

**St. Nicholas Antiochian Orthodox Church**

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**October 13, 2019, Fathers of the 7<sup>th</sup> Council**

**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:** Abp MICHAEL, 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, Constantino Biris, Carl Georges, Germaine Poirier

**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, Susana Kassis

**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 16 Phillip Matar

**ANNIVERSARIES**

October 19 Alex & Linda Hunter

**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 Deacon Elias & Karol**

**LADIES SOCIETY POTLUCK DINNER & BOOK DISCUSSION**

On Tuesday, November 5<sup>th</sup> 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 in *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:**

**Tuesday, October 15, 2019, 10:00 AM**-Prospora Bread Baking Class  
**Sunday, October 20, 2019, Special Olympics Sunday** - Teens handing out bookmarks after Liturgy & Special Collection

**Tuesday, October 22, 2019, 5:30 PM** Liturgy of St James at St John the Baptist Greek Orthodox Church, Tampa

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

**Sunday, November 10, 2019**, Annual Parish Meeting after Liturgy

**Saturday, November 16, 2019, 5:00 PM** Vespers with Bp NICHOLAS

**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 the first Sunday of each month 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 15<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:kaylarson73@yahoo.com).

### **MORTGAGE REDUCTION CAMPAIGN**

With the generosity \$40,000 donation from Helen and Carole Massarelli we will reduce the mortgage by December 31, 2019 to about \$125,000. Helen is challenging each of us to contribute a donation to pay off the balance. We already have pledges from several people that should help us reach our goal. We plan to have a celebration after Pascha with His Grace, Bishop NICHOLAS in attendance. Will you consider making a pledge before the end of the calendar year? Please see Fr Michael or Bob Rolfes to discuss the amount you can afford to contribute.

### **ANNUAL PARISH MEETING**

The Annual Parish Meeting will be held after Liturgy on Sunday, November 10, 2019. This once a year meeting's agenda is to hear reports from various groups and organizations of the Parish and to elect two members to the Parish Council. Each year we elect two members for three year terms, and the priest appoints two members for one year terms, The three year terms of Bob Rolfes and Bob Wiggins expire at the end of December 2019. If interested in running for a seat on the Parish Council see a member of the Nominating Committee: Sub Deacon Najib Jacob, Jim Calamas, or Father Michael.

### **AIR CONDITIONERS FOR NEW CHURCH**

The wooden stands for the churches air conditioners collapsed and had to be replaced with concrete ones thanks to Bob Rolfes, Andi Budo, and John Kozak. In the process of replacing the stands it was discovered that one of the four air conditioners was malfunctioning. The cost of fixing the unit will be about \$2,000. Should you wish to assist in defraying this cost, please write on the memo section of your check "Air Conditioner". Thank you!

### **RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION IN TONE EIGHT**

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

### **APOLYTIKION OF THE HOLY FATHERS IN TONE EIGHT**

Thou, O Christ, art our God of exceeding praise Who didst establish our Holy Fathers as luminous stars upon earth, and through them didst guide us unto the true Faith, O most merciful One, glory to Thee.

### **APOLYTIKION OF ST. JACOB OF HAMATOURA IN TONE THREE**

As a cedar of Lebanon thou growest, never fearing thy martyrdom and death, thou becamest a true victor, O Saint Jacob. For thou didst overcome death with thy mortal flesh, when thou didst tame all the passions by humility. And while burning like incense, as a true sacrifice, thou intercedeth with Christ to grant our souls the great mercy.

### **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 Holy Fathers)

*Blessed are Thou, O Lord, the God of our Fathers. For Thou art just in all that Thou hast done.*

### **The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to St. Titus. (3:8-15)**

Titus, my son, the saying is sure. I desire you to insist on these things, so that those who have believed in God may be careful to apply themselves to good deeds; these are excellent and profitable to men. But avoid stupid controversies, genealogies, dissension, and quarrels over the law, for they are unprofitable and futile. As for a man who is factious, after admonishing him once or twice, have nothing more to do with him, knowing that such a person is perverted and sinful; he is self-condemned. When I send Artemas or Tychicus to you, do your best to come to me at Nicopolis, for I have decided to spend the winter there. Do your best to speed Zenas the lawyer and Apollos on their way; see that they lack nothing. And let our people learn to apply themselves to good deeds, so as to help cases of urgent need, and not to be unfruitful. All who are with me send greetings to you. Greet those who love us in the faith. Grace be with you all. Amen.

### **THE GOSPEL** (For the Fourth Sunday of Luke)

### **The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. (8:5-15)**

The Lord spoke this parable: "A sower went out to sow his seed; and as he sowed, some fell along the path, and was trodden under foot, and the birds of the air devoured it. And some fell on the rock; and as it grew up, it withered away, because it had no moisture. And some fell among thorns; and the thorns grew with it and choked it. And some fell into good soil and grew, and yielded a hundredfold." And when His Disciples asked Him what this parable meant, Jesus said, "To you it has been given to know the secrets of the kingdom of God; but for others they are in parables, so that seeing they may not see, and hearing they may not understand. Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God. The ones along the path are those who have heard; then the devil comes and takes away the word from their hearts that they may not believe and be saved. And the ones on the rock are those who, when they hear the word, receive it with joy; but these have no root, they believe for a while and in time of temptation fall away. And as for what fell among the thorns, they are those who hear, but as they go on their way, they are choked by the cares and riches and pleasures of life, and their fruit does not mature. And as for that in the good soil, they are those who, hearing the word, hold it fast in an honest and good heart, and bring forth fruit with patience." As Jesus said this, He called out, "He who has ears to hear, let him hear."