

**THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY OF PENTECOST
& FIFTEENTH SUNDAY OF LUKE (“ZACCHAEUS”)
AFTER-FEAST OF
THE PRESENTATION (MEETING) OF CHRIST**

FEBRUARY 4, 2024

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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 2)

When Thou didst submit Thyself unto death, O Thou deathless and immortal One, then Thou didst destroy hell with Thy Godly power. And when Thou didst raise the dead from beneath the earth, all the powers of Heaven did cry aloud unto Thee: O Christ, Thou giver of life, glory to Thee.

APOLYTIKION OF THE PRESENTATION OF CHRIST (TONE 1)

Rejoice, O Virgin Theotokos, full of grace, for from thee arose the Sun of justice, Christ our God, lighting those who are in darkness. Rejoice and be glad, O righteous elder, carrying in thine arms the Deliverer of our souls, Who granteth us 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.

KONTAKION OF THE PRESENTATION OF CHRIST (TONE 1)

Thou, O Christ God, Who by Thy Birth, didst sanctify the Virgin's womb, and, as is meet, didst bless Simeon's arms, and didst also come to save us; preserve Thy fold in wars, and confirm them whom Thou didst love, for Thou alone art the Lover of mankind.

EPISTLE

*The Lord is my strength and my song.
With chastisement hath the Lord chastened me.*

The Reading from the First Epistle of St. Paul to St. Timothy 4:9-15

Timothy, my son, the saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance. For to this end we toil and strive, because we have our hope set on the living God, Who is the Savior of all men, especially of those who believe. Command and teach these things. Let no one despise your youth, but set the believers an example in speech and conduct, in love, in faith, in purity. Until I come, attend to the public reading of scripture, to preaching, to teaching. Do not neglect the gift you have, which was given you by prophetic utterance when the council of elders laid their hands upon you. Practice these duties; devote yourself to them, so that all may see your progress.



GOSPEL

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke 19:1-10

At that time, Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through. And there was a man named Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector, and rich. And he sought to see Who Jesus was, but could not, on account of the crowd, because he was small of stature. So he ran on ahead and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see Jesus, for He was to pass that way. And when Jesus came to the place, He looked up and said to him, “Zacchaeus, make haste and come down; for I must stay at your house today.” So he made haste and came down, and received Him joyfully. And when they saw it they all murmured, “He has gone in to be the guest of a man who is a sinner.” And Zacchaeus stood and said to the Lord, “Behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor; and if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I restore it fourfold.” And Jesus said to him, “Today salvation has come to this house, since he also is a son of Abraham; for the Son of man came to seek and to save the lost.”

SYNAXARION

(Lives of the Saints of the Day)

On February 4 in the Holy Orthodox Church, we continue to celebrate the Presentation (Meeting) of our Lord Jesus Christ in the Temple. On this day, we commemorate our righteous Father Isidore of Pelusium.

Verses

Rejoice, O Pelusiite, yea, rejoice very greatly;
Thou hast stripped off the clay and attained marvelous gladness.
On the fourth, they laid Isidore in the gloomy grave.

Isidore was a kinsman of the Alexandrian Patriarchs Theophilus and Cyril. Having studied all the secular disciplines, he renounced worldly riches and glories and devoted himself completely to the spiritual life for the love of Christ. He was a great and ardent defender and interpreter of the Orthodox Faith. Isidore wrote more than ten-thousand letters to various individuals in which he reproached, counseled, comforted and instructed his spiritual children. In one letter Isidore writes: "It is more important to teach by a life of doing good than to preach in eloquent terms." In another, he says: "If one desires that his virtues appear great, let him consider them small and they will surely manifest themselves as great." The first and basic rule for Isidore was this: "First do, then teach according to the example of our Lord Jesus." At the time of the persecution of St. John Chrysostom when the entire population was divided into two camps; one for and one against, Isidore sided with Chrysostom. Isidore lived long, glorifying Christ the God with his life and his writings. Isidore took up habitation in the kingdom of Christ in 436.

On the Sunday which falls during the After-feast of the Presentation (Meeting) of our Lord, we commemorate the Holy and Righteous Mothers of the Three Hierarchs: Emmelia (Basil the Great), Nona (Gregory the Theologian) and Anthousa (John Chrysostom).

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

HOLY OBLATIONS

For the Health and Blessings of Deacon Justin and Melissa Adolphson on their 19th anniversary, offered by Eileen, Olivia, and Samuel Adolphson. May God bless you and keep you happy and forever in His service.

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

For the Health and Blessings of Philip Abraham on his birthday, offered with love by Mindy, Lea, Allie, Christopher, and Joshua. May God continue to bless him with good health and happiness.

For the Health and Blessings of Franklin Amash on his 9th birthday, offered by Mom, Dad, Jackson, and Cole. May you be filled with God's light and love as you seek to follow Him, and may He grant you many years! We love you!

Praising God for our precious blessing, Levi Anthony, as we celebrate his 3rd birthday. Many, many years sweet boy. All of our love, Opa and BB.

In memory of Subdeacon Joseph Nicola and Mona Bashara on their falling asleep in the Lord, offered by Barbara Thomas. May their memories be Eternal!

In memory of the Handmaiden of God, Marjorie Simon, on the two year anniversary of her falling asleep in the Lord, offered with love by Mike and Lynn. May her memory be Eternal!

In memory of Leo, Mary, and Karen Henry, offered by their family. May their memories be Eternal!

In memory of the Servant of God, Albert Philippi, on the 27th anniversary of his falling asleep in the Lord, offered by his daughters: Eileen Adolphson, Barbara Walsh and Evelyn Philippi. Dad, you are forever missed and loved.

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, Armenia, Ukraine, Sudan
and throughout the world

Melissa Adolphson	Audrey Nicoloff
Mike Sirotko	Joe Corey
Philip Abraham	David Corey
Franklin Amash	Michael Ellis
Levi Rinvelt	Len Lenhart
Kevin Mitchell	Tillie Sayfie
Dan Abraham	Andrew Martin
MaryAnn Maloley	



DEPARTED

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

Subdn. Joseph Nicola
Mona Bashara
Marjorie Simon
Leo Henry
Mary Henry
Karen Henry
Albert Philippi