

**FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST:
COMMEMORATION OF ALL SAINTS
& SYNAXIS (“GATHERING”) OF
THE TWELVE APOSTLES**

JUNE 30, 2024

**ST. NICHOLAS
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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 8)

From the heights Thou didst descend, O compassionate One, and Thou didst submit to the three-day burial, that Thou might deliver us from passion; Thou art our life and our Resurrection, O Lord, glory to Thee.

APOLYTIKION OF ALL SAINTS (TONE 4)

Thy Church, O Christ God, hath regaled herself in the blood of Thy Martyrs throughout the entire world, as in porphyry and purple. Through them she lifteth her voice crying: Turn with Thy compassion toward Thy people, and grant peace to Thy city, and to our souls the Great Mercy.

APOLYTIKION FOR THE SYNAXIS OF THE APOSTLES (TONE 3)

O Holy Apostles, intercede with our merciful God, to grant our souls forgiveness of sins.

KONTAKION OF ALL SAINTS (TONE 8)

As first-fruits of our nature to the Planter of created things, the world presenteth the God-bearing martyred Saints in offering unto Thee, O Lord. Through their earnest entreaties, keep Thy Church in deep peace and divine tranquility, through the pure Theotokos, O Thou Who art greatly merciful.

EPISTLE

*God is wonderful among His saints.
Bless God in the congregations.*

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Hebrews

11:33-12:2

Brethren, all the saints through faith conquered kingdoms, enforced justice, received promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection. Some were tortured, refusing to accept release, so that they might rise again to a better life. Others suffered mocking and scourging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned, they were sawn in two, they were tempted, they were killed with the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, afflicted, ill-treated—of whom the world was not worthy—wandering over deserts and mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth. And all these, though well attested by their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had foreseen something better for us, that apart from us they should not be made perfect. Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfection of our faith.



GOSPEL



The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew

9:36-10:8

At that time, when Jesus saw the crowds, He had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then He said to His Disciples, “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; pray therefore the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.” And He called to Him His twelve Disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal every disease and every infirmity. The names of the twelve Apostles are these: first, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother; James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; Simon the Cananaean, and Judas Iscariot, who betrayed Him. These twelve Jesus sent out, charging them, “Go nowhere among the Gentiles, and enter no town of the Samaritans, but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. And preach as you go, saying, ‘The kingdom of heaven is at hand.’ Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse lepers, cast out demons. You received without paying, give without pay.”

WELCOME HOME

A big “Welcome Home” to Fr. Thomas Zain and his son, George. We thank you for serving today’s Liturgy and wish you an enjoyable stay in Grand Rapids and safe travels as you head home!



HOLY OBLATIONS

For the Health and Blessings of the Newly-illuminated Jeremy Carlisle and Caden Hembrough. May God continue to guide them and grant them His peace and joy.

For the Health and Blessings of the newly enrolled catechumens, Grant Boyer, the McCullough family: Jordan, Amy, Evelyn, Colin, Lucy and Owen, Sarah Pullins, and Tyler & Leslie Williams as they continue their journey in the Orthodox Faith. May God grant them many years!

For the Health and Blessings of the Newly-illuminated Jeremy Patrick Carlisle on the occasion of his baptism, offered by the St. Nicholas choir members. May God grant him many years!

For the Health and Blessings of the Newly-illuminated Jeremy Patrick Carlisle on the occasion of his baptism, offered by the Rinvelt families. May God grant him many years!

For the Health and Blessings of Sarah Pullins on becoming a catechumen, offered by the OCF of Grand Rapids. May God grant her many years!

For the Health and Blessings of Ann Hoodhood. May God continue to strengthen her and grant her peace.

For the Health and Blessings of Linda Zimmermann as she recovers from surgery.

For the Health and Blessings of Peter Assaly and Meredith Close on the occasion of their birthday, offered with love by their family. May the Light of the Lord shine upon them and grant Peter and Meredith peace and happiness.

For the Health and Blessings of Roy Gurk, offered by Donna and family. May God grant him many years!

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

For the Health and Safety of the campers and volunteers who left for the Antiochian Village earlier this morning. May they encounter Christ and His Church in a deeper way.

In memory of the Servant of God, George Zain and the Handmaiden of God, Lorainne Zain, offered by their children and grandchildren. May their memories be Eternal.

In memory of the members of St. Nicholas who departed in the upcoming month of July. 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 Abud

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

And for all campers and volunteers of the Antiochian Village

Jeremy Carlisle	Sarah Pullins	Ann Hoodhood
Caden Hembrough	Tyler Williams	Joe Corey
Grant Boyer	Leslie Williams	David Corey
Jordan McCullough	Linda Zimmermann	Kathy Corey
Amy McCullough	Peter Assaly	Tillie Sayfie
Evelyn McCullough	Meredith Close	Angela Sirotko
Colin McCullough	Roy Gurk	Marc Catto
Lucy McCullough	John Turner III	Matthew Ledford
Owen McCullough		Batool Karadsheh



NEWLY DEPARTED

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

MaryAnn Maloley

DEPARTED

Economos Abou-	Mary Sayfee	Hazel Salhaney
Assaley	Ferris Sickrey	Thomas Bander
George Zain	Michael Azkoul	George Mickel
Lorraine Zain	Andreas Nakas	Julia Sickrey
Tofick Sickrey	Edward Khouri	Theodore Azkoul
Linda Sylvester	Millard Laramy	Louise Salhaney
Haseebie Gantos	Kh. Anna Mickel	Arthur Watson
Barbara Sielaff	Maxine Hattem	Nora Ayoub
Fozee Yared	Antonina Oleszezuk	