

St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church

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Matins 9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m.

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Sunday of Orthodoxy

March 13th, 2022 – Liturgy of St. Basil Today

Apolytikion for the Sunday of Orthodoxy – Tone 2

We venerate Your immaculate icon, O good Lord, and entreat You to forgive our offences, O Christ our God. By Your own choice you were pleased to ascend the Cross in the flesh, to deliver us, whom You created, from our slavery to the foe. Therefore we cry to You with gratitude: You have filled all things with joy, O our Savior, by coming to save the world.

Τὴν ἄχραντον Εἰκόνα σου, προσκυνοῦμεν ἀγαθέ, αἰτούμενοι συγχώρησιν τῶν πταισμάτων ἡμῶν, Χριστέ ὁ Θεός· βουλήσει γὰρ ἠυδόκησας σαρκί, ἀνελθεῖν ἐν τῷ Σταυρῷ, ἵνα ρύσῃ οὖς ἔπλασας, ἐκ τῆς δουλείας τοῦ ἐχθροῦ· ὅθεν εὐχαρίστως βοῶμέν σοι· Χαράς ἐπλήρωσας τὰ πάντα ὁ Σωτὴρ ἡμῶν, παραγενόμενος εἰς τὸ σῶσαι τὸν κόσμον.

Resurrectional Apolytikion – Tone 5

Let us worship the Word who is unoriginate * with the Father and the Spirit, and from a Virgin was born * for our salvation, O believers, and let us sing His praise. * For in His goodness He was pleased * to ascend the Cross in the flesh, and to undergo death, * and to raise up those who had died, * by His glorious Resurrection.

Τὸν συνάναρχον Λόγον Πατρὶ καὶ Πνεύματι, τὸν ἐκ Παρθένου τεχθέντα εἰς σωτηρίαν ἡμῶν, ἀνυμνήσωμεν πιστοὶ καὶ προσκυνήσωμεν, ὅτι ἠυδόκησε σαρκί, ἀνελθεῖν ἐν τῷ Σταυρῷ, καὶ θάνατον ὑπομεῖναι, καὶ ἐγεῖραι τοὺς τεθνεῶτας, ἐν τῇ ἐνδόξῳ Ἀναστάσει αὐτοῦ.

Apolytikion of St. Nicholas – Tone 4

A rule of faith are you, and an icon of gentleness, * and a teacher of self-control. And to your flock this was evident, * by the truth of your life and deeds. * You were humble and therefore you acquired exalted gifts, * treasure in heaven for being poor. * O Father and Hierarch St. Nicholas, * intercede with Christ our God, * and entreat Him to save our souls.

Κανόνα πίστεως καί εικόνα πραότητος, * εγκρατείας Διδάσκαλον, ανέδειξέ σε τή ποιμνῆ σου, * ἡ τῶν πραγμάτων ἀλήθεια, * διά τούτο ἐκτήσω τή ταπεινώσει τά υψηλά, τή πτωχεία τά πλούσια, * Πάτερ Ιεράρχα Νικόλαε, * πρέσβευε Χριστώ τῷ Θεῷ, * σωθῆναι τάς ψυχάς ἡμῶν.

Kontakion – Tone 8

O Champion General, I your City now inscribe to you * Triumphant anthems as the tokens of my gratitude, * Being rescued from the terrors, O Theotokos. * Inasmuch as you have power unassailable, * From all kinds of perils free me, so that unto you * I may cry aloud: Rejoice, O unwedded Bride.

Τῆ ὑπερμάχῳ στρατηγῷ τὰ νικητήρια, * Ὡς λυτρωθεῖσα τῶν δεινῶν εὐχαριστήρια, * Ἀναγράφω σοι ἡ Πόλις σου Θεοτόκε. * Ἄλλ' ὡς ἔχουσα τὸ κράτος ἀπροσμάχητον, * Ἐκ παντοίων με κινδύνων ἐλευθέρωσον, * Ἴνα κράζω σοι: Χαῖρε νύμφη ἀνύμφευτε.

