

WELCOME TO
SAINT NICHOLAS ANTIOCHIAN
ORTHODOX CHURCH

SUNDAY, AUGUST 22nd, 2021

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost & Ninth Sunday of Matthew – Tone
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A warm welcome to all who celebrate the Lord's Resurrection with us. **Visitors who are not Orthodox, please note that although non-Orthodox may not receive Communion, which is reserved for the Orthodox faithful, we invite everyone to come forward at the end of the Liturgy to receive the Priest's blessing and blessed bread.** Fr. Paul or most members of the parish will be glad to answer **any** questions. Visitors, please sign the guest book at the back of the church. If you wish to join the church mailing list, then please include your email address.

Today's Hymns and Readings

Ressurrectional Apolytikion Tone 8: From the heights Thou didst descend, O compassionate One, and Thou didst submit to the three-day burial, that Thou might deliver us from passion; Thou art our life and our Resurrection, O Lord, glory to Thee.

Apolytikion of the Dormition Tone 1: In thy birth-giving, O Theotokos, thou didst keep and preserve virginity; and in thy falling-asleep thou hast not forsaken the world; for thou wast translated into life, being the Mother of Life. Wherefore, by thine intercessions, deliver our souls from death.

Kontakion of the Dormition Tone 2: Verily, the Theotokos, who is ever watchful in intercessions, and whose prayers are never rejected, neither tomb nor death could control. But since she is the Mother of Life, He Who dwelt in her ever-virgin womb did translate her to life.

Trisagion Hymn:

English: Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal. Have mercy on us.

Arabic: Qudduson ullah, Qudduson ulqawi, Qudduson ullahdhi, la yamut urhamna.

Greek: Agios O Theos, Agios Ischiros, Agios Athanatos, eleison imas.

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, both now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen. Holy Immortal have mercy on us. With strength!

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The Epistle

Make your vows and pay them to the Lord our God. God is known in Judaea; His Name is great in Israel.

The Reading is from St. Paul's First Epistle to the Corinthians 3:9-17

Brethren, we are God's fellow workers; you are God's husbandry, God's building. According to the grace of God which was given to me, as a wise architect I laid a foundation, and another builds upon it. Let each one take heed how he builds upon it. For no other foundation can anyone lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ. Now if anyone builds on this foundation gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, stubble; everyone's work will become manifest; for the Day will declare it, because it will be revealed by fire, and the fire itself will test each one's work of what sort it is. If anyone's work which was built on the foundation survives, he will receive a reward. If anyone's work is burned up, he will suffer loss, but he himself will be saved, yet so as by fire. Do you not know that you are a temple of God and that the Spirit of God dwells in you? If anyone corrupts the temple of God, God will corrupt him. For the temple of God is holy, whose temple you are.

The Holy Gospel

The Reading from the Holy Gospel is according to St. Matthew 14:22-34

At that time, Jesus made the Disciples get into the boat and go before Him to the other side, while He dismissed the crowds. And after He had dismissed the crowds, He went up on the mountain by Himself to pray. When evening came, He was there alone, but the Disciples' boat by this time was many furlongs distant from the land, beaten by the waves; for the wind was against them. And in the fourth watch of the night He came to them, walking on the sea. But when the Disciples saw Jesus walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out for fear. But immediately He spoke to them, saying, "Take heart, it is I; have no fear." And Peter answered Him, "Lord, if it is Thee, bid me come to Thee on the water." He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat and walked on the water and came to Jesus; but when he saw the wind, he was afraid, and beginning to sink he cried out, "Lord, save me!" Jesus immediately reached out His hand and caught him, saying to him, "O man of little faith, why did you doubt?" And when they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshiped Him, saying, "Truly, Thou art the Son of God." And when they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret.



Today We Commemorate: St. Isaac I (Antimonov) of Optina

Father Isaac (Antimonov) was born on May 31, 1810 and came from a line of rich Kursk merchants, who sold livestock at fairs. This life did not satisfy Ivan (which was Isaac's name in the world), so one day on the way to a fair to sell livestock, he turned around the horses and ended up at Optina Monastery under Elder Macarius. He entered the Skete of Optina in 1847, when he was thirty-six, at about the same time as Father Ambrose. There he undertook various obediences, such as in the refectory as a cook, singing in the choir, and being a bookbinder. He was tonsured with the name of Isaac in 1854 and later ordained to the diaconate in 1855 and the priesthood in 1858, notwithstanding his reluctance. During the liturgy he could not hold back his tears as he contemplated on the Divine Mystery.

Later he was recommended to the holy Metropolitan Philaret of Moscow by Elder Macarius to succeed Father Moses as Abbot of the main monastery in 1862. With great faith, and obedient to divine Providence, Father Isaac forsook his beloved solitude, to spend over thirty years occupied with extensive and much-needed building works and with restoring the monastery's economic stability, which Father Moses had neglected. He relied on the discernment of Elder Ambrose and asked his advice on every matter of importance. For all his great responsibilities, he remained humble and simple with his brethren.


Father Isaac himself was stricken by paralysis, and only recovered some strength during the last year of his abbacy. In the end, he fell ill with dysentery and gave up his soul to God while deep in prayer on 22 August 1894, at the age of eighty-five. He died quietly, surrounded by his weeping spiritual children, to whom he gave his final instruction: "Love God and others, love the Church of God, attend the services of the church, pray, seek not earthly blessings, but heavenly ones. Here, in this holy abode, where you laid the foundation of the monastic life, finish your days."



Parish Treasury Report

| 2021 | July 2021 | YTD |
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| Income: | \$15,962.38 | \$104,477.71 |
| Expense: | \$10,776.70 | \$98,055.25 |

8/4/2021 Checkbook: \$57,478.01 Mortgage: \$114,836.52



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Welcome to our church community! We are blessed to have you worshipping with us today. We are the jurisdiction of the Orthodox Christian Church whose roots trace directly back to first century Antioch, the city in which the disciples of Jesus Christ were first called "Christians" (Acts 11:26). The Orthodox Church is the oldest and second largest Christian group in the world. We are called by God our creator to worship and follow Him, and to proclaim to the world His message of love, peace and salvation.