

St. Nikolai Orthodox Church

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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 21st

The Afterfeast of the Dormition (Tone 8)

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 8

You descended from on high, O Merciful One! You accepted the three day burial to free us from our sufferings!//O Lord, our Life and Resurrection, glory to You!

Troparion for the feast of the Dormition Tone 1

In giving birth you preserved your virginity. In falling asleep you did not forsake the world, O Theotokos. You were translated to life O Mother of Life,//and by your prayers you deliver our souls from death.

Resurrectional Kontakion Tone 8

By rising from the tomb, You raised the dead and resurrected Adam. Eve exults in Your Resurrection, and the world celebrates Your rising from the dead, O greatly Merciful One.

Kontakion for the feast of the Dormition Tone 2

Neither the tomb, nor death, could hold the Theotokos, who is constant in prayer and our firm hope in her intercessions. For being the Mother of Life,// she was translated to life by the One Who dwelt in her virginal womb.



Prokeimenon

*Tone 8: Pray and make your vows before the Lord our God
Vs. In Judah God is known; His Name is great in Israel.
My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.*

Epistle Reading - 1 Corinthians 3:9-17

For we are God's fellow workers; you are God's field, you are God's building. According to the grace of God which was given to me, as a wise master builder I have laid the foundation, and another builds on it. But let each one take heed how he builds on it. For no other foundation can anyone lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ. Now if anyone builds on this foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw, each one's work will become clear; for the Day will declare it, because it will be revealed by fire; and the fire will test each one's work, of what sort it is. If anyone's work which he has built on it endures, he will receive a reward. If anyone's work is burned, he will suffer loss; but he himself will be saved, yet so as through fire. Do you not know that you are the temple of God and that the Spirit of God dwells in you? If anyone defiles the temple of God, God will destroy him. For the temple of God is holy, which temple you are.

Tone 8: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

*Come, let us rejoice in the Lord! Let us make a joyful noise to God our Savior!
Vs. Let us come before His face with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to Him
with songs of praise!
Arise, O Lord, into Thy resting place, Thou and the ark of Thy holiness.*

Gospel Reading - Matthew 14:22-34

Immediately Jesus made His disciples get into the boat and go before Him to the other side, while He sent the multitudes away. And when He had sent the multitudes away, He went up on the mountain by Himself to pray. Now when evening came, He was alone there. But the boat was now in the middle of the sea, tossed by the waves, for the wind was contrary. Now in the fourth watch of the night Jesus went to them, walking on the sea. And when the disciples saw Him walking on the sea, they were troubled, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out for fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying, "Be of good cheer! It is I; do not be afraid." And Peter answered Him and said, "Lord, if it is You, command me to come to You on the water." So He said, "Come." And when Peter had come down out of the boat, he walked on the water to go to Jesus. But when he saw that the wind was boisterous, he was afraid; and beginning to sink he cried out, saying, "Lord, save me!" And immediately Jesus stretched out His hand and caught him, and said to him, "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?" And when they got into the boat, the wind ceased. Then those who were in the boat came and worshiped Him, saying, "Truly You are the Son of God." When they had crossed over, they came to the land of Gennesaret.

Communion Hymns

Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest. I will receive the cup of salvation and call on the Name of the Lord. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!



Theotokion -Irmos of Ode 9- Feast.

Refrain: *The Angels, as they looked upon the Dormition of the Virgin, were struck with wonder, seeing how the Virgin went up from earth to heaven.*

Heirmos: *The limits of nature are overcome in you, O Pure Virgin: for birthgiving remains virginal, and life is united to death; a virgin after childbearing and alive after death, you ever save your inheritance, O Theotokos.*

THE HOLY APOSTLE THADDAEUS OF THE SEVENTY

Thaddaeus was one of the Seventy Apostles but not the Thaddaeus who was one of the Twelve Apostles. St. Thaddaeus first saw and heard John the Baptist and received baptism from him and after that he saw the Lord Jesus and followed Him. The Lord numbered him among the seventy lesser apostles whom He sent two by two before His face, "After these things, the Lord appointed other seventy also and sent them two and two before His face into every city and place where He Himself would come" (St. Luke 10:1). After His glorious Resurrection and Ascension, the Lord sent Thaddaeus to Edessa, Thaddaeus' birthplace, according to the promise He gave to Prince Abgar at the time when He sent the towel with His face on it. By kissing the towel, Abgar was healed of leprosy but not completely. A little leprosy still remained on his face. When St. Thaddaeus appeared to Abgar, he received him with great joy. The apostle of Christ instructed him in the true faith and after that baptized him. When the baptized Abgar came out of the water, the remaining leprosy fell from him and he was completely healed. Glorifying God, Prince Abgar also wanted that his people should know the true God and to glorify Him. The prince assembled all the citizens of Edessa before the holy Apostle Thaddaeus to hear teaching about Christ. Hearing the words of the apostle and seeing their prince miraculously healed, the people rejected the idols, unclean living, embraced the Faith of Christ and were baptized. Thus, the city of Edessa was illumined by the Faith of Christ. Prince Abgar brought much gold and offered it to the apostle but Thaddaeus said to him: " Since we left our own gold, how can we receive the gold of others?" St. Thaddaeus preached the Gospel throughout Syria and Phoenicia. He reposed in the Lord in the Phoenician city of Beirut.

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

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

Ralich Family – August 21
Novak/Blebea Family – August 28