Epistle Reading: Hebrews 11:24-26, 32-40

Brethren, by faith Moses, when he was grown up, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter, choosing rather to share ill-treatment with the people of God than to enjoy the fleeting pleasures of sin. He considered abuse suffered for the Christ greater wealth than the treasures of Egypt, for he looked to the reward. And what more shall I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets—who through faith conquered kingdoms, enforced justice, received promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign enemies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection. Some were tortured, refusing to accept release, that they might rise again to a better life. Others suffered mocking and scourging, and even chains and imprisonment. They

were stoned, they were sawn in two, they were killed with the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, afflicted, ill-treated — of whom the world was not worthy — wandering over deserts and mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth. And all these, though well attested by their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had foreseen something better for us, that apart from us they should not be made perfect.

Ἀδελφοί, πίστει Μωϋσῆς μέγας γενόμενος ἠρνήσατο λέγεσθαι υἱὸς θυγατρὸς Φαραώ, μᾶλλον ἐλόμενος συγκακουχεῖσθαι τῷ λαῷ τοῦ Θεοῦ ἢ πρόσκαιρον ἔχειν ἁμαρτίας ἀπόλαυσιν· μείζονα πλοῦτον ἠγησάμενος τῶν Αἰγύπτου θησαυρῶν τὸν ὄνειδισμόν τοῦ Χριστοῦ· ἀπέβλεπε γὰρ εἰς τὴν μισθαποδοσίαν. Καὶ τί ἔτι λέγω; Ἐπιλείπει γάρ με διηγούμενον ὁ χρόνος περὶ Γεδεών, Βαράκ τε καὶ Σαμψὼν καὶ Ἰεφθάε, Δαυὶδ τε καὶ Σαμουὴλ καὶ τῶν Προφητῶν· οἱ διὰ πίστεως κατηγωνίσαντο βασιλείας, εἰργάσαντο δικαιοσύνην, ἐπέτυχον ἐπαγγελιῶν, ἔφραξαν στόματα λεόντων, ἔσβεσαν δύναμιν πυρός, ἔφυγον στόματα μαχαίρας, ἐνεδυναμώθησαν ἀπὸ ἀσθενείας, ἐγενήθησαν ἰσχυροὶ ἐν πολέμῳ, παρεμβολὰς ἔκλιναν ἀλλοτρίων· ἔλαβον γυναῖκες ἐξ ἀναστάσεως τοὺς νεκροὺς αὐτῶν· ἄλλοι δὲ ἐτυμπανίσθησαν, οὐ προσδεξάμενοι τὴν ἀπολύτρωσιν, ἵνα κρείττονος ἀναστάσεως τύχωσιν· ἕτεροι δὲ ἐμπαιγμῶν καὶ μαστίγων πείραν ἔλαβον, ἔτι δὲ δεσμῶν καὶ φυλακῆς· ἐλιθάσθησαν, ἐπρίσθησαν, ἐπειράσθησαν, ἐν φόνῳ μαχαίρας ἀπέθανον, περιῆλθον ἐν μηλωταῖς, ἐν αἰγείοις δέρμασιν, ὑστερούμενοι, θλιβόμενοι, κακουχούμενοι, ὧν οὐκ ἦν ἄξιος ὁ κόσμος, ἐν ἐρημίαις πλανώμενοι καὶ ὄρεσι καὶ σπηλαίοις καὶ ταῖς ὄπαῖς τῆς γῆς. Καὶ οὗτοι πάντες μαρτυρηθέντες διὰ τῆς πίστεως οὐκ ἐκομίσαντο τὴν ἐπαγγελίαν, τοῦ Θεοῦ περὶ ἡμῶν κρείττον τι προβλεψαμένου, ἵνα μὴ χωρὶς ἡμῶν τελειωθῶσι.

Gospel Reading: John 1:43-51

At that time, Jesus decided to go to Galilee. And he found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael, and he said to him, "We have found him of whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph." Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." Jesus saw Nathanael coming to him, and said of him, "Behold, an Israelite indeed, in whom is no guile!" Nathanael said to him, "How do you know me?" Jesus answered him, "Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you." Nathanael answered him, "Rabbi, you are the son of God! You are the King of Israel!"

Jesus answered him, "Because I said to you, I saw you under the fig tree, do you believe? You shall see greater things than these." And he said to him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, you will see heaven opened, and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of man."

