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SUNDAY AFTER THE ELEVATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

GREAT-MARTYR EUSTATHIOS AND HIS FAMILY; VENERABLE-MARTYR HILARION OF ST. ANNE SKETE ON ATHOS; VENERABLE JOHN OF CRETE; MARTYRS MICHAEL, PRINCE OF CHERNIGOV, AND HIS COUNCILOR THEODORE

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

Tuesday, September 22nd 8 PM. “Orthodox Christianity 101: Fundamentals of the Faith,” **(Zoom)**
All of the class sessions to be held virtually through Zoom, but that could also change if conditions with the Coronavirus let up significantly.

Wednesday, September 30 – Liturgy of Abundant Caution ** **MASKS Required** **

5:30 pm – Great Vespers 6:15 pm – Divine Liturgy

Tuesday, September 22nd 8 PM (Zoom). “Orthodox Christianity 101: Fundamentals of the Faith,” Christian education class that will be starting at St. Nicholas Church on at Tuesday, September 22nd 8 PM. The class is entitled “Orthodox Christianity 101: Fundamentals of the Faith,” and it will be a guided journey through Clark Carlton’s book *The Faith: Understanding Orthodox Christianity*. The class will meet every other week from September 22nd to April 2nd, with one month off around Christmas and Theophany. At this point, my plan is for all of the class sessions to be held virtually through Zoom, but that could also change if conditions with the Coronavirus let up significantly.

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 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.

APOLYTIKION OF ST. EUSTATHIOS AND HIS FAMILY IN TONE FOUR

Thy Martyrs, O Lord, in their courageous contest for Thee * received as the prize the crowns of incorruption and life from Thee, our immortal God. * For since they possessed Thy strength, they cast down the tyrants * and wholly destroyed the demons’ strengthless presumption. * O Christ God, by their prayers, save our souls, since Thou art merciful.

THE EPISTLE **The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Galatians. (2:16-20)**

THE GOSPEL **The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Mark. (8:34-9:1)**

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING BROTHERS & SISTERS:

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

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 & Evren 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

ACHIEVING THE ULTIMATE "VICTORY"

During the reign of the Emperor Constantine the Great, Christianity began to spread to regions where the Gospel of Christ had not yet taken root. Missionaries in the early 4th century encountered great difficulties in taking the Lord's message to the barbaric tribes living in the Northern sections of the Empire, with the Goths being particularly hostile towards their preaching.

Still, some "seed" managed to fall on "good soil" among the uncivilized Goths. Through the efforts of the saintly Bishop Theophilus, who had been a participant in the First Ecumenical Council in 325 A.D., converts began to embrace the Christian faith. Foremost among them was the MARTYR NICETAS, whose name itself means "one who conquers." After being baptized by Bishop Theophilus, Nicetas became instrumental in turning many of his countrymen from their pagan ways. He assisted in translating the New Testament and other sacred writings into the language of the Goths, which greatly aided the establishment of Christian communities in the Danube River area.

The success of Christianity among the Goths incurred the wrath of their pagan ruler, Prince Athanaric, who ruthlessly began to persecute those who now professed their belief in Jesus. Although subjected to terrible torture, Nicetas refused to pay homage to the pagan gods. He ultimately suffered martyrdom in 372 A.D. when he was put to death by fire. He died knowing that by giving up his life for Christ, he had won the greatest of "victories": achieving eternal life in God's heavenly kingdom.

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God grant you many years....

BIRTHDAYS

Sep 20 Christopher Doerner
Sep 21 Charles E Doerner (Father)
Sep 22 Bonnie Guirgius
Sep 26 Isabella Pagani

ANNIVERSARIES

Sep 21 Vito & Robin Bianca
Sep 26 Michael & Emily Jadoun