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## SEPTEMBER 19, 2021

### SUNDAY AFTER THE ELEVATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

MARTYRS TROPHIMOS, DORYMEDON AND SAVVATIOS;

HIEROMARTYR JANUARIOS OF BENEVENTO AND HIS COMPANIONS

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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."*

### SERVICE SCHEDULE:

Saturday: 5:00 PM Vespers

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

### THE SYNAXARION

On September 19 in the Holy Orthodox Church we continue the celebration of the Elevation of the Precious and Life-giving Cross, and we commemorate the holy Martyrs Trophimos, Dorymedon and Savvatios.

In 278, during the reign of Probus, Trophimos and Savvatios came to Antioch, and seeing the city celebrating the festival of Apollo at Daphne lamented the blindness of the people. They presented themselves as Christians to Atticus the Governor and refused to take part in the revelry. Atticus subjected each man to cruel tortures: Savvatios gave up his spirit during sufferings, but Trophimos was imprisoned in various places and beaten at each stop. At Synnada, Dorymedon, a counselor and a pagan, came to the prison and cared for Trophimos. When another pagan feast came, Dorymedon also refused to sacrifice to the idols, proclaimed himself a Christian, and was also imprisoned. The torturer ordered Trophimos and Dorymedon to be thrown to the wild beasts, but the animals would not touch them. They were eventually beheaded and all three martyrs now reign in Heaven.

On this day, we also commemorate the Hieromartyr Januarios of Benevento and his companions. By the intercessions of Thy Saints, O Christ God, have mercy upon us. Amen.

### RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION IN TONE FOUR

Having learned the joyful message of the Resurrection from the angel the women disciples of the Lord cast from them their parental condemnation. And proudly broke the news to the Disciples, saying: Death hath been spoiled; Christ God is risen, granting the world Great Mercy.

### APOLYTIKION OF THE ELEVATION OF THE HOLY CROSS IN TONE ONE

O Lord, save Thy people and bless Thine inheritance, granting to Thy people victory over all their enemies, and by the power of Thy Cross preserving Thy commonwealth.

### KONTAKION OF THE ELEVATION OF THE HOLY CROSS IN TONE FOUR

Do Thou, Who of Thine own good will was lifted up upon the Cross, O Christ our God, bestow Thy bounties upon the new Nation which is called by Thy Name; make glad in Thy might those who lawfully govern, that with them we may be led to victory over our adversaries, having in Thine aid a weapon of peace and a trophy invincible.

**THE EPISTLE: St. Paul to the Galatians. (2:16-20)**

Brethren, knowing that a person is not justified by the works of the Law, but through faith in Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Jesus Christ, that we might be justified by faith in Christ, and not by the works of the Law; for by the works of the Law shall no flesh be justified. But if, while we sought to be justified in Christ, we ourselves also were found sinners, is Christ then a minister of sin? God forbid! For if I build up again those things which I destroyed, I prove myself a transgressor. For I through the law died to the law, that I might live to God. I have been crucified with Christ, nevertheless I live, yet not I, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave Himself up for me.

**THE GOSPEL: St. Mark. (8:34-9:1)**

The Lord said, "If any man would come after Me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow Me. For whoever would save his life will lose it; and whoever loses his life for My sake and the Gospel's will save it. For what does it profit a man, to gain the whole world and forfeit his soul? For what can a man give in return for his soul? For whoever is ashamed of Me and of My words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him will the Son of man also be ashamed, when He comes in the glory of His Father with the holy angels." And He said to them, "Truly, I say to you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Kingdom of God come with power."

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING BROTHERS & SISTERS:**

**Departed:** Nellie Joseph, Ruth Wiggins, Malaky Shaheen, Betty Baer, Vera Vedo, Christo V. Metro, Ethel Modi, Anthony Santoro, Richard Massouh, Khairallah Massouh, John R. Murcurio.

**Shut-Ins/Sick:** Metropolitan PAUL, Archbishop YOHANNAH, Annette Haddad, Schauki Kassis, Rose Beede, Alice Flaherty, Sally Bell, Bob Bostley, Aurelia Buda, Richard Pippy, Diane Zorich, Lisa McCoy, Viola Haddad, Susana Kassis, Mary Semaan, Geri Kanaan.

**For the Health & Needs of:** Kh. Virginia Massouh, Pf. Margot Siniari, Farhat David, Helen Massarelli, Carole Massarelli, Helen Salem, Ruth Hazel, Georgette Abraham, Mariam Haddad, Bryan Haddad, Nasir Kassis, 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, Lydia Davidson, Joanne Kassis, Mary Jean Lubin, Nahil Yacoub, Todd & Najla Spoto.

**Service Members:** Zachariah Weaver (USAF), 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

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## **Upcoming Events**

Wednesday, September 22<sup>nd</sup> – 6:00 pm Vespers.  
6:45 pm Book Study

Saturday, September 25 - Women's Book Club and Lunch – 11 AM  
(to discuss *Falling Home* and *After the Rain* by Karen White)

Wednesday, September 29<sup>th</sup> – 6:00 pm Vespers.  
6:45 pm Catechism Class

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## **First Day of Sunday School – Come Learn with Us!** (Immediately after Communion)

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**Coffee Hour Help:** There is a sign-up list in the church hall with dates and food items to bring for coffee hour. Please consider contributing to the life of our parish by helping to provide some of this food for coffee hour. It is such a blessing for us to be able to eat and fellowship together, but we need everyone's help to make it happen. Thank you for your generosity and love!

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### **Church Etiquette Reminder:**

Please refrain from using your phone and texting when you are in church.  
If you must text or use your phone, go outside the church.

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At the Dismissal of the Divine Liturgy there should no LOUD conversations with each other. Socializing and talking with each other should be done outside the Nave of the church.

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## **God grant you many years...**

### **Birthdays**

Sep 19 Viola Haddad  
Sep 19 Alice Faccenda  
Sep 20 Christopher Doerner  
Sep 21 Charles E. Doerner  
Sep 22 Bonnie Guirgius

### **Anniversary**

Sep 19 Vito & Robin Bianca