

**ST. NICHOLAS
ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH**

**SUNDAY OF
GREAT AND ALL-HOLY PASCHA**

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CLERGY

His Eminence Metropolitan SABA
Archbishop of New York & Metropolitan of all North America

His Grace Bishop ANTHONY
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Very Reverend Michael Nasser
Pastor

Reverend David Khorey
Associate Pastor

V. Rev. Elias Mitchell
Rev. Theodore Sirotko
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

PASCHAL APOLYTIKION (TONE 5)

Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death, and upon those in the tombs bestowing life!

KONTAKION OF PASCHA (TONE 8)

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



EPISTLE

*This is the day which the Lord hath made;
let us rejoice and be glad therein!
O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good;
His mercy endureth forever.*

The Reading from the Acts of the Apostles 1:1-8

In the first book, O Theophilus, I have dealt with all that Jesus began to do and teach, until the day when He was taken up, after He had given commandment through the Holy Spirit to the Apostles whom He had chosen. To them He presented Himself alive after His passion by many proofs, appearing to them during forty days, and speaking of the kingdom of God. And while staying with them He charged them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, which, He said, "You heard from Me; for John baptized with water, but before many days you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit." So when they had come together, they asked Him, "Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?" He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or seasons which the Father has fixed by His own authority. But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria and to the end of the earth."

GOSPEL

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. John 1:1-17

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God; all things were made through Him, and without Him was not anything made that was made. In Him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came for testimony, to bear witness to the light, that all might believe through him. He was not the light, but came to bear witness to the light. The true light that enlightens every man was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made through Him, yet the world knew Him not. He came to His own home, and His own people received Him not. But to all who received Him, who believed in His Name, He gave power to become children of God; who were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth; we have beheld His glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father. (John bore witness to Him, and cried, "This was He of Whom I said, 'He Who comes after me ranks before me, for He was before me.'") And from His fullness have we all received, grace upon grace. For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.

LILIES AND PASCHA DECORATIONS

For the Health and Blessings of loved ones, and in memory of those who have departed, offered by the parishioners who have provided the lilies and Pascha decorations.

CHRIST IS RISEN ! TRULY HE IS RISEN!

Arabic: Al Massih Qam! Haqen Qam!

Greek: Christos Anesti! Alithos Anesti!

Russian: Khristos Voskrese! Voistinu Voskrese!

Armenian: Krisdos haryav ee merelotz! Orhnyal
eh harootiunun Krisdosee!!

Romanian: Hristos a Inviat! Adevarat a Inviat!

Ethiopian: Christos Tensiou! Bahake Tensiou!

French: Le Christ est Ressuscite! En Verite Il est
Ressuscite!

German: Christus ist Erstanden! Er ist Wahrhaftig
Erstanden!

Spanish: Christo ha Resucitado! En verdad, ha
Resucitado!

Italian: Cristo é risorto, é veramente risorto!

Mandarin: Jīdū fùhuóle Tā zhēn de fùhuóle

HOLY OBLATIONS

For the Health and Blessings of Subdn. and Carolyn Rock on the occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary, offered by the Church family. May God grant them many years!

For the Health and Blessings of our children, Paul, Allison, Cameron, Meredith, and our grandchildren, Andrew and Vivian, offered with love by Peter and Carol. May the grace of Jesus Christ be with them today and forever as we rejoice in the victory of Easter for Christ Is Risen Indeed!

For God's loving, watchful care and His grace and mercy over the David Family of Roger, Kima, Joe, Carol, Josie, Sara, Mary, Parker, Cameron and Lily, offered by the David Family.

For the Health and Blessings of Melissa, Rick, Lexy, Maci, Melanie, and Brooke, offered by Mike and Kaye Powell. Christ is Risen! Truly He is Risen!

For the Health and Blessings of Allison Cefaratti on the occasion of her 35th birthday, offered with love by her family. May God bless Allison abundantly as He guides her through every season of life.

For the Health and Blessings of our godchildren, Philip Abraham, David Barkett, Rick Powell, and Brittany Abraham, offered with love by Uncle Peter and Aunt Carol. On this glorious day, may they be guided by the Light of Christ's Resurrection.

For the Health and Blessings of Mindy Abraham on her 39th birthday, offered by Philip, Lea, Allie, Christopher and Joshua. May God continue to bless her with good health and happiness. We love you, Mom! Christ is Risen!

In loving memory and for the eternal rest, peace and joy of our beloved parents, Edward and Marcie David, and our grandparents, Giddo John and Sito Mary David, and Great Uncle, Joe David, in Heaven's Holy Mansions, offered by the families of Roger and Joe David

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 Joseph
Dn. Clem Nicoloff and his family

And all the victims of tragedy, violence, and poverty
in the Middle East, Ukraine, and throughout the world.

Subdn. Nicholas	Josie David	Philip Abraham
Rock	Sara David	David Barkett
Carolyn Rock	Mary David	Brittany Abraham
Paul Cefaratti	Parker David	Mindy Abraham
Allison Cefaratti	Cameron David	MaryAnn Maloley
Cameron Close	Lily David	Joe Corey
Meredith Close	Melissa Powell	David Corey
Andrew Close	Rick Powell	Kathy Corey
Vivian Close	Lexy Powell	Tillie Sayfie
Roger David	Maci Powell	Maddison Frawley
Kima David	Melanie Powell	Wadih Choueiri
Joe David	Brooke Powell	Michelle Spruit
Carol David		

NEWLY DEPARTED

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

Audrey Nicoloff

DEPARTED

Edward David
Marcie David
John David
Mary David
Joe David