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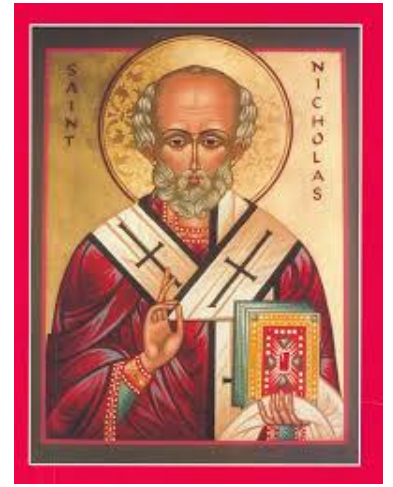
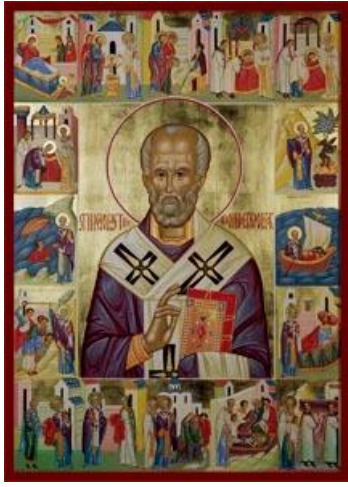
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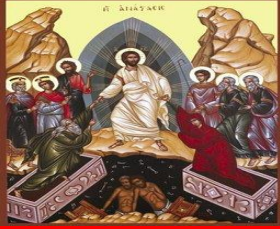
Sunday, April 19th 2020 (HAPPY EASTER)

Christ is Risen! Indeed He is Risen!

Al Maseeh Qam! Haqan Qam!

Kristos Anesti! Alithos Anesti!

المسيح قام! حقا قام كل عام وأنتم بخير



IMPORTANT NOTICE:

Based on the ongoing situation regarding COVID-19 (Coronavirus), all Church social events and gatherings are postponed until further notice. **Church is not open to the public. Please do not attend.** All liturgical services will be served with only clergy, servers, and chanters. Please watch the livestream of the service on our social media. Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/stnicksf/>
You do not need to have Facebook to watch the services; when asked to log in by Facebook click "not now" and you will be able to watch the live broadcast.

Youtube: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCrDWWPWreLZpVhzVGZkjDIA>

We pray for the good health, well-being, and safety of everyone in these hard times. God bless!

CHURCH ASSISTANCE: We are all going through these trying times together. Please, if you need any assistance or know of anyone in need, please contact Father George Baalbaki on his cell phone at 586 214 4428 or his email: revbaalbaki@yahoo.com God bless you all.

COMMUNION: Christ Is Risen! For those who fasted during this Holy Season and would like to break their fast by taking communion: Communion will be available on Saturday April 18th before noon **BY APPOINTMENT ONLY.** No more than two people taking the communion at a time. Please call Father George at 586 214 4428 to set up your appointment.

الرسالة: أعمال الرسل 1:1-18 إني قد أنشأتُ الكلام الأول يا ثاوفيلس في جميع الأمور التي ابتدأ يسوع يعملها ويعلم بها الي اليوم الذي سعد فيه من بعد ان اوصى بالروح القدس الرسل الذين اصطفاهم، الذين اراهم ايضاً نفسه حياً بعد تألمه ببراهين كثيرة وهو يتراءى لهم مدة اربعين يوماً ويكلمهم بما يختص بملكوت الله. وفيما هو مجتمع معهم اوصاهم أن لا تبرحوا من اورشليم بل انتظروا موعد الأب الذي سمعتموه مني، فإن يوحنا عمّد بالماء واما انتم فستعمّدون بالروح القدس لا بعد هذه الايام بكثير. فسألته المجتمعون قائلين: يا رب أفي هذا الزمان تردّ الملك الى اسرائيل؟ فقال لهم: ليس لكم ان تعرفوا الازمنة او الاوقات التي جعلها الأب في سلطانه لكنكم ستنالون قوة بحلول الروح القدس عليكم، وتكونون لي شهوداً في اورشليم وفي جميع اليهودية والسامرة والى أقصى الارض.

THE EPISTLE: Acts: 1:1-8

In the first book, O Theophilos, I have dealt with all that Jesus began to do and teach, until the day when he was taken up, after he had given commandment through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. To them he presented himself alive after his passion by any proofs, appearing to them during forty days, and speaking of the kingdom of God. And while staying with them he charged them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, which, he said, "you heard from me, for John baptized with water, but before many days you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit." So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom of Israel?" He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or seasons which the Father has fixed by his own authority. But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria and to the end of the earth."

THE GOSPEL: John 1:1-17

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God; all things were made through him, and without him was not anything made that was made. In him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came for testimony, to bear witness to the light, that all might believe through him. He was not the light, but came to bear witness to the light. The true light that enlightens every man was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world knew him not. He came to his own home, and his own people received him not. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God; who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth; we have beheld his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father. (John bore witness to him, and cried, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks before me, for he was before me.'") And from his fullness have we all received, grace upon grace. For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.

