

# Holy Resurrection Orthodox Church

Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese

“... the Disciples were called Christians first in Antioch!” Acts 11:26

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## DECEMBER 6, 2009

### ST. NICHOLAS THE WONDER-WORKER

Nicholas the wonder-worker, Archbishop of Myra in Lycia;  
 Newmartyr Nicholas of Karamania in Asia Minor

#### HYMNS AFTER THE LITTLE ENTRANCE

##### *Troparion of the Resurrection - Tone 1*

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 cried to You, O Giver of Life: Glory to Your resurrection, O Christ! Glory to Your Kingdom! Glory to Your saving providence, O Lover of Mankind!

##### *Troparion for St. Nicholas – Tone 4*

Thy righteous acts have manifested thee to thy flock as a model of faith, a refection of humility, and a teacher of abstinence, O Father Bishop Nicholas. Therefore, through humility thou hast achieved exaltation, and through poverty, riches. Intercede thou with Christ God to save our souls.

##### *Titular Feast of the Church (Kontakion for Pascha) – Tone 8*

You descended into the tomb O immortal; You destroyed the power of death. In victory you arose O Christ God, proclaiming ‘Rejoice’ to the myrrh-bearing women. Granting peace to Your apostles, and bestowing Resurrection on the fallen.

##### *Kontakion for the Preparation of the Nativity of Christ – Tone 3*

The virgin cometh today to the cave to give birth, in affably to bring forth the Word eternal. Therefore, rejoice O earth at the message. With the angels and shepherds give glory to him who shall appear by his own will as a young child, he who is from eternity God.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ❖ **Food for Hungry People** is sponsoring a food drive from October through the end of December. They are asking us to contribute as much food as we can to our local food pantry. We collected 125 pounds of food during this time last year. **Let’s see if we can fill up our box in the narthex this year.** Thank you very much! - Denise
- ❖ **Choir Rehearsals** – We are now having **monthly choir researsals** following Great Vespers on the same Saturday Parish Council meets, which is normally the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of each month. Please contact Mitch or Curt if you’re willing to participate. **Please consider serving in the choir!**

## CALENDAR

(✘ Denotes Fast Day)

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
✘ Dec 6	✘ Dec 7	✘ Dec 8	✘ Dec 9	✘ Dec 10	✘ Dec 11	✘ Dec 12
Orthros - 8:45am Liturgy - 9:30am  Curt Parrish			Vespers - 7:00pm		Hillary Lear	Vespers - 6:00pm
✘ Dec 13	✘ Dec 14	✘ Dec 15	✘ Dec 16	✘ Dec 17	✘ Dec 18	✘ Dec 19
Orthros - 8:45am Liturgy - 9:30am		Len & Denise Lynch	Vespers - 7:00pm  Fr. Gregory Owen		Sherry Mizimakoski	Vespers - 6:00pm

CHANGES/ADDITIONS TO CALENDAR OR PRAYER LIST MAY BE SENT TO 'MRB@BRIGHTSITES.COM' OR CALL 840-0120

## PRAYER REMINDER

Fr. Paisius (The Academy)  
 Jim Vail (St. Seraphim Brotherhood)  
 Chaplain Terry Harman  
 Chaplain David Rogers  
 St. Moses Community  
 Gertrude Parrish  
 Resa Ellison  
 The LaRocco Family

George  
 Frank  
 Allison  
 Sharon  
 Cathy  
 Shane  
 Anthony Gonzalez

Thomas  
 Kay  
 Alex Mellinger  
 Chris Tucker  
 Joe O'Dea  
 Jeff  
 Trevor Butler

**Orthodox Departed**  
 Patriarch Paul  
 The Priest Daniel  
 Celia LaRocco

## THE EPISTLE READING HEBREWS 13:17-21

Prokeimenon: *Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints.  
What shall I render to the Lord for all that he has given me?*

The Reading is from Saint Paul's Letter to the Ephesians.

BRETHREN, obey your leaders and submit to them; for they are keeping watch over your souls, as men who will have to give account. Let them do this joyfully, and not sadly, for that would be of no advantage to you. Pray for us, for we are sure that we have a clear conscience, desiring to act honorably in all things. I urge you the more earnestly to do this in order that I may be restored to you the sooner. Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great Shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do His will, working in you that which is pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ; to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

## THE GOSPEL READING LUKE 13:10-17

At that time, Jesus was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath. And there was a woman who had a spirit of infirmity for eighteen years; she was bent over and could not fully straighten herself. And when Jesus saw her, he called her and said to her, "Woman, you are freed from your infirmity." And he laid his hands upon her, and immediately she was made straight, and she praised God. But the ruler of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had healed on the sabbath, said to the people, "There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be healed, and not on the sabbath day." Then the Lord answered him, "You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger, and lead it away to water it? And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen years, be loosed from this bond on the sabbath day?" As he said this, all his adversaries were put to shame; and all the people rejoiced at all the glorious things that were done by him.



## **WORDS OF WISDOM**

*“The goal of reading is the application, in our lives, of what we read. Not to learn it by heart, but to take it to heart. Not to practice using our tongues, but to be able to receive the tongues of fire and to live the mysteries of God.”*

**Elder Paisios the Athonite**