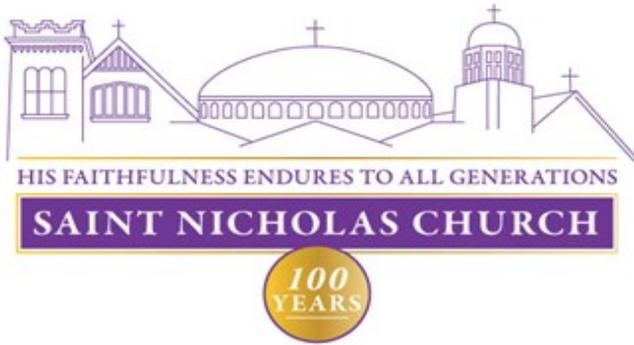


**TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST &
FIFTH SUNDAY OF LUKE**

THE HOLY MARTYRS ZENOBIUS AND ZENOBIA

OCTOBER 30, 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 3)

Let the heavens rejoice and the earth be glad, for the Lord hath done a mighty act with His own arm. He hath trampled down death by death, and become the first-born from the dead. He hath delivered us from the depths of Hades, granting the world the Great Mercy.

APOLYTIKION OF SS. ZENOBIUS AND ZENOBIA (TONE 4)

Thy Martyrs, O Lord, in their courageous contest for Thee received as the prize the crowns of incorruption and life from Thee, our immortal God. For, since they possessed Thy strength, they cast down the tyrants and wholly destroyed the demons' strengthless presumption. O Christ God, by their prayers, save our souls, since Thou art merciful.

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



*Sing praises to our God, sing praises.
Clap your hands, all ye peoples.*

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 16:19-31**

The Lord said, “There was a rich man, who was clothed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, full of sores, who desired to be fed with what fell from the rich man’s table; moreover the dogs came and licked his sores. The poor man died and was carried by the angels to Abraham’s bosom. The rich man also died and was buried; and in Hades, being in torment, he lifted up his eyes, and saw Abraham far off and Lazarus in his bosom. And he called out, ‘Father Abraham, have mercy upon me, and send Lazarus to dip the end of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in anguish in this flame.’ But Abraham said, ‘Son, remember that you in your lifetime received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in anguish. And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been fixed, in order that those who would pass from here to you may not be able, and none may cross from there to us.’ And he said, ‘Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father’s house, for I have five brothers, so that he may warn them, lest they also come into this place of torment.’ But Abraham said, ‘They have Moses and the prophets; let them hear them.’ And he said, ‘No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.’ He said to him, ‘If they do not hear Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced if someone should rise from the dead.’”

SYNAXARION

(LIVES OF THE SAINTS OF THE DAY)

On October 30 in the Holy Orthodox Church, we commemorate the holy Martyrs Zenobius and his sister Zenobia in Cilicia.

Verses

The stout-hearted Zenobia, though a woman, with thee, O
Zenobius, the sword endureth.

On the thirtieth Zenobia and brother were beheaded.

Inflamed with zeal for the Faith, these two, with great love, gave away their riches to the poor. Because they were so open-handed, God shielded them from all evil by men or demons. The generous and merciful hands of Bishop Zenobius were endowed by God with the gift of wonderworking, so that Zenobius was able to heal the sick. At a time of persecution, the judge Licinius seized him and threatened to kill him if he did not offer worship to idols. Holy Zenobius replied: "Life without Christ is not life, but death; and death for Christ's sake is not death, but life." When Zenobius was put to harsh torture, his sister, Zenobia, presented herself before the judge and said: "I also want to drink this cup of suffering and be crowned with that wreath." They were both beheaded with the sword in about 285, and thus brother and sister entered into the immortal Kingdom of Christ the King.

On this day, we also commemorate the Apostles Cleopas and Artemas of the Seventy; and Venerable Joseph and Kyriakos, patriarchs of Constantinople.

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

TRISAGION PRAYERS OF MERCY

In memory of the Servant of God, Samuel Barkett, on his nine-day passing into Eternal Life, offered with love by Alan & Debbie, Peter & Carol, Mike & Kaye and their families. Sam will live on in our hearts forever. *"Well Done, Thou Good and Faithful Servant."* Matthew 25:21

HOLY OBLATIONS

For the Health and Blessings of Brooke Alexa Powell on the occasion of her entrance into the Orthodox Church, offered with love by Sitti & Giddo, Rick, Lexy, Maci, Melanie and Aunt Me. *"Children are a gift from the Lord; they are a reward from Him"*. Psalm 127:3

For the Health and Blessings of Rebekah Kaufman on the anniversary of her adoption day, offered with love by her mom & dad. May God grant her many years!

For the Health and Blessings of Lilly Manica on the occasion of her twelfth birthday, offered by her grandparents Greg and Marian Lambert. May God grant you many blessed years!

For the Health and Blessings of Tyler Riley, and Nick, Kim, and Bruce Nicola on their birthdays, offered by Barbara Thomas. May God grant you many years!

For the Health and Blessings of Sandy Burgoyne, offered by Barbara Thomas.

In memory of Rhett Charles Riley (one year), offered by Barbara Thomas. May his memory be Eternal!

In memory of the members of St. Nicholas who departed in the upcoming month of November. 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
Archpriest Elias

Archbishop JOHN
Subdeacon Peter

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

Brooke Alexa Powell	Mary Ann Maloley	Edward Bucknell
Rebekah Kaufman	Audrey Nicoloff	Tony Tran
Lilly Manica	Ralph Thomas	Russ Adolphson
Tyler Riley	David Corey	James Lambert
Nick Nicola	Joe Corey	Roy Gurk
Kim Nicola	Dan Abraham	Sandy Burgoyne
Bruce Nicola	Kevin Mitchell	Richard Zahn
Attallah Amash	Michael Ellis	Justin Adamec



DEPARTED

NEWLY DEPARTED

Sam Barkett

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

Rhett Charles Riley	Harold Whalen	Michael Jazzar
Sophia Salhaney	Fred Salhaney	Jeanette Eassa
William Audy	Michael Oleszczuk	Adam Kitolski
Joseph Maloley	Isabell Leachman	LaVerne Audy
Ted Gantos	Millard Laramy	Helen McAllister
George Skaff	George Derwich	Ann Hendrix
Marie Bell	Charles Moses	