

April 2, 2017

St. Nicholas Orthodox Church

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The Gospel according to Saint John

21:15-25 (11th Matins Gospel)

So when they had eaten breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, “Simon, son of Jonah, do you love Me more than these?” He said to Him, “Yes, Lord; You know that I love You.” He said to him, “Feed My lambs.” He said to him again a second time, “Simon, son of Jonah, do you love Me?” He said to Him, “Yes, Lord; You know that I love You.” He said to him, “Tend My sheep.” He said to him the third time, “Simon, son of Jonah, do you love Me?” Peter was grieved because He said to him the third time, “Do you love Me?” And he said to Him, “Lord, You know all things; You know that I love You.” Jesus said to him, “Feed My sheep. Most assuredly, I say to you, when you were younger, you girded yourself and walked where you wished; but when you are old, you will stretch out your hands, and another will gird you and carry you where you do not wish. This He spoke, signifying by what death he would glorify God. And when He had spoken this, He said to him, “Follow Me.” Then Peter, turning around, saw the disciple whom Jesus loved following, who also had leaned on His breast at the supper, and said, “Lord, who is the one who betrays You?” Peter, seeing him, said to Jesus, “But Lord, what about this man?” Jesus said to him, “If I will that he remain till I come, what is that to you? You follow Me.” Then this saying went out among the brethren that this disciple would not die. Yet Jesus did not say to him that he would not die, but, “If I will that he remain till I come, what is that to you?” This is the disciple who testifies of these things, and wrote these things; and we know that his testimony is true. And there are also many other things that Jesus did, which if they were written one by one, I suppose that even the world itself could not contain the books that would be written. Amen

SUNDAY, APRIL 2, 2017 FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT — Tone 8. St Mary of Egypt. Ven. Titus the Wonderworker (9th c.). Martyrs Amphianus (Apphianus) and Edesius (Aedesius) of Lycia (306). Martyr Polycarp of Alexandria (4th c.).

TROPARIA

(Tone 8) Thou didst descend from on high, O Merciful One! Thou didst accept the three day burial to free us from our sufferings! O Lord, our Life and Resurrection: glory to Thee!

(Tone 8) The image of God was truly preserved in you, O Mother, / for you took up the Cross and followed Christ. / By so doing, you taught us to disregard the flesh for it passes away; / but to care instead for the soul, for it is immortal. // Therefore your spirit, O holy Mother Mary, rejoices with the angels.

(Tone 4) In truth you were revealed to your flock as a rule of faith, a model of meekness, and teacher of abstinence, so you won the heights by humility, and riches by poverty, O Holy Father Nicholas, intercede with Christ God to save our souls.

KONTAKION

(Tone 6) Protection of Christians never failing, Mediatrix before the Creator, ever constant. Do not despise the voice of prayer of sinners, but in your goodness come to help us who faithfully call upon you. Hasten to entreat, hurry to pray, O Theotokos, interceding always for those honor you.

The Prokeimenon in the Eighth Tone: Pray and make your vows / before the Lord our God!

v. In Judah God is known; His name is great in Israel.

THE EPISTLE OF THE HOLY APOSTLE PAUL TO THE HEBREWS (9:11-14) Brethren: Christ came as High Priest of the good things to come, with the greater and more perfect tabernacle not made with hands, that is, not of this creation. Not with the blood of goats and calves, but with His own blood He entered the Most Holy Place once for all, having obtained eternal redemption. For if the blood of bulls and goats and the ashes of a heifer, sprinkling the unclean, sanctifies for the purifying of the flesh, how much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without spot to God, cleanse your conscience from dead works to serve the living God.

Alleluia, Tone 8

v. Come let us rejoice in the Lord! Let us make a joyful noise to God our Savior!

v. Let us come before His face with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise!

THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO SAINT MARK (10:32-45) At that time, as the disciples were on the road, going up to Jerusalem, and Jesus was going before them; and they were amazed. And as they followed they were afraid. Then He took the twelve aside again and began to tell them the things that would happen to Him: Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be betrayed to the chief priests and to the scribes; and they will condemn Him to death and deliver Him to the Gentiles; and they will mock Him, and scourge Him, and spit on Him, and kill Him. And the third day He will rise again. Then James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came to Him, saying, "Teacher, we want You to do for us whatever we ask." And He said to them, "What do you want Me to do for you?" They said to Him, "Grant us that we may sit, one on Your right hand and the other on Your left, in Your glory." But Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you ask. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, and be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?" They said to Him, "We are able." So Jesus said to them, "You will indeed drink the cup that I drink, and with the baptism I am baptized with you will be baptized; but to sit on My right hand and on My left is not Mine to give, but it is for those for whom it is prepared. And when the ten heard it, they began to be greatly displeased with James and John. But Jesus called them to Himself and said to them, "You know that those who are considered rulers over the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them. Yet it shall not be so among you; but whoever desires to become great among you shall be your servant. And whoever of you desires to be first shall be slave of all. For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many.

Instead of "It is truly meet," All of creation rejoices in you, O Full of Grace: the assembly of Angels and the race of men. O sanctified temple and spiritual paradise, the glory of virgins, from whom God was incarnate and became a Child, our God before the ages. He made your body into a throne, and your womb He made more spacious than the heavens. All of creation rejoices in you, O Full of Grace. Glory to you!

