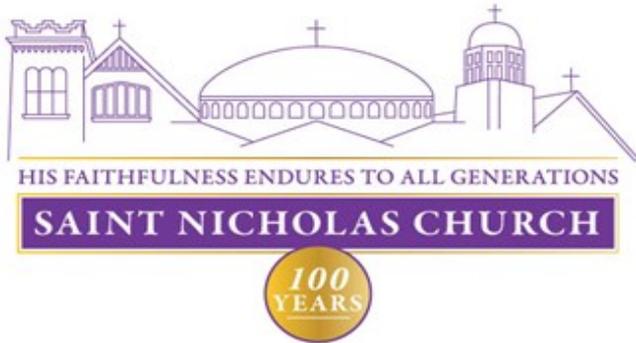


**THE HOLY APOSTLE
JAMES THE “BROTHER OF GOD”
& SIXTH SUNDAY OF LUKE**

OCTOBER 23, 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 and taking a visitor's packet both 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. JAMES THE “BROTHER OF GOD” (TONE 4)

Since thou art a Disciple of the Lord, thou didst receive the Gospel, O righteous James. And since thou art a martyr thou art never rejected, and since thou art a brother of God, thou art privileged, and since thou art a High Priest, it is thy right to intercede. Wherefore, beseech thou Christ God to save our souls.

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



*His voice has gone out into all the earth.
The heavens declare the glory of God.*

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Galatians 1:11-19

Brethren, I would have you know that the Gospel which was preached by me is not man's gospel. For I did not receive it from man, nor was I taught it, but it came through a revelation of Jesus Christ. For you have heard of my former life in Judaism, how I persecuted the Church of God violently and tried to destroy it; and I advanced in Judaism beyond many of my own age among my people; so extremely zealous was I for the traditions of my fathers. But when He Who had set me apart before I was born, and had called me through His grace, was pleased to reveal His Son to me, in order that I might preach Him among the Gentiles, I did not confer with flesh and blood, nor did I go up to Jerusalem to those who were Apostles before me, but I went away into Arabia; and again I returned to Damascus. Then after three years I went up to Jerusalem to visit Cephas, and remained with him fifteen days. But I saw none of the other Apostles except James the Lord's brother.

**The Reading from the Holy Gospel
according to St. Luke 8:26-39**

At that time, Jesus arrived at the country of the Gadarenes, which is opposite Galilee. And as He stepped out on land, there met Him a man from the city who had demons; for a long time he had worn no clothes, and he lived not in a house but among the tombs. When he saw Jesus, he cried out and fell down before him, and said with a loud voice, "What hast Thou to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beseech Thee, do not torment me." For Jesus had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many a time it had seized him; he was kept under guard, and bound with chains and fetters, but he broke the bonds and was driven by the demon into the desert.) Jesus then asked him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Legion"; for many demons had entered him. And they begged Jesus not to command them to depart into the abyss. Now a large herd of swine was feeding there on the hillside; and they begged Jesus to let them enter these. So He gave them leave. Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned. When the herdsmen saw what had happened, they fled, and told it in the city and in the country. Then people went out to see what had happened, and they came to Jesus, and found the man from whom the demons had gone, sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind; and they were afraid. And those who had seen it told them how he who had been possessed with demons was healed. Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gadarenes asked Jesus to depart from them; for they were seized with great fear; so He got into the boat and returned. The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with Jesus; but Jesus sent him away, saying, "Return to your home, and declare all that God has done for you." And he went away, proclaiming throughout the whole city all that Jesus had done for him.

SYNAXARION

(LIVES OF THE SAINTS OF THE DAY)

On October 23 in the Holy Orthodox Church, we commemorate the holy Hieromartyr and Apostle James, the Brother of God and First Bishop of Jerusalem.

Verses

Of Him condemned to wood, thou art called the brother,
Dying for His sake, with a piece of wood beaten.

On the twenty-third they smote with wood God's goodly brother.

James is called God's brother because he was the son of the righteous Joseph, the betrothed of the Most-holy Theotokos; he greatly loved Jesus. According to tradition, James traveled to Egypt with the Most-holy Virgin and Joseph, when Herod sought to slay the newborn King. The Lord numbered James among His Seventy Apostles and he compiled the first Liturgy. James was Bishop of Jerusalem for thirty years and converted many Jews and Greeks to the Christian Faith. When Ananias became High Priest, he and other Jewish elders determined to kill James during the feast of Passover. They forced James to climb onto the roof of the Temple and tried to make him speak against Christ. Instead, he spoke of Christ as the Son of God and the true Messiah, and of His Resurrection. The infuriated priests and elders pushed him off the roof, but he survived. Then, one man ran up and struck James on the head with a fuller's club and, thus, this most glorious apostle died a martyr's death.

On October 23, we also commemorate Ignatius, patriarch of Constantinople; and James of Borovichi, wonderworker of Novgorod.

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

HOLY OBLATIONS

For the Health and Blessings of my family members with fall birthdays: Deacon Justin & Melissa Adolphson, Nathan & Ashley Adolphson, Lucille Marie Adolphson, and Russ Adolphson, offered by Eileen Adolphson. May God grant you all many years!

For the Health and Blessings of Sarah Kaufman on the occasion of her birthday, with love from mom and dad. May God grant you many years!

For the health and blessings of our amazing godfather Uncle Nate. Happy birthday, and may God grant you many years! Love, Olivia and Sam.

For the health and blessings of Lucille Marie Adolphson on her 6th birthday! May God grant you many years! Love, Uncle Ry, Aunt Mis, Olivia and Sam.

In memory of the Handmaiden of God Veronica (Suzanne Harnevious) on the 15th anniversary of her falling asleep in the Lord on October 28, offered by her sister Rebecca Palumbo. May her 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
Archpriest Elias Subdeacon Peter

And all the victims of tragedy, violence, and poverty
in Florida, Syria, Lebanon, Ukraine, and throughout the world.

Dn. Justin Adolphson	Audrey Nicoloff	Tony Tran
Melissa Adolphson	Ralph Thomas	Russ Adolphson
Nathan Adolphson	David Corey	James Lambert
Ashley Adolphson	Joe Corey	Roy Gurk
Lucille Adolphson	Dan Abraham	Sandy Burgoyne
Sarah Kaufman	Kevin Mitchell	Richard Zahn
Attallah Amash	Michael Ellis	
Mary Ann Maloley	Edward Bucknell	



DEPARTED

NEWLY DEPARTED

Sam Barkett

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

Veronica