

**St. Nicholas Antiochian Orthodox Church**

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**June 16, 2019, Pentecost**

**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:** Father David Milligan, Zachary Mason, Mitch Azar, Julienne Newey, Maher Kassis, Donald Karns, Harrison Victor, Kenneth Ayoub, Charley George, Josephine Albert Dietz, Elizabeth Massouh, H. Tristram Engelhardt, Riyad Isaac, George Jasmine, Helene Daniels, George Khoury, Michaelina Sexton, Christine George, Adib Daher, Selma Malooly, Salameh Zanayed, Andrew Mamary, Elias Samara

**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, John & Evelyn Salem, Helen Salem, Ruth & Evern Hazel, Georgette Abraham, Mariam Haddad, Bryan Haddad, Nasir Kassis, Mitch & Geri Kanaan, Mary Ellen James, Alice Faccenda, Pat Salem, David & Eva Szabo, Theodore Todorow, Alex Gimon, Leo Poirier, Collin Lamkin, Sophie Massouh, Stephen Bove', Leila Bashara, Natalie Floreancig, John Rollins, Millicent Palko, Ray Nawas, Poppi Madalvano, Michael Kritikos, Dolores Fry, Mary Magdalene Foltz, Handumy Tahan, Paul Smith, Edna Mason, Nicholas Nahas, Sr., Nicholas Kozlov

**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

*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**

June 16	Lucia Nassif
June 17	Nancy Nahas
June 20	Kathleen Hamlin-Stout

**ANNIVERSARIES**

June 22	Bob & Kay Rolfes
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## **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 \$3,750.

To date the following parishioners have made a contribution: Gaby & Alicia Atik, George & Sandra Baidurashvili, Leila Bashara, Robert & Marion Bostley, Andi & Alba Budo & Family, James Calamas, Charles & Christine Doerner, Koly & Mona Elkhoully, Alice Flaherty, Deena Graves, Robert & Bonnie Guirguis, Viola Haddad, Michael & Randa Jacob & Family, Najib & Anna Jacob, Mitch & Geri Kanaan, George Kanalos, Loretta Karpelenia, Najla Kassis, Peter & Jaymelyn Kassis, Al & Cheryl Lipscomb, Mary Jean Lubin, Fr. Michael & Kh. Virginia Massouh, Louis Messier, 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, Samya Semaan, Steve & Lisa Spears, Sam Specian, William Stanley, David Stronko, David Yopp

## **EVERYONE IS INVITED TO COFFEE HOUR FOLLOWING DIVINE LITURGY**

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

**Today's Coffee Hour is Sponsored by The Ladies' Society**

*Volunteers are needed to host a coffee hour.  
If this is something that you would be willing to do  
please see Jeanne Poirier, Ladies Society, President*

## **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

Sunday, June 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2019 – Memorial for Fr. Michael Soter and Vi  
Saturday, June 29<sup>th</sup>, 2019 – Movie Night Following Vespers  
Monday, July 8<sup>th</sup>, 2019, 6:30 pm - Parish Council Meeting  
Monday, July 15<sup>th</sup>, 2019, 5:30 pm – Men's Club Meeting  
Sunday – Sunday, July 21<sup>st</sup> - 28<sup>th</sup>, 2019 – Archdiocese Convention,  
Grand Rapids, MI

## **ST. NICHOLAS WEBSITE**

The website changes often, so check it out. It has our service calendar, upcoming events, 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. Did you know, there is also a means for you to make secure on-line donations to the church using your credit card or through PayPal? One time donations and reoccurring donations are possible. You can even set up a monthly contribution toward your 2019 Stewardship Plan and never miss a payment. Going away for the summer? Easy - Set up an automatic payment and never worry about it again. 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.

## **WONDER WORKER AVAILABLE**

The summer Wonder Worker is available for you to pick up in the basket in the narthex. Please be sure to pick up your copy to save on the expense of postage. This will be the last Wonder Worker for the summer. Publication will resume in the fall. The Wonder Worker is also available for you to read on our website at [www.stnicholasaoc.org](http://www.stnicholasaoc.org).

## **THE WORD MAGAZINE**

The June edition of THE WORD magazine is now available on the archdiocese website at [www.antiochian.org](http://www.antiochian.org).

## **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.

## **APOLYTIKION OF PENTECOST IN TONE EIGHT**

Blessed art Thou, O Christ our God, Who hast revealed the fishermen as most wise, having sent upon them the Holy Spirit, and through them Thou hast fished the universe, O Lover of mankind, glory to Thee.

