

SUNDAY BULLETIN

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Fifth Orthros Gospel : Reading is Luke 24:13-35

At that time, two of them were going to a village named Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing together, Jesus himself drew near and went with them. But their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, "What is this conversation which you are holding with each other as you walk?" And they stood still looking sad. Then one of them, named Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only visitor to Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?" And he said to them, "What things?" And they said to him, "Concerning Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and rulers delivered him up to be condemned to death, and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since this happened. Moreover, some women of our company amazed us. They were at the tomb early in the morning and did not find his body; and they came back saying that they had even seen a vision of angels, who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb, and found it just as the women had said; but him they did not see." And he said to them, "O foolish men, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?" And beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them in all the scriptures the things concerning himself.

So they drew near to the village to which they were going. He appeared to be going further, but they constrained him, saying, "Stay with us, for it is toward evening and the day is now far spent." So he went in to stay with them. When he was at table with them, he took the bread and blessed, and broke it, and gave it to them. And their eyes were opened and they recognized him; and he vanished out of their sight. They said to each other, "Did not our hearts burn within us while he talked to us on the road, while he opened to us the scriptures?" And they rose that same hour and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven gathered together and those who were with them, who said, "The Lord has risen indeed, and has appeared to Simon!" Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he was known to them in the breaking of the bread.

Epistle Reading:

The Reading is from St. Paul's Letter to Titus 3:8-15

TITUS, my son, the saying is sure. I desire you to insist on these things, so that those who have believed in God may be careful to apply themselves to good deeds; these are excellent and profitable to men. But avoid stupid controversies,

genealogies, dissensions, and quarrels over the law, for they are unprofitable and futile. As for a man who is factious, after admonishing him once or twice, have nothing more to do with him, knowing that such a person is perverted and sinful; he is self-condemned.

When I send Artemas or Tychicos to you, do your best to come to me at Nicopolis, for I have decided to spend the winter there. Do your best to speed Zenas the lawyer and Apollos on their way; see that they lack nothing. And let our people learn to apply themselves to good deeds, so as to help cases of urgent need, and not to be unfruitful.

All who are with me send greeting to you. Greet those who love us in the faith. Grace be with you all. Amen.

Gospel Reading: Sunday of the Holy Fathers

The Reading is from Matthew 5:14-19

The Lord said to his disciples, "You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hid. Nor do men light a lamp and put it under a bushel, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven. Think not that I have come to abolish the law and the prophets; I have come not to abolish them but to fulfill them. For truly, I say to you, till heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. Whoever then relaxes one of the least of these commandments and teaches men so, shall be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but he who does them and teaches them shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven."

SUNDAY SERVICES

9:00 am Orthros

9:45 am Memorials

10:00 am Divine Liturgy

Memorials for July 13, 2014

Rhea Econom

Peter Pappas

Dimitrios Scarpides

GROUPS SPONSORING COFFEE HOUR

July 13th - GOYA & JOY
July 20th - Choir
July 27th - Women's Bible Study
August 3rd - Parish Council
August 10th - Sunday School
August 17th - Basketball League
August 24th - Stewardship Committee
August 31st - YAL

HYMNS OF THE DAY

Resurrectional Apolytikion in the Fourth Mode

Having learned the joyful proclamation of the Resurrection from the Angel, and having cast off the ancestral condemnation, the women disciples of the Lord spake to the Apostles exultantly: Death is despoiled and Christ God is risen, granting great mercy to the world.

Apolytikion for Sunday of the Holy Fathers in the Plagal Fourth Mode

Most glorified art Thou, O Christ our God, Who hast established our Fathers as luminous stars upon the earth, and through them didst guide us all to the true Faith. O Most Merciful One, glory be to Thee.

Apolytikion - Hymn of Saint Nicholas

A model of faith and the image of gentleness, the example of your life has shown you forth to your sheep-fold to be a master of temperance. You obtained thus through being lowly, gifts from on high, and riches through poverty. Nicholas, our Father and our Hierarch, intercede with Christ our God that He may save our souls.

Seasonal Kontakion in the Second Mode

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

Feasts and Saints Commemorated

Sunday, July 13

Sunday of the Holy Fathers

On the Sunday that falls from the 13th to the 19th of the present month, we chant the Service to the Holy and God-bearing Fathers who came together in the Seven Ecumenical Councils, that is: the First Council, of the 318 Fathers who assembled in Nicaea in 325 to condemn Arius, who denied that the Son of God is consubstantial with the Father; the Fathers of the First Council also ordained that the whole Church should celebrate Pascha according to the same reckoning; the Second Council, of the 150 Fathers who assembled in Constantinople in 381 to condemn Macedonius, Patriarch of Constantinople, who denied the Divinity of the Holy Spirit; the Third Council, of the 200 Fathers who assembled in Ephesus in 431, to condemn Nestorius, Patriarch of Constantinople, who called Christ a mere man and not God incarnate; the Fourth Council, of the 630 who assembled in Chalcedon in 451, to condemn Eutyches, who taught that there was only one nature, the divine, in Christ after the Incarnation, and Dioscorus, Patriarch of Alexandria, who illegally received Eutyches back into communion and deposed Saint Flavian, Patriarch of Constantinople, who had excommunicated Eutyches; the Fifth Council in 553, of the 165 who assembled in Constantinople for the second time to condemn Origen and Theodore of Mopsuestia, the teacher of Nestorius; the Sixth Council in 680, of the 170 who assembled in Constantinople for the third time, to condemn the Monothelite heresy, which taught that there is in Christ but one will, the divine; and the Seventh Council in 787, of the 350 who assembled in Nicaea for the second time to condemn Iconoclasm.

