

**ST. NICHOLAS  
ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH**

**SUNDAY OF  
GREAT AND ALL-HOLY PASCHA**

**APRIL 20, 2025**



**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.



## HYMNS AND READINGS OF THE DAY

### HYMNS

#### *PASCHAL APOLYTIKION (TONE 5)*

Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death, and upon those in the tombs bestowing life!

(Greek)

**Ο Χριστός ανέστη από τους νεκρούς,  
καταπατώντας τον θάνατο με τον θάνατο,  
και χαρίζοντας ζωή σε αυτούς που είναι στους τάφους!**

(Arabic)

الأموات، بين من قام المسيح  
بالموت، الموت وداس  
القبور في للذين الحياة ومنح

#### *KONTAKION OF PASCHA (TONE 8)*

O Christ our God, though Thou didst descend into the grave, yet didst Thou overthrow the power of Hades and rise as an Immortal Conqueror. Thou didst greet with joy the myrrh bearing women, and to Thine Apostles hast sent Thy peace, and to the fallen, O Lord, didst bring resurrection.

## EPISTLE

*This is the day which the Lord hath made;  
let us rejoice and be glad therein!  
O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good;  
His mercy endureth forever.*

### **The Reading from the Acts of the Apostles**

1:1-8

In the first book, O Theophilus, I have dealt with all that Jesus began to do and teach, until the day when He was taken up, after He had given commandment through the Holy Spirit to the Apostles whom He had chosen. To them He presented Himself alive after His passion by many proofs, appearing to them during forty days, and speaking of the kingdom of God. And while staying with them He charged them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, which, He said, "You heard from Me; for John baptized with water, but before many days you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit." So when they had come together, they asked Him, "Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?" He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or seasons which the Father has fixed by His own authority. But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria and to the end of the earth."

## GOSPEL

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

1:1-17

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God; all things were made through Him, and without Him was not anything made that was made. In Him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came for testimony, to bear witness to the light, that all might believe through him. He was not the light, but came to bear witness to the light. The true light that enlightens every man was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made through Him, yet the world knew Him not. He came to His own home, and His own people received Him not. But to all who received Him, who believed in His Name, He gave power to become children of God; who were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth; we have beheld His glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father. (John bore witness to Him, and cried, “This was He of Whom I said, ‘He Who comes after me ranks before me, for He was before me.’”) And from His fullness have we all received, grace upon grace. For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.

## LILIES AND PASCHA DECORATIONS

We thank those who provided the lilies and Pascha decorations for the Health and Blessings of loved ones, and in memory of those who have departed.

### **CHRIST IS RISEN ! TRULY HE IS RISEN!**

**Arabic:** Al Massih Qam! Haqen Qam!

**Greek:** Christos Anesti! Alithos Anesti!

**Russian:** Khristos Voskrese! Voistinu Voskrese!

**Armenian:** Krisdos haryav ee merelotz! Orhnyal eh harootiunun Krisdosee!!

**Romanian:** Hristos a Inviat! Adevarat a Inviat!

**Ethiopian:** Christos Tensiou! Bahake Tensiou!

**French:** Le Christ est Ressuscite! En Verite Il est Ressuscite!

**German:** Christus ist Erstanden! Er ist Wahrhaftig Erstanden!

**Spanish:** Christo ha Resucitado! En verdad, ha Resucitado!

**Italian:** Cristo é risorto, é veramente risorto!

**Mandarin:** Jīdū fūhuóle Tā zhēn de fūhuóle

## HOLY OBLATIONS

For the Health and Blessings of Lindsey McCloskey on the occasion of her birthday, offered by Patrick, Luke, and William. May God grant her many years!

For the Health and Blessings of our Godchildren, Philip Abraham, David Barkett, Rick Powell, and Brittany Abraham, offered with love by Uncle Peter and Aunt Carol. May the blessings and resurrection of Christ bring peace and joy to their life. Christ Is Risen!

For the Health and Blessings of our children and grandchildren, Paul, Allison, Cameron, Meredith, Andrew, and Vivian, offered with love by Peter and Carol. May the resurrection of Christ bless each of them and fill their hearts with His love.

For the Good Health and Blessings of Melissa, Rick, Lexy, Maci, Melanie, & Brooke, offered with love by Dad, Mom, Giddo & Sitti. May God grant them many years!

For the Health and Blessings of Amy McCullough on her birthday, offered by her family. May God grant her many years!

For the Health and Blessings of Maci (6) and Melanie (4) on the occasion of their birthdays, offered with love by Giddo, Sitti, Aunt Me, Dad, Mom, and Brooke. May they be Blessed with God's love and guidance.

For the Health and Blessings of Angela Franks, offered by Michelle Franks. 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	Archpriest Joseph Abud
Archbishop JOHN	Archpriest James Ellison
Archimandrite Jeremy Davis	Priest David Khorey

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

Lindsey McCloskey	Melanie Powell
Philip Abraham	Brooke Powell
David Barkett	Amy McCullough
Rick Powell	Angela Franks
Brittany Abraham	Joe Corey
Paul Cefaratti	Kathy Corey
Allison Cefaratti	David Corey
Cameron Close	Tillie Sayfie
Meredith Close	Linda Zimmermann
Andrew Close	Matthew Ledford
Vivian Close	Linda Manica
Melissa Powell	Wadih Choueiri
Rick Powell	Pat Hattem
Lexy Powell	Julie Karrip
Maci Powell	Alanna Mrlik

## DEPARTED

### NEWLY DEPARTED

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

Marve Halbert