

St. Nikolai Orthodox Church

Divine Liturgy, 9:30 / Saturday Vespers, 4 pm.

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Very Reverend Father Joseph Cervo, Archpriest (AOCANA-retired)

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November 29, 2015: 26 Sunday after Pentecost/Martyr Paramon and 370 Martyrs in Bithynia

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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 the Church fasting seasons. We invite you to introduce yourself to Father Joe and 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.



Special note: There will be **no** Vespers, this Saturday, November 28.

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 4 Troparion (for the Martyrs)

Your holy martyrs Paramon and Philumenus and those with them, O Lord,
through their sufferings have received incorruptible crowns from You, our God.
For having Your strength, they laid low their adversaries,
and shattered the powerless boldness of demons.
Through their intercession, save our souls!

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 1 Prokeimenon

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: Ephesians 5:9-19

Tone 1 Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

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

v: :He magnifies the salvation of the King and deals mercifully with David, His anointed,
and his seed forever.

Gospel: Luke 13:10-17

Communion Hymn

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



The Holy Martyr Paramon and the 370 Martyrs with him suffered for their faith in Christ in the year 250 during the rule of the emperor Decius (249-251). The governor of the Eastern regions, Aquianus, had locked up 370 Christians in prison, urging them to abjure Christ and instead offer sacrifice to idols.

They subjected the captives to beatings, hoping by torture and the threat of death to persuade them to renounce Christ and worship the pagan gods. One of the local inhabitants, Paramon by name, openly denounced the cruel governor and confessed his faith in the One True God, the Lord Jesus Christ. They beheaded St Paramon after fierce tortures, together with the other 370 martyrs.

Saint Bishop Nicholai said that he had once spoken with an elder on Mount Athos. Young Nicholai asked the monk: “*Father, what is your main spiritual exercise?*”

The elder replied, “*The perfect visualization of God’s presence.*”

Ever since then, Bishop Nicholai said, “*I tried this visualization of God’s presence. And as little as I succeeded, it helped me enormously to prevent me from sinning in freedom, and from despairing in prison. If we kept the vision of the invisible God, we would be happier, wiser, and stronger in every walk of life.*”

PRAYERS requested

For The Health and Salvation of:

Doreen Wishnok

Stefanie Waseman

The Knoll Family

Ann Cervo (Fr. Joe's sister-in-law, diagnosed with optical melanoma)

Roland Augspurger

Leslie and Tim Kocevar
Joan Downey
Beth Plocher
Susan Smith Miller (Heidi' Gresh's sister)
Brenda Grey
Wally and Debby Borojevich and family
Jennifer White
J. P. Cervo
Renee Young
Mother Ana
Julian Farian
Larry Gainer
Olympia Tillman (Father David's mother)
Carl, friend of Father David
Lisa, friend of Father David

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

+ Walter Borojevich (Wally's father)
+ Robert White (Friend of Kate White)
+Bruce Abraham
+Mildred "Peggy" Borojevich (Wally's mother)

ANNUAL MEETING: PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE OF DATE!

The annual meeting for our Parish will be held on Sunday, December 13, 2015 following the Divine Liturgy. Please see Father Joe or Deacon James if you have any questions prior to the meeting.

SATURDAY VESPERS:

Vespers will be held every Saturday at 4 pm until the clocks move forward in the Spring.

ADULT EDUCATION:

Book study/Christian Education will follow the vespers service and take place in the fellowship area at the church.

CHOIR PRACTICE:

Choir practice will take place on the first 3 Tuesdays of December to prepare for our Christmas services. We will have our practices at the church at 7 pm. The choir dates are December 1, 8, 15.

CAROLING:

The Choir is planning on Christmas Caroling on Saturday, December 19 following vespers. Please see Helen Blebea to schedule a stop at your home!

COFFEE HOUR AND CHURCH CLEANING:

There will be sign-up sheets posted in the fellowship room for coffee hour and church cleaning. If you have any questions please see Father Joe or Deacon James. We are asking for individuals, families or groups to sign up on a monthly basis to maintain the church. November is covered. If we do not have anyone signed up for coffee hour on any week, we will simply have coffee during fellowship.

THANK YOU TO ALL WHO HAVE HOSTED COFFEE HOURS!!!!
A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO THE DORDEAS AND WASHINGTONS FOR ORGANIZING COFFEE
HOOR FOR THE PAST YEAR!!!!