St. Nicholas Antiochian Orthodox Church

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Tone 2 — **June 21, 2026** — Eothinon 3

Third Sunday after Pentecost & Third Sunday of Matthew

Martyr Julian of Tarsus; Martyr Aphrodisius of Cilicia;
New-martyr Nikita of Nisyros near Rhodes

Today's Reader: Matushka Loretta

Next Sunday – June 28, 2026

Reader for June 28, 2026: **Isaiah Benefield**

Commemorations and Bread Offering: **Ron & Kristen Davis**

Luncheon for Next Sunday is being prepared by **CJ Rhyne & Jason Thompson**

Bread for the Holy Oblation is Offered for the for the health & salvation of Christopher, Stephanie, Elizabeth & Evelyn Jonathan, Justin and members of the Clay Family. It is also offered for Adrian and the members of the Greku Family.

It is also offered in memory of the departed members of the Clay Family. It is also offered for the departed members of the Greku Family.

"the Disciples were first called Christians in Antioch" (Acts 11:26)

Please note that Holy Communion is reserved for members of the Holy Orthodox Church who have prepared themselves through prayer, fasting and confession. However, all are welcome to partake of the blessed bread at the dismissal.

Please join us during our fellowship at the Coffee Hour immediately after the Divine Liturgy.

Important Announcements . . .

We now are entering into the Summer months and a time of vacations. Just remember, this is not a time to take a vacation from Church! If you are travelling and would like to attend church while you are away, see Fr Samuel and he will help you find a church that is near your destination if you are uncertain what Church is nearby to the place you are visiting.

***The Apostle's Fast continues until June 28th*. Let us all observe the Fast!**

The Parish Council will meet next Sunday, June 28, at 1:30 pm. See Sdn James if you are unable to attend on that day.

Announcement To All Parents & Parishioners:

For the safety of our children, all minor children must be accompanied to the restroom if they need to go during the Divine Services by a parent and immediately back again to the Church.

Also, while the Divine Services are in being served no one is to be elsewhere in the facility (Church Hall, etc.) except to go to the restroom, and return immediately to the Church when you are finished.

~ Fr Samuel

"Blessings Box" Collection Update

Beloved in Christ,
This year, we are collecting non-perishable food for our new BLESSING BOX! PLEASE KEEP BRINGING FOOD so that we may continue to stock our shelves and have food to stock adequately. We need to continue our efforts in providing food for those who are truly Hungry. God bless everyone for your holy efforts!

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Troparion for the Resurrection, *in the Second Tone*

When Thou didst submit Thyself unto death, O Thou deathless and immortal One, then Thou didst destroy hell with Thy Godly power. And when Thou didst raise the dead from beneath the earth, all the powers of Heaven did cry aloud unto Thee: O Christ, Thou giver of life, glory to Thee.

Troparion of St. Nicholas, *in the Fourth Tone*

Thy righteous acts have manifested thee to thy flock as a model of faith, a reflection of humility, and a teacher of abstinence, O Father Bishop Nicholas. Therefore, through humility thou hast achieved exaltation, and through poverty riches. Intercede thou with Christ to save our souls.

Kontakion for Ordinary Sundays, *in the Fourth Tone*

O Undisputed intercessor of Christians, the mediatrix who is unrejected by the Creator, turn not away from the voice of our petitions, though we be sinners. Come to us in time with aid, as we cry unto thee in faith; for thou art good. Hasten to us with intercessions O Theotokos, who dost ever intercede for those who honor thee.

Epistle

Romans 5:1-10

Prokeimenon: The Lord is my strength and my song.
Verse: The Lord has chastened me sorely.

Brethren, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Through Him we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in our hope of sharing the glory of God. More than that, we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit which has been given to us. While we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Why, one will hardly die for a righteous man—though perhaps for a good man one will dare even to die. But God shows His love for us in that while we were yet sinners Christ died for us. Since, therefore, we are now justified by His blood, much more shall we be saved by Him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of His Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, we shall be saved by His life. Not only so, but we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received our reconciliation.

Gospel

Matthew 6:22-33

The Lord said, "The eye is the lamp of the body. So, if your eye is sound, your whole body will be full of light; but if your eye is evil, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light in you is darkness, how great is the darkness! No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon. Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you shall eat or what you shall drink; nor about your body, what you shall put on. Is not the soul more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of heaven: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And which of you by being anxious can add one cubit to his stature? And why are you anxious about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin; yet I tell you, even Solomon himself in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is alive and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will He not much more clothe you, O men of little faith? Therefore do not be anxious, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' For the Gentiles seek all these things; and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things shall be yours as well."

Calendar: June-August 2026

The Apostle's Fast 6/8/2026 - 6/28/2026		
6/24/2026		Feast of the Nativity of the Forerunner John the Baptist
6/29/2026 (Mon)	10:00 am	Feast of Sts. Peter and Paul
6/30/2026 (Tue)		Synaxis of the 12 Apostles
Diocese Parish Life Conference ~ 7/1/2026 - 7/5/2026		
7/20/2026		Elias the Prophet
7/25/2026		Dormition of the Righteous Anna
Dormition Fast 8/1/2026 - 8/14/2026		
8/5/2026 (Wed)	6:30 pm	Eve Divine Liturgy—Transfiguration of Our Lord
8/6/2026 (Thu)		Transfiguration of Our Lord
8/15/2026 (Sat)	10:00 am	Divine Liturgy—Feast of the Dormition of the Theotokos
8/20/2026		The Prophet Samuel
8/29/2026		The Beheading of John the Baptist

To the Fathers in our Parish, A Blessed Father's Day!
Today's luncheon in honor or our fathers is prepared and served by the Women of the Holy Myrrhbearers.
May God Grant you Many Years!

Calendar for the Week of June 21, 2026	Saints of the Day
Sunday—June 21, 2026 Fast 9:20 am Orthros 10:30 am Divine Liturgy 1:30 pm Parish Council Meeting **Happy Father's Day!**	St. Julian of Tarsus & St. Mewan, Abbot
Monday— June 22, 2026 Fast	Eusebius the Martyr, Bishop of Samosata
Tuesday—June 23, 2026 Fast	Agrippina the Martyr
Wednesday—June 24, 2026 Fast No Daily Vespers Today	Nativity of the Forerunner John the Baptist
Thursday—June 25, 2026 Fast	Febronia the Righteous Martyr
Friday—June 26, 2026 Fast	David the Righteous who was in Thessalonica
Saturday—June 27, 2026 Fast 5:00 pm Great Vespers Confessions afterward	Samson the Righteous, Host of Strangers
Sunday—June 28, 2026 Fast 9:20 am Orthros 10:30 am Divine Liturgy	Translation of the Relics of Saints Cyrus and John the Unmercenary

Please note that Confessions are heard at the time noted above in the coming week's schedule, or by appointment by calling Fr. Samuel at: (304) 254-0470, (304) 562-9129, or (304) 541-8550.