

# \*The whole earth is a living icon of the face of God. Saint John of Damascus The Golden Speaker

## \*Icons and Orthodoxy

Icons in the Orthodox Christian Church are visual representations of the Holy Angels, the Holy Mother, the Saints, and scenes from the Bible. Purposefully painted in two dimensions and not life-like, icons are designed as reminders of God's presence.

We venerate an icon to pay our respects not to the image itself, but to what it represents. Icons keep our minds focused on God during the Divine Liturgy. We do not pray to icons. We pray in their presence. We say our prayers near the icons as a reminder of God's presence. Holy icons are acts of worship which depict eternity. They are a bridge and the windows to heaven and to God.

Jesus Christ Ruler of the Universe The Pantocrator



## \*The Royal or Holy Doors

Saint Gabriel  
The Virgin Mary

The Doors are used only by the Bishop and by the Priest garbed in vestments when carrying either the Gospel Book or the chalice containing the Holy Eucharist and at other strictly specified times during the Liturgy. Only those who have been consecrated by ordination are admitted into the Altar through these doors. The Doors are also called the Beautiful Gates.

## \*The Deacon's or Angel's Doors

Archangel Raphael North Door  
Archangel Michael South Door

The Entrance to the Heavenly Kingdom. The Doors are used by clergy, deacons, altar servers or anyone having a liturgical reason for entering the sanctuary.



\*Saint Agnes Of Rome \* Saint Demetrius The Myrrh-Streaming  
\*Saint Andrew The First-Called \* Mother Of God The Theotokos

## \*The Sovereign Tier of the Iconostasis

In many Orthodox Christian Churches, the Iconostases are multi-tiered. The lower or main tier is known as the Sovereign Tier. The Iconostasis brings together the nave (Holy Place) and the Sanctuary (The Holy of Holies). Its Icons guide us into Heaven. The tier is crowned with the Icon of the Mystical or Holy Supper - the first Divine Liturgy celebrated by God Himself - and with the Crucifix.



\*Christ The Savior \* Saint John The Forerunner And Baptist  
\*Saint Nicholas The Wonderworker \* Saint Helena Mother Of Constantine

## \*Your Icon for Saint Andrew

All of the original and reproduction icons of Saint Andrew the Apostle Orthodox Church were commissioned or donated by faithful parishioners. We give thanks to God for their support and for their devotion to The Almighty. Parishioners can continue this generous tradition of commissioning an icon. Icons can honor a loved one or the memory of a family member. It is our prayer that soon the walls and ceilings of our sanctuary, altar, nave, narthex and choir alcove or transept may be adorned with icons and Biblical scenes of beauty and splendor.

The Iconography Committee and our iconographer developed a comprehensive plan for the placement of the icons. Large-sized icons like those on the Iconostasis are \$1,800.00. These are framed and gilded and will adorn the three walls of the nave, which is often referred to as the sanctuary. Medallions like those on the Holy and Deacon's doors are mounted or painted on the walls of the nave and the walls of the center ceiling. They are priced according to the size and complexity of the rendering. Cost for Biblical scenes is based upon the size and detail of the art work. Completion for each commission is approximately six months. Please review with Father Herman the list of preferable icons from which you may choose.

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Mother of God The Platytera  
“Wider Than The Heavens”

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Individual reproduction icons of *The Twelve Great Feasts* can be commissioned or donated. They are mounted on a walnut plaque 13” x 18” in size and are available for \$100.00 each. During the commemoration of each Feast, the icon for that Feast is placed on the stand in front of the altar for veneration.



## \*Great Feasts of the Lord

- 1 Universal Exaltation of the Life-Creating Cross  
September 14
- 2 Nativity of Our Lord God and Savior Jesus Christ  
December 25
- 3 Epiphany of Our Lord and God and Savior Jesus Christ  
January 6
- 4 Entrance of Our Lord Jesus Christ into Jerusalem  
Palm Sunday - Sunday Before Pascha
- 5 Ascension of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ  
40 Days after Pascha
- 6 Descent of the Holy Spirit  
Holy Pentecost 50 Days after Pascha
- 7 Transfiguration of Our Lord God and Savior  
Jesus Christ August 6

## \*Feasts of the Mother of God

- 8 Nativity of the Most-Holy Theotokos  
September 8
- 9 Entrance of the Theotokos into the Temple  
November 21
- 10 Meeting of Our Lord Jesus Christ in the Temple  
February 2
- 11 Annunciation to the Most-Holy Theotokos  
March 25
- 12 Falling Asleep or Dormition of the Most-Holy  
Theotokos August 15

*When we look upon the holy Icons,  
our hearts should be overflowing with love  
for God and for the Saints.  
Elder Paisos of Mount Athos*

Iconographer Nicholas Papas has been producing art since early childhood. A 1981 graduate of Indiana University of Pennsylvania with a Bachelor of Arts degree in painting, Nicholas first learned iconography from his parish priest. He advanced his iconographic skills in Athens, Greece, under the tutelage of Nicholas and Basil Lepoura. For 37 years, Nicholas has done original work for churches and houses throughout the United States. He has reproductions in six of the seven continents. Nicholas is a member of Saint Joseph Antiochian Orthodox Church in Houston, Texas.