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SUNDAY OF THE HOLY FATHERS OF FOURTH ECUMENICAL COUNCIL

& GREAT-MARTYR MARINA OF ANTIOCH IN PISIDIA

VENERABLE IRENARCHOS OF SOLOVKY

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-ourgia" 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."

SERVICE SCHEDULE:

Saturday: 5:00 PM Vespers

Sunday: 9:30 AM Orthros

10:30 AM Divine Liturgy

THE SYNAXARION

On July 17 in the Holy Orthodox Church we commemorate the Venerable Irenarchos of Solovky; and the holy and glorious Great-martyr Marina of Antioch in Pisidia.

She was born to pagan parents and heard of the Lord Jesus at age twelve. Her heart was inflamed with love for the Lord, she vowed never to marry and, further, desired in her soul to suffer for Christ and be baptized with the blood of martyrdom. Her father hated her for her faith, and would not regard her as his daughter. The imperial governor, Olymbrius, desired her for his wife. When Marina refused, he put her to harsh torture, and threw her into prison all wounded and bleeding. Marina prayed to God in the prison, but there appeared to her first the devil in the form of a terrible serpent, which twined itself about her head. When she made the sign of the Cross, the serpent split asunder and disappeared. Then she was bathed in heavenly light; the walls and roof of the prison disappeared and a Cross was revealed, resplendent and lofty. Marina was healed by the power of God of all her wounds. She was finally sentenced to death by beheading. At the moment of her death, the Lord Jesus appeared to her, accompanied by angels.

On this Sunday, we commemorate the 630 holy and God-bearing Fathers of the Fourth Ecumenical Council, which convened in Chalcedon in 451 against the Monophysites.

The Holy Fathers were, once again, concerned with the nature of Jesus Christ. The false teaching arose that Christ's human nature (considered by heretics as less perfect) dissolved itself in His divine nature (considered by heretics as more perfect): like a cube of sugar in a parcel of water. Thus, in that scenario, Christ had only one nature, the Divine. These false preachers were called Monophysites ("mono", meaning "one" and "physis", meaning "nature"), and they were led by Eutyches and Dioscorus. Monophysitism overemphasized the divine nature of Christ, at the expense of the human. The Fourth Ecumenical Council condemned Monophysitism and proclaimed that Christ has two complete natures: the divine and the human, as defined by previous Councils. These two natures function as equally perfect, without confusion, and are neither divided nor separate. The Fathers declared that at no time did they undergo any change.

By the intercessions of Thy Saints, O Christ God, have mercy upon us. Amen.

THE EPISTLE: Titus (3:8-15)

Titus, my son, faithful is the saying, and concerning these things I desire you to affirm confidently, that those who have believed in God may be thoughtful of how to preside in honorable occupations. These things are good and profitable to men. But avoid foolish disputes, and genealogies, and contentions, and controversies about the Law; for they are unprofitable and vain. A man who is a heretic after the first and second admonition reject, knowing that such a one is subverted, and sins, being self-condemned. When I send Artemas to you, or Tychicós, give diligence to come to me to Nicopolis; for I have determined to winter there. Set forward Zenas the lawyer and Apollos

on their journey diligently, that they may be lacking in nothing. And let our people also learn how to preside in honorable occupations, so as to help in cases of urgent need, that they should not be unfruitful. All who are with me salute you. Salute those who love us in the faith. Grace be with you all. Amen.

THE GOSPEL: St. Matthew (5:14-19)

The Lord said to His Disciples: “You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hid. Nor do men light a lamp and put it under a bushel, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father Who is in heaven. Think not that I have come to abolish the law and the prophets; I have come not to abolish them, but to fulfill them. For truly, I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. Whoever then relaxes one of the least of these commandments, and teaches men so, shall be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but he who does them and teaches them shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven.”

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING BROTHERS & SISTERS:

Departed: Fr. Spero Page, Louis Albert, Anne White, Hanna Tawfic, Fr. George Brunish, Wayne Massarelli, Lu'a Albert, Leila Kassis, Miriam Khoury, Bishop MAEL, Bobby Brickwood, Pr. Viola Soter, Fr. David Milligan, Leo George, George Abodeely, Johara David, Evern Hazel, Michael Polianchik, Agnes Splinter.

Shut-Ins/Sick: Metropolitan +PAUL, Archbishop +JOHN, Annette Haddad, Schauki Kassis, Rose Beede, Alice Flaherty, Sally Bell, Aurelia Buda, Richard Pippy, Diane Zorich, Lisa McCoy, Viola Haddad, Susana Kassis, Mary Semaan, Claudette Poirier, Rosemary Ferdinand.

For the Health & Needs of: Kh. Virginia Massouh, Pf. Margot Siniari, Farhat David, Helen Massarelli, Carole Massarelli, Helen Salem, Ruth Hazel, Mariam Haddad, Bryan Haddad, Mitch Kanaan, 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, Gail & Charlie Barnett, Suha Mansour, Bob Poirier, Bruce Bingham, Dorothy Mihelic, Loretta Karpelenia, Joanne Kassis, Mary Jean Lubin, Nahil Yacoub, Ermira Satka, Gerald Vizvary, Stavroula, Laura, Alice, Anna.

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

Upcoming Events (Note: Weekly Email Newsletter has further details for events)

Mon 7/18 – Fri 7/22

Fr. Nathaniel travelling to Antiochian Village in PA for the
Archdiocesan Clergy Symposium

Mon 8/1 – Sun 8/14

The Dormition Fast – Abstain from meat, dairy, fish, wine & oil
(except for Saturday & Sunday when wine & oil are allowed and
Transfiguration when fish is allowed)

Sat 8/6 – The Transfiguration

Orthros – 9:30 am Divine Liturgy – 10:30 am

Sun 8/14 – The Dormition (transferred from 8/15)

Orthros – 9:30 am Divine Liturgy – 10:30 am

Summer Coffee Hour

Now through September 1st there will not be any scheduled Coffee Hour hosts. Instead, coffee will be available, and everyone is invited to bring pastries or bagels to share.

Thank you for your dedication to our parish!

God grant you many years!

BIRTHDAYS

6/23 – Alinah Mobayed

7/4 – Robert Rolfes

7/5 – Theresa Jennings

7/6 – Ramsey Ishaq

7/6 – Donald Lipscomb

7/9 – Aviah Mobayed

7/11 – Fuad Mobayed

7/13 – Vito Bianca

7/14 – Benjamin Bianca

7/17 – Leonidha Budo

7/19 – Emilie Foltz Dagley

ANNIVERSARIES

7/7 – Charles & Katherine Doerner

7/10 – Edward & Elena Liss

7/14 – Jamal & Suha Mansour