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# Saint Nicholas Orthodox Church

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## ✠ 15th Sunday After Pentecost — Forefeast of the Elevation of the Cross ✠

September 13th, 2026

Tone 6

119th Year, Issue 37

2 Corinthians 4:6-15 (Epistle)

Matthew 22:35-46 (Gospel)

For more than a century, the people of St. Nicholas have gathered here to give glory to God. We are grateful you are with us today.

### ✠ TODAY — SEPTEMBER 13TH, 2026

Forefeast of the Elevation of the Cross; Commemoration of the Founding of the Church of the Resurrection (Holy Sepulcher) at Jerusalem (335); Hieromartyr Cornelius the Centurion (†1st c.); Martyrs Chronides, Leontius and Serapion, of Alexandria (†237); Martyrs Macrobius and Gordian at Tomi in Romania (†4th c.); Hieromartyr Julian of Galatia (†4th c.); St. Peter of Atroë (†9th c.); Greatmartyr Ketevan, Queen of Georgia (†1624); Ven. Hierotheus the Younger of Ivéron (Mt. Athos—1745)

Readers: Hours: **Marlo Perry**

Epistle: **Aaron Weinert**

**9:40 am** Third & Sixth Hours · Confession

**10:00 am** Divine Liturgy

**11:30 am** Catechumen Lesson

**11:40 am** Fellowship Hour

### WEEK AHEAD

| MON<br>Sep 14                                               | WED<br>Sep 16                            | THU<br>Sep 17                            | FRI<br>Sep 18                            | SAT<br>Sep 19                                         | SUN<br>Sep 20                                                                                                                                                             |
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| Repose of St. John Chrysostom, Archbishop of Constantinople | Afterfeast of the Elevation of the Cross | Afterfeast of the Elevation of the Cross | Afterfeast of the Elevation of the Cross | Saturday after Elevation<br><b>5:00 pm</b><br>Vespers | Afterfeast of the Elevation of the Cross<br><b>9:40 am</b><br>Third & Sixth Hours · Confession<br><b>10:00 am</b><br>Divine Liturgy<br><b>11:40 am</b><br>Fellowship Hour |

### STEWARDSHIP CORNER



## \$3,258.00

Sunday, September 6th, 2026

Thank you for your generous stewardship



### ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### Capital Improvement Fund - Roof Project

Total cost: \$38,000 Raised to date: \$11,800 Still needed: \$26,200 Thanks to the generosity of seven parish households, we have raised 27.23% of the amount needed for our roof project. We are sincerely grateful to everyone who has already contributed. We prayerfully ask every parish household to participate according to its ability. Every gift, large or small, will help preserve our church building for worship, fellowship, and future generations. Donations may be made as a single contribution or in installments and may also be offered in memory or in honor of a loved one.

#### 119th Anniversary

Save the Date! On the weekend of September 27th we will celebrate the 119th Anniversary of our Parish and our Annual Picnic. Please, mark your calendars! We warmly invite you to bring your family, friends, neighbors, and coworkers to join us in sharing the joy of our Parish Feast.

#### Many Thanks

Medrano Family for hosting today's fellowship hour.

#### Exaltation of the Holy Cross

rian (117–138) had ordered Golgotha and the Lord's Tomb to be buried and a pagan temple dedicated to Venus, along with a statue of Jupiter, to be erected on the site. In 326 AD, St. Helen ordered the pagan temple to be demolished and excavations to begin. There, the True Cross was discovered together with the crosses of the two thieves who had been crucified with Christ. To identify which of the three crosses was the Cross of the Lord, Patriarch Makarios of Jerusalem touched each cross to the body of a deceased man. When the Cross of Christ was placed upon the dead man, he was miraculously restored to life. This miracle confirmed the discovery of the True Cross, which the Church continues to venerate as the instrument of our salvation.

September Charity

Benefits Support Our Seminarians (SOS) Appeal from our Diocese of the Midwest. Your generosity will help defray the costs for our diocesan seminarians, many of whom relocate their families to pursue theological studies. On September 20th, we will have a second collection. Just specify which donation is for SOS. Please give generously. Thank you!

PARISH CELEBRATIONS

Many Years!