Synaxis of Archangel Gabriel; Stephen of Mar Sabbas Monastery; Holy Martyr Golinduc; Marcian the Martyr of Iconium; Serapion the Martyr

Monday, July 14th

6th Monday after Pentecost

Aquila the Apostle among the 70; Our Holy Father Joseph the Confessor, Archbishop of Thesalonica; Nicodemus the Righteous of Mount Athos; Justus the Martyr

Tuesday, July 15th

The Holy Martyrs Cyricus and His Mother Julitta; Vladimir, Equal-to-the-Apostles of Kiev; The Finding of the Head of St. Matrona of Chios

Wednesday, July 16th 6th Wednesday after Pentecost

Athenogenes the Holy Martyr of Heracleopolis; Julia the Virgin-martyr of Carthage;
1,015 Martyrs in Pisidia

Thursday, July 17th

The Holy Great Martyr Marina (Margaret); Veronika & Speratos the Martyrs

Friday, July 18th 6th Friday after Pentecost

Holy Martyr Emilian; Holy Martyrs Paul, Thea and Oualentine; Our Holy Father
John, Archbishop of Constantinople

Saturday, July 19th 6th Saturday after Pentecost

Macrina the Righteous, sister of St. Basil; Dius, Abbot of Antioch; Translation of the
Holy Relics of Righteous Seraphim of Sarov, Saint Theodore, Bishop of Edessa

Sunday, July 20th 6th Sunday of Matthew

The Glorious Prophet Elias (Elijah)

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Saturday, July 12th

5:00 pm Wedding of Marina Constantinou & Albert White

Thursday, July 17th Feast Day of Saint Marina

8:00 am Orthros; 9:00 am Divine Liturgy

1:00 pm Orthodoxy 101 with Fr. Michael (Church)

4:00 pm St. Nicholas School Board Meeting

Fellow Parishioners,

Our pilot Greek school program was completed on June 27, 2014. We are so proud of the program's success. The students were excited about learning the Greek language. I would like to thank the parents for their trust and our teacher, Eleni Georgilas, and assistant, Katerina Kevorkian, for their dedication.

Our Fall program will begin on September 5, 2014. Classes will be offered on Friday evenings. Two classes will be held according to your child's level of proficiency. The duration of each session will be 12 weeks. The enrollment period for the Fall session will be from July 7th- August 15th. The tuition for the program is \$180 per child.

Registration forms will be available via email and in the church office. Completed forms and payment (checks payable to St. Nicholas Church) can be dropped off at the Church office or at the Greek School table in the ballroom after church.

Thank you for your continuous support.

Christos Chrysiliou

STEWARDSHIP MESSAGE...

Good stewardship is an inclusive way of life. It includes the loving treatment and care of others. It includes financial support of the Church. If we have a Christian Orthodox understanding of stewardship, and if we are good stewards, then all of these elements are part of our lives. We move beyond selfishness and stinginess toward giving as Christ gave. We do so because we realize that selfishness is a sin, it deceives us into thinking we "we own" things internally.

Thank you supporting our St. Nicholas Church and please do not forget to send in your pledge forms for 2014 if you have not done so.

Thank You and God Bless,

Jimmy Alex (Stewardship Chairman)

Hello FDF'ers!

Ever thought about being a part of the organization that's given us so much?!

Now is your chance... Applications for the FDF 2015

Management Team are now open!

This is the 39th year of FDF. The success of this program has always depended on the hard work of the Board of Trustees and the Management Team. As a team member, you will become a part of a dynamic group of individuals who love their faith and what FDF stands for. You will work together, utilizing your God-given talents, to create the best possible experience for hundreds of participants!

Your application, resumé, and letter of recommendation are due August 3, 2014 visit: info@yourfdf.org

Late applications will not be accepted.

You must be 21+ years of age to join Management Team

Your FDF Management Team

MISSION STATEMENT

St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church is the living witness of Jesus Christ, sanctifying the faithful by God's grace to grow in faith, fellowship, mission and numbers.

(Acts 2: 42-47)



VISION STATEMENT

St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church is a ministry-based organization sustained through full parish participation in spiritual growth, philanthropy, outreach, leadership and cultural enrichment.

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