





**ST. NICHOLAS**  
**GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH**  
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 Orthros 9:00 AM  
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 Reservations only  
Sunday School- Zoom  
Office Hours During Great Lent  
 Wednesday-Thursday-Friday 9:30 AM – 2:00 PM

**MARCH 21<sup>st</sup> 2021**

**SUNDAY OF ORTHODOXY**

**We commemorate:** James the Confessor. Thomas I, Patriarch of Constantinople. Philemon and Domninos.

**THE EPISTLE** reading is from St. Paul's Letter to the Hebrews 11:24-26, 32-40  
 Brethren, by faith Moses, when he was grown up, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter, choosing rather to share ill-treatment with the people of God than to enjoy the fleeting pleasures of sin. And what more shall I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets -- who through faith conquered kingdoms, enforced justice, received promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign enemies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection. Some were tortured, refusing to accept release, that they might rise again to a better life. Others suffered mocking and scourging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned, they were sawn in two, they were killed with the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, afflicted, ill-treated -- of whom the world was not worthy -- wandering over deserts and mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth. And all these, though well attested by their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had foreseen something better for us, that apart from us they should not be made perfect.

**THE GOSPEL According to John 1:43-51**

At that time, Jesus decided to go to Galilee. And he found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael, and he said to him, "We have found him of whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph." Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." Jesus saw Nathanael coming to him, and said of him, "Behold, an Israelite indeed, in whom is no guile!" Nathanael said to him, "How do you know me?" Jesus answered him, "Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you." Nathanael answered him, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" Jesus answered him, "Because I said to you, I saw you under the fig tree, do you believe? You

shall see greater things than these." And he said to him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, you will see heaven opened, and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of man."

**ALL CHURCH SERVICES ARE BEING HELD!**  
**RESERVATIONS ONLY.**

Please call the church office at 603-436-2733 or email [stnicholasreservations@gmail.com](mailto:stnicholasreservations@gmail.com). We are also broadcasting via the internet. Please go to: <http://www.stnicholasportsmouthnh.org> and click on Watch Live Broadcast.

**SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK**

<b>SUNDAY,</b>	<b>MARCH</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>–SUNDAY OF ORTHODOXY</b>
<b>MONDAY,</b>	<b>MARCH</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>–GREEK SCHOOL: 4:00-6:30 PM</b>
<b>WEDNESDAY,</b>	<b>MARCH</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>–OFFICE HOURS: 9:30-2:00 PM</b> <b>–GREEK SCHOOL: 5:00-7:30 PM</b> <b>–PRESANCTIFIED LITURGY: 6:00 PM</b>
<b>THURSDAY,</b>	<b>MARCH</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>–DIVINE LITURGY: 9:30 AM. Orthros 8:45 AM</b> (Annunciation) <b>–NO OFFICE HOURS</b> <b>–ADULT GREEK SCHOOL: 11:30-12:30 &amp; 1:00-2:00</b> <b>–ST. THEKLA MEETING: 7:00 PM (Zoom)</b>
<b>FRIDAY,</b>	<b>MARCH</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>–OFFICE HOURS: 9:30-2:00 PM</b> <b>–2<sup>ND</sup> SALUTATION SERVICE: 6:00 PM</b>
<b>SUNDAY,</b>	<b>MARCH</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>–SUNDAY OF ST. GREGORY PALAMAS</b> <b>–GREEK INDEPENDENCE DAY PROGRAM</b> by the Greek school following Liturgy

**COMMUNITY NEWS & EVENTS**

**SUNDAY OF ORTHODOXY – TODAY!** *Bring your icon for the Icon Parade commemorating the restoration of holy icons to Orthodox worship in 843 AD.*

**JOIN THE ST. NICHOLAS GREEK SCHOOL TO CELEBRATE GREEK INDEPENDENCE DAY** *on Sunday, March 28<sup>th</sup> following Divine Liturgy. This year marks the 200th anniversary of the Greek War of Independence. Students will be presenting information in church on the importance of March 25, 1821 At the end of our brief presentation, students will be offering each parishioner gifts in honor of the Panagia and the heroes of 1821. On March 25th our students will also be offering a slide show to our whole community. This will be a visual representation of the Greek War of Independence through the eyes of Greek and foreign artists*

**BIBLE STUDY:** *April 1st at 7 pm (Zoom). "Can God be cruel?" Watch for the zoom invitation.*

**TSOUREKI (EASTER BREAD):** *if you would like to order Tsourekhi, the order form is in the Spirit or contact Hilde: [hildekama@gmail.com](mailto:hildekama@gmail.com) or 603-498-3233*

**HEALTH AND SAFETY SCREENING SCHEDULE:** *The Safety Committee is seeking new volunteers to augment our team. Volunteers are needed for Sundays and for Weekday Service to perform Health Screening (Greeting, taking temperature and asking brief questions) Training provided. Please email Barbara: [casspamboukes@gmail.com](mailto:casspamboukes@gmail.com), Fran: [frandamianos@gmail.com](mailto:frandamianos@gmail.com) or Kathleen: [kathgvc@aol.com](mailto:kathgvc@aol.com) if you have an interest in volunteering.*