

**GREAT-MARTYR KYRIAKI OF NICOMEDIA
& SECOND SUNDAY OF MATTHEW**

JULY 7, 2024

**ST. NICHOLAS
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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 1)

While the stone was sealed by the Jews, and the soldiers were guarding Thy most pure body, Thou didst arise on the third day, O Savior, granting life to the world. For which cause the heavenly powers cried aloud unto Thee, O giver of life. Glory to Thy Resurrection, O Christ, glory to Thy kingdom, glory to Thy providence, O Thou Who alone art the lover of mankind.

APOLYTIKION FOR ST. KYRIAKI (TONE 5)

Thou didst prove an auspicious and pleasing sacrifice, a holy offering, O valiant prizewinner Kyriaki, when thou broughtest thy Creator thine own spotless soul; which Christ in turn hath glorified, for through thee, He poureth forth divine gifts and endless graces * upon the faithful who praise thee, since He is the Friend of man.

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 undisputed intercessor of Christians. The mediatrix who is unrejected by the Creator. Turn not away from the voice of our petitions, although we are sinners. Come to us with aid in time, who cry unto thee in faith. For thou art good. Hasten to us with intercessions, O Theotokos. Who dost ever intercede for those who honor Thee.

EPISTLE

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

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

3:23-4:5

Brethren, before faith came, we were confined under the Law, kept under restraint until faith should be revealed. So that the Law was our custodian until Christ came, that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer under a custodian; for in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, through faith. For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus. And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to promise. I mean that the heir, as long as he is a child, is no better than a slave, though he is the owner of all the estate; but he is under guardians and trustees until the date set by the father. So with us; when we were children, we were slaves to the elemental spirits of the universe. But when the time had fully come, God sent forth His Son, to redeem those who were under the Law, so that we might receive adoption as sons.

GOSPEL

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew

4:18-23

At that time, as Jesus was walking by the Sea of Galilee, He saw two brothers, Simon who is called Peter and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea; for they were fishermen. And He said to them, "Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men." Immediately they left their nets and followed Him. And going on from there He saw two other brothers, James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, in the boat with Zebedee their father, mending their nets, and He called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed Him. And He went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and preaching the gospel of the Kingdom and healing every disease and every infirmity among the people.

*And He said to them,
"Follow Me, and I will make
you fishers of men."*

SYNAXARION

(LIVES OF THE SAINTS OF THE DAY)

On July 7 in the Holy Orthodox Church, we commemorate the holy and glorious Great-Martyr Kyriaki of Nicomedia.

Verses

Though Kyriaki dieth before beheading,
she is perfected by the sword in volition.

On the seventh, Kyriaki ascended to her Betrothed.

Kyriaki means “the Lord’s day” in Greek. Her devoutly Christian parents, Doretheus and Eusebia, gave their only child this name because she was born on a Sunday. From her childhood, Kyriaki consecrated herself to God, restraining from everything that unruly children do. When she matured, beautiful in body and soul, many suitors came to ask for her hand in marriage. Kyriaki refused them all, saying that she betrothed herself to Christ the Lord and desired to die as a virgin. One of the rejected suitors denounced Kyriaki and her parents to Emperor Diocletian as being Christians. The emperor ordered that her parents be tortured and banished to the town of Melitene where they died for Christ. Kyriaki endured trial and similar tortures. When Kyriaki lay in her prison cell, completely covered with wounds, Christ the Lord appeared to her, healed her and said: “Kyriaki, do not be afraid of torture. My grace is with you.” When she was taken from there for beheading, Kyriaki—bearing in mind all of the glorious martyrs before her—offered one last prayer that God would have mercy and save all those who would celebrate her memory, and to give rest to her soul together with the souls of her parents. Kyriaki rendered her soul to God just before the sword was lowered on her head. Many pagans believed in Christ through her, and also received martyrdom. Kyriaki was received into eternal joy in 289 in Nicomedia.

On this day, we also commemorate Venerable Thomas of Mount Maleon.

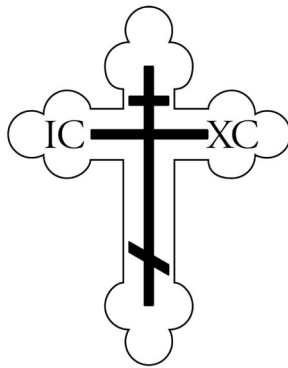
By the intercessions of Thy Saints, O Christ God, have mercy upon us. Amen.

WELCOME!

We welcome Fr. Nicholas and Matuska Mary, from Holy Trinity Orthodox Church in Stroudsburg, PA. They are the parents of Ben (Meredith) Solak and are here for the baptism of their granddaughter, Lydia Rose. Please extend a warm welcome to both!

HOLY OBLATIONS

For the Health and Blessings of Lydia Rose on the day of her Baptism, offered with love by Mom and Dad! May God grant her many years!



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

Lydia Rose Solak
JoAnn Abraham &
Family
Ann Hoodhood
Joe Corey
David Corey
Kathy Corey

Tillie Sayfie
Angela Sirotko
Marc Catto
Roy Gurk
Matthew Ledford
Batool Karadsheh



NEWLY DEPARTED

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

Michael Abraham