

**St. Nicholas Antiochian Orthodox Church**

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**Saturday, April 27, 2019; Holy Saturday**

**Sunday, April 28, 2019, Great Pascha**

**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:** Jamilleh Jacob, Sonja Twors, Nancy Blair, Phyllis Kirschy, Habeeb Khoury, Kokab Kakesh, Victoria Jasmine White, Bassam Ishaq, Andrew Mamary

**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. Loretta Karpelenia, Kh. Virginia Massouh, Pf. Margot Siniari, Angela Jacob, Farhat David, Helen Massarelli, Carole Massarelli, John & Evelyn Salem, Helen Salem, Ruth & Evern Hazel, Luann Ellias, Kay Varoutis, Georgette Abraham, Mariam Haddad, Bryan Haddad, Nasir Kassis, Mitch & Geri Kanaan, John & Stephanie See, Mary Ellen James, Alice Faccenda, Pat Salem, David & Eva Szabo, Andrew, Marion Bostley, Theodore Todorow, Alex Gimon, George Hooker, Fuad Mobayed, Leo Poirier, Collin Lamkin, Sophie Massouh, Stephen Bove’, Ted Liss, Leila Bashara, Natalie Floreancig, John Rollins, Millicent Palko, Trenton Wesley, Ray Nawas, Bill Stanley, Poppi Madalvano, David Berryhill, Barbara Penny, Michael Kritikos, Dolores Fry, Mary Magdalene Foltz, Carl Massouh

**Service Members:** Christopher Salem (USAF): Nephew of Helen Salem, Peter McIntire (Army): Grand Nephew of Viola Haddad, Curtis Brickwood (Navy): Fr Michael’s Cousin, Derek Voss (Army): Son of Carolyn & Joe Galluccio, David Butler (Navy): Son of Joanna Kassis Butler, Trenton Wesley (Army): grandson of Leila Bashara, Luka Dundua (Army): Grandson of Salome Rollins

*If you wish your name or the name of someone else to be placed on the prayer list please contact Doreen Radich at 727-367-1059*

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

**BIRTHDAYS**

April 28	Nick Nahas
May 1	Leila Bashara, Nadine Matar
May 3	Laila Eve Baidurashvili
May 4	Lindsay Quick

**ANNIVERSARIES**

April 29	George & Sandra Baidurashvili
April 30	Michael & Rebecca Pagani
May 3	Ron & Anamay Rossomando
May 4	Charles & Christine Doerner

## The Readings for Pascha

### **KONTAKION OF PASCHA IN TONE EIGHT**

O Immortal One, when Thou didst descend into the tomb, Thou didst destroy the power of Hades; and Thou didst rise victorious, O Christ God. Thou hast said to the ointment-bearing women: Rejoice! And Thou gavest peace to Thy Disciples, O Bestower of Resurrection to those Who had fallen.

### **THE ANTI-TRISAGION HYMN**

As many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ. Alleluia.

*Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;  
both now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.*

Have put on Christ. Alleluia.

Dynamis!

As many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ. Alleluia.

### **THE EPISTLE**

*This is the day which the Lord hath made; let us rejoice and be glad therein!  
O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good; His mercy endureth forever.*

### **The Reading from the Acts of the Apostles. (1:1-8)**

In the first book, O Theophilus, I have dealt with all that Jesus began to do and teach, until the day when He was taken up, after He had given commandment through the Holy Spirit to the Apostles whom He had chosen. To them He presented Himself alive after His passion by many proofs, appearing to them during forty days, and speaking of the kingdom of God. And while staying with them He charged them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, which, He said, "You heard from Me; for John baptized with water, but before many days you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit." So when they had come together, they asked Him, "Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?" He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or seasons which the Father has fixed by His own authority. But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria and to the end of the earth."

### **THE GOSPEL**

#### **The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. John. (1:1-17)**

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God; all things were made through Him, and without Him was not anything made that was made. In Him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came for testimony, to bear witness to the light, that all might believe through him. He was not the light, but came to bear witness to the light. The true light that enlightens every man was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made through Him, yet the world knew Him not. He came to His own home, and His own people received Him not. But to all who received Him, who believed in His Name, He gave power to become children of God; who were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth; we have beheld His glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father. (John bore witness to Him, and cried, "This was He of Whom I said, 'He Who comes after me ranks before me, for He was before me.'") And from His fullness have we all received, grace upon grace. For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.

