Our Lord can be described in three ways: ABLE, AVAILABLE & ALIVE!

Jesus came to earth to demonstrate God’s love in action and to die a horrible death, so that we may be forgiven our sins. Below we explain how during His time on Earth, as well as today, our Saviour will always be there for us.

Jesus is ABLE to do anything. He is able to forgive our sins or comfort us in times of trouble. How true it was during His earthly ministry. Jesus was able to perform miracles. He restored sight to the blindman, healed the paralytic and even raised Lazarus from the dead. He is able to make us all children of God.

Jesus is AVAILABLE. He was always willing to let people come close to Him. Our Lord was certainly welcoming to children or to the least among us. And of course, He is STILL AVAILABLE TO US ALL TODAY! You just need to reach out to Him. Even if you have neglected or rejected Him, all who call on Him will find Christ available to them.

Jesus is ALIVE. As Christians, we believe that our Saviour died on that solemn day, only to rise up and conquer death. Although His work of redemption was finished at the cross, His work of intercession continues to this day. Since Jesus is alive, we have assurances for our future. We believe that we do not face trials or temptation alone. We know that when we stumble, Christ is there to pick us up.

Lord hear our prayers. We approach you with goodness and a pure heart. May the Light of the world shine upon us and bless us throughout our days.
May 23, 2021  
**Sunday of the Paralytic**  
Orthros 8:30am / Divine Liturgy 9:30am

**MEMORIALS**

Vasiliki Kapordelis +40 Days  
Stella Chiavaras +3 Years

**FLOWERS & CANDLES**

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**YOUTH PROTECTION TRAINING:** Our Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America has mandated that all individuals who interact with our youth must participate in online abuse prevention training and a screening program through Presidium. Online training is done using the Armatus® Learn to Protect System. The training sessions need to be completed annually and the background check every two years. You will be receiving (or have received) reminder emails from them indicating that you are due to renew your training certification. If you cannot remember your password, please click the link on the login screen to reset your password. The Presidium Support Team is also available to help you log in at: support@prasidiuminc.com. Thank you for your continued dedication and commitment to maintaining a safe environment for our children!

**BOOKSTORE:** Christos Anesti/Christ is Risen/Χριστός Ανέστη! New book title now in stock: Hymn of Entry by author Archimandrite Vasilios, $18.00, the book selected for the upcoming Book Club, see flyer for more details. For other book or icon inquiries, contact Maria at bookstore@stnicholastroy.org or 248-362-9575. The bookstore opens immediately after and not during Divine Liturgy until 12:30 p.m. and also, weekdays during regular office hours.

**Y.A.L:** Y.A.L had a great time partnering with FOCUS Detroit to help work on the garden at Oasis of Hope Christian Church in Detroit. We will also be holding our next meeting in-person on June 6 at St. Nicholas. If you or someone you know may be interested in joining the group or attending our next meeting, please reach out to YAL@stnicholastroy.org for more details or to sign up for the email list!

**OPA! FEST DRIVE-THROUGH:** This year on Saturday June 19 and Sunday June 20 from noon-8:00 p.m. we will be hosting a drive-through OPA! Fest. Starting June 1 you can Pre-order delicious Greek food and pastries. Please visit our website for more details: www.stnicholastroy.org.
CAREFUL IN THE NARTHEX! Though we might be all tired of COVID-19 safety measures, it is still important ESPECIALLY IN THE NARTHEX that we maintain social distancing, wear our masks correctly, and keep our conversation to a minimum. Please arrange to socialize outside the church whether in the parking lot or your homes, but in church please respect safety measures that are in place. For more information related to our COVID-19 protocols and procedures please visit the following website: www.stnicholastroy.org

~Thank you for your support and cooperation.

