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JANUARY 16, 2022

TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

& TWELFTH SUNDAY OF LUKE

VENERATION OF THE PRECIOUS CHAINS OF THE APOSTLE PETER

PEUSIPPOS AND NEONILLA, AND THE MARTYRS OF CAPPADOCIA;

HIEROMARTYR DAMASKINOS OF HILANDAR MONASTERY ON ATHOS

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 censens 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 (Plain Reading)

On January 16 in the Holy Orthodox Church, we celebrate the veneration of the precious chains of the holy and glorious Apostle Peter.

As Peter sat in prison shackled by the lawless Herod, an angel appeared to him: “Suddenly the angel of the Lord stood by him and a light shone in the cell. He tapped Peter on the side and awakened him, saying: ‘Get up quickly.’ The chains fell from his wrists” (Acts 12:7). The chains were preserved by Christians as much for the memory of this great Apostle as well as for their healing power, for many of the sick were healed by touching them as well as with the towel of the Apostle Paul, “then when the face cloths or aprons that touched his skin were applied to the sick, their diseases left them and the evil spirits came out of them” (Acts 19:12). Juvenal, the Patriarch of Jerusalem gave these chains as a gift to the Empress Eudocia, the exiled wife of the Emperor Theodosius the Younger. She divided them into two and sent one half to the Church of the Holy Apostle in Constantinople and the other half to her daughter Empress Eudoxia in Rome, the wife of Valentinian. Eudoxia built the Church of St. Peter and deposited these chains in it, together with those chains with which Peter was shackled before his death under Emperor Nero.

On this day, we also commemorate Peusippos and Neonilla, and the martyrs of Cappadocia; and Hieromartyr Damaskinos of Hilandar monastery on Athos. By the intercessions of Thy Saints, O God, have mercy upon us. Amen.

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION IN TONE FIVE

Let us believers praise and worship the Word; coeternal with the Father and the Spirit, born of the Virgin for our salvation. For, He took pleasure in ascending the Cross in the flesh to suffer death; and to raise the dead by His glorious Resurrection.

APOLYTIKION OF ST. PETER THE APOSTLE IN TONE FOUR

Thou hast come to us without leaving Rome, O thou who dost preside over the Apostles, by the power of the venerable chains thou didst bear. While honoring them with faith, we beseech thee, that through thine intercessions, God may grant us great mercy.

THE EPISTLE: Epistle of St. Paul to the Colossians. (3:4-11)

Brethren, when Christ, Who is our life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory. Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. On account of these, the wrath of God is coming upon the sons of disobedience. In these you once walked, when you lived in them. But now put them all away: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and foul talk from your mouth. Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old nature with its practices and have put on the new nature, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its Creator. Here there cannot be Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free man, but Christ is all, and in all.

THE GOSPEL: St. Luke. (17:12-19)

At that time, as Jesus entered a village, He was met by ten lepers, who stood at a distance and lifted up their voices and said, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us." When He saw them He said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went they were cleansed. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice; and he fell on his face at Jesus' feet, giving Him thanks. Now he was a Samaritan. Then Jesus said, "Were not ten cleansed? Where are the nine? Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" And He said to him, "Rise and go your way; your faith has made you well."

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING BROTHERS & SISTERS:

Departed: Mitchell Abraham, John Specian, Cheryl Catton, Fares Beder, Hanneh Kassis, Zelpha Albert, James FM Sexton, Evelyn Pippy, Fr. Spyridon Massouh, Isa Ishak, Jaber Ibrahim, Anthony Patell, Donald Hawkins.

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, Claudette Poirier.

For the Health & Needs of: Kh. Virginia Massouh, Pf. Margot Siniari, Farhat David, Helen Massarelli, Carole Massarelli, Helen Salem, Ruth Hazel, 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.

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

Fri, Jan 21 thru Sun Jan 23 - His Grace Bp. Nicholas Visiting St. Nicholas

Fri, Jan 21 – Dinner with the Parish Council – 6:00 PM

Sat, Jan 22 – Lunch Meet & Greet – Sunday School, High School, Young Adults – 11:00 AM

Sun, Jan 23 – 1030 am Hierarchical Divine Liturgy

12:00 pm - All Parish Luncheon

1:00 pm - Ladies' Society and A-Men Meeting
with His Grace Bp. Nicholas

Mon, Jan 24 – 5:30 pm – A-men meeting drinks and fellowship and shared meal and discussion with Bp. at 6:30.

Tuesday, February 01 – 5:30 pm – Great Vespers

6:15 pm - Divine Liturgy

Presentation of the Lord in the Temple (2 Feb)

Fri, Feb 25 – Sun, Feb 27 – DOMSE Winter Retreat at

St. Elias Church in Atlanta, GA

Registration and Schedule available at:

<https://domse.org/event/domse-winterretreat2022/>

1 yr Memorial Service today for Issa Awwad

May his memory be Eternal !!!

On 09 January 2022, \$ 188.00

was collected for the Pak-A-Sac Program.

Thank you to everyone who donated.

Ladies meeting after liturgy today

God grant you many years...

Birthdays

Jan 17 Janet Rodriguez