

**SIXTH SUNDAY OF PASCHA:  
SUNDAY OF THE BLIND MAN;  
EQUALS-TO-THE-APOSTLES  
CONSTANTINE AND HELEN**

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His Eminence Metropolitan SABA  
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*Auxiliary Bishop of the Diocese of Toledo and the Midwest*

Very Reverend Michael Nasser  
*Parish Priest*

V. Rev. Elias Mitchell  
Rev. Theodore Sirotko  
Rev. Mykel Giannakakos  
Rev. Archdeacon David Khorey

Rev. Deacon Justin Adolphson  
Rev. Deacon Clement Nicoloff  
Rev. Deacon John Kaufman  
Subdeacon Nicholas Rock



## 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 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 SS. CONSTANTINE AND HELEN*** (TONE 8)

Having seen the image of Thy Cross in Heaven, and, like Paul, having received the call not from men, Thine apostle among kings, Constantine, entrusted the commonwealth to Thy hand, O Lord. Keep us always in peace, by the intercessions of the Theotokos, O only Lover of mankind.

### ***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 PASCHA*** (TONE 8)

O Christ our God, though Thou didst descent into the grave, yet didst Thou overthrow the power of Hades and rise as an Immortal Conqueror. Thou didst greet with joy the myrrhbearing women, and to Thine Apostles hast sent Thy peace, and to the fallen, O Lord, didst bring resurrection.

## EPISTLE

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

### **The Reading from the Acts of the Sainly and Pure Apostles 26:1, 12-20**

In those days, King Agrippa said to Paul, “You have permission to speak for yourself.” Then Paul stretched out his hand and made his defense: “I journeyed to Damascus with the authority and commission of the chief priests. At midday, O king, I saw on the way a light from heaven, brighter than the sun, shining round me and those who journeyed with me. And when we had all fallen to the ground, I heard a voice saying to me in the Hebrew language, ‘Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me? It hurts you to kick against the goads.’ And I said, ‘Who art Thou, Lord?’ And the Lord said, ‘I am Jesus Whom you are persecuting. But rise and stand upon your feet; for I have appeared to you for this purpose, to appoint you to serve and bear witness to the things in which you have seen me and to those in which I will appear to you, delivering you from the people and from the Gentiles, to whom I send you to open their eyes, that they may turn from darkness to light and from the power of Satan to God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins and a place among those who are sanctified by faith in me.’ Wherefore, O King Agrippa, I was not disobedient to the heavenly vision, but declared first to those at Damascus, then at Jerusalem and throughout all the country of Judea, and also to the Gentiles, that they should repent and turn to God and perform deeds worthy of their repentance.”

**The Reading from the Holy Gospel  
according to St. John 9:1-38**

At that time, when Jesus was passing, He saw a man blind from his birth. And His Disciples asked Him, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?” Jesus answered, “It was not that this man sinned, or his parents, but that the works of God might be made manifest in him. I must work the works of Him Who sent me, while it is day; night comes, when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.” As He said this, he spat on the ground and made clay of the spittle and anointed the man’s eyes with the clay, saying to him, “Go, wash in the pool of Siloam” [which means Sent]. So he went and washed and came back seeing. The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar, said, “Is not this the man who used to sit and beg?” Some said, “It is he”; others said, “No, but he is like him.” He said, “I am the man.” They said to him, “Then how were your eyes opened?” He answered, “The man called Jesus made clay and anointed my eyes and said to me, ‘Go to Siloam and wash’; so I went and washed and received my sight.” They said to him, “Where is He?” He said, “I do not know.” They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. Now it was a Sabbath day when Jesus made the clay and opened his eyes. The Pharisees again asked him how he had received his sight. And he said to them, “He put clay on my eyes, and I washed, and I see.” Some of the Pharisees said, “This man is not from God, for He does not keep the Sabbath.” But others said, “How can a man who is a sinner do such signs?” There was a division among them. So they again said to the blind man, “What do you say about Him, since He has opened your eyes?” He said, “He is a prophet.” The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight, until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight, and asked them, “Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?” His parents answered, “We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; but how he now sees we do not know, nor do we know who opened his eyes.

Ask him; he is of age, he will speak for himself.” His parents said this because they feared the Jews, for the Jews had already agreed that if anyone should confess Him to be Christ, he was to be put out of the synagogue. Therefore his parents said, “He is of age, ask him.” So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and said to him, “Give God the praise; we know that this man is a sinner.” He answered, “Whether He is a sinner, I do not know; one thing I know, that though I was blind, now I see.” They said to him, “What did He do to you? How did He open your eyes?” He answered them, “I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you too want to become His disciples?” And they reviled him, saying, “You are His disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where He comes from.” The man answered, “Why, this is a marvel! You do not know where He comes from, and yet He opened my eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners, but if anyone is a worshiper of God and does His will, God listens to him. Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a man born blind. If this man were not from God, He could do nothing.” They answered him, “You were born in utter sin, and would you teach us?” And they cast him out. Jesus heard that they had cast him out, and having found him He said, “Do you believe in the Son of God?” He answered, “And Who is He, Sir, that I may believe in Him?” Jesus said to him, “You have seen Him, and it is He who speaks to you.” He said, “Lord, I believe”; and he worshiped Him.

## TRISAGION PRAYERS OF MERCY

In memory of the Handmaiden of God, Shirley Salhaney, on the one-year falling asleep in the Lord, offered by Michael Salhaney and family. May her memory be Eternal!

## HOLY OBLATIONS

For the Health and Blessings of our graduates as they begin a new journey. May God continue to bless them with wisdom, favor, influence and grant them many years!

For the Health and Blessings of our Church School teachers. May God bless them with a relaxing summer!

For the Health and Blessings of Jeff Amash on his birthday, offered by Amy, Jackson, Cole, and Franklin. We love you! May God grant him many years!

For the Health and Blessings of Stephanie Soukar and Michael Soukar, offered by their parents. May God grant them many years!

In memory of the Handmaiden of God, our Mother, Grandmother, and Great Grandmother, Adele Abraham, with love from Alan, Debbie, Cheryl, Peter, Carol, Mike, Kaye, and families. "Honor her for all that her hands have done, and let her works bring her praise at the city gate."

In memory of the Handmaiden of God, Louise Philippi, on the 9th anniversary of her passing into eternal life, offered by her daughters Evelyn Philippi, Barbara Walsh, and Eileen Adolphson and their families. You are forever and always in our hearts! 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 Michael Nasser  
Priest Steven VanBronkhorst

For all the victims of tragedy, violence, and poverty  
in Ukraine, Sudan and throughout the world.

For those struggling with food insecurities  
and for those who serve them

For our Church School teachers

For our graduates

Kh. Vicky Nasser	Attallah Amash	Kevin Mitchell
Kh. Sarah Giannakakos	MaryAnn Maloley	Michael Ellis
Ashton Giannakakos	Audrey Nicoloff	Russ Adolphson
Jeff Amash	David Corey	Sandy Bourgyne
Stephanie Soukar	Joe Corey	Doris Sullivan
Michael Soukar	Dan Abraham	

### **DEPARTED**

#### **NEWLY DEPARTED**

Lorraine Zain

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

Shirley Salhaney  
Adele Abraham  
Louise Philippi