## St. Nicholas Antiochian Orthodox Church

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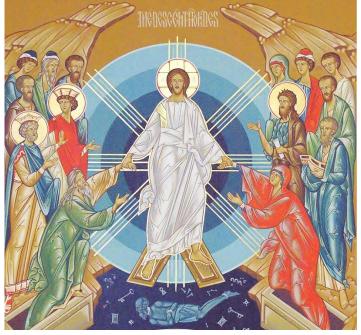
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# MAY 02, 2021 Sunday of Great and All-Holy Pascha

English: Christ is Risen! Indeed He is Risen!

Arabic: Al Maseeh Qam! Hagan Qam!

Greek: Kristos Anesti! Alithos Anesti!

Albanian: Kristi Unjhal! Vertet Unjhal!

Romanian: Kristos a Inviat! Adeverat a Inviat!

Russian: Kristos Voskresey! Voyistino Voskresey!

## 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."

## PASCHAL APOLYTIKION

Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death, and upon those in the tombs bestowing life!

## **HYPAKOE OF PASCHA**

When they who were with Mary came, anticipating the dawn, and found the stone rolled away from the sepulcher, they heard from the Angel: Why seek ye among the dead, as though He were mortal man, Him Who abideth in everlasting light? Behold the grave-clothes. Go quickly and proclaim to the world that the Lord is risen, and hath put death to death. For He is the Son of God, Who saveth the race of man.

#### KONTAKION OF PASCHA

Though Thou didst descend into the grave, O Immortal One, yet didst Thou destroy the power of Hades, and didst arise as victor, O Christ God, calling to the myrrh-bearing women, Rejoice, and giving peace unto Thine Apostles, O Thou Who dost grant resurrection to the fallen.

THE EPISTLE: Acts of the Apostles. (1:1-8)

THE GOSPEL: St. John. (1:1-17)

#### MEGALYNARION FOR PASCHA IN TONE ONE

The Angel cried unto her that is full of grace: O pure Virgin, rejoice, and again I say, rejoice; for thy Son hath arisen from the grave on the third day. Shine, shine, O new Jerusalem, for the glory of the Lord hath arisen upon thee; dance now and be glad, O Zion, and do thou exult, O pure Theotokos, in the arising of Him Whom thou didst bear.

#### APOLYTIKION OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM IN TONE EIGHT

Grace shining forth from thy mouth like fire hath enlightened the universe and hath disclosed to the world treasures of uncovetousness and hath shown us the heights of humility. But as thou dost instruct us by thy words, O Father John Chrysostom, intercede with the Word, Christ God, to save our souls.

#### PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING BROTHERS & SISTERS:

**Departed:** Fahd Kassis, Nassar Elias Kakesh, Kosta Radich, Helen Kirshy, Olga S. Kovalenko, Jennie Davis, Richard Austin, Daniel Karpelenia, Thekla Massouh, Zachary Mason, Bertha Bouren, Claire Kelsey Green, Donna Abood, Cornelia Biggers, Roger Foltz, Fr. Elias Bitar, Fr. Paul Lazor, Fr. John Winfrey.

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

For the Health & Needs of: Kh. Virginia Massouh, Pf. Margot Siniari, Farhat David, Helen Massarelli, Carole Massarelli, Helen Salem, Ruth & Evern Hazel, Georgette Abraham, Mariam Haddad, Bryan Haddad, Nasir Kassis, Mitch 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, Mary Jean Lubin, Dean.

**Service Members:** Zachariah Weaver (USAF), 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

#### **SERVICE SCHEDULE:**

Saturday: 5:00 PM Vespers

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

## **Upcoming Events**

Sunday 5/2 – Great and Holy Pascha
Agape Vespers – 2:00 PM
Paschal Feast and Picnic – 3:00 PM

Tuesday 5/18

Orthodox Christianity 101: The Fundamentals of the Faith  $-8:00\ PM$  (Class meets on Zoom

- Email Fr. Nathaniel for the link if you would like to attend)

#### Christ is Risen! Indeed, He is Risen! Al Maseeh Qam! Haqan Qam!

A blessed Pascha to everyone! Thank you for joining us today to celebrate our Lord Jesus Christ's resurrection from the dead! Please also join us this afternoon for Agape Vespers at 2 PM and our Pascha Feast and Picnic at 3 PM. There will be food, drinks, a roast lamb, games, and even an egg hunt for the kids. We invite you to enter into all of the joy of the Resurrection with us today!

If you are not yet on our email list, and you would like to know what is going on at St. Nicholas from week to week, please fill out one of our green cards with your current information and email address. Every Sunday is truly a mini-Pascha, and we invite you to enter into this weekly rhythm with us!

Glory to God that we have completed the labor of the Lenten fast together! We now enter into a period of celebration and rejoicing in preparation for Pentecost. As Christians our work is never done, but during this season we are called to enter more fully into the joy of the Resurrection, so that we will be filled with the Holy Spirit and be able to invite others into a whole new life within the Church. May the joy of the Lord be yours today! Christ is Risen! Indeed, He is Risen!

In Christ, Fr. Nathaniel

## God grant you many years.... BIRTHDAYS ANNIVERSARY

May 03 Laila Eve Baindurashvili

May 04 Lindsay Quick

May 05 Helen Salem

May 05 Annamay Rossomando

May 06 Bruce (Seraphim) Foltz May 06 Mitch Kanaan (Father)

May 08 Alibek Dagly

May 03 Ron & Anamay Rossomando May 04 Charles & Christine Doerner