

St. Nicholas Antiochian Orthodox Church

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January 12, 2020, Sunday After the Theophany of Christ

Welcome to St. Nicholas Antiochian Orthodox Church

We greet you in the Name of the Lord, and are thankful for your visit to pray with us. Your participation in the work of all who enter here with faith, reverence and the fear of God makes the Divine Liturgy alive. For the “lit-orgia” is truly the “work of the people.”

St. Nicholas Orthodox Church’s mission is to assist people of all races, cultures and backgrounds on their journey to God’s Kingdom by standing firm in the Gospel handed down to us by Christ and His Apostles. We will accomplish this mission by a) living a full liturgical and sacramental life, b) proclaiming the Orthodox Christian faith to all people, c) providing effective charitable and social programs, and d) establishing strong spiritual leadership and educational resources. St. Nicholas is a living reflection of Christ and shines as a light to all people.

Communion is reserved for those Orthodox Christians who prepared themselves through regular confession and fasting from the night before. Others may approach the chalice for a blessing and partake of the antidoron (blessed bread).

To encourage a proper spirit of prayer and devotion, we respectfully ask that you enter the sanctuary quietly during the Diving Liturgy. Please, do NOT enter or exit the sanctuary at the following times:

- When the priest censes the church
- During the Little Entrance with the Gospel
- During the reading of the Epistle and Gospel. (*You may enter the nave immediately after the reading of each is completed*).
- During the delivery of the Sermon
- During the Great Entrance with the Holy Gifts
- During the Prayers of Consecration. *You may enter the nave after the Hymn to the Theotokos “It Is Truly Meet.”*

REGULAR SERVICE SCHEDULE

Saturday 5:00 PM Vespers

Sunday 9:30 AM Orthros

10:30 AM Divine Liturgy

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING BROTHERS & SISTERS:

Departed: Jean Renner, Mae Victoria Wragg, Mitchell Abraham, John Specian, Cheryl Catton, Fares Beder, Hanneh Kassis, Zeipha Albert, James F. M. Sexton, Evelyn Pippy, Fr. Spyridon Massouh, Isa Ishak, Jaber Ibrahim, Anthony Patell

Shut-Ins/Sick: Metropolitan PAUL, Archbishop YOHANNAH, Annette Haddad, Nicholas Hughes, Schauki Kassis, John Bennett, Rose Beede, Alice Flaherty, Theodora Ohlinger, Sally Bell, Bob Bostley, Bill Yopp, George Joseph Rolfes, Aurelia Buda, Evelyn Lonack, Richard Pippy, Diane Zorich, Lisa McCoy, Viola Haddad, Susana Kassis, Mary Semaan

For the Health of: Fr. Lazarus Sucanto, Kh. Virginia Massouh, Pf. Margot Siniari, Angela Jacob, Farhat David, Helen Massarelli, Carole Massarelli, Evelyn Salem, Helen Salem, Ruth & Evern Hazel, Georgette Abraham, Mariam Haddad, Bryan Haddad, Nasir Kassis, Mitch & Geri Kanaan, Mary Ellen James, Alice Faccenda, David & Eva Szabo, Marion Bostley, Theodore Todorow, Alex Gimon, Leo Poirier, Collin Lamkin, Sophie Massouh, Stephen Bove’, Leila Bashara, Natalie Floreancig, Mary Magdalene Foltz, Marie Miller, Diane Karns, Paula Massouh, Charlene Toney, Gail & Charlie Barnett, Suha Mansour, Bob Poirier, Anna Jacob, Bruce Bingham

Service Members: Christopher Salem (USAF): Nephew of Helen Salem, Peter McIntire (Army): Grand Nephew of Viola Haddad, Curtis Brickwood (Navy): Fr Michael’s Cousin, David Butler (Navy): Son of Joanna Kassis Butler, Trenton Wesley (Army): grandson of Leila Bashara

God grant you many years...

BIRTHDAYS

January 12	Michael Jacob Suha Mansour
January 13	Nadier Yacoub Brittany Kassis Diane Elizabeth Neely
January 14	Mona Elkhoully
January 17	Janet Rodriguez
January 18	Julia Sales

ANNIVERSARIES

January 13	Mona & Koly Elkouly
January 18	Michael & Olga Boisvert

LADIES SOCIETY PAK A SACK MINISTRY

Our Ladies Society is resuming their support of chronically-hungry children of Fairmount Park and Melrose schools. Your donations of food and cash will be a blessing to these children.

Our efforts are combined with those of the First United Methodist Church again this school year. First United Methodist Church currently, serves 300 children at Fairmount Park and 268 children at Melrose Elementary Schools. They provide between 10 and 12 items per bag per week. These are the types of items we suggest that you donate.

Ramen noodle pouches	Small boxes of cereal
Capri sun or fruit juice pouches	Microwave oatmeal
Applesauce and/or fruit cups	Poptarts
Crackers and cheese or peanut butter individual packages	Pudding cups
Chef boyardee (microwaveable)	Microwave popcorn
Individual chips, crackers, cookie, pretzel bags	Granola or protein bars
Raisins, nuts (individual bags)	
Fruit chews (individually wrapped)	

***A big thank you for everyone's support for the PAK A SACK ministry.
Through your generosity we are able to support this effort to help feed local children.***

MORTGAGE REDUCTION CAMPAIGN

The Mortgage balance as of November 30, 2019 is \$130,672.82 We have received the following donations

