

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: Bishop ANTOUN, John Salem, Theodore Salim, Abdullah Albert, Charles Radich, Dalal Abu-Hanna, David Guild, Kamal Jacob, Jennie Costa, Eugene Shago, Delores Freije, Olga Pawlow, Angeilica Essey, Frank Samuel, Basil Albert, Richard Stead, Michael Shaheen, Constantino Biris, Carl Georges, Germaine Poirier

Memorial Service Today for George Theophanos

Shut-Ins/Sick: Metropolitan PAUL, Archbishop YOHANNAH, 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

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

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, Luka Dundua (Army): Grandson of Salome Rollins

God grant you many years...

BIRTHDAYS

October 7 Katherine Doerner

October 9 Arianna Boreman, Susan Helms, Cristiano Caspian Budo

ANNIVERSARIES

October 8 Steven Hauser & Meagan Daher

EVERYONE IS INVITED TO COFFEE HOUR 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 Luncheon is Sponsored by Andi & Alba Budo

LADIES SOCIETY POTLUCK DINNER & BOOK DISCUSSION

On Tuesday, November 5th at 6 PM the Ladies Society will be gathering in the Fellowship Hall for a potluck dinner and book discussion. This event is open to all ladies in the parish. The book that everyone is asked to read is *A Man Called Ove* by New York Times bestselling author Fredrik Backman. The author is a Swedish columnist, blogger and writer.

"Ove is a curmudgeon—the kind of man who points at people he dislikes as if they were burglars caught outside his bedroom window. He has staunch principles, strict routines, and a short fuse. People call him "the bitter neighbour from hell." However, behind the cranky exterior there is a story and a sadness. So when one November morning a chatty young couple with two chatty young daughters move in next door and accidentally flatten Ove's mailbox, it is the lead-in to a comical and heart-warming tale of unkempt cats, unexpected friendship, and the ancient art of backing up a U-Haul. All of which will change one cranky old man and a local residents' association to their very foundations."

If you don't want to purchase the book it is available from your local library. We look forward to a lively evening of discussion and great food and fellowship.

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 YARD SALE & BAKE SALE, DECEMBER 14

At the Ladies Society meeting last week it was decided to have a yard sale and bake sale on Saturday, December 14. Everyone is encouraged to donate items that we can sell such as kitchen supplies, decorative items, toys, etc. **Please no clothing or shoes.** You can start bringing your donations into the Fellowship Hall at any time. Since we have several weeks to go until the sale we anticipate a lot of donations for a successful sale. We would also like to be able to sell hamburgers and hot dogs and need volunteers to help at the grill.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Today-Special Ladies Society Meeting Following Liturgy

Today-Special Collection for Pak A Sack

Monday October 7, 2019; 6:30 pm – Parish Council Dinner Meeting

Weekend of October 12th, 2019 – Combat Veteran's Retreat, Antiochian Village. Please see the flyer posted on the bulletin board in Fellowship Hall.

Tuesday, October 15, 2019, 10:00 AM-Prospora Bread Baking Class

Tuesday, November 5, 2019; 6:00 PM-Ladies Society Potluck Dinner & Book Discussion. Open to all Ladies in the Parish.

Saturday, December 14-Ladies Society Yard Sale & Bake Sale

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

Capri sun or fruit juice pouches

Applesauce and/or fruit cups

Crackers and cheese or peanut butter individual packages

Granola or protein bars

Fruit chews (individually wrapped)

Chef boyardee (microwaveable)

Microwave popcorn

Individual chips, crackers, cookie, pretzel bags

Small boxes of cereal

Microwave oatmeal

Poptarts

Pudding cups

Raisins, nuts (individual bags)

There will be a special collection today for Pak A Sack to purchase food for needy children in our local area

LEARN HOW TO MAKE PROSPHORA BREAD

Please be sure to mark your calendar and set aside Tuesday, October 15th at 10:00 AM to learn how to make prospora bread. Kay Larson will be our instructor. For further information please contact Kay at kaylarson73@yahoo.com.

