



BELOVED,

do not think it strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened to you; but rejoice to the extent that you partake of Christ's sufferings, that when His glory is revealed, you may also be glad with exceeding joy.

1 PETER 4:12-13

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**NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST & NINTH SUNDAY OF MATTHEW
AFTER-FEAST OF THE TRANSFIGURATION OF CHRIST**

APOSTLE MATTHIAS; TRANSLATION OF THE RELICS OF VENERABLE HERMAN OF ALASKA,
WONDERWORKER OF AMERICA

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).

REGULAR SERVICE SCHEDULE: Saturday: 5:00 PM Vespers

Sunday: 9:30 AM Orthros 10:30 AM Divine Liturgy

Upcoming Events

Wednesday, August 12 – 6:30 pm – Little Paraklesis Supplicatory Canon to the Theotokos

Saturday, August 15 – The Dormition of our Lady Theotokos

9:30 am - Orthros

10:30 am – Divine Liturgy

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION IN TONE EIGHT

From the heights Thou didst descend, O compassionate One, and Thou didst submit to the three-day burial, that Thou might deliver us from passion; Thou art our life and our Resurrection, O Lord, glory to Thee.

APOLYTIKION OF THE TRANSFIGURATION IN TONE SEVEN

When, O Christ our God, Thou wast transfigured on the mountain, Thou didst reveal Thy glory to Thy Disciples in proportion as they could bear it. Let Thine everlasting light also enlighten us sinners, through the intercessions of the Theotokos. O Thou Bestower of light, glory to Thee.

KONTAKION OF THE TRANSFIGURATION IN TONE SEVEN

Thou wast transfigured on the mount, and Thy Disciples, in so far as they were able, beheld Thy glory, O Christ our God; so that, when they should see Thee crucified, they would remember that all Thy suffering was voluntary, and could declare to all the world that Thou art truly the effulgent Splendor of the Father.

EPISTLE - Reading from the First Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians. (3:9-17)

GOSPEL - Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew. (14:22-34)

God grant you many years....

BIRTHDAYS

Aug 10 Emory Miller	Aug 13 Carol Hisiro
Aug 13 Michael Nahas	Aug 15 Mary Semaan
Aug 13 Gail Barnett	Aug 15 Esber Ham

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING BROTHERS & SISTERS:

Departed: Fr. Paul Lazor, Fr. Elias Bitar, Fr. John Winfrey, Helen Lipscomb, Handumy Tahan, 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

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

For the Health & Needs of: Kh. Virginia Massouh, Pf. Margot Siniari, Angela Jacob, Farhat David, Helen Massarelli, Carole Massarelli, 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, Gail & Charlie Barnett, Suha Mansour, Bob Poirier, Bruce Bingham, Dorothy Mihelic, Loretta Karpelenia, Lydia Davidson, Joanne Kassis.

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

GROWTH THROUGH TRIALS

There is a wise saying that claims: "Into each life some rain must fall." We all realize that we are instruments of God. His plan for us includes birth, growth and maturity. God uses the Bible, the Church and other believers to help shape us. He also uses TRIALS in our life to mold us.

Why does Mankind face trials? It is because we live in a sinful world. It is written in Romans 3:10-23 that we are all part of a fallen race and fall short of the glory of God. Our world is filled with turmoil, crime and sickness. Our adversary is Satan. He tempts us to be unfaithful and to do evil. Our goal must be to strive to overcome this evil with good.

But why are CHRISTIAN TRIALS different? We are aware that we do not suffer alone. There is a design to our difficulties. We look to JESUS, the One Who cares and understands. Through Him will come our glory.

Let us examine how Christians should react to several tribulations. Perhaps we have financial troubles, maybe not of our doing. These trials may teach us to care and show gratitude for the assistance the Lord gives. Sometimes, health problems get in our way. They teach us to sympathize, pray and lean on Jesus. Maybe we have family concerns. Rejoice in the fact that you are part of a larger family of God and seek out help from Christian counselors. The question is this: How are you doing in God's School of Trials? Let's hope these trials are making you BETTER and not BITTER.

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