

**SUNDAY AFTER  
THE ELEVATION OF THE HOLY CROSS**

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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 THE ELEVATION OF THE HOLY CROSS***

(TONE 1)

O Lord, save Thy people and bless Thine inheritance, granting to Thy people victory over all their enemies, and by the power of Thy Cross preserving Thy commonwealth.

#### ***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 ELEVATION OF THE HOLY CROSS*** (TONE 4)

Do Thou, Who of Thine own good will was lifted up upon the Cross, O Christ our God, bestow Thy bounties upon the new Nation which is called by Thy Name; make glad in Thy might those who lawfully govern, that with them we may be led to victory over our adversaries, having in Thine aid a weapon of peace and a trophy invincible.

## EPISTLE

*How magnified are Thy works, O Lord.  
In wisdom hast Thou made them all.  
Bless the Lord, O my soul.*

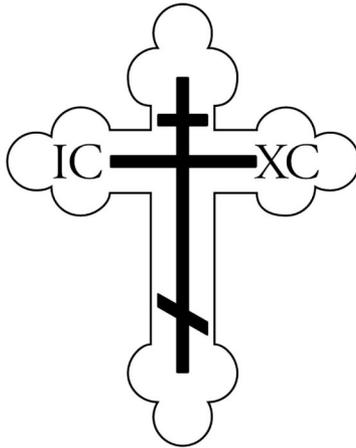
### **The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Galatians 2:16-20**

Brethren, knowing that a person is not justified by the works of the Law, but through faith in Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Jesus Christ, that we might be justified by faith in Christ, and not by the works of the Law; for by the works of the Law shall no flesh be justified. But if, while we sought to be justified in Christ, we ourselves also were found sinners, is Christ then a minister of sin? God forbid! For if I build up again those things which I destroyed, I prove myself a transgressor. For I through the law died to the law, that I might live to God. I have been crucified with Christ, nevertheless I live, yet not I, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave Himself up for me.

## GOSPEL

### **The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Mark 8:34-9:1**

The Lord said, “If any man would come after Me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow Me. For whoever would save his life will lose it; and whoever loses his life for My sake and the Gospel’s will save it. For what does it profit a man, to gain the whole world and forfeit his soul? For what can a man give in return for his soul? For whoever is ashamed of Me and of My words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him will the Son of man also be ashamed, when He comes in the glory of His Father with the holy angels.” And He said to them, “Truly, I say to you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Kingdom of God come with power.”



## SYNAXARION

*(LIVES OF THE SAINTS OF THE DAY)*

On September 18 in the Holy Orthodox Church, we continue to celebrate the Elevation (Exaltation) of the Precious and Life-giving Cross, and we commemorate our Righteous Father Eumenios the wonderworker, bishop of Gortyna.

### Verses

Eumenios, Gortyna's eye most gentle,  
hath beheld the most gracious eye of the Master.  
On the eighteenth, magnanimous Eumenios died.

He gave himself to Christ with his whole heart from his youth, freeing himself of the heavy burdens of riches and of the flesh. Eumenios gave all of his goods and money to the poor and needy, and fasted strictly. He thus healed himself and others. Passionless and filled with the grace of the Holy Spirit, Eumenios shone with a radiance as it is written: "A city set on a hill cannot be hid" (Matt. 5:14). As a bishop in Gortyna, holy Eumenios governed Christ's flock as a good shepherd. He worked many miracles by his prayers: he killed a poisonous snake, drove out demons, healed many of the sick, and brought rain from God in a time of drought. Eumenios entered into the eternal presence of our Lord in the seventh century.

On this day, we also commemorate the Martyr Ariadne of Phrygia.

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

## HOLY OBLATIONS

For the Health and Blessings of Fr. Elias and Kh Marion on the occasion of their 64th wedding anniversary, offered by Mark & Jackie and Kevin Mitchell. Many more years!

For the Health and Well-being of our mother and grandmother, Lorraine Zain, on her 93rd birthday, offered by the Zain and Neuman families. May God grant her many years! .

For the Health and Blessings of Evelyn Faith Zahn on her name day. May St. Faith always be an encouragement to you and an example of steadfastness in the Faith, and may God grant you many years. Love, Mom, Dad and Dieter.

For the Health and Blessings of Roy Gurk, offered by Donna Gurk. May God grant him many years!

For the Health and Blessings of Linda Abraham on her birthday, with much love from all of her family. "May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope." Romans 15:13

In memory of Rt. Rev. Fr. Ellis Khouri on the 35-year anniversary of the falling asleep in the Lord, by Clergy of St. Nicholas. May his memory be Eternal!

In memory of Rick Olson on his six-month falling asleep in the Lord, offered by his family. May his memory be Eternal!

In memory of Handmaiden of God Juanita Loss, offered by the Storey family. May her memory be Eternal!

In memory of Servant of God Patrick Straple on the one-year anniversary of the passing to be with God, 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, and in Lebanon, Syria, Ukraine, Pakistan  
and throughout the world.

Archpriest Elias

Kh. Marion

Lorraine Zain

Evelyn Zahn

Roy Gurk

Linda Abraham

Subdeacon Peter

Attallah Amash

Mary Ann Maloley

Audrey Nicoloff

Ralph Thomas

David Corey

Joe Corey

Dan Abraham

Kevin Mitchell

Michael Ellis

Sam Barkett

Edward Bucknell

Tony Tran

Jobje Lammers

Daniel Kaufman

Russ Adolphson

Matthew Ledford

Liudmila



### DEPARTED

#### NEWLY DEPARTED

Metropolitan KALLISTOS

Julia Pirich Messner

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

Protosyngellos Ellis Khouri

Rick Olson

Juanita Loss

Patrick Straple