

19th Sunday after Pentecost

**Venerable Euthymius the New of Thessalonica,
a monk of Mt. Athos;
Martyr Lucian, Presbyter of Antioch**

October 15th, 2023

Assigned Readings:

2 Corinthians 11:31-12:9

Luke 8:5-15

Saints of the Day:

Saint Euthymius the New of Thessalonica and Mt Athos was a native of the city of Ancyra in Galatia. His parents led virtuous Christian lives, and raised their son in the Christian faith. At age seven the saint's father passed and he became the sole support of his mother. He entered military service, and on the insistence of his mother, married. His marriage produced a daughter Anastasia. Not content with the worldly things that surrounded him, he secretly left home in order to enter a monastery. For fifteen years the venerable Euthymius lived the ascetic life on Mount Olympus, where he learned monastic deeds from the Elders, before resettling on Mt. Athos. There he was tonsured into the Great Schema and lived for three years in a cave in total silence, struggling with temptations. The monk cleansed his mind and heart to such an extent that he was granted wonderworking, divine visions, and revelations. At the command of the Lord, Saint Euthymius founded two monasteries in 863 on Mount Peristeros, not far from Thessalonica. He guided both for 14 years, with the rank of deacon, before departing to return to strict asceticism on Mt. Athos. His wife and mother received monastic tonsure at the women's monastery he founded. Before his death, he settled on Hiera, an island of Mt Athos, where he reposed in 898. His relics were transferred to Thessalonica.

The Hieromartyr Lucian, Presbyter of Antioch, was born in the Syrian city of Samosata. Accounts differ regarding the source and location of his education, but all agree that he received a thorough formal education in languages, philosophy, and theology. In Antioch Saint Lucian was made a presbyter and opened a school where many students gathered. He taught them how to understand the Holy Scriptures, and how to live a virtuous life. Saint Lucian occupied himself with teaching, and he corrected the Greek text of the Septuagint, which had been corrupted in many places by copyists and heretics. During the persecution of Diocletian, Saint Lucian was arrested and was sent to prison in Nicomedia, where for nine years he encouraged other Christians with him to remain steadfast in their confession of Christ, urging them not to fear tortures or death. Saint Lucian suffered from many tortures while in prison, including starvation. Before his death, he wished to partake of the Holy Mysteries of Christ on the Feast of Theophany. Certain Christians who visited him brought bread and wine for the Eucharist. The next day he surrendered his soul to God. The body of the holy martyr was thrown into the sea, but after thirty days dolphins brought it to shore. Believers reverently buried the body of the much-suffering Saint Lucian. He is commemorated on the date of the dedication of a church built upon his relics.

Announcements

September/October Charity is dedicated to the Shipley family, of St. Cyril and Methodius Orthodox Church in Chico CA. Matushka Priscilla recently passed away, and there are many expenses related to medical bills, funeral arrangements etc. The OCA and the Diocese have both made requests for care and support to be rendered at this time. Please keep the family in your prayers. May the Lord make Matushka Priscilla's memory to be eternal.

Our Piroghi sale was a resounding success with a complete sell out in about an hour and half, grossing \$5,000. May God grant many years to all those who labored on behalf of our parish.

Archbishop Mark is scheduled to be in Olyphant at All Saints on November the 12th. Father Paul has invited us to come and celebrate together with His Eminence.

Upcoming Services:

October 21st – Great Vespers – 5 pm.

October 22nd – Divine Liturgy – 9:30 am.

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Troparion and Kontakion of the Day

Troparion of the Resurrection – Tone 2

When Thou didst descend to death, O Life immortal,
Thou didst slay hell with the splendor of Thy Godhead.
And when from the depths Thou didst raise the dead,
all the powers of heaven cried out://
“O Giver of life, Christ our God, glory to Thee!”

Troparion to St. Nicholas – Tone 4

The truth of things revealed you to your flock as a rule of
faith, an icon of meekness and a teacher of abstinence.
You thus reached the heights through humility and wealth through poverty.
O Holy Hierarch Father Nicholas, //
pray to Christ God for the salvation of our souls.

Kontakion of the Resurrection – Tone 2

Hell became afraid, O almighty Savior,
seeing the miracle of Thy Resurrection from the tomb!
The dead arose! Creation, with Adam, beheld this and rejoiced with Thee, //
and the world, my Savior, praises Thee forever.

Kontakion to St. Nicholas – Tone 3

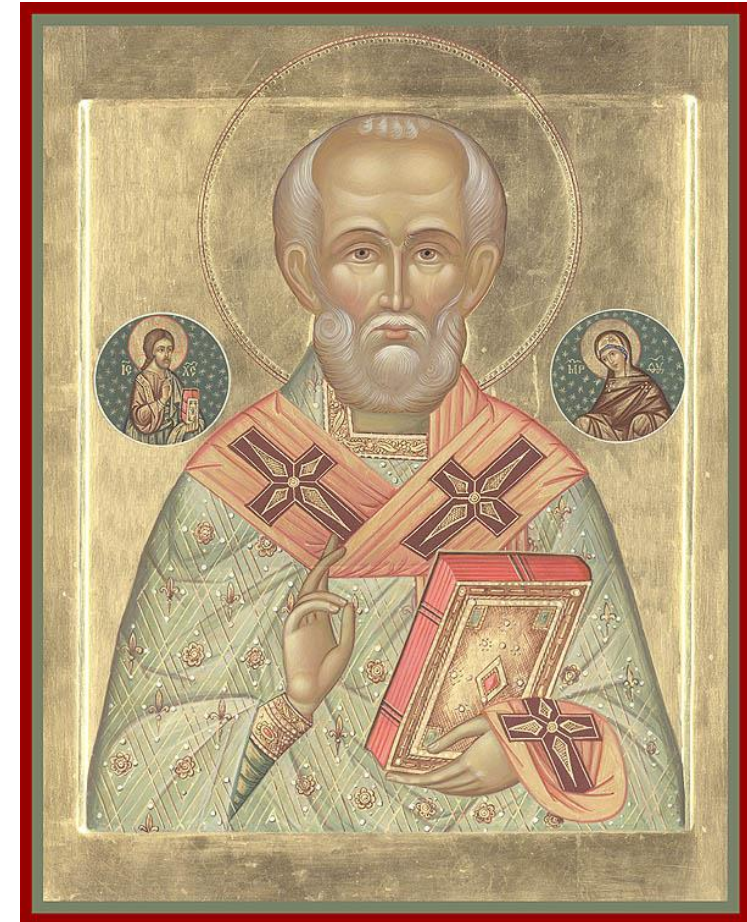
You proved yourself to be a holy priest, O Nicholas;
You served God in Myra and lived the gospel of Christ.
You offered your life for your people;
You rescued the innocent from death. //
Therefore God has glorified you as a trustworthy guide of things divine.

Steadfast Protectress – Tone 6

Steadfast protectress of Christians,
constant advocate before the Creator,
do not despise the cry of us sinners,
but in your goodness come speedily to help us who call on you in faith,
hasten to hear our petition and to intercede for us O Theotokos //
For you always protect those who honor you.

Prayers for the Sick:

Archpriest Vladimir	Julie
Priest John	Joan
Priest James	Vera
Matushka Gloria	Marie
Matushka Myra	James
Matushka Nancy	James
Thom	Dimitrios
William	



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Fr. Nathan Clausson – Acting Rector
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