

# 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 July 31<sup>th</sup>*

*Forefeast of the Procession of the Lifegiving Cross*

*Righteous Eudocimus of Cappadocia (Tone 5)*

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 5*

Let us, the faithful, praise and worship the Word, co-eternal with the Father and the Spirit, born for our salvation from the Virgin; for He willed to be lifted up on the Cross in the flesh, to endure death, and to raise the dead// by His glorious Resurrection.

## *Troparion for the Cross Tone 1*

O Lord, save Your people, and bless Your inheritance! Grant victories to the Orthodox Christians over their adversaries; and by virtue of Your Cross, preserve Your habitation!

## *Troparion Righteous Eudocimus Tone 4*

He Who called you from earth to heaven, keeps your body unharmed after death, holy Eudocimus; for you lived a sober and holy life and did not defile your flesh;// so with boldness intercede with Christ that we may be saved!

## *Resurrectional Kontakion Tone 5*

You descended into hell, O my Savior, shattering its gates as Almighty, resurrecting the dead as Creator, and destroying the sting of death. You have delivered Adam from the curse, O Lover of Man,// and we cry to You: "O Lord, save us!"

## *Kontakion Righteous Eudocimus Tone 3*

Today your honored memory has assembled us at the holy shrine of your sacred relics; all then who approach and venerate them are rescued from the evil malice of demons// and are swiftly delivered from various diseases, blessed Eudocimus.



#### ***Kontakion for the Cross Tone 4***

As You were voluntarily raised upon the Cross for our sake, grant mercy to those who are called by Your Name, O Christ God; make all Orthodox Christians glad by Your power, granting them victories over their adversaries, by bestowing on them the invincible trophy, Your weapon of peace!

#### ***Prokeimenon***

***Tone 5: You, O Lord, shall protect us and preserve us from this generation forever.  
v: Save me, O Lord, for there is no longer any that is godly!***

#### ***Epistle Reading - Romans 12:6-14***

Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, let us prophesy in proportion to our faith; or ministry, let us use it in our ministering; he who teaches, in teaching; he who exhorts, in exhortation; he who gives, with liberality; he who leads, with diligence; he who shows mercy, with cheerfulness. Let love be without hypocrisy. Abhor what is evil. Cling to what is good. Be kindly affectionate to one another with brotherly love, in honor giving preference to one another; not lagging in diligence, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord; rejoicing in hope, patient in tribulation, continuing steadfastly in prayer; distributing to the needs of the saints, given to hospitality. Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse.

#### ***Tone 5: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!***

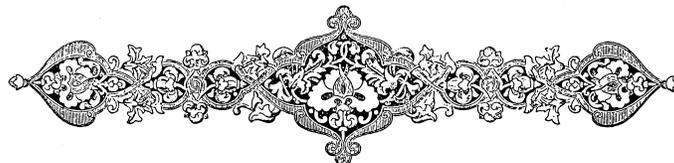
***v: I will sing of Your mercies, O Lord, forever; with my mouth I will proclaim Your truth from generation to generation.  
v: For You have said: "Mercy will be established forever; My truth will be prepared in the heavens."***

#### ***Gospel Reading - Matthew 9:1-8***

So He got into a boat, crossed over, and came to His own city. Then behold, they brought to Him a paralytic lying on a bed. When Jesus saw their faith, He said to the paralytic, "Son, be of good cheer; your sins are forgiven you." And at once some of the scribes said within themselves, "This Man blasphemes!" But Jesus, knowing their thoughts, said, "Why do you think evil in your hearts? For which is easier, to say, 'Your sins are forgiven you,' or to say, 'Arise and walk'? But that you may know that the Son of Man has power on earth to forgive sins – then He said to the paralytic, "Arise, take up your bed, and go to your house." And he arose and departed to his house. Now when the multitudes saw it, they marveled and glorified God, who had given such power to men.

#### ***Communion Hymns***

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



## SAINT EUDOCIMUS

Eudocimus was born in Cappadocia of devout parents, Basil and Eudocia. At the time of the Emperor Theophilus (829-842 A.D.), Eudocimus was a young officer in the army. Even as an officer, he exerted all effort to live according to the commandments of the Holy Gospel. Preserving his purity undefiled, he avoided conversing with any woman, except his mother; he was merciful toward the misfortunate and needy, conscientious in reading holy books and more conscientious in his prayers to God. He avoided vain gatherings and verbosity. "Among the throngs and worldly vanity, he was a lily among thorns and as gold in the fire." Because of his unusual good works, the emperor appointed him as the commander of Cappadocia. In this high position, Eudocimus strived to be just before God and before men. According to the Providence of God he died at an early age, in his thirty-third year. His relics were found to possess healing properties. An insane man touched his grave and immediately became whole; a child also touched his grave and was made whole. After eighteen months, his mother opened his coffin and found his body as though it were still alive, without any signs of decay or corruption. A wonderful aroma emitted from the body of the saint. His relics were later translated to Constantinople and buried in the new church of the Holy Theotokos, which the parents of this righteous Eudocimus built.

### **PRAYERS** requested:

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

Julian  
Gloria  
Andrea Bartol  
Letitia Bella  
Olympia Tillman  
Helen  
Carl  
Lisa  
Kitty  
Tillman Family  
Gregory Cervo  
Ann Cervo  
Harper  
Arika, Renee, Ashley, and Chloe.  
Xavier Fox  
Emil DeSantis  
Valentina  
Amy Catania  
Cole Matthew  
Josh  
Minnick Family

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

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

### **Coffee Hour**

Krupko Family – July 31  
Gresh Family – August 7

