

**FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
& FIFTH SUNDAY OF MATTHEW**

JULY 28, 2024

**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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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

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION (TONE 4)

Having learned the joyful message of the Resurrection from the angel the women disciples of the Lord cast from them their parental condemnation. And proudly broke the news to the Disciples, saying: Death hath been spoiled; Christ God is risen, granting the world 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 THE TRANSFIGURATION (TONE 7)

Thou wast transfigured on the mount, and Thy Disciples, in so far as they were able, beheld Thy glory, O Christ our God; so that, when they should see Thee crucified, they would remember that all Thy suffering was voluntary, and could declare to all the world that Thou art truly the effulgent Splendor of the Father.



EPISTLE



*How great are Thy works, O Lord!
In wisdom hast Thou made them all.
Bless the Lord, O my soul.*

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

10:1-10

Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is that it may be saved. I bear them witness that they have a zeal for God, but it is not enlightened. For, being ignorant of the righteousness that comes from God, and seeking to establish their own, they did not submit to God's righteousness. For Christ is the end of the law, that everyone who has faith may be justified. Moses writes that the man who practices the righteousness which is based on the law shall live by it. But the righteousness based on faith says: Do not say in your heart, "Who will ascend into Heaven?" (that is, to bring Christ down) or "Who will descend into the abyss?" (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). But what does it say? The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart (that is, the word of faith which we preach); because, if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. For man believes with his heart and so is justified, and he confesses with his lips and so is saved.



GOSPEL



**The Reading from the Holy Gospel
according to St. Matthew**

8:28-9-1

At that time, when Jesus came to the country of the Gergesenes, two demoniacs met Him, coming out of the tombs, so fierce that no one could pass that way. And behold, they cried out, “What have we to do to Thee, O Son of God? Art Thou come here to torment us before the time?” Now a herd of many swine was feeding at some distance from them. And the demons begged Him, “If Thou castest us out, send us away into the herd of swine.” And He said to them, “Go.” So they came out and went into the swine; and behold, the whole herd rushed down the steep bank into the sea, and perished in the waters. The herdsmen fled, and going into the city they told everything, and what had happened to the demoniacs. And behold, all the city came out to meet Jesus; and when they saw Him, they begged Him to leave their neighborhood. And getting into a boat He crossed over and came to His own city.

SYNAXARION

(LIVES OF THE SAINTS OF THE DAY)

On July 28 in the Holy Orthodox Church, we commemorate Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon and Parmenas, Deacons and Apostles of the Seventy.

Verses

Four men, the disciples of the Word Who is God-man,
With a word preach the August Trinity to all men.

On the twenty-eighth the four initiates went away together.

These first-century deacons are named in the Acts of the Apostles (6:1-6). The Apostle Peter ordained Prochorus as bishop of Nicomedia. For a time Prochorus was in the service of John the Evangelist and, on the Island of Patmos, copied the Book of Revelation which he heard from the mouth of St. John. After that he returned to Nicomedia where he exerted much effort and labor to convert the people to the Faith. He died a martyr's death in Antioch at the hands of unbelievers. Nicanor was stoned to death in Jerusalem on the same day as the Proto-martyr Stephen the Archdeacon (Acts 7:58-60). Soon after them, two thousand other Christians were slain by the wicked Jews. Saint Timon was a bishop in Bostra in Arabia and suffered on the cross for Christ. Saint Paramenas zealously preached Christ in Macedonia. He died in peace in Jerusalem before the eyes of the apostles and was mourned and buried by them.

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

HOLY OBLATIONS

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

For the Health and Blessings of Scott Watson on his birthday, offered by Jeri, Miriam and Hana. May God grant him many years!

For the Health and Blessings of my Godmother, Hannah Seeley on her birthday, offered by Hana. May God grant her many years!

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

JoAnn Abraham &
Family
Nicholas Sirotko
Scott Watson
Hannah Seeley
Ann Hoodhood
Joe Corey
David Corey

Tillie Sayfie
Angela Sirotko
Roy Gurk
Matthew Ledford
Batool Karadsheh
Annalise Harnevious
Vincent Swoveland



NEWLY DEPARTED

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

Michael Abraham

DEPARTED

Ellis Bonemer
Carl Yared
William Wawee
Dan Sickrey
Maria Joseph
Michael Salhaney
Edey Haweeli
John Zainea
Mary Mead

Eleanor Heibel
Anne Mickel
Mose Hattem
Mary Henry
Jamil Karadsheh
Mary Steve
Anis Jacob
Marcie David

Leo Salhaney
Mintaha Bendekgey
Wilson Yared
Mary Salhaney
Robert Medich
Ellis Sickrey
Steve Anagnostow
James Yared