

# ST. NICHOLAS ORTHODOX CHURCH

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Stephen Kelsey - Church School

Sunday, Oct 11, 18<sup>th</sup> **SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST - Tone 1. Commemoration of the Holy Fathers of the 7<sup>th</sup> Ecumenical Council.** Holy Apostle Philip of the Seventy, one of the Seven Deacons (1<sup>st</sup> c.). Synaxis of the Optina Elders. Martyrs Zinaida and Philonilla, of Tarsus in Cilicia (1<sup>st</sup> c.).  
Epistle: 2 Cor 9:6-11                      Gospel: Luke 7:11-16  
          Heb. 13:7-16 (Fathers)            John 17:1-13 (Fathers)

Tuesday through Friday

Fr. Mark at St. Tikhon's Monastery

Saturday, Oct 17

Great Vespers for the Resurrection, 6 p.m.

Sunday, Oct 18, 19<sup>th</sup> **SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST - Tone 2. Holy Apostle and Evangelist Luke (1<sup>st</sup> c.).** Martyr Marinus the Elder at Anazarbus (4<sup>th</sup> c.).  
Sixth Hour, 9:50 am  
Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom, **10 am**  
Epistle: 2 Cor. 11:31-12:9                      Gospel: Luke 8:5-15  
          Col. 4:5-9, 14, 18 (St. Luke)        Luke 10:16-21 (St. Luke)

40-day Memorial Service for +Evelyn Marchetti

Monthly Parish Council Meeting, following coffee and fellowship

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## DEAR VISITORS

A warm welcome to those who are visiting and praying with us today. You are encouraged to come forward at the conclusion of the Liturgy at the Veneration of the Holy Cross to introduce yourself to Fr. Mark. Please plan to come downstairs for coffee and fellowship after the Liturgy and be welcomed and introduced to parishioners. We look forward to visiting with you.

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## SALEM IN OCTOBER - Special Prayer

As we have done the last year two years, it seems fitting for the Church in some manner to address the Salem Halloween phenomena. The majority of you have lived nearby for many years and have incorporated this phenomena into the cycle of life in the area. To an outsider, it is very strange.

On the one hand, similar to the American practice of Halloween itself on Oct. 31, it is just harmless entertainment and tourism. But on the other hand, there is a reference to the occult, the evil one, and demons - all aspects the Church has always opposed.

To address the Halloween phenomena, we pray a special prayer in the Church for the four Sundays of October. The prayer is a slight modification of the standard Orthodox prayer against evil spirits in homes. In this case, we pray against evil spirits in the home of our Church, Salem.

It should be noted that our prayer is not directed against any persons, nor is it a judgement against any persons. Rather, it is a prayer against the forces of evil which always try to use and confound the good intentions of everyone.

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## THANKS FOR THE GREAT YARD SALE

Thanks to all who made our yard sale a great success. Special thanks to Diane for organizing the event, Maria for putting the bake sale together, and all who worked and baked. And of course, thanks to all who donated items for the sale! It's great that we all work together to help our Church and to give to the community.

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## NEXT READING GROUP MEETING - ST. SERAPHIM OF SAROV

The next meeting of our reading group on the book, *St. Seraphim of Sarov*, by Valentine Zander, will take place following Daily Vespers on Tuesday, Oct. 20. The reading group and discussion is informal. There is something for everyone - it's not necessary to have attended earlier session in order to benefit from the discussion. This week we are looking at Chapters 6 and 7 of the book. We will have a light "soup and bread" supper.