2021 ST. NICHOLAS ENDOWMENT FUND—Grant Applications Being Taken! The 2021 St. Nicholas Endowment Fund Grant Application process has started. Endowment Fund Grants are available to all ministries of our St. Nicholas Church. Grant Application Forms are available for download via the Church’s Website at: https://www.stnicholastroy.org/ministries_and_organizations/st_endowment_fund/index.php or via email by contacting Stephen Karniotis at: EndowmentFund@StNicholasTroy.org. Applications must be submitted by October 31.

METROPOLIS OF DETROIT SUMMER CAMP (MDSC): Camper registration opened on March 15! We are moving forward with hope and a mission to gather safely in Rose City for the 2021 camp season, but also working on a backup plan should our circumstances change. We welcome registration for campers entering grades 3-11 for Weeks 1-5 and entering grade 12 or first year of college for Week Zero. Note, our capacity will be adjusted this season, so don’t wait to register! Staff positions are also available for ages 17 and older. Please visit www.gomdsc.org to register and learn more about our camp programs or call us at 248-909-6372 for more information.

PARISH PROCEDURES AND DIRECTIVES UPDATED BY OUR METROPOLIS: Please visit the church’s website for the updated parish procedures and directives as provided by the Metropolis of Detroit. www.stnicholastroy.org

ECHO DEADLINE THE 10TH OF EVERY MONTH: All Echo items must be submitted NO LATER than the 10th of every month. Please e-mail your flyers or announcements to Maggie at echo@stnicholastroy.org. Make certain all submissions have been spell-checked, grammar-checked and reviewed before submitting them.

KOLIVA and COVID-19: Koliva that will be distributed after Divine Liturgy must have already been placed in individual sealed plastic bags and placed in a basket for distribution. Koliva will not be served from a tray in church until further notice. If you should bring Koliva on a tray, you may not serve it yourself, you must take it home.

FAITH SCHOLARSHIP: Each year since its inception in 2004, FAITH celebrates the academic achievements of young leaders within the Greek and Hellenic American community by awarding merit-based scholarships to some of the community’s most promising graduating high school seniors from across the country. Recipients of the FAITH Scholarship for Academic Excellence join a network of more than 600 existing FAITH Scholars who display the exceptional scholarly intellects and lauded by our Hellenic ancestors and also, a magnificent spirit of charity, community service and good citizenship which is at the very core of our Orthodox Christian values. ELIGIBILITY: Applicants must be graduating a public, private, or parochial high school in the United States and embarking to study in an undergraduate degree program in 2021 at a 4-year accredited U.S. college or university. Applicants must be of Greek Orthodox faith and member of a parish. To apply please visit https://www.thefaithendowment.org/scholarships/ Deadline is June 21! For questions, please call 212-803-9363 or email info@thefaithendowment.org.

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At that time, Jesus went up to Jerusalem. Now there is in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate a pool, in Hebrew called Bethesda which has five porticoes. In these lay a multitude of invalids, blind, lame, paralyzed, waiting for the moving of the water; for an angel of the Lord went down at certain seasons into the pool, and troubled the water; whoever stepped in first after the troubling of the water was healed of whatever disease he had. One man was there, who had been ill for thirty-eight years. When Jesus saw him and knew that he had been lying there a long time, He said to him, “Do you want to be healed?” The sick man answered Him, “Sir, I have no man to put me into the pool when the water is troubled, and while I am going another steps down before me.” Jesus said to him, “Rise, take up your pallet, and walk.” And at once the man was healed, and he took up his pallet and walked.

Now that day was the sabbath. So the Jews said to the man who was cured, “It is the sabbath, it is not lawful for you to carry your pallet.” But he answered them, “The Man who healed me said to me, ‘Take up your pallet, and walk.’” They asked him, “Who is the Man said to you, ‘Take up your pallet, and walk’?” Now the man who had been healed did not know Who it was, for Jesus had withdrawn, as there was a crowd in the place. Afterward, Jesus found him in the temple, and said to him, “See, you are well! Sin no more, that nothing worse befall you.” The man went away and told the Jews that it was Jesus who had healed him.