\$40,000-Helen & Carole Massarelli	\$500-Robert & Bonnie Guirguis
\$10,000-Anonymous donor	\$500 Viola Haddad
\$3,000 Fady Hakim & Mary Guirguis	\$500-Nadine Schmidt
\$1,000-Anonymous donor	\$500-Alice Flaherty
\$1,000-Anonymous donor	\$500-Dean Smuro
\$1,000-Charles & Christine Doerner	\$250-James & Sheila Mallo
\$1,000-Walter Alexandroff	\$250-Bryan & Annette Haddad
\$750-Koly & Mona Elkhoully	\$250-Ralph & Eleanore Parker
\$500-Alice Faccenda	\$200-Steve & Lisa Spears
	\$100- David Yopp

AIR CONDITIONERS FOR NEW CHURCH

It was recently discovered that one of the four air conditioners was malfunctioning. The cost of fixing the unit will be about \$2,000. So far we have received donations of \$700 from two of our generous parishioners. Should you wish to assist in defraying this cost, please write on the memo section of your check "Air Conditioner". Thank you!

EVERYONE IS INVITED FOR COFFEE & SNACKS FOLLOWING DIVINE LITURGY

Show hospitality to one another..." 1Peter 4:9

We welcome all of those who are visiting with us this morning.

Please join us following the Divine Liturgy for coffee hour.

We pray that your experience here this morning was uplifting.

We look forward to seeing you again soon.

Today's Coffee Hour is Sponsored by The Ladies Society

UPCOMING EVENTS (See calendar on website):

TODAY-Ladies Society Meeting Following Liturgy
Monday, January 13, 2020, 6:30pm – Parish Council Dinner Meeting
Sunday, January 19, 2020 - Parish Council Induction and Swearing In Ceremony
Sunday, January 19, 2020-Sunday School Luncheon
January 24 – 26, 2020 – DOMSE meeting Atlanta, GA
Tuesday, January 28, 2020, 6 PM-Ladies Society Book Discussion & Potluck Dinner
Weekend of May 22 & 23, 2020-Visit from Bishop NICHOLAS-Details to Follow

2020 LITURGICAL CALENDARS

Our 2020 liturgical calendars this year are quite beautiful and are available on the table in the narthex. Please be sure to get your copy. Please take only one copy so that everyone can get one.

2020 DONATION ENVELOPES

If you requested donation envelopes for 2020 or have gotten them in the past they are available on the table in the narthex. Each box is labeled with the name of the recipient.

INK CARTRIDGE RECYCLING

We are able to save on our office supplies by taking ink cartridges to Office Depot for credit so please bring in your used printer ink cartridges and deposit them in the box in the Fellowship Hall. Toner cartridges are not accepted by Office Depot so please bring ink cartridges only.

LADIES SOCIETY BOOK DISCUSSION & POTLUCK DINNER

Ladies, bookclub get together; Tuesday, January 28, 2020, 6:00 pm. The book discussed will be the Testament, by John Grisham. It will be an interesting and fun discussion!

THE SYNAXARION

On January 12, we continue to celebrate the Theophany (Epiphany) of our Lord Jesus Christ, and we commemorate the holy Martyr Tatiana of Rome, the Deaconess, and those with her.

Verses

*For Tatiana, who was in all things resplendent,
The bright sword gave her head a resplendent laurel.
On the twelfth, they trimmed Tatiana's neck.*

Tatiana lived during the reign of Emperor Alexander Severus, whose chief assistants persecuted Christians without the emperor's orders. When they brought out the virgin Tatiana for torture, she prayed to God for her torturers. And behold, their eyes were opened and they saw four angels around the martyr. Seeing this, eight of them believed in Christ for which they also were tortured and slain. The tormentors continued to disfigure Tatiana, but God sent His angels to the dungeon to encourage her and to heal her wounds. Each morning, Tatiana appeared before the torturers completely healed. Finally, Tatiana and her father were both beheaded in about the year 225. Thus, this heroic woman and those with her were crowned with immortal wreaths of glory. On this day, we also commemorate the Martyr Peter Absalom of Palestine; Virgin-martyr Euthasia; and Martyr Mertios of Mauretania. By their intercessions, O Christ God, have mercy upon us. Amen.

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION IN TONE FIVE

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 OF THE THEOPHANY OF CHRIST IN TONE ONE

When Thou, O Lord, wast baptized in the Jordan, worship of the Trinity wast made manifest; for the voice of the Father bore witness to Thee, calling Thee His beloved Son. And the Spirit in the likeness of a dove confirmed the truth of His word. O Christ our God, Who hast appeared and enlightened the world, glory to Thee.

KONTAKION OF THE THEOPHANY OF CHRIST IN TONE FOUR

On this day Thou hast appeared unto the whole world, and Thy light, O Sovereign Lord, is signed on us who sing Thy praise and chant with knowledge: Thou hast now come, Thou hast appeared, O Thou Light unapproachable.

THE EPISTLE

(For the Sunday after the Theophany of Christ)

Let Thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us. Rejoice in the Lord, O ye righteous.

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Ephesians. (4:7-13)

Brethren, grace was given to each of us according to the measure of Christ's gift. Therefore, it is said, "When He ascended on high He led a host of captives, and He gave gifts to men." (In saying, "He ascended," what does it mean but that He had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? He who descended is He who also ascended far above all the heavens, that He might fill all things.) And His gifts were that some should be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ.

THE GOSPEL

(For the Sunday after Theophany of Christ)

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew. (4:12-17)

At that time, when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew into Galilee; and leaving Nazareth he went and dwelt in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulon and Naphtali, so that what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: "The land of Zebulon and the land of Naphtali, toward the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles—the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned." From that time Jesus began to preach, saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of Heaven is at hand."