Τῷ καιρῷ ἐκείνῳ, ἠθέλησεν ὁ Ἰησοῦς ἐξελθεῖν εἰς τὴν Γαλιλαίαν, καὶ εὕρισκει Φίλιππον καὶ λέγει αὐτῷ· Ἀκολούθει μοι. ἦν δὲ ὁ Φίλιππος ἀπὸ Βηθσαιῶν, ἐκ τῆς πόλεως Ἀνδρέου καὶ Πέτρου. εὕρισκει Φίλιππος τὸν Ναθαναὴλ καὶ λέγει αὐτῷ· Ὁν ἔγραψε Μωϋσῆς ἐν τῷ νόμῳ καὶ οἱ προφηταί, εὗρήκαμεν, Ἰησοῦν τὸν υἱὸν τοῦ Ἰωσήφ τὸν ἀπὸ Ναζαρέτ. καὶ εἶπεν αὐτῷ Ναθαναὴλ· Ἐκ Ναζαρέτ δύναται τι ἀγαθὸν εἶναι; λέγει αὐτῷ Φίλιππος· Ἔρχου καὶ ἴδε. εἶδεν ὁ Ἰησοῦς τὸν Ναθαναὴλ ἐρχόμενον πρὸς αὐτὸν καὶ λέγει περὶ αὐτοῦ· Ἴδε ἀληθῶς Ἰσραηλῆτις ἐν ᾧ δόλος οὐκ ἔστι. λέγει αὐτῷ Ναθαναὴλ· Πόθεν με γινώσκεις; ἀπεκρίθη Ἰησοῦς καὶ εἶπεν αὐτῷ· Πρὸ τοῦ σε Φίλιππον φωνῆσαι, ὄντα ὑπὸ τὴν συκῆν εἶδόν σε. ἀπεκρίθη Ναθαναὴλ καὶ λέγει αὐτῷ· Ραββί, σὺ εἶ ὁ υἱὸς τοῦ Θεοῦ, σὺ εἶ ὁ βασιλεὺς τοῦ Ἰσραὴλ. ἀπεκρίθη Ἰησοῦς καὶ εἶπεν αὐτῷ· Ὅτι εἶπόν σοι, εἶδόν σε ὑποκάτω τῆς συκῆς, πιστεύεις; μείζω τούτων ὄψη. καὶ λέγει αὐτῷ· Ἀμὴν ἀμὴν λέγω ὑμῖν, ἀπ' ἄρτι ὄψεσθε τὸν οὐρανὸν ἀνεωγμένον, καὶ τοὺς ἀγγέλους τοῦ Θεοῦ ἀναβαίνοντας καὶ καταβαίνοντας ἐπὶ τὸν υἱὸν τοῦ ἀνθρώπου.

Liturgical Schedule for March 13th – 20th

Sunday, 13th

Sunday of Orthodoxy

Orthros • 9:00 a.m. Liturgy • 10:00 a.m.

Icon Procession • 11:15 a.m.

Monday, 14th

Great Compline • 6:30 p.m.

Fr. Joseph & Presvytera Melanie will be away at the Metropolis Clergy Family Retreat March 15th - 17th.

Friday, 18th

2nd Stanza of Akathist

Potluck Dinner • 6:00 p.m. / Akathist • 7:00 p.m.

Sunday, 20th

Sunday of St. Gregory Palamas

Orthros • 9:00 a.m. Liturgy • 10:00 a.m.

Lenten Vespers • 5:00 p.m. – at St. John's - Boardman

THE PROCESSION OF THE HOLY ICONS

First Station

Priest: Have mercy on us O God, according to your great mercy, we pray to you, hear us, and have mercy.

Faithful: Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Priest: Let us pray for all pious and Orthodox Christians.

Faithful: Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Priest: Again we pray for our Archbishop and Father Savas.

Faithful: Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Priest: Again we pray for mercy, life, peace, health, salvation, protection, forgiveness, and remission of the sins of the servants of God, all pious Orthodox Christians residing and visiting in this city: the parishioners, the members of the parish council, the stewards, and benefactors of this holy church.

Faithful: Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Priest: For you are a merciful God Who love mankind, and to You we offer up glory, to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and to the ages of ages.

Faithful: Amen.