John 5:1-15

Τῷ καιρῷ έκεῖνῳ, Ἰησός έζευγενεν. Εἶ ο Ἰησός έξερχόμενος ἐπὶ τῇ προβατικῇ κολυμβή, ἐπιλεγόμενος ἕβραισιν Βηθέσδα, ἐπιλεγόμενη μετα τῇ κατεχόμενῃ κατέβας, ἐν τη ένδησε και κατέβας, ἐν τῇ αὐτῇ κατέβας ἐν τῇ κολυμβή, κατέβας δέ, άηθός κατάνευσεν τόν άηθόν τούτον ἔγειρεν αὐτόν, οὕτω κατάνευσαν τῷ άηθών τῷ άηθος. οὗ πρώτου εἶμι μετα τῇ ταραχῇ τοῦ άηθος άηθήν. οὗ πρώτους μετα τῇ ταραχῇ τοῦ άηθος, γνώστης ἐγείρεν αὐτόν, εἶναι δὲ τούτῳ δέ, άηθός, άηθος. οὗ τούτῳ ἐξετάζειν μετα τῷ θανάτῳ, έκείνῳ ἐξεταύτος άηθός, άηθός. οὗ πρώτους μετα τῇ ταραχῇ τοῦ άηθος, άηθός. οὗ τούτῳ δέ, ἐκείνῳ ἐξετάζειν μετα τῷ θανάτῳ, έκείνῳ ἐξεταύτος άηθός. οὗ πρώτους μετα τῇ ταραχῇ τοῦ άηθος, άηθός. οὗ τούτῳ δέ, ἐκείνῳ ἐξετάζειν μετα τῷ θανάτῳ, έκείνῳ ἐξεταύτος άηθός. οὗ πρώτους μετα τῇ ταραχῇ τοῦ άηθος, άηθός. οὗ τούτῳ δέ, ἐκείνῳ ἐξετάζειν μετα τῷ θανάτῳ, έκείνῳ ἐξεταύτος άηθός. οὗ πρώτους μετα τῇ ταραχῇ τοῦ άηθος, άηθός.
In those days, as Peter went here and there among them all, he came down also to the saints that lived at Lydda. There he found a man named Aeneas, who had been bedridden for eight years and was paralyzed. And Peter said to him, "Aeneas, Jesus Christ heals you; rise and make your bed." And immediately he rose. And all the residents of Lydda and Sharon saw him, and they turned to the Lord. Now there was at Joppa a disciple named Tabitha, which means Dorcas. She was full of good works and acts of charity. In those days she fell sick and died; and when they had washed her, they laid her in an upper room. Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, hearing that Peter was there, sent two men to him entreating him, "Please come to us without delay." So Peter rose and went with them. And when he had come, they took him to the upper room. All the widows stood beside him weeping, and showing tunics and other garments which Dorcas made while she was with them; But Peter put them all outside and knelt down and prayed; then turning to the body he said, "Tabitha, rise." And she opened her eyes, and when she saw Peter she sat up. And he gave her his hand and lifted her up. Then calling the saints and widows he presented her alive. And it became known throughout all Joppa, and many believed in the Lord.

In those hours of ecstacy, as Peter went about the region, he went to Joppa and a disciple named Tabitha, who worked many miracles. He came to her sickbed and she sat up. Then he took her hand and lifted her up. Then calling the saints and widows he presented her alive. And it became known throughout all Joppa, and many believed in the Lord.

Sing praises to our God, sing praises. Verse: Clap your hands, all you nations.

Christ is risen from the dead, by death trampling down death, and to those in the tombs granting life.

Let the heavens sing for joy and let everything on earth be glad. For with His Arm the Lord has worked power. He trampled death under foot by means of death; and He became the firstborn from the dead. From the maw of Hades, He delivered us; and He granted the world His great mercy.
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