

**TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
& SEVENTH SUNDAY OF LUKE
OCTOBER 29, 2023**



**ST. NICHOLAS
ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH**

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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 4)

Having learned the joyful message of the Resurrection from the angel the women disciples of the Lord cast from them their parental condemnation. And proudly broke the news to the Disciples, saying: Death hath been spoiled; Christ God is risen, granting the world 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.

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

*O Lord, how magnified are Thy works.
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, you know that a man is not justified by works of the Law but through faith in Jesus Christ. Even we have believed in Christ Jesus, in order to be justified by faith in Christ, and not by works of the Law, because by works of the Law shall no one be justified. But if, in our endeavor to be justified in Christ, we ourselves were found to be sinners, is Christ then an agent of sin? Certainly not! But if I build up again those things which I tore down, then 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; it is no longer I who live, but Christ Who lives in me; and the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, Who loved me and gave Himself for me.

GOSPEL

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke 8:41-56

At that time, there came to Jesus a man named Jairus, who was a ruler of the synagogue; and falling at Jesus' feet he besought Him to come to his house, for he had an only daughter, about twelve years of age, and she was dying. As Jesus went, the people pressed round Him. And a woman, who had had a flow of blood for twelve years, and had spent all her living upon physicians, and could not be healed by anyone, came up behind Him, and touched the fringe of His garment; and immediately her flow of blood ceased. And Jesus said, "Who was it that touched Me?" When all denied it, Peter said, "Master, the multitudes surround Thee and press upon Thee! And Thou sayest, 'Who touched Me?'" But Jesus said, "Someone touched Me; for I perceive that power has gone forth from Me." And when the woman saw that she was not hidden, she came trembling, and falling down before Him declared in the presence of all the people why she had touched Him, and how she had been immediately healed. And Jesus said to her, "Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace." While Jesus was still speaking, a man from the ruler's house came and said, "Your daughter is dead; do not trouble the Teacher anymore." But Jesus on hearing this answered him, "Do not fear; only believe, and she shall be well." And when Jesus came to the house, He permitted no one to enter with Him, except Peter and James and John, and the father and mother of the child. And all were weeping and bewailing her; but Jesus said, "Do not weep; for she is not dead but sleeping." And they laughed at him, knowing that she was dead. But taking her by the hand Jesus called, saying, "Child, arise." And her spirit returned, and she got up at once; and Jesus directed that something should be given her to eat. And her parents were amazed; but He charged them to tell no one what had happened.

SYNAXARION

(LIVES OF THE SAINTS OF THE DAY)

On October 29 in the Holy Orthodox Church, we commemorate the Venerable Martyr Anastasia of Rome.

Verses

The off-shoot of Rome, the Martyr Anastasia,
Endured the off-cutting of her head with courage.
On the twenty-ninth Anastasia endured the keen sword.

Anastasia was born in Rome of noble parents, and was left an orphan at the age of three. She was taken to a convent near Rome to the abbess Sophia, a nun of the highest level of perfection. After seventeen years, Anastasia was well known-among the Christians as a great ascetic, and among the pagans as a rare beauty. The pagan governor Probus heard of Anastasia and sent his soldiers to bring her to him. For two hours, Abbess Sophia counseled Anastasia how to keep the Faith, how to resist flattering deceits, and how to endure torture. Anastasia said to her: "My heart is ready to suffer for Christ; my soul is ready to die for my Sweet Jesus." Brought before the governor, Anastasia openly expressed her faith in Christ the Lord, and when the governor tried to turn her away from the Faith, the martyr said to him: "I am ready to die for my Lord not only once, but if it were only possible, a hundred times!" She was beaten, torn and cut up. Twice she felt a great thirst and asked for water, and a Christian, Cyril, gave her a drink, for which he was blessed by the martyr of Christ and beheaded by the pagans. Anastasia was also beheaded outside the city. Blessed Sophia found her body and buried it honorably in the third century.

On this day, we also commemorate Venerable Abraham and his niece Mary of Mesopotamia; and New Hieromartyr Athanasios of Sparta.

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

HOLY OBLATIONS

For the Health and Blessings of Nick Nicola, Kim Nicola, and Bruce Nicola on their birthdays, offered by Barbara Thomas. May God grant them good health and much happiness.

For the Health and Blessings of Sarah Kaufman on her birthday, offered by Dn. John, Carole, Leah and Bekah. May God grant her many years!

For the Health and Blessings of Bekah Kaufman on her Adoption Day, offered by Dn. John, Carole, Leah and Sarah. May God grant her many years!

For the Health and Blessings of Frederick Stanford, offered by Maria Stanford. May God continue to bless him in his recovery. *"Surely He has borne our infirmities."* Isaiah 53:14

In memory of Laurence Michael Brown and Rhett Charles Riley (2 years) on their falling asleep in the Lord, offered by Barbara Thomas. May their 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

Archbishop JOHN

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

Nick Nicola	Dan Abraham	Michael Ellis
Kim Nicola	MaryAnn Maloley	Denise Harriman
Bruce Nicola	Audrey Nicoloff	Len Lenhart
Sarah Kaufman	Joe Corey	Matthew Ledford
Bekah Kaufman	David Corey	Anastasia Ledford
Frederick Stanford	Kevin Mitchell	Andrew Ledford



DEPARTED

NEWLY DEPARTED

Doris Sullivan

Marcia Lenhart

All the newly departed victims of tragedy, violence, and poverty
in the Middle East, Ukraine, Sudan and throughout the world

DEPARTED

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