

St. Nicholas Antiochian Orthodox Church

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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

40 Day Memorial Service Today for Mae Victoria Wragg

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, Mathilde Atik, Dorothy Mihelic

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 20	Nick Hadley
January 21	Megan Daher
January 22	Ron Patell, Linda Hunter
January 23	Joseph Mobayed, Evern Hazel
January 24	James Calamas
January 25	Richard Pippy, Reem Jacob

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
\$2,000-St. Nicholas Ladies Society	\$500-Nadine Schmidt
\$3,000 Fady Hakim & Mary Guirguis	\$500-Alice Flaherty
\$1,000-Anonymous donor	\$500-Dean Smuro
\$1,000-Anonymous donor	\$250-James & Sheila Mallo
\$1,000-Anonymous donor	\$250-Bryan & Annette Haddad
\$1,000-Charles & Christine Doerner	\$250-Ralph & Eleanore Parker
\$1,000-Walter Alexandroff	\$200-Steve & Lisa Spears
\$750-Anonymous	\$100- David Yopp
\$500-Alice Faccenda	
\$500-Samya Semaan	

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 Sunday School
Free Will Donation**

UPCOMING EVENTS (See calendar on website):

TODAY-Luncheon Sponsored by The Sunday School
TODAY- Parish Council Induction and Swearing In Ceremony
Sunday, January 26, 2020-Ladies Society Luncheon
\$10 Per Person, \$20 Per Family
January 24 – 26, 2020 – DOMSE meeting Atlanta, GA
Tuesday, January 28, 2020, 6 PM-Ladies Society Book Discussion & Potluck Dinner
Saturday, February 22, 2020-Ladies Society Yard Sale
Weekend of May 22 & 23, 2020-Visit from Bishop NICHOLAS-Details to Follow

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!

BOOKSTORE NEWS...

Stop by & Check out our display of 5-New Spiritual Books by :
Fr. Emmanuel Hatzidakis

Have a question? Speak with the author, Signed copies available

Need a Special Saint? or Hard to find Icon?

They can now be made to order! See Samples! Make a Great Gift!

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION IN TONE SIX

When Mary stood at Thy grave, looking for Thy sacred body, angelic powers shone above Thy revered tomb; and the soldiers who were to keep guard became as dead men. Thou led Hades captive and wast not tempted thereby. Thou didst meet the Virgin and didst give life to the world, O Thou, Who art risen from the dead, O Lord, glory to Thee.

APOLYTIKION OF ST. MAKARIOS OF EGYPT IN TONE ONE

Thou didst prove to be a citizen of the desert, an angel in the flesh, and a wonderworker, O Makarios, 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.

KONTAKION OF THE PRESENTATION OF CHRIST IN TONE ONE

Thou, O Christ God, Who by Thy Birth, didst sanctify the Virgin's womb, and, as is meet, didst bless Simeon's arms, and didst also come to save us; preserve Thy fold in wars, and confirm them whom Thou didst love, for Thou alone art the Lover of mankind.

THE EPISTLE (For the Twenty-ninth Sunday after Pentecost)

How magnified are Thy works, O Lord; in wisdom hast Thou made them all.

Bless the Lord, O my soul.

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Colossians. (3:4-11)

Brethren, when Christ, Who is our life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory. Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. On account of these, the wrath of God is coming upon the sons of disobedience. In these you once walked, when you lived in them. But now put them all away: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and foul talk from your mouth. Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old nature with its practices and have put on the new nature, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its Creator. Here there cannot be Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free man, but Christ is all, and in all.

THE GOSPEL (For the Twelfth Sunday of Luke—"Ten Lepers")

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. (17:12-19)

At that time, as Jesus entered a village, He was met by ten lepers, who stood at a distance and lifted up their voices and said, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us." When He saw them He said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went they were cleansed. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice; and he fell on his face at Jesus' feet, giving Him thanks. Now he was a Samaritan. Then Jesus said, "Were not ten cleansed? Where are the nine? Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" And He said to him, "Rise and go your way; your faith has made you well."

THE SYNAXARION

On January 19 in the Holy Orthodox Church we commemorate our righteous Father Makarios the Great of Egypt, the Anchorite; and our righteous Father Makarios of Alexandria.

Verses

The pair of divine Makarii now dying, they partake of a life exceedingly blessed.

On the nineteenth, the Makarii obtained the land of the blessed.

Both men were the contemporaries of Anthony the Great. Makarios the Great withdrew into the wilderness where he spent 60 years in labor and struggle, both internally and externally for the Kingdom of Heaven. So much did he succeed in cleansing his mind and heart of evil that God bestowed upon him the abundant gift of miracle-working; he even raised the dead. Makarios often told his disciple Paphnutius: "Do not judge anyone and you will be saved." Nine days before his death, St. Anthony, St. Pachomius and a cherub revealed to him that he would enter the Kingdom of Heaven. Makarios lived to be 97 years old and died in the year 390. The younger Makarios also entered the monastic life to fight demonic temptations. Once, a brother saw him fill a basket with sand, carry it uphill and empty it. Astonished, the brother asked him, "What are you doing?" Makarios answered, "I am tormenting my tormentor," that is, the devil. He died in the year 393, well past the age of 100.

On this day, we also commemorate the Venerable Arsenios, bishop of Kerkyra; and Venerable Mark Eugenikos, metropolitan of Ephesus, pillar of Orthodoxy. By their intercessions, O Christ God, have mercy upon us. Amen.

LADIES SOCIETY YARD SALE

The Ladies Society Yard Sale in November was such a success that we are going to have another one on Saturday, February 22. Your donations are greatly appreciated and can be brought to the church on any Sunday up until February 16. Please bring household items, toys, sporting goods, kitchen ware, etc, but **please no clothing or shoes**. This time there will not be a bake sale or barbeque. We will need helpers to prepare for the sale and to work on the day of the sale, so if your are able to help out please see Anamay Rossomando or Doreen Radich. Thank you!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED DURING LENT & HOLY WEEK

As Bob Rolfes, our Parish Council President, mentioned last week after liturgy Great Lent is fast approaching and our church needs helpers to perform various duties for the additional services and meals. If you are able to help and want more information please see Bob Rolfes.