who nourisheth our life.

## EPISTLE

*The Lord is my strength and my song.  
The Lord has chastened me severely.*

### **The Reading from the First Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians 9:2-12**

Brethren, you are the seal of my apostleship in the Lord. This is my defense to those who would examine me. Do we not have the right to our food and drink? Do we not have the right to be accompanied by a wife, as the other apostles and the brothers of the Lord and Cephas? Or is it only Barnabas and I who have no right to refrain from working for a living? Who serves as a soldier at his own expense? Who plants a vineyard without eating any of its fruit? Who tends a flock without getting some of the milk? Do I say this on human authority? Does not the law say the same? For it is written in the Law of Moses, “You shall not muzzle an ox when it is treading out the grain.” Is it for oxen that God is concerned? Does he not speak entirely for our sake? It was written for our sake, because the plowman should plow in hope and the thresher thresh in hope of a share in the crop. If we have sown spiritual good among you, is it too much if we reap your material benefits? If others share this rightful claim upon you, do not we still more? Nevertheless, we have not made use of this right, but we endure anything rather than put an obstacle in the way of the Gospel of Christ.

## GOSPEL

### **The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew 18:23-35**

The Lord spoke this parable: “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his servants. When he began the reckoning, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents; and as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and payment to be made. So the servant fell on his knees, imploring him, ‘Lord, have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’ And out of pity for him the lord of that servant released him and forgave him the debt. But that same servant, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat he said, ‘Pay what you owe.’ So his fellow servant fell down and besought him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you.’ He refused and went and put him in prison until he should pay the debt. When his fellow servants saw what had taken place, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you besought me; and should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?’ And in anger his lord delivered him to the jailers, until he should pay all his debt. So also My heavenly Father will do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart.”

## **SYNAXARION**

*(LIVES OF THE SAINTS OF THE DAY)*

On August 28 in the Holy Orthodox Church, we commemorate our Righteous Father Moses of Ethiopia.

### Verses

Though dead, O black Moses, thou sayest the proverb:

In heart I am a God, though a man in visage.

On the twenty-eighth they buried Ethiopian Moses.

Moses was at first an escaped slave and the leader of a robber band because of his great physical strength and recklessness. Suddenly his conscience was filled with remorse and repentance for his crimes. Moses left the band, went to a monastery and gave himself entirely to obedience to his spiritual father and to the rule of the monastery. With the help of his spiritual father, Isidore, and with great struggling, fasting and all-night vigils, Moses was finally healed from the lustful thoughts, imaginings and dreams visited on him by the demon. As a priest, Moses founded a monastery of his own, and had 75 disciples. He foresaw his own death, as barbarians were coming to attack the monastery. Moses told his disciples to flee but that he must perish—for he had himself once done violence—according to the words: “all they that take the sword shall perish with the sword” (Matt. 26:52). Moses died and a shining wreath descended upon him.

On this day, we also commemorate the Martyrs Diomedes, Damon and Laurence; and Martyr Susanna of Georgia.

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

## HOLY OBLATIONS

For the Health and Blessings of Samuel Adolphson in honor of his Namesday, offered by Mom, Dad, Sis and Grace. Through the prayers of the Holy Prophet Samuel, may God grant you many years!

For the Health and Blessings of Hunter and Brooke Gates as they have their crowns removed today and begin their new life in Holy Matrimony. May God's abiding presence fill them with joy, peace, and abundance.

For the Health and Blessings of Noah Andrew Sirotko on the occasion of his birthday, offered by his family. May God grant him many hears!

In memory of the newly departed Handmaiden of God Julia Pirich Messner on her falling asleep in the Lord, offered by Fr. Elias and Kh. Marion. May her memory be Eternal!

In memory of the members of St. Nicholas who departed in the upcoming month of September. May their 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, and in Lebanon, Ukraine,  
and throughout the world.

Samuel Adolphson

Audrey Nicoloff

Michael Ellis

Hunter Gates

Ralph Thomas

Sam Barkett

Brooke Gates

David Corey

Edward Bucknell

Noah Sirotko

Joe Corey

Tony Tran

Attallah Amash

Dan Abraham

Jobje Lammers

Mary Ann Maloley

Kevin Mitchell



### DEPARTED

#### NEWLY DEPARTED

Metropolitan KALLISTOS

Julia Pirich Messner

Matushka Anne

Lois Workman

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

Protosyngellos

John Ayoub

Larry Kaleefey

Ellis Khouri

Fred Maloley

Hattem Corey

Mary Sayfee

Linda Zainea

James Mickel

Alex Ruffin

Seth Salhaney

Jalileh Karadsheh

Leena Majerezak

Mountaha Rizk

Abraham Haddad

John Wawee

Faris Nickola

Mitchell Salhaney

Nicholas Salhaney

Sellen Yared

Josephine Wozniak

Robert Mickel

Demetra Yared

James Mickel