

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST & FIRST SUNDAY OF LUKE

HIEROMARTYR PHOCAS, BISHOP OF SINOPE;
APOSTLE QUADRATOS OF THE SEVENTY;
MARTYR PHOCAS THE GARDENER

SEPTEMBER 22, 2024

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CLERGY

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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 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 FOR ST. PHOCAS OF SINOPE (TONE 4)

By choosing the Apostles' way of life, thou hast succeeded to their throne. Inspired by God, thou didst find the way to divine contemplation through the practice of virtue. After teaching the Word of Truth without error, thou didst defend the Faith to the very shedding of thy blood, O Holy Martyr among bishops Phocas. Entreat the Lord our God to save our souls.

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

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

The Reading from the First Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians

16:13-24

Brethren, be watchful, stand firm in your faith, be courageous, and be strong. Let all that you do be done in love. Now, brethren, you know that the household of Stephanas were the first converts in Achaia, and they have devoted themselves to the service of the saints; I urge you to be subject to such men and to every fellow worker and laborer. I rejoice at the coming of Stephanas and Fortunatus and Achaicus, because they have made up for your absence; for they refreshed my spirit as well as yours. Give recognition to such men. The churches of Asia send greetings. Aquila and Prisca, together with the church in their house, send you hearty greetings in the Lord. All the brethren send greetings. Greet one another with a holy kiss. I, Paul, write this greeting with my own hand. If anyone has no love for the Lord, let him be accursed. Our Lord, come! The grace of the Lord Jesus be with you. My love be with you all in Christ Jesus. Amen.



GOSPEL



The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke

5:1-11

At that time, Jesus was standing by the lake of Gennesaret. And He saw two boats by the lake; but the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. Getting into one of the boats, which was Simon's, Jesus asked him to put out a little from the land. And He sat down and taught the people from the boat. And when Jesus had finished speaking, He said to Simon, "Put out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch." And Simon answered, "Master, we toiled all night and took nothing! But at Thy word I will let down the nets." And when they had done this, they enclosed a great shoal of fish; and as their nets were breaking, they beckoned to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both the boats, so that they began to sink. But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord." For he was astonished, and all that were with him, at the catch of fish, which they had taken; and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. And Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; henceforth you will be catching men." And when they had brought their boats to land, they left everything and followed Him.

SYNAXARION

(LIVES OF THE SAINTS OF THE DAY)

On September 22 in the Holy Orthodox Church, we commemorate the Holy Hieromartyr Phocas, bishop and wonderworker of Sinope, who was perfected in martyrdom by being terribly burned in a bathhouse in the reign of Trajan.

Verses

O Phocas, receive thou the all-cleansing laver,
for it is laver of contest, not of washing.

On the twenty-second the bath received Phocas within.

As bishop in his birthplace, the town of Sinope on the Black Sea, Phocas strengthened the faith of the true believers and converted many idol-worshippers to the true Faith. This enraged the hard-hearted pagans. In a vision from the Lord, Phocas saw a white dove fly down from heaven carrying a wreath of flowers in its beak, and lowered it onto his head. And Phocas heard a voice, saying: "Your cup is full and you should drink it!" With gratitude toward God he prepared himself for suffering. The torturers beat and wounded his whole body, and then threw Phocas into boiling water. Phocas entered into the joy of his Lord in 102. His companion, the Martyr Phocas the Gardener, whom we also commemorate today, suffered for Christ on this day in 120.

On this day, we also commemorate the Apostle Quadratos of Magnesia of the Seventy.

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

HOLY OBLATIONS

For the Health and Blessings of Fr. Elias and Marion on the occasion of their wedding anniversary, offered by their St. Nicholas Family. May God grant them many years!

For the Health and Blessings of Owen Robert Rinvelt on the occasion of his Baptism, offered with much love by Opa & BB. Sweet little child of promise & joy. May our Lord watch over him with His gentle loving care & grant him many, many years!

For the Health and Blessings of Linda Zimmermann, offered by her St. Nicholas Family.

For the Health and Blessings of Kathy Abraham on the occasion of her birthday, offered by Dan. May God grant her many years!

For the Health and Blessings of David Swart, offered by his St. Nicholas Family.

For the Health and Blessings of Linda Abraham on her birthday, offered with love from Dan & Kathy, Marilyn, Pat & Diane, Mark & Janet, and all her nieces and nephews and their families. May God surround her with His loving grace and grant her many years!

For the Health and Blessings of Patricia Hattem, offered by Duane.

For the Health and Blessings of Katherine Khanna on her birthday, offered by Fr David and Jenny Khorey. May God grant her many years!

For the Health and Blessings of Ghada Baradihi, sister of Fadi & Kristen Baradihi. May the Lord God keep her under his love and care.

For the residents of Shepherds of Independence and those who serve them.

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 Elias

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

For the residents of Hope Network and those who serve them.

For the residents of Shepherds of Independence
and those who serve them.

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| Kh. Marion Mitchell | Joe Corey |
| Owen Robert Rinvelt | Tillie Sayfie |
| Linda Zimmermann | David Corey |
| Kathy Abraham | Kaye Powell |
| David Swart | Jaredt Hultink |
| Linda Abraham | Christianna Hultink |
| Patricia Hattem | Wadih Choueiri |
| Katherine Khanna | William McCloskey |
| Ghada Baradihi | |

DEPARTED

NEWLY DEPARTED

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

Ann Hoodhood