

St. Nikolai Orthodox Church

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Right Rev. Bishop Alexander, Bishop of Toledo, Orthodox Church in America

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Please welcome our celebrant Fr. Esteban Vazquez

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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 September 4

The 11th Sunday after Pentecost/HM Babylas (Bp. of Antioch), Holy Prophet Moses

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 2-Resurrection, church, martyr, prophet, Kontakions-Resurrection, church, martyr, prophet, Steadfast protectress

Troparion of Heiromartyr-Tone 4 (Babylas)

By sharing in the ways of the Apostles, you became a successor to their throne. Through the practice of virtue, you found the way to divine contemplation, O inspired one of God; by teaching the word of truth without error, you defended the Faith, even to the shedding of your blood.// Hieromartyr Babylas, entreat Christ god to save our souls!

Troparion of Prophet Moses-Tone 2

You ascended to the heights of the virtues, Prophet Moses; therefore, you were deemed worthy to see the glory of God. Having received the grace-filled tablets of the Law, and bearing the grace of the writing within yourself, You were the honorable praise of prophets, and a great mystery of piety.

Kontakion of Heiromartyr -Tone 4 (Babylas)

You guarded the mighty works of faith in your heart, therefore, you did not fear the tyrant;// preserve us as well, Hieromartyr Babylas, good servant of Christ!

Kontakion of Prophet Moses-Tone 2

The choir of prophets rejoices with Moses and Aaron today, for the fulfillment of their prophecy is in our midst. The Cross, by which You have saved us, shines forth today.// By their prayers, O Christ God, have mercy on us!



Prokeimenon Tone 2

The Lord is my strength and my song; He has become my salvation.
v: The Lord has chastened me sorely, but He has not given me over to death.

Epistle Reading - 1 Corinthians 9:2-12

If I am not an apostle to others, yet doubtless I am to you. For you are the seal of my apostleship in the Lord. My defense to those who examine me is this: Do we have no right to eat and drink? Do we have no right to take along a believing wife, as do also the other apostles, the brothers of the Lord, and Cephas? Or is it only Barnabas and I who have no right to refrain from working? Who ever goes to war at his own expense? Who plants a vineyard and does not eat of its fruit? Or who tends a flock and does not drink of the milk of the flock? Do I say these things as a mere man? Or does not the law say the same also? For it is written in the law of Moses, "You shall not muzzle an ox while it treads out the grain." Is it oxen God is concerned about? Or does He say it altogether for our sakes? For our sakes, no doubt, this is written, that he who plows should plow in hope, and he who threshes in hope should be partaker of his hope. If we have sown spiritual things for you, is it a great thing if we reap your material things? If others are partakers of this right over you, are we not even more? Nevertheless we have not used this right, but endure all things lest we hinder the gospel of Christ.

Tone 2

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

v: May the Lord hear you in the day of trouble! May the name of the God of Jacob protect you! (Ps 19/20:1)

v: Save the King, O Lord, and hear us on the day we call! (Ps 19/20:9)

Gospel Reading - Matthew 18:23-35

Therefore the kingdom of heaven is like a certain king who wanted to settle accounts with his servants. And when he had begun to settle accounts, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents. But as he was not able to pay, his master commanded that he be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and that payment be made. The servant therefore fell down before him, saying, 'Master, have patience with me, and I will pay you all.' Then the master of that servant was moved with compassion, released him, and forgave him the debt. But that servant went out and found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii; and he laid hands on him and took him by the throat, saying, 'Pay me what you owe!' So his fellow servant fell down at his feet and begged him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you all.' And he would not, but went and threw him into prison till he should pay the debt. So when his fellow servants saw what had been done, they were very grieved, and came and told their master all that had been done. Then his master, after he had called him, said to him, 'You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you begged me. 'Should you not also have had compassion on your fellow servant, just as I had pity on you?' And his master was angry, and delivered him to the torturers until he should pay all that was due to him. So My heavenly Father also will do to you if each of you, from his heart, does not forgive his brother his trespasses.

Communion Hymn

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



The Beginning of the Church's Year, the Indiction

September 1

The First Ecumenical Council decreed that the Church's year should begin on September 1st. The month of September was, for the Jews, the beginning of the civil year (see Exodus 12:2), the month of the gathering of fruits and the bringing to God of sacrifices of thanksgiving. It was at the time of this feast that the Lord Jesus went into the synagogue in Nazareth, opened the Book of the Prophet Isaiah and read the words: 'The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me; because He hath anointed Me to preach good tidings unto the meek; He hath sent Me to bind up the broken-hearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound; to proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord, and the day of vengeance' (Is. 61:1-2; cf. Luke 4:16-21). This month of September is also noted in the history of Christianity because it was during September that Constantine the Great was victorious over Maxentius, the enemy of the Christian faith, a victory followed by the granting of freedom of confession of the Christian faith throughout the whole Roman Empire. For a long time, the civil year in the Christian world was reckoned in the same way as the Church's year, from September 1st, but it was later changed to January 1st, first in western Europe and then also in Russia in the time of Peter the Great.

PRAYERS requested:

For The Health and Salvation of:

Gloria
Andrea Bartol
Olympia
Helen
Carl
Lisa
Kitty
Tillman Family
Cervo Family, Gregory, & Ann
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
Carla Michalik

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

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

Coffee Hour

Sept. 4-Jaga R.
Sept. 11-Dan R.
Sept. 18-Bozeka's

