

# SUNDAY OF THE PARALYTIC

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## ST. NICHOLAS ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

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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  
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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

#### ***RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION (TONE 2)***

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 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

*O chant unto our God, chant ye.  
Clap your hands, all ye nations.*

### **The Reading from the Acts of the Holy Apostles 9:32-42**

In those days, as Peter went throughout all regions, he came down also to the saints who dwelt at Lydda. There he found a certain man named Aeneas, who was bedridden for eight years and paralyzed. And Peter said to him: "Aeneas, Jesus Christ heals you; arise and make your bed." And immediately he arose. And all who dwelt at Lydda and Sharon saw him, and they turned back to the Lord. Now there was at Joppa a certain disciple named Tabitha (which means Gazelle). She was full of good works and of charitable deeds which she did. And it came to pass in those days that she fell sick and died; and when they had washed her, they placed her in an upper chamber. Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, hearing that Peter was there, sent two men to him entreating him: "Come to us without delay!" So Peter arose and went with them. And when he arrived, they took him into the upper chamber. All the widows stood by him weeping, showing the tunics and other garments which Tabitha made while she was with them. But Peter put them all outside and knelt down and prayed; then turning to the body, he said: "Tabitha, arise!" And she opened her eyes, and when she saw Peter, she sat up. And he gave her his hand, and raised her up. Then he called the saints and widows and presented her alive. And it became known throughout all Joppa, and many believed in the Lord.

## GOSPEL

### **The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. John 5:1-15**

At that time, Jesus went up to Jerusalem. Now there is in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate a pool, in Hebrew called Bethesda, which has five porticoes. In these lay a multitude of invalids, blind, lame, paralyzed, waiting for the moving of the water. For an angel of the Lord went down at certain seasons into the pool and troubled the water; whoever stepped in first, after the troubling of the water was healed of whatever disease he had. One man was there, who had been ill for 38 years. When Jesus saw him and knew that he had been lying there a long time, He said to him, "Do you want to be healed?" The sick man answered Him, "Sir, I have no man to put me into the pool when the water is troubled, and while I am going another steps down before me." Jesus said to him, "Rise, take up your pallet, and walk." And at once the man was healed, and he took up his pallet and walked. Now that day was the Sabbath. So the Jews said to the man who was cured, "It is the Sabbath, it is not lawful for you to carry your pallet." But he answered them, "The man who healed me said to me, 'Take up your pallet, and walk.'" They asked him, "Who is the man who said to you, 'Take up your pallet, and walk?'" Now the man who had been healed did not know who it was, for Jesus had withdrawn, as there was a crowd in the place. Afterward, Jesus found him in the temple, and said to him, "See, you are well! Sin no more, that nothing worse befalls you." The man went away and told the Jews that it was Jesus Who had healed him.

## SYNAXARION

*(LIVES OF THE SAINTS OF THE DAY)*

On May 26 in the Holy Orthodox Church, we commemorate the Apostle Karpos of the Seventy; and the Apostle Alphaeus and his children, Martyrs Abercius and Helen.

On this day, the fourth Sunday of Pascha, we commemorate the Paralytic and, as is right, we celebrate the miracle wrought for him.

### Verses

The word of Christ was strength for the paralytic;  
So that this word alone was the man's full healing.

Jesus healed the Paralytic at the Sheep's Pool, located near the Sheep's Gate of Jerusalem, where people sacrificed their beasts and washed their insides. The pool had five sides, with a porch and arch on each. A number of people, afflicted with various diseases, passed through them, waiting at the water for an angel to come down and stir it. Once it moved, whoever stepped into the water first was instantly healed. One poor man, whose story is recounted in today's Gospel lection in the Divine Liturgy, waited 38 years for someone to lower him into the water, because he was unable to move into the water himself. However, the Savior merely commanded the man to get up and walk, and he was healed.

In Thine infinite mercy, O Christ our God, have mercy on us.  
Amen.

## HOLY OBLATIONS

For the Health and Blessings of Pat & Marve Halbert on the occasion of their 61st wedding anniversary. May God grant them many more happy years!

For the Health and Blessings of Attallah & Mimi Amash on their 50th wedding anniversary today, offered by John & Melissa, Justin & Kara, Jeff & Amy, and all the grandkids! We thank God for this incredible blessing and the example of faithfulness and love they have given us. May God grant them many more years of happiness together!

For the Health and Blessings of Joe David on the occasion of his birthday, offered by the leadership team and office staff. May God grant him many years!

For the Health and Blessings of our sons John, Justin, and Jeff on their birthdays, offered by Mimi & Attallah Amash. We ask the Lord Jesus to bless them with health and happiness always, and bless their precious families.

For the Health and Blessings of Jeff Amash on his birthday, offered by Amy, Jackson, Cole, and Franklin. May God grant him many years! We love you!

For the Health and Blessings of Vivian Rebecca on the occasion of her 1st Birthday, offered with love by Giddo, Sitti, Auntie Allison, and Uncle Paul. May God Bless sweet Vivi and keep her in the palm of His hand.

In memory of the members of St. Nicholas who departed in the upcoming month of June. 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  
Archpriest Joseph  
Dn. Clement and his family

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

JoAnn Abraham &  
family

Pat Halbert

Marve Halbert

Attallah Amash

Mimi Amash

Joe David

John Amash

Justin Amash

Jeff Amash

Vivian Close

Joe Corey

David Corey

Kathy Corey

Tillie Sayfie

Ann Hoodhood

Marianne Knight



## NEWLY DEPARTED

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

Audrey Nicoloff

MaryAnn Maloley

## DEPARTED

Archim. Peter Horton

Priest Gabriel

Salhany

Mary Maloley

Marie Catrib

Margaret Khoury

Theodore Assaley

Charles Hiemstra

Eli Ade

Russell Adolphson

Matilda Zain

Lauretta Yared

Mack Nassif

Anna Simon

Gregory Graban

Zahia Abraham

John David

Elizabeth Hanna

Eddie Abraham

Elias Bendekgey

Sadie Nagel

Mansour G. Zain