Happy Birthday

Tatiana Terentiev (September 16) · Marlo Perry (September 13) · Toma Andreev (September 15th)

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

We lift up the following in prayer, that God may grant them healing and grace:

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| Dn. David Hanneman | Kathy Hanneman   | Sevasti Bergstrom | Matushka Lilia Lymar | Tom Kompare       |
| Nadia Bilanyk      | Toma Andreev     | Stevan Lunich     | Tatiana Mazur        | Vladimir Shiltsev |
| Alla Lavrynenko    | Lily Nelson      | Mike Baker        | Alice Pistilli       | Roman Filipov     |
| Gianni Zanelli     | Natalia Shiltsev | Patricia Evans    | Olexander Kulik      |                   |

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

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| <p><b>Today Epistle (2 Corinthians 4:6-15)</b></p> <p>2 Corinthians 4:6-15 — For it is the God who commanded light to shine out of darkness, who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellence of the power may be of God and not of us. We are hard-pressed on every side, yet not crushed; we are perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed – always carrying about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus, that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our body. For we who live are always delivered to death for Jesus' sake, that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our mortal flesh. So then death is working in us, but life in you. And since we have the same spirit of faith, according to what is written, "I believed and therefore I spoke," we also believe and therefore speak, knowing that He who raised up the Lord Jesus will also raise us up with Jesus, and will present us with you. For all things are for your sakes, that grace, having spread through the many, may cause thanksgiving to abound to the glory of God.</p> | <p><b>Апостол Дня (2 Corinthians 4:6-15)</b></p> <p>2 Кор. 4:6-15 — Ибо Бог, повелевший светом светить из тьмы, просветил в наших сердцах свет знания славы Божией в лице Иисуса Христа. Но у нас есть сокровищница в глиняных сосудах, чтобы была видна превосходящая сила Божия и не наша. Нас обступают с каждой стороны скорби, но не утопаем; мы смущены, но не отчаиваемся; гонимы, но не оставлены; побиты, но не уничтожены – всегда носим в теле смерть Господа Иисуса, чтобы жизнь Иисуса также являлась в нашем теле. Поскольку мы живем, то всегда преданы смерти ради Иисуса, чтобы жизнь Иисуса также являлась в нашей смертной плоти. Следовательно, смерть действует в нас, а жизнь – в вас. И поскольку у нас одинаков дух веры по написанному: «Я поверил и потому я говорил», мы также верим и поэтому говорим, знаем же мы, что Он, вознесший Господа Иисуса, также возвысит нас с Иисусом и представит нас вам. Поскольку все для вас, чтобы благодать, простираясь через многих, вызвала благодарение множиться к славе Божией.</p> |
| <p><b>Today Gospel (Matthew 22:35-46)</b></p> <p>Matthew 22:35-46 — Then one of them, a lawyer, asked Him a question, testing Him, and saying, "Teacher, which is the great commandment in the law?" Jesus said to him, "You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind." This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets." While the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them, saying, "What do you think about the Christ? Whose Son is He?" They said to Him, "The Son of David." He said to them, "How then does David in the Spirit call Him 'Lord,' saying: 'The LORD said to my Lord, sit at My right hand, till I make Your enemies Your footstool'? If David then calls Him 'Lord,' how is He his Son?" And no one was able to answer Him a word, nor from that day on did anyone dare question Him anymore.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | <p><b>Евангелие Дня (Matthew 22:35-46)</b></p> <p>Мф. 22:35-46 — И один из них, юрист, спросил Его вопрос, проверяя Его, и говорил: «Учителю, какой великий заповедник в законе?» Иисус сказал ему: «"Любите Господа вашего Бога всем сердцем своим, всей душою своей и всем разумением своим." Это первый и величайший заповедник. А второй подобен ему: "Любите ближнего своего как самого себя." На этих двух заповеданиях висит все Закон и Пророки." Пока фарисеи собрались вместе, Иисус спросил их, говоря: «Что вы думаете о Христе? Кого Он Сын?» Они сказали Ему: «Сына Давидова». Он сказал им: «А как тогда Давид в духе называет Его "Господом", говоря: "Господь сказал моему Господу, сядьте на Мое правую руку, пока не сделаю врагов Твоих подножием ног Твоих"? Если же Давид называет Его "Господом", то как Он его Сын?" И никто не мог ответить Ему ни слова, и от того дня никто уже не смел задавать Ему вопросов.</p>                                                                                                             |

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