الإنجيل: يوحنا 1:

في البدء كان الكلمة، والكلمة كان عند الله وإلهًا كان الكلمة، هذا كان في البدء عند الله. كلُّ به كان، وبغيره لم يكن شيء مما كَوْن. به كانت الحياة والحياة كانت نور الناس، والنور في الظلمة يضيء والظلمة لم تدركه. كان انسان مرسل من الله اسمه يوحنا. هذا جاء للشهادة ليشهد للنور، لكي يؤمن الكلُّ بواسطته. لم يكن هو النور بل كان ليشهد للنور. كان النور الحقيقي الذي ينير كل انسان أت الى العالم. في العالم كان، والعالم به كَوْن، والعالم لم يعرفه الى خاصته اتي وخاصته لم تقبله، فأما كل الذين قبلوه فأعطاهم سلطانًا ان يكونوا اولادًا لله الذين يؤمنون باسمه، الذين لا من دم ولا من مشيئة لحم ولا من مشيئة رجل لكن من الله وُلِدوا. والكلمة صار جسدًا وحلَّ فينا (وقد أبصرنا مجده مجدًا وحيد من الأب) مملوءًا نعمة وحقًا. ويوحنا شهد له وصرخ قائلاً: هذا هو الذي قلتُ عنه إن الذي يأتي بعدي صار قبلي لأنه متقدِّمي، ومن ملئه نحن كلنا اخذنا ونعمة عوض نعمة، لان الناموس بموسى أعطي، وأما النعمة والحق فبیسوع المسيح حصلا.

PLEDGE UPDATE:

As you know, we are all going through times of hardship. We have had to close our church services, cancel many events and gatherings, cancel our PLC, and close our daycare for now. We humbly ask you to please keep this in mind when making your next donation or pledge payment. God bless you and your families.

DEEPEST SYMPATHY & CONDOLENCES: Deepest sympathy and condolences to the **Cunningham family** for the passing of dearly beloved brother in Christ, **George Cunningham**.

May his memory be eternal!

ONLINE GIVING:

We are pleased to tell you that you can now pay your pledge online! Go to our website <https://www.stnicholas-sf.com/>, Click here to Donate Online. Many of us today pay most of our bills online, so now you can pay your church pledge as well. Thank you for your support.

ATTENTION BUSINESS OWNERS:

Please note that the government has recently passed several programs to assist business owners. Some of these programs may apply to you and could be used to cover payroll, rent/lease, and utilities. We encourage you to take advantage of them. Some of these programs can be found at: <https://www.sba.gov/funding-programs/loans/coronavirus-relief-options>

PHOTOS OF RECENT EVENTS:

Take a look at the photos of some of our recent events and interact with them on our Facebook!

1. Sunday of Orthodoxy 2020:

https://www.facebook.com/pg/stnicksf/photos/?tab=album&album_id=10158345744194994

2. Young Adults pilgrim visit to Holy Assumption Monastery:

https://www.facebook.com/pg/stnicksf/photos/?tab=album&album_id=10158458578454994

CHARITY:

The Parish Council has allocated \$15,000 to help those in our community who need assistance, especially during these challenging times. If you would like to make a donation to this noble cause, please mail your check to the church and write "Charity Donation" in the memo.

Thank you and God bless!

ALTAR CANDLE OFFERING:

Offered by St. Nicholas Church for the good health of **Almaza, Mike, and Hani Tannous, Gihan Cosentino, Christine Jekelian and their families and in loving memory of Josef & Margarit Hanhan, Charles Tannous and Asal Tannous.** God bless and may their memory be eternal!

2020 SCHEDULE OF SERVICES: GREAT AND HOLY WEEK OF OUR LORD'S PASSION AND HIS GLORIOUS RESURRECTION

PLEASE DO NOT ATTEND THESE SERVICES. YOU CAN JOIN US BY WATCHING THEM ONLINE. THANK YOU!

Holy and Great Thursday, April 16th خميس الأسرار

❖ Matins with 12 Passion Gospels 7:00 PM صلاة اناجيل الآلام

Holy and Great Good Friday, April 17th

❖ Matins with the Lamentations at the Tomb at 7:00 PM
7:00 PM تقاريط جناز السيد المسيح

Holy and Great Pascha, April 19th خدمة الفصح المجيد

❖ Starting Service Sunday April 19 at 10:00 AM followed by Rush Service, Matins, & Divine Liturgy

❖ بداية الخدمة, القداس الالهي, صلاة الهجمة

Many Thanks and God Bless!

