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GREAT-MARTYR CHRISTINA OF TYRE

NEW-MARTYRS ATHANASIOS OF IKIA AND THEOPHILOS OF ZAKYNTHOS;

ATHENAGORAS THE CONFESSOR; PASSION-BEARERS

BORIS (ROMAN) AND GLEB (DAVID)

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-ourgia" 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 July 24 in the Holy Orthodox Church, we commemorate the holy and glorious Great-martyr Christina of Tyre.

The blood of martyrdom hath chastely united

The blameless bride Christina to Christ the Bridegroom.

On the twenty-fourth Christina was cast upon sharp stakes.

She was the beautiful daughter of the imperial governor, Urban, an idolater. Christina knew nothing of the Savior until the age of eleven, but, when she reached that age, her father—who was hiding her from the world until she was fully grown—made her live in a high tower. He gave her every comfort, but Christina’s young soul was suffocated in this idolatrous atmosphere. Looking out of the window at God’s natural wonders, she came, through her own understanding, to a firm belief in Him. God, in His great mercy, sent His angel to her, who named her the bride of Christ and fully instructed her in the things of God. Then Christina smashed all the golden idols in her rooms and distributed the remnants to the poor. Urban and two other leaders, Dion and Julian, tortured her and intended to kill her. Urban and Dion dropped dead, and Julian was blinded when Christina threw her severed tongue into his face. Christina’s courage in suffering and the marvels which were performed by the power of God brought many of Tyre’s pagan inhabitants to Christianity. Christina entered the immortal kingdom in the year 200.

On this day, we also commemorate the New-martyrs Athanasios of Ikia and Theophilos of Zakynthos; Athenagoras the Confessor; and the Passion-bearers Boris (Roman) and Gleb (David). By the intercessions of Thy Saints, 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. CHRISTINA IN TONE FOUR (**Joseph was amazed**)

O Lord Jesus, unto Thee Thy lamb doth cry with a great voice: * O my Bridegroom, Thee I love; and seeking Thee, I now contest, * and with Thy baptism am crucified and buried. * I suffer for Thy sake, that I may reign with Thee; * for Thy sake I die, that I may live in Thee: * accept me offered out of longing * to Thee as a spotless sacrifice. * Lord, save our souls through her intercessions, since Thou art great in mercy.

ORDINARY KONTAKION IN TONE TWO

O protection of Christians that cannot be put to shame, mediation unto the Creator most constant, O despise not the suppliant voices of those who have sinned; but be thou quick, O good one, to come unto our aid, who in faith cry unto thee: Hasten to intercession, and speed thou to make supplication, thou who dost ever protect, O Theotokos, them that honor thee.

THE EPISTLE: Romans (12:6-14)

Brethren, having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith; if service, in our serving; he who teaches, in his teaching; he who exhorts, in his exhortation; he who contributes, in liberality; he who gives aid, with zeal; he who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness. Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with brotherly affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Never flag in zeal, be aglow with the Spirit, and serve the Lord. Rejoice in your hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints, practice hospitality. Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them.

THE GOSPEL: St. Matthew (9:1-8)

At that time, Jesus got into a boat, crossed over and came to His own city. And behold, they brought to Him a paralytic, lying on his bed; and when Jesus saw their faith He said to the paralytic, "Take heart, my son; your sins are forgiven." And behold, some of the scribes said to themselves, "This man is blaspheming." But Jesus, knowing their thoughts, said, "Why do you think evil in your hearts? For which is easier, to say, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Rise and walk'? But that you may know that the Son of man has authority on earth to forgive sins"—He then said to the paralytic—"Rise, take up your bed and go home." And he rose and went home. When the crowds saw it, they marveled, and they glorified God, Who had given such authority to men.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING BROTHERS & SISTERS:

Departed: Fr. Spero Page, Louis Albert, Anne White, Hanna Tawfic, Fr. George Brunish, Wayne Massarelli, Lu'a Albert, Leila Kassis, Miriam Khoury, Bishop MAEL, Bobby Brickwood, Pr. Viola Soter, Fr. David Milligan, Leo George, George Abodeely, Johara David, Evern Hazel, Michael Polianchik, Agnes Splinter.

Shut-Ins/Sick: Metropolitan +PAUL, Archbishop +JOHN, Annette Haddad, Schauki Kassis, Rose Beede, Alice Flaherty, Sally Bell, Aurelia Buda, Richard Pippy, Diane Zorich, Lisa McCoy, Viola Haddad, Susana Kassis, Mary Semaan, Claudette Poirier, Rosemary Ferdinand.

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, 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, Joanne Kassis, Mary Jean Lubin, Nahil Yacoub, Ermira Satka, Gerald Vizvary, Stavroula, Laura, Alice, Anna.

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

Upcoming Events (Note: Weekly Email Newsletter has further details for events)

Mon 8/1 – Sun 8/14

The Dormition Fast – Abstain from meat, dairy, fish, wine & oil (except for Saturday & Sunday when wine & oil are allowed and Transfiguration when fish is allowed)

Sat 8/6 – The Transfiguration

Chrismations – 9:00 am

Orthros – 9:30 am

Divine Liturgy – 10:30 am

Sun 8/14 – The Dormition (transferred from 8/15)

Orthros – 9:30 am

Divine Liturgy – 10:30 am

Summer Coffee Hour

Now through September 1st there will not be any scheduled Coffee Hour hosts. Instead, coffee will be available, and everyone is invited to bring pastries or bagels to share.

Thank you for your dedication to our parish!

God grant you many years!

BIRTHDAYS

7/25 – Marc Galloway

ANNIVERSARIES

7/24 – Bob & Jeanne Poirier