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THE HOLY APOSTLE PHILIP & EIGHTH SUNDAY OF LUKE

GREGORY PALAMAS, ARCHBISHOP OF THESSALONICA; NEW-MARTYR

CONSTANTINE OF HYDRA; JUSTINIAN THE EMPEROR AND HIS WIFE

THEODORA

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."

SERVICE SCHEDULE:

Saturday: 5:00 PM Vespers

Sunday: 9:30 AM Orthros

10:30 AM Divine Liturgy

THE SYNAXARION

On November 14 in the Holy Orthodox Church, we commemorate the holy, glorious, and all-laudable Apostle Philip, one of the foremost choir of the Twelve.

Philip was born in Bethsaida beside the Sea of Galilee, as were Peter and Andrew. Instructed in Holy Scripture from his youth, Philip immediately responded to the call of the Lord Jesus and followed Him (John 1:43). After the descent of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost, Philip zealously preached the Gospel throughout many regions in Asia and Greece. Many miracles were manifested through Philip, especially the healing of the sick, by which many pagans believed in Christ. In the Phrygian town of Hierapolis, Philip found himself in common evangelical work with his sister Mariamna, John the Theologian, and the Apostle Bartholomew. The wicked pagans seized Philip and crucified him upside-down on a tree, and then crucified Bartholomew as well. At that, the earth opened up and swallowed the judge and many other pagans with him. In great fear, the people rushed to rescue the crucified apostles, but only Bartholomew was still alive; Philip had already breathed his last. This wonderful apostle suffered in the year 86 in the time of Emperor Dometian.

On this day, we also commemorate Gregory Palamas, archbishop of Thessalonica; New-martyr Constantine of Hydra; Justinian the emperor and his wife Theodora. By the intercessions of Thy Saints, O Christ God, have mercy upon us. Amen.

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.

APOLYTIKION OF ST. PHILIP THE APOSTLE IN TONE THREE

O holy Apostle Philip, intercede with the merciful God, to grant our souls forgiveness of sins.

THE EPISTLE: First Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians. (4:9-16)

Brethren, God has revealed us, the apostles, last of all, as those appointed to death; for we have become a spectacle to the world, both to angels and to men. We are fools for Christ's sake, but you are wise in Christ; we are weak, but you are strong; you are glorified, but we are dishonored. Even to this present hour we both hunger and thirst; we are naked, and are buffeted, and are restless; and we labor, working with our own hands. While reviled, we bless; while persecuted, we endure; while blasphemed, we exhort; we have become the filth of the world and the off-scouring of all things, even until now. I do not write these things to make you ashamed, but to admonish you as my beloved children; for though you have a myriad of tutors in Christ, yet you do not have many fathers; for I begat you in Christ Jesus through the gospel. I beseech you, therefore, be imitators of me.

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."

****SPECIAL NOTE ON THE NATIVITY FAST****

Tomorrow, on November 15, we begin, with God's help, the forty-day NATIVITY FAST in preparation for the feast of the Nativity of Christ on December 25. The Nativity Fast is divided into two periods. The first period is November 15 through December 19 when the traditional fasting discipline (no meat, poultry, eggs, dairy, fish, wine and oil) is observed with katalysis for wine and oil on Tuesdays and Thursdays, and for fish, wine and oil on Saturdays and Sundays. The second period is December 20 through 24 when the traditional fasting discipline (no meat, poultry, eggs, dairy, fish, wine and oil) is observed with katalysis for wine and oil only on Saturday and Sunday.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING BROTHERS & SISTERS:

Departed: Louis Jasmine, Esther Salem, Yusef Kassis, Anthony Faccenda, Katherine Maznek, Constantine Joseph, Betty Jacox Minick, Anna Alexandra, 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, Sally Bell, , 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 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, Nahil Yacoub, Todd & Najla Spoto.

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

Upcoming Events

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| Wed, Nov 17, | 6:00 pm Vespers | 6:45 pm Catechism Class |
| Wed, Nov 24 | 6:00 pm Great Vespers of Thanksgiving **No Adult Education Class** | |
| Thu, Nov 25 | 9:30 am Divine Liturgy of Thanksgiving | |

Ladies Society collection today for: PAK-A-SACK Program

Annual Parish Meeting Today after coffee hour

40 Day Memorial today for Robert A. Bostley

May his memory be Eternal !!!

God grant you many years...

Birthdays

Nov 15 Samya Semaan Heart
Nov 16 Hilda Mubayed
Nov 17 Luis Rodriguez
Nov 20 Jaymelyn Kassis

Anniversaries

Nov 14 Victor & Reem Jacob
Nov 14 John & Denice Poole