HOLY PASCHA: The Resurrection of Our Lord

Pascha (Easter) Enjoy ye all the feast of faith; receive ye all the riches of loving-kindness. (Sermon of St John Chrysostom, read at Paschal Matins) The resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead is the center of the Christian faith. St Paul says that if Christ is not raised from the dead, then our preaching and faith are in vain (I Cor. 15:14). Indeed, without the resurrection there would be no Christian preaching or faith. The disciples of Christ would have remained the broken and hopeless band which the Gospel of John describes as being in hiding behind locked doors for fear of the Jews. They went nowhere and preached nothing until they met the risen Christ, the doors being shut (John 20: 19). Then they touched the wounds of the nails and the spear; they ate and drank with Him. The resurrection became the basis of everything they said and did (Acts 2-4): “. . . for a spirit has not flesh and bones as you see that I have” (Luke 24:39). The resurrection reveals Jesus of Nazareth as not only the expected Messiah of Israel, but as the King and Lord of a new Jerusalem: a new heaven and a new earth. Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth. . . the holy city, new Jerusalem. And I heard a great voice from the throne saying “Behold, the dwelling place of God is with men. He will dwell with them, and they shall be his people. . . He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning nor crying nor pain any more, for the former things have passed away (Rev. 21:1-4).

In His death and resurrection, Christ defeats the last enemy, death, and thereby fulfills the mandate of His Father to subject all things under His feet (I Cor. 15:24-26).

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing (Rev. 5: 12) THE FEAST OF FEASTS The Christian faith is celebrated in the liturgy of the Church. True celebration is always a living participation. It is not a mere attendance at services. It is communion in the power of the event being celebrated. It is God’s free gift of joy given to spiritual men as a reward for their self-denial. It is the fulfillment of spiritual and physical effort and preparation. The resurrection of Christ, being the center of the Christian faith, is the basis of the Church’s liturgical life and the true model for all celebration. This is the chosen and holy day, first of sabbaths, king and lord of days, the feast of feasts, holy day of holy days. On this day we bless Christ forevermore (Irmos 8, Paschal Canon).

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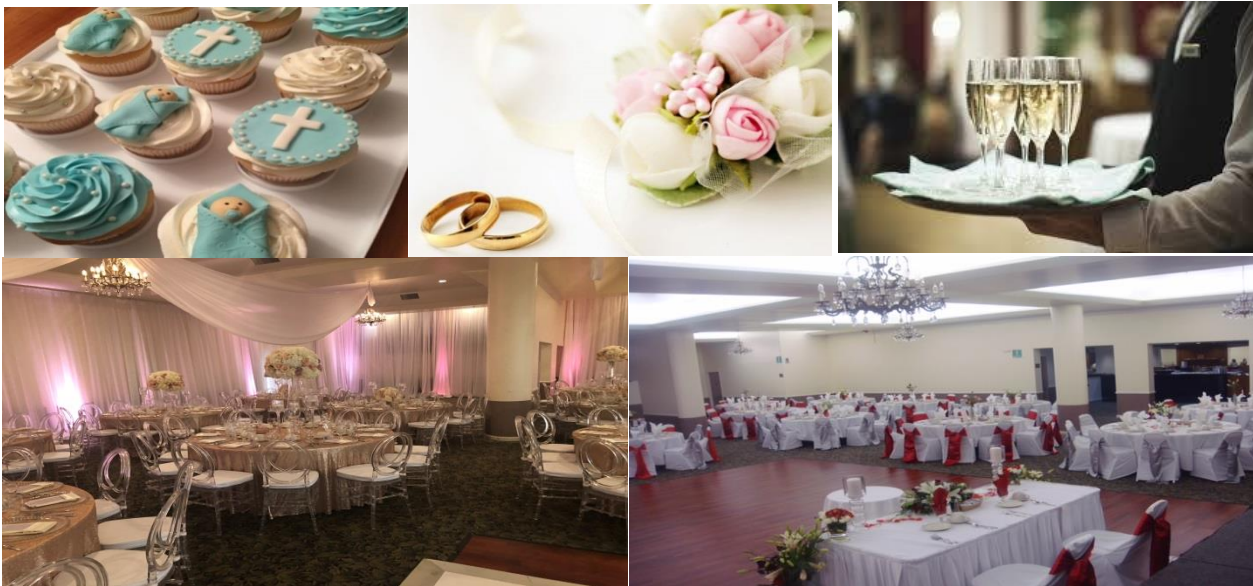
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SAINT NICHOLAS ORTHODOX CHURCH BANQUET HALL

The Saint Nicholas Orthodox Church Banquet Hall, is the perfect venue for your next wedding reception, baptism, graduation, birthday, or conference. We offer a range of professional banquet and catering services for making any event a very personal experience for our community. Our vast and eclectic menu showcases a variety of banquet menu options and premium beverages. Our friendly and professionally trained staff will work with you to identify your needs, budget and develop the perfect event for you. For more information contact our Church office at (415) 648-5200 or info@stnicholas-sf.com



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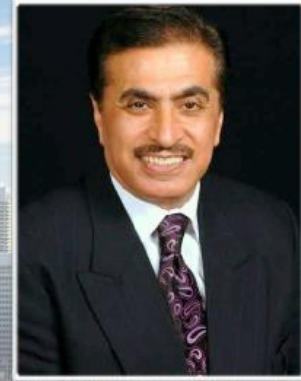
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