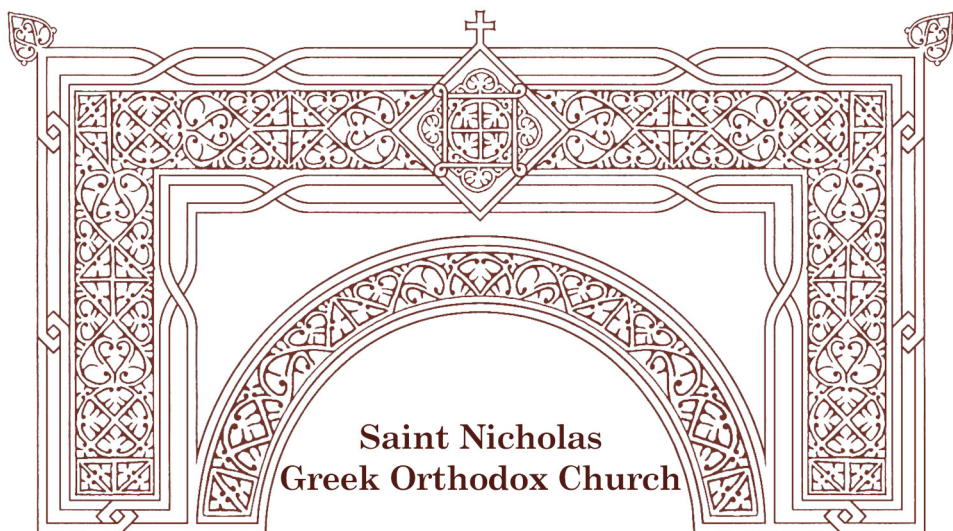




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Sunday, November 2, 2025

Fifth Sunday of Luke

8:45am: Orthros

10am: Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom

Hymns of the Day

Resurrectional Apolytikion in the Fourth Mode

When the women Disciples of the Lord had learned from the Angel the joyful message of the Resurrection and had rejected the ancestral decision, they cried aloud to the Apostles triumphantly: Death has been despoiled, Christ God has risen, granting His great mercy to the world.

Ἀπολυτίκιον Ἀναστάσιμον. Ἦχος δ΄.

Τὸ φαιδρὸν τῆς ἀναστάσεως κήρυγμα, ἐκ τοῦ Ἀγγέλου μα-
θοῦσαι αἱ τοῦ Κυρίου Μαθήτριάι, καὶ τὴν προγονικὴν ἀπόφασιν
ἀπορρίψασαι, τοῖς Ἀποστόλοις καυχώμεναι ἔλεγον· Ἐσκύλεται
ὁ θάνατος, ἡγέρθη Χριστὸς ὁ Θεός, δωρούμενος τῷ κόσμῳ τὸ
μέγα ἔλεος.

Apolytikion of the Martyrs in the Fourth Mode

O victorious Athletes of the Lord, blessed is the ground that
was watered with your blood, and holy are the dwellings that
received your spirits. You prevailed over the enemy in the
stadium, and you openly proclaimed Christ. We pray you will
earnestly entreat Him for us, that He save our souls, since He
is good.

Apolytikion of Saint Nicholas in the Fourth Mode

An example of the faith and a life of humility: * as a teacher of
abstinence you did inspire and lead your flock, * and through
the truthfulness of your deeds * were exalted to greatness
through your humility, * uplifting all, and by poverty gaining
wealth. * Father and hierarch Saint Nicholas, * intercede with
Christ our God * that our souls may be saved.

Kontakion in the Second Mode

O Protection of Christians that never falls, intercession with
the Creator that never fails, we sinners beg you, do not ig-
nore the voices of our prayers. O good Lady, we implore
you, quickly come unto our aid, when we cry out to you with
faith. Hurry to intercession, and hasten to supplication, O
Theotokos who protect now and ever those who honor you.

Communion Verse

For the Resurrection:

Praise the Lord from the heavens. Alleluia.

Αἰνεῖτε τὸν Κύριον ἐκ τῶν οὐρανῶν. Ἀλληλούϊα.

And the following, for the Martyrs:

The righteous will be remembered for ever. Alleluia.

Εἰς μνημόσυνον αἰώνιον ἔσται δίκαιος. Ἀλληλούϊα.

Gospel and Epistle Readings

Epistle Reading

Galatians 2:16 – 20

Brethren, knowing that a man is not justified by works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Christ Jesus, in order to be justified by faith in Christ, and not by works of the law, because by works of the law shall no one be justified.

But if, in our endeavor to be justified in Christ, we ourselves were found to be sinners, is Christ then an agent of sin? Certainly not! But if I build up again those things which I tore down, then I prove myself a transgressor.

For I through the law died to the law, that I might live to God. I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me; and the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

Gospel Reading

Luke 16:19 – 31

The Lord said, “There was a rich man, who was clothed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, full of sores, who desired to be fed with what fell from the rich man’s table; moreover the dogs came and licked his sores.

“The poor man died and was carried by the angels to Abraham’s bosom. The rich man also died and was buried; and in Hades, being in torment, he lifted up his eyes, and saw Abraham far off and Lazarus in his bosom. And he called out, ‘Father Abraham, have mercy upon me, and send Lazarus to dip the end of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in anguish in this flame.’

