

**SUNDAY OF THE MYRRH-BEARING WOMEN,
PIOUS JOSEPH OF ARIMATHAEA
& RIGHTEOUS NICODEMUS**

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Rev. Theodore Sirotko
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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): Christós anésti ek nekrón, thanáto thánaton patísas, ké tís en tís mnímasi, zoín charisámenos!

(Arabic): Al-Masih qam min bain'il-amwat, wa wati al mowt bil mowt, wa wahab'l hayah lil ladhina fi'l qubur!

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION (TONE 2)

When Thou didst submit Thyself unto death, O Thou deathless and immortal One, then Thou didst destroy hell with Thy Godly power. And when Thou didst raise the dead from beneath the earth, all the powers of Heaven did cry aloud unto Thee: O Christ, Thou giver of life, glory to Thee.

APOLYTIKION OF JOSEPH OF ARIMATHAEA (TONE 2)

Pious Joseph having brought down thy pure Body from the Tree, and wrapped it in pure linen, embalmed it with ointment, prepared it and laid it in a new tomb.

APOLYTIKION OF THE MYRRHBEARING WOMEN (TONE 2)

Verily the angel came to the tomb and said to the ointment-bearing women, “the ointment is meet for the dead but Christ hath been shown to be remote from corruption”.

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 myrrhbearing women, and to Thine Apostles hast sent Thy peace, and to the fallen, O Lord, didst bring resurrection.



EPISTLE



*The Lord is my strength and my song.
With chastisement has the Lord chastened me.*

The Reading from the Acts of the Holy Apostles

6:1-7

In those days, when the number of the disciples was multiplying, the Hellenists murmured against the Hebrews because their widows were neglected in the daily ministry. And the twelve summoned the multitude of the disciples and said: "It is not right that we should forsake the word of God to serve tables. Therefore, brethren, pick out from among you seven men of good report, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we may appoint to this duty. And we will devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word." And the saying pleased the whole multitude, and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, and Philip, and Próchoros, and Nikánor, and Tímon, and Parmenás, and Nikólaos a proselyte of Antioch. These they set before the apostles, and they prayed and laid their hands upon them. And the word of God increased; and the number of the disciples multiplied in Jerusalem exceedingly, and a great company of the priests were obedient to the faith.

GOSPEL

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Mark

15:43-16:8

At that time, Joseph of Arimathaea, a respected member of the council, who was also himself looking for the Kingdom of God, took courage and went to Pilate, and asked for the body of Jesus. And Pilate wondered if He were already dead; and summoning the centurion, he asked him whether Jesus was already dead. And when he learned from the centurion that He was dead, he granted the body to Joseph. And he bought a linen shroud, and taking Him down, wrapped Him in the linen shroud, and laid Him in a tomb, which had been hewn out of the rock; and he rolled a stone against the door of the tomb. Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Joses saw where He was laid. And when the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome, bought spices, so that they might go and anoint Jesus. And very early in the morning, on the first day of the week, they came to the tomb at the rising of the sun. And they were saying to one another, “Who will roll away the stone for us from the door of the tomb?” And looking up, they saw that the stone was rolled back – it was very large. And entering the tomb, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, dressed in a long white robe; and they were amazed. And he said to them, “Do not be amazed; you seek Jesus of Nazareth, Who was crucified. He is risen; He is not here; see the place where they laid Him. But go, tell His disciples and Peter that He is going before you to Galilee; there you will see Him, as He told you.” And they went out quickly and fled from the tomb; for trembling and astonishment had come upon them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

CHRIST IS RISEN! TRULY HE IS RISEN!

Arabic:	Al Massih Qam! Haken Qam!
Greek:	Christos Anesti! Alithos Anesti!
Russian:	Khristos Voskresel! Voistinu Voskresel!
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 e risorto, e veramente risorto!
Mandarin:	Jīdū fùhuóle Tā zhēn de fùhuóle

TRISAGION PRAYERS OF MERCY

In memory of the Servant of God, Wade Abraham, on the 10-year anniversary of his falling asleep in the Lord, offered with love from Dan & Kathy, Marilyn, Pat & Diane, Linda, Mark & Janet and their families. May his memory be Eternal! *I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in Me, even if he dies, shall live.* John 11:25.

HOLY OBLATIONS

For the Health & Blessings of Fr. Michael on the 30th anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood, offered by Kh. Vicky, Maria, Joshua and Elena. May God grant him many years!

For the Health & Blessings of Fr. Michael on the 30th anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood, offered by his St. Nicholas Family. May God grant him many years! Axios!

For the Health & Blessings of the newly-born Ryan Abraham Powell, offered with love by Mike and Kaye Powell. Congratulations to Rick, Lexy, Maci, Melanie and Brooke. *Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom can be no variation, nor turning shadow.* James 1:17

For the Health & Blessings of my Godparents, Tim & Hannah Seeley on the occasion of their anniversary, offered by Hana Watson. May God grant them many years!

For the Health & Blessings of Sarah Coleman and Mindy Abraham on their birthdays, offered with love by Pat and Diane. May the Lord bless them with His everlasting love and grant them many years!

For the Health & Blessings of our beautiful wife and mother Mindy Abraham on her 40th Birthday, offered by Philip, Lea, Allie Adele, Christopher and Joshua. May God continue to bless her with good health and happiness!

For the Health & Recovery of Joshua Utecht and Christine Heisserer, offered by Rebecca Palumbo. May God grant them many years!

For the Health & Blessings of Audrey King and Leslie Ayoub-Borisen for their unwavering love and support during my recent hospital stay, offered by their mother, Julie Karris.

In memory of our beloved aunt, Susan Roth, on the one-year anniversary of her falling sleep in the Lord, offered by the Zahn family. May her memory be Eternal!

In memory of Bette Bosma on the 1-year anniversary of her falling asleep in the Lord, offered by her granddaughter, Ana Bosma. May her memory be Eternal!

REMEMBER IN YOUR DAILY PRAYERS

LIVING

Metropolitan PAUL	Archpriest Michael Nasser
Archbishop JOHN	Archpriest Joseph Abud
Archimandrite Jeremy Davis	Archpriest James Ellison

Ryan Powell	Kathy Corey
Tim Seeley	David Corey
Hannah Seeley	Tillie Sayfie
Sarah Coleman	Matthew Ledford
Mindy Abraham	Linda Manica
Joshua Utecht	Wadih Choueiri
Christine Heisserer	Pat Hattem
Audrey King	Angela Franks
Leslie Ayoub-Borisen	Alanna Mrlik
Joe Corey	

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



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Bette Bosma