

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: Fr. Michael Sotor, Kh. Josephine Courey, John Salem, Louis Jasmine, Esther Salem, Yousef Kassis, Anthony Faccenda, Katherine Maznek, Constantine Joseph, Betty Jacox Craft, Marion Jacox Minick, Anna Alexandroff, Richard Salem, Sandra Kotsopoulos, Romeo Poirier, Rene Mobayed, Hafeeza Massouh, Mary Larson, Betty Massouh, George Essey, Bernadette Patell, Jamil Kassis, Robert Aber

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, Gail & Charlie Barnett, Suha Mansour

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

God grant you many years...

BIRTHDAYS

November 10 Anna Jacob, Alice Flaherty, Mitchell Kanaan (son)

November 15 Samya Semaan

November 16 Hilda Mobayed

ANNIVERSARIES

November 15 Victor & Reem Jacob

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 Coffee Hour is Sponsored by Patrick Poirier & Maria Pinhiero

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 Collection for Pak A Sack to Buy Food for Hungry Children
Monday, November 11, 2019, 5:30 PM-Men's Club Dinner Meeting in the Fellowship Hall
All Men are Welcome to Attend
Saturday, November 16, 2019, 5:00 PM Vespers with Bp NICHOLAS
Sunday, November 17, 2019-Ladies Society Meeting Following Liturgy
Sunday, November 24, 2019, Annual Parish Meeting after Liturgy
Saturday, December 7, 2019, 11:30 AM-Ladies Society Christmas Party at Carrabas,
3530 Tyrone Boulevard, St. Petersburg
Sunday, December 8, 2019-St. Nicholas Feast Day Luncheon & Raffle
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	Small boxes of cereal
Capri sun or fruit juice pouches	Microwave oatmeal
Applesauce and/or fruit cups	Poptarts
Crackers and cheese or peanut butter individual packages	Pudding cups
Chef boyardee (microwaveable)	Microwave popcorn
Individual chips, crackers, cookie, pretzel bags	Granola or protein bars
Raisins, nuts (individual bags)	
Fruit chews (individually wrapped)	

**TODAY THERE WILL BE A SPECIAL COLLECTION FOR PAK A SACK TO HELP
FEED HUNGRY CHILDREN IN OUR LOCAL AREA.
WE COLLECTED OVER \$200 LAST MONTH!
THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY AND KINDNESS**

MORTGAGE REDUCTION CAMPAIGN

With the generosity \$40,000 donation from Helen and Carole Massarelli we have reduced the mortgage to about \$125,000 as of the end of October 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 DATE CHANGE

The Annual Parish Meeting will be held after Liturgy on Sunday, November 24, 2019 and not November 10 as was previously published. 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!

BOOKSTORE NEWS

Now that Anamay is back the bookstore is up and running as it should. More items have been added to the \$1.00 table, and there are new books, prayer ropes, icons and jewelry so stop by and browse around. Christmas is coming soon and our bookstore is the perfect place to find those perfect gifts for your family and friends.

NOVEMBER WONDER WORKER

Please pick up your November Wonder Worker from the basket on the counter in the narthex.

NOVEMBER 2019 EDITION OF THE WORD MAGAZINE

The November 2019 online edition of The Word magazine is now available at www.antiochian.org, and features an article about St. Joseph the Betrothed; reflections on the ministry of the clergy, the Divine Liturgy, icons, and the gospel readings; news stories and much more!

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.

KONTAKION OF ENTRANCE OF THE THEOTOKOS IN TONE FOUR

The sacred treasury of God's holy glory, the greatly precious bridal chamber and Virgin, the Savior's most pure temple, free of stain and undefiled, into the House of the Lord on this day is brought forward and bringeth with herself the grace of the Most Divine Spirit; her do God's Angels hymn with songs of praise, for she is truly the heavenly tabernacle.

THE EPISTLE (For the Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost)

*O Lord, how magnified are Thy works. In wisdom hast Thou made them all.
Bless the Lord, O my soul.*

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

Brethren, you know that a man is not justified by works of the Law but through faith in Jesus Christ. Even we have believed in Christ Jesus, in order to be justified by faith in Christ, and not by works of the Law, because by works of the Law shall no one be justified. But if, in our endeavor to be justified in Christ, we ourselves were found to be sinners, is Christ then an agent of sin? Certainly not! But if I build up again those things which I tore down, then 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; it is no longer I who live, but Christ Who lives in me; and the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, Who loved me and gave Himself for me.

THE GOSPEL (For the Eighth Sunday of Luke)

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. (10:25-37)

At that time, a lawyer stood up to put Jesus to the test, saying, "Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" Jesus said to him, "What is written in the Law? How do you read?" And the lawyer answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself." And Jesus said to him, "You have answered right; do this, and you will live." But the lawyer, desiring to justify himself, said to Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and he fell among robbers, who stripped him and beat him, and departed, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him

he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan, as he journeyed, came to where he was; and when he saw him, he had compassion, and went to him and bound up his wounds, pouring on oil and wine; then he set him on his own beast and brought him to an inn, and took care of him. And the next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper, saying, 'Take care of him; and whatever more you spend, I will repay you when I come back.' Which of these three, do you think, proved neighbor to the man who fell among the robbers?" The lawyer said, "The one who showed mercy on him." And Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

THE SYNAXARION

On November 10 in the Holy Orthodox Church we commemorate the holy Apostles Olympas, Rodion, Sosipater, Tertios, Erastos and Quartos of the Seventy.

Verses

*With words I hymn six disciples of the Word and Wisdom,
Who with their words delivered mortals from want of wisdom.
On the tenth the six Apostles passed from this life.*

Olympas and Herodion were followers of the Apostle Peter and when Peter suffered, they were beheaded by the command of Emperor Nero. Erastus had been the steward of the church in Jerusalem, and later became Bishop of Paneas in Palestine. Quartos was the first Bishop of the Apostolic See of Beirut. He suffered greatly, but converted many to the Christian Faith. Sosipater was the bishop in Iconium and Tertios was the second bishop in that city. They waged spiritual warfare and, as victors, received heavenly wreaths of glory. On this day, we also commemorate the Great-martyr Orestes of Tyana in Cappadocia. He was a Christian from birth and a physician by profession. He was harshly tortured by a certain wicked eparch Maximus during the reign of Diocletian. When Maximus advised him to deny Christ and worship idols, Orestes replied: "If you knew the power of the Crucified One, you would reject idolatrous falsehoods and worship the true God. I am prepared to endure every pain, having the sign of my Lord Jesus Christ inscribed on my heart." A man bright as the sun appeared, gathered Orestes' relics, and honorably buried them on a hill near Tyana. This wonderful saint appeared to St. Dimitri of Rostov and showed him all the wounds on his body. On this day, we also commemorate the Venerable Theostiriktos of Symbola and Nonnus, bishop of Heliopolis. By their intercessions, O Christ God, have mercy upon us. Amen.

ST NICHOLAS FEAST DAY RAFFLE

In your Wonder Worker for November you received tickets for our annual St. Nicholas Feast Day Raffle. This is a big fundraiser for our community and we hope that you will by several tickets. If you would like to buy more tickets than you were given please see Anamay Rossomando or Doreen Radich and they will be happy to help you. The drawing will take place on Sunday, December 8th during the Feast Day Luncheon.