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NOVEMBER 15, 2020

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST & EIGHTH SUNDAY OF LUKE

MARTYRS GURIA, SHAMUNA AND HABIB THE DEACON OF EDESSA

THOMAS THE NEW, PATRIARCH OF CONSTANTINOPLE; VENERABLE PAISIOS
VELICHKOVSKY

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).

REGULAR SERVICE SCHEDULE:

Saturday: 5:00 PM Vespers

Sunday: 9:30 AM Orthros 10:30 AM Divine Liturgy

Upcoming Events

Tuesday, November 17 - 8 PM.

- “Orthodox Christianity 101: Fundamentals of the Faith,” (Zoom)

Wednesday, November 18 – Liturgy of Abundant Caution ** MASKS Required **

5:30 pm – Great Vespers 6:15 pm – Divine Liturgy

Upcoming Events

Saturday, November 21 – Entry Theotokos into the Temple
10:30 am – Divine Liturgy

Thursday, November 25 – 6 pm – Great Vespers (Thanksgiving)

Friday, November 26 – 9:30 am – Divine Liturgy (Thanksgiving)

THE SYNAXARION

On November 15 in the Holy Orthodox Church we commemorate the holy Martyrs and Confessors of Edessa in Syria: Guria, Shamuna and Habib the Deacon.

Verses

Shamuna and Guria the sword perfecteth,
Habib, the flame; to them flame and sword were gladness.
Fire the fifteenth slew Habib, bronze the others.

Guria and Shamuna contested during the reign of Diocletian, in 288; Habib contested in the days of Licinius, in 316; he was buried with Guria and Shamuna. The three have one common feast and they are always portrayed together in icons. They are invoked for help in marital difficulties. A certain Goth had come with the Roman army to Edessa and was quartered in the house of a pious widow named Sophia. The Goth asked Sophia for the hand of her daughter, Euphemia; reluctantly, Sophia at last agreed. She made the Goth vow by the power of the holy Martyrs Shamuna, Guria, and Habib to keep Euphemia as the apple of his eye. As he was nearing his home, however, the treacherous man revealed to Euphemia that he already had a wife. Euphemia became the Goth couple's slave which dealt with her mercilessly. After extreme sufferings, which included being sealed alive in a tomb and left there to die, Euphemia begged the Saints to save her, and they miraculously conveyed her to Edessa, to the very shrine of the holy Martyrs. Euphemia was reunited with her mother through their holy prayers.

On this day, we also commemorate Thomas the New, patriarch of Constantinople; and Venerable Paisios Velichkovsky. By their holy intercessions, O God, have mercy upon us. Amen.

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION IN TONE SIX

When Mary stood at Thy grave, looking for Thy sacred body, angelic powers shone above Thy revered tomb; and the soldiers who were to keep guard became as dead men. Thou led Hades captive and wast not tempted thereby. Thou didst meet the Virgin and didst give life to the world, O Thou, Who art risen from the dead, O Lord, glory to Thee.

THE EPISTLE: St. Paul to the Ephesians. (2:4-10)

Brethren, God, Who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), and raised us up with Him, and made us sit with Him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, that in the coming ages He might show the immeasurable riches of His grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith; and this is not your own doing, it is the gift of God—not because of works, lest any man should boast. For, we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

THE GOSPEL: 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.”

On 8 November 2020, \$366.00 was collected for Pak-A-Sack.

Thank you to everyone who donated. Thanks
our next collection will be December 13th.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING BROTHERS & SISTERS:

Departed: Leonidha Budo, Louis Jasmine, Esther Salem, Yousef Kassis, Anthony Faccenda, Katherine Maznek, Constantine Joseph, Bett Jacox Minick, Anna Alexandroff, Kh. Josephine Courey, Fr. Michael Soter, Richard Salem, Sandra Kotsopoulos, Romeo Poirier, Rene Mobayed, Hafeeza Massouh, Mary E. Larson, Betty Massouh, George Essey, Bernadette Patell, Jamil Kassis.

Shut-Ins/Sick: Metropolitan PAUL, Archbishop YOHANNAH, Annette Haddad, Schauki Kassis, Rose Beede, Alice Flaherty, Theodora Ohlinger, Sally Bell, Bob Bostley, George Joseph Rolfes, Aurelia Buda, Richard Pippy, Diane Zorich, Lisa McCoy, Viola Haddad, Susana Kassis, Mary Semaan

For the Health & Needs of: Kh. Virginia Massouh, Pf. Margot Siniari, Angela Jacob, Farhat David, Helen Massarelli, Carole Massarelli, Helen Salem, Ruth & Evern Hazel, Georgette Abraham, Mariam Haddad, Bryan Haddad, Nasir Kassis, Mitch & Geri Kanaan, 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, Gail & Charlie Barnett, Suha Mansour, Bob Poirier, Bruce Bingham, Dorothy Mihelic, Loretta Karpelenia, Lydia Davidson, Joanne Kassis.

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

Nov 15 Samya Semaan Heart
Nov 16 Hilda Mubayed
Nov 17 Luis Rodriguez (Father)
Nov 19 Fadel Ghneim
Nov 20 Jaymelyn Kassis
Nov 21 Fr Michael Massouh
Nov 21 Eleanor Parker
Nov 21 JoAnn Shaheen Hawkins

ANNIVERSARIES

Nov 15 Victor & Reem Jacob
Nov 19 John & Denice Poole