

MAY 28, 2017
SUNDAY OF THE FATHERS OF THE
1st ECUMENICAL COUNCIL

St. Nicetas, Bishop of Chalcedon

Nicetas, Bishop of Chalcedon, lived during the second half of the eighth century. For his God-pleasing life he was consecrated as Bishop of Chalcedon.

Saint Nicetas distinguished himself by his charity, he always helped the poor, he lodged travelers in his home, he cared for orphans and widows, and he interceded for those who had been wronged.

During the reign of the iconoclast Leo the Armenian (813-820), Saint Nicetas bravely denounced the Iconoclast heresy and urged his flock to venerate the holy icons of Christ, the Theotokos, and the saints. Saint Nicetas endured much suffering from the impious emperor and his like-minded cohorts. He was subjected to tortures and sent off to exile.

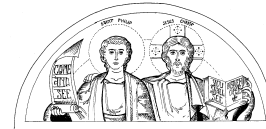
The holy confessor Nicetas died at the beginning of the ninth century. From his relics occurred many miracles of healing. The Canon of the service, written by the priest Joseph of Constantinople, also includes Saint Nicetas's brother, Saint Ignatius, among the saints.

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WEBSITES WORTH KNOWING

- www.antiochian.org - Antiochian Archdiocese
- www.iconograms.org - Iconograms (Orthodox web-based greeting cards)
- www.incommunion.org - Orthodox Peace Fellowship
- www.orth-transfiguration.org - Orthodox Fellowship of the Transfiguration (ecology)



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COMMEMORATIONS:

- HIEROMARTYR EUTYCHIOS, BISHOP OF MELITENE (1ST C.)
- MARTYRS HELICONIS AND DAPNI OF THESSALONICA (244)
- GERMANOS, BISHOP OF PARIS (576)
- ST. WILLIAM OF LANGUEDOC (812)
- ST. NICETAS, BISHOP OF CHALCEDON (9TH C.)
- VENERABLE ANDREW OF CONSTANTINOPLE, FOOL-FOR-CHRIST (911)
- IGNATIUS THE WONDERWORKER, BISHOP OF ROSTOV (1288)
- ST. SOPHRONIUS, MONK, OF BULGARIA (1510)

Tone 6

Eothinon 10 (St. John 21:1-14)

Epistle: Acts 20: 16-18, 28-36

Gospel: Saint John 17:1-13

RESURRECTION TROPARION - Tone 6 - When Mary stood at thy grave, looking for thy sacred Body, angelic powers shone above thy revered tomb, and the soldiers who were to keep guard became as dead men. Thou led'st hades captive and wast not tempted thereby; thou didst meet the Virgin and didst give life to the world, O thou who art risen from the dead. O Lord, glory to thee!

TROPARION FOR ASCENSION - Tone 4 - Thou hast ascended in glory, O Christ our God, and gladdened thy Disciples with the promise of the Holy Spirit, having become confident of the blessing. Verily, thou art the Son of God and Deliverer of the world.

TROPARION FOR THE HOLY FATHERS - Tone 8 - Thou, O Christ, art our God of exceeding praise, who didst establish the Holy Fathers as luminous stars upon earth, and through them didst guide us unto the true Faith. O most merciful One, glory to thee!

TODAY: Sunday School, Coffee Hour & Teens after Liturgy.
 Parish Council, 12:45

SAINT PHILIP'S is a "Pan-Orthodox" parish of the Antiochian Archdiocese, serving Orthodox Christians of all backgrounds in the English language. If you are a newcomer to our community, please sign our guest book, and stay with us for the Coffee Hour today. AND, WE LOOK FORWARD TO WELCOMING YOU AGAIN!

PLEASE PARK ONLY IN DESIGNATED PARKING SPACES; OTHER AREAS MUST REMAIN FREE FOR EMERGENCY VEHICLE ACCESS.

AMPLE PARKING is always available for Church Services in lots just across Clearview Road, thanks to our good neighbors at Solar Atmospheres. Thank you.

THE ALTAR CANDLES are lighted this week by Michael & Marcia Ibrahim, in thanksgiving for blessings received (Marcia's birthday - MANY YEARS!).

MANY THANKS to all who participated in today's potluck Coffee Hour. EVERYONE is invited to stay for refreshments after the Divine Liturgy. Your assistance in cleanup is appreciated.

THIS WEEK'S GREETERS: Martha Korban & Jim Ryan

THIS WEEK'S CLEANING TEAM: Teens

THANK YOU to all who fulfill these ministries!



Mark Your Calendar:

Pentecost

Sunday, June 4 - Kneeling Prayers, 1 p.m.

High School Graduate Recognition

Sunday, June 11

Apostles' Fast - June 12-28

Akathist

Wednesdays 7 pm, June 21 - July 26

Parish Life Conference

June 28 - July 2, Morristown, NJ
(Hosted by St George, Little Falls)
www.antiochianevents.com/ny.html#

Vacation Church School

August 7-11 - The Parables of Christ

Fr Boniface Memorial & Retreat

August 12-13

International Food Festival

Sept 15 & 16 - Mark your Calendar!

The disciples were called Christians first in Antioch (Acts II:26)

Everyday Evangelist

"As the Father has sent me, so I send you." (Jn 20:21)

Organize a dinner party. Introduce a few non-Christian friends to a few Christian friends who are living out John 13:34-35 ("Love one another").

This Week:

- Tuesday, May 30: Matushka Olga Sewing Club, 11 a.m.
6th HOUR, 12 noon
- Wednesday, May 31: COMPLINE & Adult Study, 7 p.m.
- Thursday, Jun 1: DIVINE LITURGY, 10 a.m.
Desert Fathers Reading Group, 12 noon
- Friday, Jun 2: PARAKLESIS, 10 a.m.
- Saturday, Jun 3: *Soul Saturday*
DIVINE LITURGY & Memorial, 9 a.m.
Potluck luncheon
Intro to Orthodoxy, 4:30 p.m.
VESPERS & ARTOKLASIA FOR PENTECOST 6 pm
- Sunday, Jun 4: SUNDAY OF PENTECOST
MATINS 8:45 a.m., LITURGY 10 a.m.
Donation Luncheon - Camp Scholarship Fund
KNEELING PRAYERS, approx. 1 p.m.

OUTREACH COLLECTION: Skin Care

WISDOM FROM FATHER B.: It takes 10 years to become Orthodox

ATTENDANCE: At Vespers on Saturday, May 20: 33 Divine Services on Sunday, May 21: 147 OFFERINGS: Candles, \$171. Collections, \$286.25 Youth, \$8. Beautification, \$50. BookShelf, \$76 Cemetery, \$50. Food for Hungry, \$57.85 Library, \$3.29 Cemetery Plot, \$500. Stewardship, \$3,683. Total received: \$4,885.39

THANK YOU AND GOD BLESS YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

FR NOAH, FR JAMES, & FR HERMAN are available for hospital & home visits. If you or anyone you know needs a pastoral visit, please call the church office.