

# St. Nikolai Orthodox Church

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Please welcome our celebrant Fr. Silviu Bunta

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**Saturday Vespers - 5:00 PM**

**Sunday Divine Liturgy - 9:30 AM**

Book study/Christian Education following Vespers

Parish Council meetings 2nd Wednesday of the month, 7 PM (open to parishioners)

*Sunday August 28th*

*The 10<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost/Ven. Job of Pochaev*

The entire Parish Family of St. Nikolai welcomes you today! Please take a moment to introduce yourself to our clergy and the people of our parish. We hope that you will stay for Coffee Hour and a short Adult Christian Education after the service. Feel free to ask any questions about our worship or the chapel or anything the Lord puts in your heart to ask. If we don't know the answer to your questions, we'll find someone who does and get back to you. Again, welcome!

We invite all Baptized and Chrismated members of the Orthodox Church to receive Holy Communion. This assumes that all taking Holy Communion have prepared with prayer, confession, and fasting according to the discipline of your home parish. If you are not taking Holy Communion today please accept a piece of blessed bread. Although it is not Holy Communion it is a token of our welcome and love. We long for the day when we can all take Holy Communion together!

## *Resurrectional Troparion Tone 1*

When the stone had been sealed by the Jews, while the soldiers were guarding Your most pure body, You rose on the third day, O Savior, granting life to the world. The powers of heaven therefore cried to You, O Giver of Life: "Glory to Your Resurrection, O Christ! Glory to Your Kingdom!//Glory to Your dispensation, O Lover of mankind!"

## *Troparion of Ven. Job Tone 4*

Having acquired the patience of your Forefather, and having resembled the Baptist in abstinence, you shared the divine zeal of both and were made worthy to receive their names. You were a fearless preacher of the True Faith; in this way you brought a multitude of monastics to Christ. You strengthened all people in Orthodoxy, Job, our venerable father;//pray that our souls may be saved!

## *Resurrectional Kontakion Tone 1*

As God, You rose from the tomb in glory, raising the world with Yourself. Human nature praises You as God, for death has vanished. Adam exults, O Master! Eve rejoices, for she is freed from bondage and cries to You://“You are the Giver of Resurrection to all, O Christ!”

## *Kontakion of Ven. Job Tone 4*

You were a pillar of the True Faith; a zealot of the commandments of the Gospel; a denouncer of pride, and a defender and teacher of the humble. Therefore, those who honor you pray for the remission of their sins, and that this, your holy habitation, be kept safe from all harm, //Job, our father, who resembled the long-suffering Patriarch of old.



### *Prokeimenon Tone 1*

Let Your mercy, O Lord, be upon us as we have set our hope on You!  
*v: Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous! Praise befits the just!*

### *Epistle Reading - 1 Corinthians 4:9-16*

For I think that God has displayed us, the apostles, last, as men condemned to death; for we have been made 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 distinguished, but we are dishonored! To the present hour we both hunger and thirst, and we are poorly clothed, and beaten, and homeless. And we labor, working with our own hands. Being reviled, we bless; being persecuted, we endure; being defamed, we entreat. We have been made as the filth of the world, the offscouring of all things until now. I do not write these things to shame you, but as my beloved children I warn you. For though you might have ten thousand instructors in Christ, yet you do not have many fathers; for in Christ Jesus I have begotten you through the gospel. Therefore I urge you, imitate me.

#### *Tone 1*

*Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.*

*v: God gives vengeance unto me, and subdues people under me..*

*(Ps 17/18:47)*

*v: :He magnifies the salvation of the King and deals mercifully with David, His anointed, and his seed forever. (Ps 17/18:50)*

### *Gospel Reading - Matthew 17:14-23*

And when they had come to the multitude, a man came to Him, kneeling down to Him and saying, Lord, have mercy on my son, for he is an epileptic and suffers severely; for he often falls into the fire and often into the water. So I brought him to Your disciples, but they could not cure him. Then Jesus answered and said, "O faithless and perverse generation, how long shall I be with you? How long shall I bear with you? Bring him here to Me." And Jesus rebuked the demon, and it came out of him; and the child was cured from that very hour. Then the disciples came to Jesus privately and said, "Why could we not cast it out?" So Jesus said to them, "Because of your unbelief; for assuredly, I say to you, if you have faith as a mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move; and nothing will be impossible for you. However, this kind does not go out except by prayer and fasting. Now while they were staying in Galilee, Jesus said to them, "The Son of Man is about to be betrayed into the hands of men, and they will kill Him, and the third day He will be raised up. And they were exceedingly sorrowful.

### *Communion Hymns*

*Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!*



## THE BEHEADING OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

Monday August 29

THE BEHEADING OF SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST [ST. MATTHEW 14:1-12]

Herod Antipas, son of the elder Herod, who was the slayer of the children of Bethlehem at the time of the birth of the Lord Jesus, was ruler of Galilee at the time when John the Baptist was preaching. This Herod was married to the daughter of Aretas, an Arabian prince. But Herod, an evil sprout of an evil root, put away his lawful wife and unlawfully took unto himself Herodias as his concubine, the wife of his brother Philip, who was still living. John the Baptist stood up against this lawlessness and strongly denounced Herod who then cast John into prison. At the time of a banquet in his court in Sebastia in Galilee Salome, the daughter of Herodias and Philip, danced before the guests. The drunken Herod was so taken by this dance that he promised Salome that he would give her whatever she asked of him, even though it be half of his kingdom. Being persuaded by her mother, Salome asked for the head of John the Baptist. Herod gave the order and John was beheaded in prison and his head brought to him on a platter. John's disciples took the body of their teacher by night and honorably buried it and Herodias pierced the tongue of John with a needle in many places and buried the head in an unclean place. What later happened to John the Baptist's head can be read on February 24. However, God's punishment quickly befell this group of evil doers. Prince Aretas, in order to cleanse his daughter's honor, attacked Herod with his army and defeated him. The defeated Herod was sentenced by the Roman Caesar, Caligula, to exile at first to Gaul and later to Spain. As exiles, Herod and Herodias lived in poverty and humiliation until the earth opened up and swallowed them. Salome died an evil death on the Sikaris (Sula) river. The death of St. John occurred before the Pascha [Passover] but its celebration on August 29 was established because, on that day, a church which had been built over his grave in Sebastia by Emperor Constantine and Empress Helena was consecrated. In this church the relics of John's disciples, Eliseus and Audius, were also placed.

### **PRAYERS** requested:

#### *For The Health and Salvation of:*

Gloria  
Andrea Bartol  
Olympia  
Helen  
Carl  
Lisa  
Kitty  
Tillman Family  
Gregory Cervo  
Ann Cervo  
Harper  
Arika, Renee, Ashley, and Chloe.  
Emil DeSantis  
Valentina  
Josh  
Minnick Family  
Kathy Jo, Michael, and Family.  
Pres. Zoe  
Maria  
Angelique  
Walentik Family  
Emil  
Liz  
Beth P

#### *For The Repose of the Souls of the newly departed Servants:*

+ Todd David Maragas  
+ Nicholas Tomich  
+ Subdeacon Alexander McNeer  
+ Grisha  
+ Robert Penovich  
+ Maude  
+ Jenny

#### **Coffee Hour**

Novak/Blebea Family – August 28  
Jaga R.-Sept. 4  
Dan R-Sept. 11

