

**TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST &  
TWELFTH SUNDAY OF MATTHEW**

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**ST. NICHOLAS  
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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 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 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

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

### **The Reading from the First Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians 15:1-11**

Brethren, I would remind you in what terms I preached to you the Gospel, which you received, in which you stand, by which you are saved, if you hold it fast—unless you believed in vain. For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received, that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, that He was buried, that He rose on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, and that He appeared to Cephas, then to the Twelve. Then He appeared to more than five hundred brethren at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. Then He appeared to James, then to all the Apostles. Last of all, as to one untimely born, He appeared also to me. For I am the least of the Apostles, unfit to be called an Apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and His grace toward me was not in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them, though it was not I, but the grace of God, which is with me. Whether then it was I or they, so we preach and so you believed.

## GOSPEL

### **The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew 19:16-26**

At that time, a young man came up to Jesus, kneeling and saying, "Good Teacher, what good deed must I do, to have eternal life?" And He said to him, "Why do you call Me good? No one is good but One, that is, God. If you would enter life, keep the commandments." He said to Him, "Which?" And Jesus said, "You shall not kill, you shall not commit adultery, you shall not steal, you shall not bear false witness, honor your father and mother, and you shall love your neighbor as yourself." The young man said to Him, "All these I have observed; what do I still lack?" Jesus said to him, "If you would be perfect, go, sell what you possess and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me." When the young man heard this, he went away sorrowful; for he had great possessions. And Jesus said to his disciples, "Truly, I say to you, it will be hard for a rich man to enter the Kingdom of Heaven. Again I tell you, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God." When the disciples heard this they were greatly astonished, saying, "Who then can be saved?" But Jesus looked at them and said to them, "With men this is impossible, but with God all things are possible."

## SYNAXARION

*(LIVES OF THE SAINTS OF THE DAY)*

On August 27 in the Holy Orthodox Church, we commemorate our righteous father Pimen the Great of Egypt.

### Verses

Rescued from life as from a gaping wolf was Pimen,  
Nursling and namesake of the very Great Shepherd.

Pimen was carried up to the Great Shepherd  
on the twenty-seventh.

Pimen was born in Egypt and a great ascetic there in the fifth century. As a boy, he visited the most renowned spiritual men and, from them, gathered tangible knowledge as a bee gathers honey from flowers. Pimen once begged the elder Paul to take him to St. Paisius. Seeing Pimen, Paisius said to Paul: "This child will save many; the hand of God is with him." In time, Pimen was tonsured a monk and attracted two of his brothers to the monastic life as well. In their monastery, governed by Abba Anubis (Pimen's eldest brother), the monastics spent four hours of working with their hands, four hours of sleep and four hours of reading the Psalter. During the day, from morning until noon, they spent in alternating work and prayer; from noon until Vespers they spent reading and, in the afternoon, they prepared supper for themselves, the only meal of the day, and that usually consisted of some vegetables. Pimen said, "We ate that which was given to us. No one ever said: 'Give me something else or I do not want that.' In this manner, we spent our entire life in silence and peace." Pimen died peacefully at an old age.

On this day, we also commemorate Hosius the Confessor, Bishop of Cordova; and Newly-revealed Martyr Phanourios of Rhodes.

By the intercessions of Thy saints, O Christ God, have mercy upon us. Amen.

## HOLY OBLATIONS

For the Health and Blessings of Dn. Clem Nicoloff on his birthday, offered by his St. Nicholas family. May God grant him many years!

For the Health and Blessings of Noah Sirotko on his birthday, offered by Fr. Ted. May God grant him many years!

For the Health and Blessings of Sophie Margaret Manica on her 9th birthday, offered by her Mimi and Papa, Greg and Marian Lambert. May God grant her many blessed years!

For the Health and Blessings of Samuel (Sammy) on his 6th birthday, offered with love by Mom, Dad, and Emi. May God grant him many years!

For the Health and Blessings of Joshua Abraham on his 3rd birthday, offered by Philip, Mindy, Lea, Allie and Christopher. May our Lord grant him many years of good health and happiness.

For the Health and Blessings of Paul and Allison Cefaratti on the occasion of their first anniversary, offered with love by their family. May God continue to bless them and keep their faith and love strong for many years.

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  
Priest Theodore Sirotko  
Priest Steven VanBronkhorst  
Dn. Clem Nicoloff

For all the victims of tragedy, violence, and poverty in Hawaii,  
Canary Islands, Ukraine, Sudan and throughout the world

Noah Sirotko	Audrey Nicoloff	Marcia Lenhart
Sophie Manica	David Corey	Len Lenhart
Samuel Seeley	Kevin Mitchell	Matthew Ledford
Joshua Abraham	Michael Ellis	Andrew Ledford
Paul Cefaratti	Doris Sullivan	Anastasia Ledford
Allison Cefaratti	Denise Harriman	Nina Ledford
Dan Abraham	Mark Ansara	Patricia Ledford
MaryAnn Maloley		

### DEPARTED

#### NEWLY DEPARTED

Archpriest George Corey  
Archpriest Paul Eyler  
Archpriest Joseph Shaheen  
Diane Ansara

All the newly departed victims of tragedy, violence, and poverty in  
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Protosyngellos	John Ayoub	Larry Kaleefey
Ellis Khouri	Linda Zainea	James Mickel
Mary Sayfee	Fred Maloley	Hattem Corey
Alex Ruffin	Seth Salhaney	Jalileh Karadesheh
John Wawee	Mountaha Rizk	Abraham Haddad
Leena Majerezak	Faris Nickola	Mitchell Salhaney
Robert Mickel	Sellen Yared	Josephine Wozniak
Nicholas Salhaney	Demetra Yared	