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION IN TONE SEVEN

Thou didst shatter death by Thy Cross, Thou didst open paradise to the thief; Thou didst turn the sadness of the ointment-bearing women into joy. And didst bid Thine Apostles proclaim a warning, that Thou hast risen O Christ, granting to the world the Great Mercy.

APOLYTIKION OF ST. THOMAS IN TONE THREE

O holy Apostle Thomas, intercede with our merciful God to grant our souls forgiveness of sins.

ORDINARY KONTAKION IN TONE TWO

O protection of Christians that cannot be put to shame, mediation unto the Creator most constant, O despise not the suppliant voices of those who have sinned; but be thou quick, O good one, to come unto our aid, who in faith cry unto thee: Hasten to intercession, and speed thou to make supplication, thou who dost ever protect, O Theotokos, them that honor thee.

THE EPISTLE (For the Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost)

The Lord will give strength to His people.

Ascribe to the Lord, O sons of God, ascribe to the Lord honor and glory.

The Reading from the Second Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians. (6:1-10)

Brethren, working together with Him, then, we entreat you not to accept the grace of God in vain. For He says, "At the acceptable time I have listened to you, and helped you on the day of salvation." Behold, now is the acceptable time; behold, now is the day of salvation. We put no obstacle in anyone's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, but as servants of God we commend ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, beatings, imprisonments, tumults, labors, watching, hunger; by purity, knowledge, forbearance, kindness, the Holy Spirit, genuine love, truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; in honor and dishonor, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; as unknown, and yet well known; as dying, and behold we live; as punished, and yet not killed; as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything.

THE GOSPEL (For the Third Sunday of Luke)

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. (7:11-16)

At that time, Jesus went to a city called Nain, and many of His disciples and a great crowd went with Him. As He drew near to the gate of the city, behold, a man who had died was being carried out, the only son of his mother, and she was a widow; and a large crowd from the city was with her. And when the Lord saw her, He had compassion on her and said to her, "Do not weep." And He came and touched the bier, and the bearers stood still. And Jesus said, "Young man, I say to you: arise." And the dead man sat up, and began to speak. And Jesus gave him to his mother. Fear seized them all; and they glorified God, saying, "A great prophet has arisen among us!" and "God has visited His people!"

THE SYNAXARION

On October 6 in the Holy Orthodox Church we commemorate the holy Apostle Thomas.

Verses

*Thomas, who sought to thrust his hand in Thy side,
Is now pierced in his side for Thy sake, O Word.
On the sixth with long spears they undid Didymus.*

Thomas was also called "The Twin", one of the original Twelve Apostles. Through his doubt in the Resurrection of Christ the Lord, a new proof was given of that wonderful and saving event. The Lord said to Thomas: Reach hither thy finger, and behold My hands; and reach hither thy hand, and thrust it into My side: and be not faithless, but believing. And Thomas replied: My Lord and my God (John 20:27-28). After the descent of the Holy Spirit, when the apostles cast lots to see where they would each go to preach, the lot fell to Thomas to go to India. Thomas converted many to the Christian Faith, and established the Church there, appointing priests and bishops. Before his martyric death, he and the other apostles were miraculously brought to Jerusalem for the burial of the Most-holy Theotokos. Arriving too late, he wept bitterly, and the tomb of the Holy Most-pure One was opened at his request. The Theotokos' body was not found in the tomb: the Lord had taken His Mother to His heavenly habitation. Thus, in his tardiness Thomas revealed to us the wondrous glorification of the Mother of God, just as he had once confirmed faith in the Resurrection of the Lord by his unbelief.

On this day, we also commemorate our father among the saints Innocent, Apostle to the Americas; Venerable Kendeas of Cyprus; and Venerable-martyr Makarios of St. Anne Skete on Athos. By their intercessions, O Christ God, have mercy upon us. Amen.

Our beloved brother in Christ, and founding member of St. Nicholas, John Salem passed away on October 2. Our prayers and thoughts are with his beautiful wife Evelyn. May God's grace comfort her in her loss.

Funeral arrangements are as follows:

Friday, October 11 from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM at Anderson-McQueen Funeral Home, 7820 38th Avenue, North, St. Petersburg

Saturday, October 12 at 11 AM at St. Nicholas Church