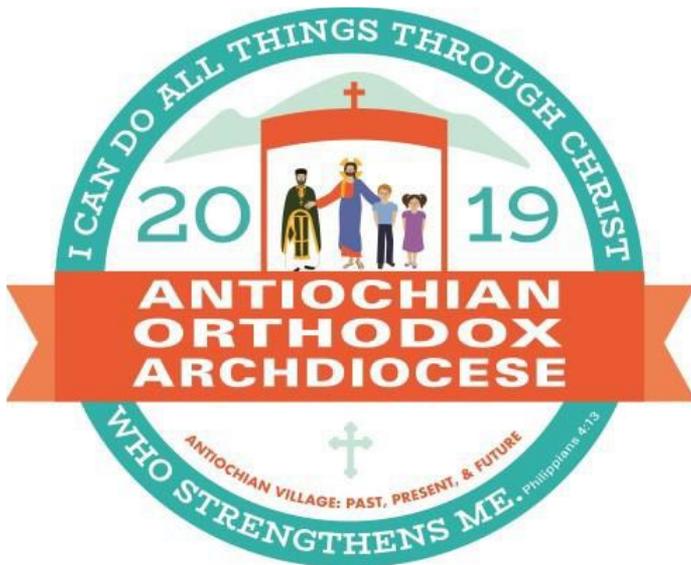


**54TH BIENNIAL
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HOSTED BY
ST. NICHOLAS ORTHODOX CHURCH
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**SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER
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SIXTH SUNDAY OF MATTHEW**



JULY 28, 2019

HYMNS AND READINGS OF THE DAY

HYMNS

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION (TONE 5)

Let us believers praise and worship the Word; coeternal with the Father and the Spirit, born of the Virgin for our salvation. For, He took pleasure in ascending the Cross in the flesh to suffer death; and to raise the dead by His glorious Resurrection.

APOLYTIKION OF ST. NICHOLAS (TONE 4)

Thy work of justice did show thee to thy congregation a canon of faith, the likeness of humility, a teacher of abstinence, O Father Bishop Nicholas. Wherefore, by humility thou didst achieve exaltation, and by meekness richness. Intercede, therefore, with Christ to save our soul.

KONTAKION OF THE TRANSFIGURATION (TONE 7)

Thou wast transfigured on the mount, and Thy Disciples, in so far as they were able, beheld Thy glory, O Christ our God; so that, when they should see Thee crucified, they would remember that all Thy suffering was voluntary, and could declare to all the world that Thou art truly the effulgent Splendor of the Father.

EPISTLE

*Thou, O Lord, wilt preserve us and keep us from this generation.
Save me, O Lord, for the Godly man hath disappeared.*

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Romans 12:6-14

Brethren, having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith; if service, in our serving; he who teaches, in his teaching; he who exhorts, in his exhortation; he who contributes, in liberality; he who gives aid, with zeal; he who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness. Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with brotherly affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Never flag in zeal, be aglow with the Spirit, and serve the Lord. Rejoice in your hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints, practice hospitality. Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them.

GOSPEL

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew 9:1-8

At that time, Jesus got into a boat, crossed over and came to His own city. And behold, they brought to Him a paralytic, lying on his bed; and when Jesus saw their faith He said to the paralytic, "Take heart, my son; your sins are forgiven." And behold, some of the scribes said to themselves, "This man is blaspheming." But Jesus, knowing their thoughts, said, "Why do you think evil in your hearts? For which is easier, to say, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Rise and walk'? But that you may know that the Son of man has authority on earth to forgive sins"—He then said to the paralytic—"Rise, take up your bed and go home." And he rose and went home. When the crowds saw it, they marveled, and they glorified God, Who had given such authority to men.

HOLY OBLATION IS OFFERED

For the Health and Blessings of Metropolitan JOSEPH on the 5th Anniversary of his Enthronment.

For the Health and Blessings of Nicholas Sirotko on his birthday by Deacon Ted and Phyllis Sirotko. May God grant him many years!

For the Health and Blessings of Millie Laham, celebrating her 100th birthday. May God's Blessings be always with her. God grant "Mitch" many years.

For the Health and Blessings of our beautiful daughter and sis' Olivia Irene Adolphson on her name day by Mom, Dad and Sam. May God Bless and be with you always!

In memory of Abe and Adele Abraham with love from their children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren. We find comfort in knowing our lives have been enriched by having shared their love.

In memory of the Servant of God Richard George Mickel on the two-year anniversary of his falling asleep in the Lord offered by Attalla and Andrea Abu-Akel. May his memory be Eternal.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

The parishioners of St. Nicholas have enjoyed hosting you this past week. We pray for safety as you travel home. We hope you got to know Grand Rapids a little better, and of course...**we hope you loved it here!**

Mark your calendar for the next Archdiocese Conventions:

July, 18-25, 2021 - Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

July, 16-23, 2023 - Phoenix, Arizona

July, 20-27, 2025 - Chicago, Illinois