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REPOSE OF

ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST AND THEOLOGIAN

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 September 26 in the Holy Orthodox Church, we commemorate the Translation of the holy and glorious Apostle and Evangelist, Bosom-friend, Virgin and Beloved John the Theologian.

John was the son of Zebedee the fisherman and Salome the daughter of Joseph, the betrothed of the Holy Theotokos. Called by the Lord Jesus, John immediately left his father and his fishermen's nets and, with his brother James, followed Christ. From then on, he was not separated from his Lord until the end. With Peter and James, he was present at the raising of Jairus' daughter and the Transfiguration of the Lord. At the Last Supper, he inclined his head on Jesus' breast. When all the other apostles had abandoned the crucified Lord, John and the Holy Mother of God remained beneath the Cross. In obedience to the Lord, he was as a son to the Holy Virgin Mary, and carefully served and watched over her until her Dormition. John then lived and labored mostly in Ephesus. By his inspired preaching and miracles, he converted many to Christianity and shook paganism to its foundation. The embittered pagans bound him and sent him to Rome, to face Emperor Dometian, who had him tortured and flogged, which did him no harm. This terrified the emperor and, thinking him immortal, Dometian sent him into exile to the island of Patmos. There John converted many to Christianity by words and miracles, and confirmed well the Church of God. He also wrote his Gospel and Revelation on Patmos. He was over one hundred years old when he went to the Lord, and we celebrate the anniversary of his repose today. Through his intercessions, O Christ 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. JOHN THE EVANGELIST IN TONE TWO

O Apostle John, beloved of Christ our God, hasten to deliver a defenseless people. He that allowed thee to recline on His breast receiveth thee bowing in intercession. Implore Him, O Theologian, to dispel the persistent cloud of the heathen, and ask for us His peace and Great Mercy.

THE EPISTLE: First Epistle of St. John. (4:12-19)

Brethren, no one has ever seen God. If we love one another, God abides in us, and His love is perfected in us. By this we know that we abide in Him, and He in us, because He has given us of His Spirit. And we have seen, and do testify that the Father has sent the Son to be the Savior of the world. Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God. And we have known and believed the love which God has for us. God is love; and he who abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him. In this is love perfected with us, that we may have boldness in the Day of Judgment; because as He is, even so are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear, because fear has torment; but he who fears is not perfected in love. We love God, because He first loved us.

THE GOSPEL: St. John. (19:25-27; 21:24-25)

At that time, standing by the Cross of Jesus were His mother, and His mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw His mother, and the disciple whom He loved standing near, He said to his mother, "Woman, behold, your Son!" Then He said to the disciple, "Behold, your mother!" And from that hour the disciple took her to his own. This is the disciple who is bearing witness to these things, and who has written these things; and we know that his testimony is true. But there are also many other things, which Jesus did; were every one of them to be written, I suppose that the world itself could not contain the books that would be written. Amen.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING BROTHERS & SISTERS:

Departed: Nellie Joseph, Ruth Wiggins, Malaky Shaheen, Betty Baer, Vera Vedo, Christo V. Metro, Ethel Modi, Anthony Santoro, Richard Massouh, Khairallah Massouh, John R. Murcurio.

Shut-Ins/Sick: Metropolitan PAUL, Archbishop YOHANNAH, Annette Haddad, Schauki Kassis, Rose Beede, Alice Flaherty, Sally Bell, Bob Bostley, 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

Wednesday, September 29th – 6:00 pm Vespers.
6:45 pm Catechism Class

Monday, October 11 – Men's Meeting
5:30 pm Drinks and Fellowship
6:30 pm Shared Meal and Speaker

Friday 10/15 – Sunday 10/17 – The Diocese of Miami and the Southeast
(DOMSE) Fall Retreat

Coffee Hour Help: There is a sign-up list in the church hall with dates and food items to bring for coffee hour. Please consider contributing to the life of our parish by helping to provide some of this food for coffee hour. It is such a blessing for us to be able to eat and fellowship together, but we need everyone's help to make it happen. Thank you for your generosity and love!

At the Dismissal of the Divine Liturgy there should no LOUD conversations with each other. Socializing and talking with each other should be done outside the Nave of the church.

God grant you many years...

Birthdays

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