

St. Nikolai Orthodox Church

Divine Liturgy, 9:30 / Saturday Vespers, 5 pm.

Book study/Christian Education following Vespers

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

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July 3, 2016-2nd Sunday after Pentecost: All Saints of America

Welcome to Visitors. Thank you for coming and praying with us today. In the Orthodox Church, Holy Communion is reserved only for Orthodox Christians who have prepared themselves through prayer, fasting and confession during Great Lent. We invite you to introduce yourself to Deacon James at the end of the Liturgy and receive a piece of the blessed bread and join us for fellowship and Christian education. We look forward to seeing you again and encourage you to learn more about the Orthodox Faith.

Tone 1 Troparion *(Resurrection)*

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!"

Tone 8 Troparion *(All Saints of North America)*

As the bountiful harvest of Your sowing of salvation,
the lands of North America offer to You, O Lord, all the saints who have
shone in them.
By their prayers keep the Church and our land in abiding peace
through the Theotokos, O most Merciful One!

Tone 1 Kontakion *(Resurrection)*

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!

Tone 3 Kontakion *(All Saints of North America)*

Today the choir of Saints who were pleasing to God in the lands of North
America
now stands before us in the Church and invisibly prays to God for us.
With them the Angels glorify Him,
and all the Saints of the Church of Christ keep festival with them;
and together they all pray for us to the Pre-eternal God.

Tone 1 Prokeimenon

Let Your mercy, O Lord, be upon us as we have set our hope on You!
(Ps 32/33:22)

v: Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous! Praise befits the just! (Ps 32/33:1)

Tone 7 Prokeimenon

Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints. (Ps 115/116:15)

Epistle

Romans 2:10-16

Hebrews 11:33-12:2 *(Saints)*

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)*

v: Rejoice in the Lord and be glad, O you righteous! (Ps 31/32:11)

Gospel

Matthew 4:18-23

Matthew 4:25-5:12 *(Saints)*

Communion Hymns

Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest! *(Ps 148:1)*
Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous! Praise befits the just. *(Ps 32/33:1)*
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

American Orthodox Saints

- Alexander Hotovitzky
- Alexis of Wilkes-Barre, leader of ex-Uniates into Orthodoxy
- Basil Martysz, hieromartyr in Poland
- Brendan the Navigator, leader of short-lived 6th c. Irish monastic community in Canada
- Herman of Alaska, first missionary to Alaska
- Innocent of Alaska, missionary bishop to Alaska
- Jacob Netsvetov
- John Kochurov
- John (Maximovitch) the Wonderworker, Archbishop of Shanghai and San Francisco
- Juvenaly of Alaska
- Nicholas (Velimirović), bishop of Žiča, rector of St. Tikhon's Seminary
- Peter the Aleut, protomartyr of America
- Raphael (Hawaweeny), vicar bishop of Brooklyn under Moscow Patriarchate
- Seraphim (Samoylovich) of Uglich, missionary in Alaska and hieromartyr under the Soviets
- Tikhon of Moscow
- Barnabas (Nastić), the New Confessor, born in Gary, Indiana
- Anatole (Kamensky) of Irkutsk, New Hieromartyr and Archbishop of Irkutsk
- Sebastian (Dabovich), archimandrite, "Serbian Apostle to America", first orthodox priest who born in USA
- Mardarije (Uskokovic), serbian Bishop of America and Canada

HOMILY—From our patron St. Nikolai of Zicha and South Canaan

About the joy of faith in Christ

"Although you have never seen Him, you love Him, and without seeing you now believe in Him and rejoice with inexpressible joy touched with glory" (1 Peter

1:8).

These are the words of the Holy Apostle Peter. He saw the Lord and loved Him. He looked at the Lord and believed in Him. Precisely because of that, he praises the love of those who have not seen the Lord and the faith of those who have not seen Him with their eyes. Our Lord Himself said: "Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed" (St. John 20:29). Blessed are they who have not seen the Lord as the apostle saw Him, but, nevertheless, they love Him with apostolic love. Blessed are they who have not seen the Lord as the apostle saw Him but, nevertheless, they believe in Him with apostolic faith!

O my brethren, even if we do not see the Lord, we see His works which have enlightened the entire history of mankind from one end to the other and have illumined every created thing under the heavens with a spiritual significance. Even if we do not see the Lord, we see His Holy Church built upon His All-holy and Pure Blood, from countless saints, righteous ones and numerous souls baptized in His Name throughout the ages of ages. Even if we do not see the Lord face to face as the apostles saw Him, we believe that He is among us in the Body and Blood by which we, according to His commandment, communicate and, in communicating, we rejoice with unspeakable joy.

Brethren, the Lord is alive and the Lord is near! That is our unwavering faith and that is the spark of fire which stirs our hearts in a flame of love for the Lord, living and near.

To know that our Lord the Creator, out of love, descended into the earth and appeared as a man for our sake and further know that He was dead and that He

appeared alive what stronger foundation does our faith need and what stronger justification for our love?

Brethren, the Lord is alive and near. And even in our day, He is appearing to many righteous souls who serve Him with patience.

O Living Lord, You were dead and are alive enliven in us faith and love until our last breath on earth, that with faith and love, we may be worthy to see You face to face as did Your holy apostles.

To You be glory and thanks always. Amen.

PRAYERS requested:

For The Health and Salvation of:

Julian (Georgie & Corbin's grandson)
Gloria (Fr. Joe's nephew Dan's M-I-L)
Andrea Bartol (Steve & Sandy Bozeka's daughter)
Letitia Bella (Lynette Baier's mother)
Olympia Tillman (Father David's mother)
Helen (Father David's aunt)
Carl (friend of Father David)
Lisa "
Kitty "
Father David & Family
Father John Zdinak & Family
Gregory Cervo
Ann Cervo
Harper (13 yr. who just received heart transplant)
Arika (missing person) her mother Renee & sisters Ashley and Chloe.
Xavier Fox (abducted and abused child)
Emil DeSantis (Greg & Michelle's friend)
Jan Raber -recovering from knee surgery

For The Repose of the Souls of the newly departed

Servants:

+Todd David Maragas
+ Nicholas Tomich
+Subdeacon +Alexander McNeer

Coffee Hour:

Tom and Lana Baier-July 3
Steve & Sandy Bozeka-July 10