“But Abraham said, ‘Son, remember that you in your lifetime received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in anguish. And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been fixed, in order that those who would pass from here to you may not be able, and none may cross from there to us.’

“And he said, ‘Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father’s house, for I have five brothers, so that he may warn them, lest they also come into this place of torment.’ But Abraham said, ‘They have Moses, and the prophets; let them hear them.’

“And he said, ‘No, father Abraham; but if some one goes to them from the dead, they will repent.’ He said to them, ‘If they do not hear Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced if some one should rise from the dead.’”

Saints and Feasts

Martyrs Acindynos, Pegasios, Aphthonios, Elpidophoros, and Anempodistos of Persia

Saint Acindynos suffered martyrdom in Persia along with the Saints Pegasios, Aphthonios, Elpidophoros, Anempodistos, and 7,000 other Christians at the time of King Sapor II (310-381). These saints were Sapor's courtiers, and were secret Christians. When the king began his persecution against Christians, envious pagans denounced them to him. Summoned to Sapor's presence for trial, the holy martyrs fearlessly confessed their faith in the Holy Trinity. The king ordered them to be beaten with whips.

Sapor told the people that Saints Acindynos, Pegasios, Anempodistos and Elpidophoros would have their heads cut off, and that he would not permit the Christians to bury their bodies.

A tremendous crowd accompanied these saints as they were led outside the city walls for execution, glorifying Christ. On Sapor's orders, soldiers massacred all the Christians in the procession (about 7,000), including Saint Elpidophoros.

Acindynos, Pegasios, and Anempodistos were burned on the following day with the mother of the emperor. Christians came secretly by night to the place of execution, found the bodies of the holy martyrs unharmed by the fire, and they buried them with reverence.

Two churches were dedicated in their honour in Constantinople. As is often the case in church hymns, there is a play on the meanings of the Saints' names here. Acindynos means "unimperilled"; Pegasios is derived from *pegazo*— "to gush forth"; Aphthonios is derived from *aphthonos*— "abundant"; Elpidophoros means "hope-bearing"; Anempodistos means "unhindered." These are all Greek translations of their Persian

names.

Gabriel the New Confessor of Georgia

Saint Gabriel was a deeply eccentric character and to the Soviet authorities he was considered to be insane. He was renowned during his life as a “Fool-for-Christ”; in Greek the term is “*Salos*.” This is a humble person of great holiness who is considered highly unconventional by secular society. Saint Gabriel was famed for his powers of prophecy during his life, as well as a fearless approach to denouncing Communism publicly; had he been considered “sane” by the authorities, he probably would have been executed. He was famous for tearing down a giant banner of Lenin during a May Day parade and trampling upon it while denouncing the Marxists, for which he was beaten badly. He was renowned for his compassion and deep insight into human nature.

Saint Gabriel spent much of his later life living at the Monastery of Saint Nino, a nunnery attached to the Samtavro Church of the Transfiguration in Mtskheta. It is just uphill from the Svetitskhoveli Cathedral. He died in 1995 and is buried there; there are many pilgrims who visit his grave every day.

Wisdom of the Fathers

“Why does the Lord call the poor man by name, but make the rich man anonymous? It could be said that this poor man’s name is written in the heavens, as the Scripture says, whereas the rich man’s name and memory have been blotted out from there and destroyed. The psalmist says of such people, ‘I will not take up their names into my lips.’ Also, since every wealthy person can understand the parable as referring to

himself, and can find a motive for repentance by regarding himself as the rich man, he was introduced without a name, so that the account could apply to everyone well-to-do. Not every poor man, however, can think of himself as Lazarus, even if he resembles him, for he must wait humbly for the Lord's verdict. For that reason, the poor man is referred to by name."

- St. Gregory Palamas, *Homily* 48 §6.

Parish Prayer List

Please remember in your God-pleasing prayers the servants of God:

Robert Tewis; Olivia Coe; Robert (Tikhon) Foster

If you would like for yourself or a loved one to be added to the prayer list, please contact Fr. Jeremy.

Parish Information

Church School

Church School for our children begins following Holy Communion. We have two classrooms: one for elementary-school ages, and one for middle school and up. Please allow our Church School kids and their teachers to come up for Communion first.

Introduction to Orthodox Christianity

Our Adult Ed class meets on Sundays following coffee hour. We meet in the classrooms downstairs. Any who would like to learn more about our Orthodox Faith, whether a newcomer

or a life-long member, are welcome to attend. Please contact Fr. Jeremy to be added to the distribution list for readings.

Byzantine Chant Classes

Byzantine chant classes take place on **Saturdays at 4pm**. If you are interested in learning and helping out, please feel free to attend!

Men's Breakfast

Our next Men's Breakfast will take place on Saturday, **December 20 at 8am**. Feel free to invite a friend!

Ladies' Potluck Luncheon

Our Ladies' Potluck Luncheon group meets on the second Thursday of each month! The next luncheon will take place in the Church hall on **Thursday, November 13** at 12pm.



This Week at St. Nicholas

- Wednesday, November 5: 6pm Small Paraklesis
- Thursday, November 6: 6pm Parish Council
- Saturday, November 8 **Synaxis of the Archangels:**
 - 9am Orthros, 10am Divine Liturgy
 - 4pm Byzantine Chant Class, 5pm Great Vespers