## **PARISH DIRECTORY**

John Kozak has updated our Parish Directory and copies are now available for you to have. Please go to the bookstore after church to get your copy. They are free of charge. If you see any errors to your listing please let Bob Rolfes know or email your information to [info@stnicholasaoc.org](mailto:info@stnicholasaoc.org) as soon as possible so that future printings and the church mailing list is accurate.

## **BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES**

At each liturgy and in each weekly bulletin we recognize the birthdays and anniversaries of our parish family. If you would like your birthday and/or anniversary added to our list please email your information to [info@stnicholasaoc.org](mailto:info@stnicholasaoc.org) and we will be happy to add you to the list.

## **2019 ARCHDIOCESE DUES**

All parishioners are encouraged to contribute \$50 per person for the year to help offset the assessment our church has to pay the archdiocese. Our assessment for 2019 is approximately \$9,800 and we are hopeful that as many parishioners as possible will help fulfill this assessment by contributing \$50 per person. Payment can be made by check, cash or credit card. Please be sure to let Al or Doreen know that it is your archdiocese dues so that it is accounted for correctly. The total amount collected so far is \$2,750.

To date the following parishioners have made a contribution: Gaby & Alicia Atik, George & Sandra Baidurashvili, Leila Bashara, Andi & Alba Budo & Family, James Calamas, Charles & Christine Doerner, Koly & Mona Elkhoully, Deena Graves, Najib & Anna Jacob, Mitch & Geri Kanaan, George Kanalos, Loretta Karpelenia, Najla Kassis, Peter Kassis, Al & Cheryl Lipscomb, Mary Jean Lubin, Fr. Michael & Kh. Virginia Massouh, Matt Nassif & Family, Theodora Ohlinger, Ralph & Eleanore Parker, Bob & Jeanne Poirier, Doreen Radich, Jordan & Samantha Raynovich, Luis & Janet Rodriguez, Robert & Kay Rolfes, Anamay Rossomando, Helen Salem, John & Evelyn Salem, Sam Specian, David Yopp

## **2019 STEWARDSHIP TO ST NICHOLAS**

Many thanks to those families and individuals who have filled out their 2019 Stewardship forms designating their monetary pledge to the church for the year. Our church is 100% dependent upon the sacrificial giving of our parishioners and it is never too late to submit your Stewardship form with your pledge. The church also always welcomes its parishioners to give their time and talent, so if you are interested in volunteering in helping with the various necessary work that is required on a regular and consistent basis please make your willingness known.

So far the following parishioners have made a Stewardship commitment to St. Nicholas: Gaby & Alicia Atik & Family, Leila Bashara, Jim Calamas, Koly & Mona Elkhoully, Don & JoAnn Hawkins, Subdeacon Najib & Anna Jacob, Peter & Jaymelyn Kassis & Family, Loretta Karpelenia, Lance & Mary Jean Lubin, Fr. Michael & Kh. Virginia Massouh, Ralph & Eleanore Parker, Bob & Jeanne Poirier, Robert & Kay Rolfes, Helen Salem, John & Evelyn Salem.

Saturday Evening, April 27<sup>th</sup>, Rush Service at 10:30 PM.

Sunday, April 28<sup>th</sup> the Midnight Paschal Liturgy Celebration

## **EVERYONE IS INVITED TO BREAK THE FAST FOLLOWING DIVINE LITURGY**

*Show hospitality to one another..." 1Peter 4:9*

*We welcome all of those who are worshipping with us this evening.  
Please join us following the Divine Liturgy to celebrate the Resurrection.*

*We pray that your experience here this evening was uplifting.*

*We look forward to seeing you again soon.*

Please join us SUNDAY morning for Agape Vespers at 11:00 AM.

We will be reading the Gospel of St. John 20:19-25  
in many different languages.

If you can read a different language and would like to participate  
in the service please see Father Michael.

Following Agape Vespers there will be an Easter Egg hunt for the children

## **ST. NICHOLAS WEBSITE**

The website changes often. So check it out. It has our service calendar and other pertinent information specific to our parish and our faith. This is a great place to introduce a friend to our St. Nicholas family and our faith. There is also a means for you to donate to the church on-line with your credit card or through PayPal. One time donations and reoccurring donations are possible. Need a copy of the bulletin or the Wonder Worker? It's on line. The site address is [www.stnicholasaoc.org](http://www.stnicholasaoc.org).

For our Facebook fans, links are provided to bring you directly into our Facebook domain. So "like us" , "share us" , "and spread the good news". Everyone is encouraged to view our Facebook page and follow the church for ongoing and timely updates.