

**TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
& FIFTH SUNDAY OF LUKE**

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**ST. NICHOLAS  
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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 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 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 protection of Christians that cannot be put to shame, mediation unto the Creator most constant, O despise not the suppliant voices of those who have sinned; but be thou quick, O good one, to come unto our aid, who in faith cry unto thee: Hasten to intercession, and speed thou to make supplication, thou who dost ever protect, O Theotokos, them that honor thee.

## EPISTLE

*Thou, O Lord, shalt preserve us and keep us from this generation.  
Save me, O Lord, for the godly man hath disappeared.*

### **The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Galatians 6:11-18**

Brethren, see with what large letters I am writing to you with my own hand. It is those who want to make a good showing in the flesh that would compel you to be circumcised and only in order that they may not be persecuted for the cross of Christ. For even those who receive circumcision do not themselves keep the Law, but they desire to have you circumcised that they may glory in your flesh. But far be it from me to glory except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me and I to the world. For neither circumcision counts for anything, nor uncircumcision, but a new creation. Peace and mercy be upon all, who walk by this rule, upon the Israel of God. Henceforth let no man trouble me; for I bear on my body the marks of Jesus. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brethren. Amen.

## GOSPEL

### 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 November 5 in the Holy Orthodox Church, we commemorate the holy Martyrs Galaktion and Episteme of Homs.

Verses

The sword slayeth the uncoupled yoke-pair,  
Who loved rather the spiritual yoking.

On the fifth, Episteme and Galaktion were slain as one.

Galaktion's mother was barren until she was baptized. After her baptism, she converted her husband to the true Faith. Their son Galaktion was baptized and raised in the Christian Faith. When Galaktion was old enough to marry, his father betrothed him to a pagan-born maiden named Episteme. By no means did Galaktion want to enter into marriage, and convinced Episteme to be baptized, then to be tonsured a nun at the same time that he became a monk. Galaktion withdrew to a monastery and Episteme to a convent. They were first in labor, prayer, humility, obedience, and love. They neither left their monasteries nor did they see one another until just before their deaths. A fierce persecution began and both of them were brought before the tribunal. The pagans mercilessly tortured the pair and beheaded them. Their friend Eutolius took their bodies and honorably buried them. Eutolius had been a slave of Episteme's parents, and then a monk with Galaktion. He wrote the life of these martyrs of Christ who received their heavenly wreaths in 253.

On this day, we also commemorate the Apostles Hermas, Linus, Gaius, Patrobas and Philologos of the Seventy.

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

## HOLY OBLATIONS

For the Health and Blessings of Dn. Justin on his birthday, offered by Melissa, Olivia, Sam and Grace. We love you and may God grant you many years!

For the Health and Blessings of my son, Dn. Justin, on the occasion of his 50th birthday, offered by Eileen. May the Lord bless him always as he continues to faithfully serve Him. May God grant him many more years!

For the Health and Blessings of Ann Hoodhood as she celebrates her 92nd birthday, offered with much love by her husband, children, grandchildren, and great grandson. May her days be filled with the love of God and may He grant her many years!

For the Health and Blessings of Ann Hoodhood on the occasion of her 92nd Birthday, offered with love by Dan, Kim, Sean, Kalie, and Noah. We wish you a very blessed day!

For Health and Blessings of Peter Assaly, offered with love by his family. We ask God to bless and watch over Peter and keep him in the palm of His hand.

For the Health and Blessings of Susan Sullivan on her 60th birthday, offered by David. May God grant her many years!

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

For the Health and Blessings of Anwen Amash on her 16th birthday, offered by Justin, Kara, Alexander and Evelyn Amash. May God grant her many years!

In memory of Irene Gruell on her falling asleep in the Lord, offered by Jim and Sandra Tasma. 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  
Dn. Justin Adolphson

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

Ann Hoodhood	Michael Ellis
Peter Assaly	Denise Harriman
Susan Sullivan	Len Lenhart
Sarah Kaufman	Matthew Ledford
Anwen Amash	Anastasia Ledford
Dan Abraham	Andrew Ledford
MaryAnn Maloley	Gail Shaffer
Audrey Nicoloff	Brian Johns
Joe Corey	Rebecca Johns
David Corey	Joseph Bauer
Kevin Mitchell	Joshua Bauer



### 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*

Irene Gruell  
Alexandra