Second Station

Priest: Have mercy on us O God, according to your great mercy, we pray to you, hear us, and have mercy.

Faithful: Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Priest: Again we pray for the blessed memory and eternal repose of all pious Orthodox Christians who have fallen asleep in the hope of the resurrection unto life everlasting, emperors, patriarchs, bishops, priests, deacons, hieromonks, deacon-monks, monks, nuns, fathers, forebears, grandparents, great-grandparents, parents, spouses, children, siblings, and all our relatives,

from the beginning until the end of time; and for the forgiveness of all their sins, both voluntary and involuntary.

Faithful: Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Priest: For You are the resurrection, the life and the repose of all the departed faithful Orthodox Christians, Christ our God, and to You we give glory, with Your eternal Father and Your all-holy, good and life-giving Spirit, now and forever and to the ages of ages.

Faithful: Amen.

Third Station

Priest: Have mercy on us O God, according to your great mercy, we pray to you, hear us, and have mercy.

Faithful: Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Priest: Again we pray for all pious and Orthodox Christians.

Faithful: Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Priest: Again we pray for mercy, life, peace, health, salvation, protection, forgiveness, and remission of the sins of the servants of God, all pious Orthodox Christians residing and visiting in this city: the parishioners, the members of the parish council, the stewards, and benefactors of this holy church.

Faithful: Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Priest: Again we pray for our Archbishop and Father Savas.

Faithful: Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Priest: For you are a merciful God Who loves mankind, and to You we offer up glory, to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and forever and to the ages of ages.

Faithful: Amen.

Fourth Station

Priest: Have mercy on us O God, according to your great mercy, we pray to you, hear us, and have mercy.

Faithful: Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Priest: Again we pray for the protection of the holy Great Church of Christ, our sacred Archdiocese (and this sacred Metropolis), this city and every city and land, from wrath, famine, pestilence, earthquake, flood, fire, sword, foreign invasion, civil strife, and accidental death. That our good and loving God may be merciful, gracious and kindly-disposed, and may divert and disperse all anger and disease coming against us, and deliver us from His own just threat hanging over us, and have mercy on us.

Faithful: Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Priest: Hear us, O God our Savior, the hope of all those who live everywhere on earth and those far out at sea or in the air. Be gracious toward our sins, Master, and have mercy on us.

Faithful: Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Priest: For You are a merciful and loving God, and to You we give glory, to the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, now and forever and to the ages of ages.

Faithful: Amen.

The Synodikon of the 7th Ecumenical Council

As the prophets beheld, as the apostles have taught, as the Church has received, as the teachers have declared, as the world has agreed, as grace has shown forth, as truth has been revealed, as falsehood has been dispelled, as wisdom has become manifest, as Christ awarded;

Thus we declare; thus we affirm; thus we proclaim Christ our true God, and honor His saints in words, writings, thoughts, sacrifices, churches, and holy icons;

On the one hand, worshiping and reverencing Christ as God and Lord, and on the other, honoring the saints as true servants of the same Lord of all, and offering them proper veneration.

This is the faith of the apostles. This is the faith of the fathers. This is the faith of the Orthodox. This is the faith on which the world is established.

Therefore, with fraternal and filial love we praise the heralds of the faith, those who with glory and honor have struggled for the faith, and we say: to the champions of Orthodoxy, 'faithful emperors, most-holy patriarchs, hierarchs, teachers, martyrs, and confessors: May your memory be eternal.

May their memory be eternal. May their memory be eternal. May their Memory be eternal.

Let us beseech God that we may be instructed and strengthened by the trials and struggles of these saints, which they endured for the faith even unto death, and by their teachings, entreating that we may to the end imitate their godly life. May we be deemed worthy of obtaining our requests through the mercy and grace of the Great and First Hierarch, Christ our God, through the intercessions of our glorious Lady, the Theotokos and ever-virgin Mary, the divine angels and all the Saints.

Amen.

[Dismissal of icon-bearers]

Faithful: Who is so great a God as our God? You alone are the God who does wonders. (*repeat after each verse*)

Verse: You made known Your power among the peoples.

Verse: I said, "Now I am beginning to see; this change is by the right hand of the Most-High."

Verse: I remembered the deeds of the Lord and I was glad.