## **KONTAKION OF PENTECOST IN TONE EIGHT**

When the High One descended, confusing tongues, He divided the nations. And when He distributed the fiery tongues He called all to one unity. Wherefore, in unison we glorify the most Holy Spirit.

### **THE EPISTLE**

*Their voice has gone out into all the earth. The heavens declare the glory of God.*

#### **The Reading from the Acts of the Apostles. (2:1-11)**

When the day of Pentecost had come, the Disciples were all together in one place. And suddenly a sound came from heaven like the rush of a mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. And there appeared to them tongues as of fire, distributed and resting on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance. Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven. And at this sound the multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in his own language. And they were amazed and wondered, saying, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language? Parthians and Medes and Elamites and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabians, we hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God."

### **THE GOSPEL**

#### **The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. John. (7:37-52; 8:12)**

On the last day of the feast, the great day, Jesus stood up and proclaimed, "If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and drink. He who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, 'Out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water.'" Now this He said about the Spirit, which those who believed in Him were to receive; for as yet the Spirit had not been given, because Jesus was not yet glorified. When they heard these words, many of the people said, "This is really the prophet." Others said, "This is the Christ." But some said, "Is the Christ to come from Galilee? Has not the Scripture said that the Christ is descended from David, and comes from Bethlehem, the village where David was?" So there was a division among the people over Him. Some of them wanted to arrest Him, but no one laid hands on Him. The officers then went back to the chief priests and Pharisees, who said to them, "Why did you not bring Him?" The officers answered, "No man ever spoke like this man!" The Pharisees answered them, "Are you led astray, you also? Have any of the authorities or the Pharisees believed in Him? But this crowd, who do not know the Law, are accursed." Nicodemus, who had gone to Him before, and who was one of them, said to them, "Does our Law judge a man without first giving him a hearing and learning what he does?" They replied, "Are you from Galilee too? Search and you will see that no prophet is to rise from Galilee." Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, "I am the light of the world; he who follows Me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

### **THE SYNAXARION**

On this day, the eighth Sunday of Pascha, we celebrate Holy Pentecost.

#### *Verses*

*In a mighty wind Christ distributeth the Divine Spirit  
In the form of fiery tongues unto the Apostles.  
In one great day, the Spirit was poured out on the Fishermen.*

On this day—the fiftieth after Great and Holy Pascha—we commemorate the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the holy Disciples and Apostles in the form of tongues of fire. Numbering about 120, they who followed the Master gathered in Jerusalem in the upper room of a house to await the Lord's promise to send the Holy Spirit. At about the third hour of the day, there came a sound from Heaven as of a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the house. Cloven tongues immediately appeared, like as of fire, and sat upon the head of each of them. The Apostles began to speak, not with the languages of their ancestors, but with other languages with which the Holy Spirit supplied them, as He inspired them. After the Apostle Peter explained what had happened, 3,000 people joined the Church on the inauguration of the priesthood of grace. The objectives of Pentecost are, namely, the coming of the Holy Spirit into the world, the fulfillment of the promise of Jesus Christ, and the completion of the undefiled hope of the Apostles

By the intercessions of the Holy Apostles, O Christ our God, have mercy on us. Amen.

### **MOVIE NIGHT, SATURDAY, JUNE 29<sup>TH</sup>**

Following Vespers on June 29<sup>th</sup> we will be watching the video "Reading the Bible as an Orthodox Christian" on how Orthodox interpret the scriptures (hermeneutics); whether we interpret literally; how we are to understand the voice and perspective of the Psalms; and how we approach the bible as Orthodox rather than evangelicals presented by Dr. Jeannie Constantinou.

Eugenia Constantinou holds a Bachelor's Degree in Religious Studies (1980) and a Master of Arts degree in Practical Theology from the University of San Diego (1992). She received a Master of Theology degree from Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology in 1996 where she specialized in Orthodox Theology and Patristics. She also received a Master of Theology from Harvard Divinity School in 1998 where she specialized in the New Testament.

Dr. Constantinou has been teaching Biblical Studies and Early Christianity at the University of San Diego since 2002. Previously she taught New Testament at Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology from 1998-1999. She has led bible studies, taught and lectured on the Bible and Orthodoxy at parishes, conferences, retreats and seminars for over thirty years. She is married to Fr. Costa, who is a Greek Orthodox priest, and is simply "Mom" to son Christopher.