

**FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
& SECOND SUNDAY OF LUKE
VENERABLE KYRIAKOS
THE HERMIT OF PALESTINE**

SEPTEMBER 29, 2024

**ST. NICHOLAS
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CLERGY

His Eminence Metropolitan SABA
Archbishop of New York & Metropolitan of all North America

The Right Reverend Jeremy Davis
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Very Reverend Michael Nasser
Pastor

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.



For today's
announcements

HYMNS AND READINGS OF THE DAY

HYMNS

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION (TONE 5)

Let us believers praise and worship the Word; coeternal with the Father and the Spirit, born of the Virgin for our salvation. For, He took pleasure in ascending the Cross in the flesh to suffer death; and to raise the dead by His glorious Resurrection.

APOLYTIKION FOR ST. KYRIAKOS OF PALESTINE (TONE 1)

Thou didst prove to be a citizen of the desert, an angel in the flesh, and a wonderworker, O Kyriakos, our God-bearing Father. By fasting, vigil, and prayer thou didst obtain heavenly gifts, and thou healest the sick and the souls of them that have recourse to thee with faith. Glory to Him that hath given thee strength; glory to Him that hath crowned thee; glory to Him that worketh healings for all through thee.

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

*Thou, O Lord, wilt keep and preserve us.
Save me, O Lord, for the godly man has failed.*

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

1:21-2:4

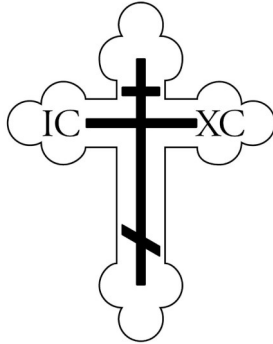
Brethren, it is God who establishes us with you in Christ, and has commissioned us; He has put his seal upon us and given us His Spirit in our hearts as a guarantee. But I call God to witness against me—it was to spare you that I refrained from coming to Corinth. Not that we lord it over your faith; we work with you for your joy, for you stand firm in your faith. For I made up my mind not to make you another painful visit. For if I cause you pain, who is there to make me glad but the one whom I have pained? And I wrote as I did, so that when I came I might not suffer pain from those who should have made me rejoice, for I felt sure of all of you, that my joy would be the joy of you all. For I wrote you out of much affliction and anguish of heart and with many tears, not to cause you pain but to let you know the abundant love that I have for you.

GOSPEL

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke

6:31-36

The Lord said: “As you wish that men would do to you, do so to them. If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. And if you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. But love your enemies, and do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return; and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High; for He is kind to the ungrateful and the selfish. Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful.”



SYNAXARION

(LIVES OF THE SAINTS OF THE DAY)

On September 29 in the Holy Orthodox Church, we commemorate our righteous father Kyriakos the Hermit of Palestine.

Verses

With bitter squills, O Kyriakos, thou dost fend off
That sweet tasting whereby thou wast condemned to dying.
On the twenty-ninth Kyriakos the squill-eater closed his eyes.

Kyriakos was born in Corinth to John and Eudoxia. His father John was a presbyter and Peter, Bishop of Corinth, was his relative. In his early youth, the bishop tonsured Kyriakos as a reader in the cathedral church. Reading the Holy Scripture, Kyriakos marveled at God's providence: how God glorified all His true servants and how He arranged the salvation of the human race. At age eighteen, Kyriakos began a life of asceticism that eventually took him to the community supervised by St. Chariton at Souka. Kyriakos became a celebrated canonarch, defender of Orthodoxy, ascetic, priest, miracle-worker and comforter. Kyriakos was large and strong in body, even in deep old age, despite strict fasts and vigils. In the wilderness, for years he ate only raw greens called squills. Kyriakos entered the eternal joy of his Lord in 557 at age 109.

On this day, we also commemorate the Martyr Petronia and those with her in Palestine; and Mother Mary the hermit of Palestine.

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

TRISAGION PRAYERS OF MERCY

In memory of our beloved brother Servant of God, Dr. Ghaleb Karadsheh, on the third day of his falling sleeping the Lord in Jordan, offered by Nadera Karadsheh, Bassam Karadsheh and their families. May his memory be Eternal!

In memory of the Handmaiden of God, Marcia Lenhart, mother of Kathy Abraham, on the one-year anniversary of her falling asleep in the Lord, offered by Len Lenhart and family. May her memory be Eternal!

HOLY OBLATIONS

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

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

For the Health and Blessings of Kh. Vicky on her birthday, offered by her St. Nicholas family. May God grant her many years!

For the Comfort and Peace of Linda Salhaney, offered by her St. Nicholas family.

For the Health and Blessings of Lea Abraham on her 11th birthday, offered by Philip, Mindy, Allie, Christopher and Joshua. May God continue to bless her with good health and happiness.

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

In memory of the Servant of God, Theodore Sirotko, offered by Fr. Ted. May his memory be Eternal!

In memory of the members of St. Nicholas who departed in the upcoming month of October. 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
Priest Theodore Sirotko
Priest David Khorey

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

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

Kh. Vicky Nasser	Linda Zimmermann
Lea Abraham	Kaye Powell
Patricia Hattem	David Swart
Linda Salhaney	Jaredt Hultink
Joe Corey	Christianna Hultink
Tillie Sayfie	Wadih Choueiri
David Corey	William McCloskey

DEPARTED

NEWLY DEPARTED

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

Dr. Ghaleb Karadsheh
Ann Hoodhood

DEPARTED

Marcia Lenhart	James Maloley	Suzi Maloley Franklin
Theodore Sirotko	Rosemary Sears	Oscar Sears
Mary Wawee	Margaret Abraham	Rose Joseph
Fedwa Khaleefey	Virginia Bander	Lilly Sickrey
Alice Bendekgey	Salem Bashara	Nazera Sayfee
Eugenia Dudkin	Dolores Bander	Leo Derwich
Mary David	James McAllister	Doris Sullivan
Nonna Tsaturov	Adam Kitolski	