

# FIFTH SUNDAY OF GREAT LENT

COMMEMORATION OF  
OUR RIGHTEOUS MOTHER MARY OF EGYPT

**APRIL 6, 2025**

## ST. NICHOLAS ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

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### CLERGY

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

The Right Reverend Jeremy Davis  
*Archiepiscopal Vicar of the Diocese of Toledo and the Midwest*

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.



## WELCOME

We are so happy to have Fr. Elias and Kh. Marion Mitchell back at St. Nicholas! Please extend a warm welcome home to both!

We thank Fr. Elias for presiding over today's Liturgy while Fr. Michael is away.

## THE DIVINE LITURGY OF ST. BASIL THE GREAT

On the Sundays of Great Lent, the Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great is served in place of the typical Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom. The main difference is in the prayers said by the Priest, which can be followed in the white spiral-bound Divine Liturgy book or in the red Service Book (page 132).

## 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 ST. MARY OF EGYPT (TONE 8)***

Through thee, the divine likeness was securely preserved, O mother Mary; for thou didst carry the cross and follow Christ. By example and precept thou didst teach us to ignore the body, because it is perishable, and to attend to the concerns of the undying soul. Therefore, doth thy soul rejoice with the angels.

**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**

*Make your vows unto the Lord and perform them.  
God is known in Judah; His name is great in Israel.*

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

9:11-14

Brethren, Christ having appeared a High Priest of the good things to come, through the greater and more perfect tabernacle, not made with hands, that is to say, not of this creation; neither through the blood of goats and calves, but through His own blood, entered in once for all into the holy place, having found eternal redemption. For if the sprinkling of defiled persons with the blood of bulls and goats and with the ashes of a heifer sanctifies for the purification of the flesh, how much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without blemish to God, purify your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?

## GOSPEL

### **The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Mark**

10:32-45

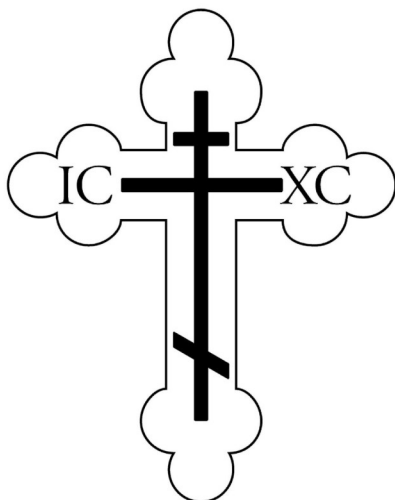
At that time, Jesus took His twelve Disciples, and began to tell them what was to happen to Him, saying, “Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem. And the Son of man will be delivered to the chief priests and the scribes, and they will condemn Him to death, and deliver Him to the Gentiles. And they will mock Him, and scourge Him, and spit upon Him, and kill Him; and after three days He will rise.” And James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to Him, and said to Him, “Teacher, we would that thou shouldst do for us whatsoever we shall desire” And Jesus said to them, “What do you want Me to do for you?” And they said to Him, “Grant us to sit, one at Thy right hand and one at Thy left, in Thy glory.” But Jesus said to them, “You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or to be baptized with the baptism with which I am baptized?” And they said to Him, “We are able.” And Jesus said to them, “The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized. But to sit at My right hand or at My left is not Mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared.” And when the ten heard it, they began to be indignant at James and John. And Jesus called them to Him and said to them, “You know that those who are supposed to rule over the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great men exercise authority over them. But it shall not be so among you; but whoever would be great among you must be your servant, and whoever would be first among you must be servant of all. For the Son of man also came not to be served but to serve, and to give His life as a ransom for many.”

## TRISAGION PRAYERS OF MERCY

In memory of the Handmaiden of God, Virginia Salhaney, on the 40-day anniversary of her falling asleep in the Lord, offered by her family. May her memory be Eternal!

In memory of the Handmaiden of God, Linda Salhaney, on the six-month anniversary of her falling asleep in the Lord, offered by her family. May her memory be Eternal!

In memory of the Handmaiden of God, Margaret Salhaney, on the ten-year anniversary of her falling asleep in the Lord, offered by her beloved grandchildren and great grandchildren. Memory Eternal to our dearest Sito!



## HOLY OBLATIONS

For the Health and Blessings of Donna Hattem on the occasion of her birthday, offered by the clergy, staff, and choir. May God grant her many years!

For the Health and Blessings of Mary Anne Sirotko-Turner on the occasion of her birthday, offered by Fr. Ted. May God grant her many years!

For the Health and Blessings of Cherry Ordonia offered by Scott & Jeri Watson and family. God grant her many years!

For the Health and Blessings of Lisa Federle as she recovers from surgery, offered by Debra Taylor-Weiss. May God grant her many years!

For the Health and Blessings of Katie Bethel as she recovers from surgery, offered by Joe and Carol David & family. May God grant her many years!

In loving memory of the Handmaiden of God, Vera Mijatovic (4-year anniversary) and the Handmaiden of God, Radmila Mijatovic (6-year anniversary), on their falling asleep in the Lord, offered by Ratko, Duska and Stefan. May their memory be Eternal!

In memory of the Servant of God, Earl Loss, beloved father and grandfather, on the 8-year anniversary of his falling asleep in the Lord, offered by the Storey family. May his memory be Eternal!

In memory of the Handmaiden of God, Margaret Salhaney, on the 10-year anniversary of her falling asleep in the Lord, offered with love by Rob & Beth and Pete & Sue. A brilliant mind and beautiful soul. Memory Eternal, Mom!

# 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	Archpriest Joseph Abud
Archbishop JOHN	Archpriest James Ellison
Archimandrite Jeremy Davis	Priest David Khorey

For all the victims of tragedy, violence, and poverty  
in Gaza, Syria, Ukraine, Myanmar, Thailand, and throughout the world

Donna Hatten	Kathy Corey
Mary Anne Sirotko-Turner	David Corey
Cherry Ordonia	Tillie Sayfie
Lisa Federle	Linda Zimmermann
Katie Bethel	Matthew Ledford
Zack Marco	Linda Manica
Megan Marco	Wadih Choueiri
Jude Marco	Pat Hatten
Miller Marco	Julie Karrip
Joe Corey	Alanna Mrlik

## DEPARTED

### NEWLY DEPARTED

For the newly departed victims of tragedy, violence, and poverty  
in Gaza, Syria, Ukraine, Myanmar, Thailand,  
and throughout the world

Marve Halbert  
Virginia Salhaney

### DEPARTED

Linda Salhaney  
Margaret Salhaney  
Vera Mijatovic  
Radmila Mijatovic  
Earl Loss