COMMUNION HYMN Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

THE SIXTH WEEK OF LENT – THE WEEK OF PALMS

This last week of Lent is called the Week of Palms or Palm Week because it leads us to Palm Sunday. During this week the hymns of the Church unfold for us the sickness of Lazarus and the journey of Jesus from Bethphage to Bethany to raise Lazarus from the dead. This miracle results in the triumphal entry of our Lord Jesus into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday. Below are a selection from the hymns of this week that will lead us to the festive days of Lazarus Saturday and Palm Sunday.

MONDAY – Lazarus is fatally ill

Matins, Monday

Ode 7 Behold, Christ is in the city of Bethphage. Rejoice, O Bethany, home of Lazarus, for He will show you a miracle without equal, by raising Lazarus from the dead.

Ode 9 Today the illness of Lazarus is made known to Christ, Who is lingering beyond the Jordan; however, in His foreknowledge, He declares: This sickness does not lead to death.

TUESDAY – Lazarus is fatally ill

Matins, Tuesday

Sessional Hymn 3 Yesterday and today Lazarus suffers from his illness; his sisters send word to Christ about him. Prepare yourself, O Bethany, to receive your Master and King in joy and to sing with us: O Lord, glory to Thee!

WEDNESDAY – Lazarus dies & is buried – 1st day in the tomb

Matins, Wednesday

Ode 3 Today Lazarus dies, but this death does not escape the divine eye of Jesus. Therefore, He spoke to His disciples and said: “My friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I shall go and raise him.”

Ode 9 The sisters of Lazarus weep over the tomb of their brother today, seeing him buried beneath the stone; Thou hast said clearly to Thine apostles, O Christ: “I rejoice for you that I was not there, so that you may believe.”

THURSDAY – 2nd day in the tomb

Matins, Thursday

Sessional Hymn 3 Lazarus is in the tomb for two days, and his two sisters, Martha and Mary, grieve deeply as they look sadly at the rock covering the tomb. With his disciples, the Creator comes to despoil Death and give us life. Therefore, we cry out: “O Lord, glory to Thee!”

FRIDAY – 3rd day in the tomb

Matins, Friday

Sessional Hymn 3 On this day two disciples are sent to look for the colt of a donkey for the Master of the universe Who is seated upon the hosts of Cherubim. Death, the great devourer of the human race, begins to tremble, for Christ first carried away Lazarus; and soon He will take with Him all humanity.

Ode 8 The sound of Thy steps resounds in Bethphage, and they were sensed by Hades who was enraged; and It entreated Lazarus, saying: “If He Who is Life calls you, hasten to leave, for I know that my end is near.”

LAZARUS SATURDAY – 4th day in the tomb

Vespers & Matins, Saturday

Vespers, sticheron The kingdom of Hades was demolished at the sound of Thy voice, O Lord; Thy powerful word awakened from the tomb one who had been dead four days. Lazarus becomes a saving prelude of our regeneration. Nothing is impossible for the King of the universe; O Lord, grant to Thy servants forgiveness and great mercy!

Matins, at the Praises Even though Lazarus had been dead four days, Thou didst raise him from Hades, O Christ; before Thine own death, Thou didst destroy the power of Death; Thou didst free one of Thy friends from the tomb to

announce the resurrection of all. Therefore, we bow before Thy sovereign power and cry out: Blessed art Thou, O Savior, have mercy on us!

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CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR THE HEALTH AND BLESSINGS OF

Fr. Joe, Fr. Tom, Deacon Anthony, Aaron, Noah, JoAnn, Nicolai, Kosta, Luba, Jimmy, Laurie, Walt, Zina, Dorothy, Allen, Michael, Helen, Jeanette, Gloria, Reggie, Calvin, Ruth, Matushka Lisa, Anna, Stojan, Mira, Bosa, Ted, Marlene, Nicholas, Margaret, Gladys, my family and friends

Joe Tome

Special Intention

Joe Tome

Anna Branoff; Gloria Zelenko; Nik Evanenko, JoAnn Havens, Fr. Matthew and family, all sick and shut-ins of St. Nicholas, St. Mary Magdalene, Assumption and St. George parishes; Allen Adams; Vinie; Kate Stevens; Alyson Wilhelm; Adam George; Jake Kusluski; all members of our Board; Henry; Alice; June and Fr. Joseph Gleason

Adams Family

ETERNAL LIGHT AT THE ALTAR

In memory of Mildred Bladecki

Diane & Randy Broadfoot

CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR ALL THOSE IN BLESSED REPOSE

Blessed Repose: Estlin in Ireland, Nancy McDonald Sandy Tettis
Alex Georgopoulos, Kosta Georgopoulos, Dimitra Georgopoulos
Laressa Nicola ~ one year Blessed Repose. Memory Eternal!
Blessed Repose: Diakonissa Barbara Frenchek

Adams Family

Anonymous

Dorothy Goodman

Anonymous



Welcome to all of our friends and visitors to St. Nicholas! Please join us for fellowship and coffee following the Divine Liturgy. **Today's coffee social is being offered in memory of Samuel (Rick) Naumoff (40 days). Memory Eternal!**

PARASTAS There is a Parastas today, following the veneration of the cross, for the 40 day memorial of Samuel (Rick) Naumoff.

PALM SUNDAY BAKE SALE The following items will be available for purchase on the day of the Bake Sale: Sweet Breads (price to be determined) and Triangles (leek, spinach and cheese) at \$12 for a ½ dozen. Other items may also be available that day. **No pre-orders will be taken this year.** Sales will begin AFTER the Divine Liturgy on Palm Sunday, April 9.

100th ANNIVERSARY BOOKS are available following the Divine Liturgy. There are extra copies available for purchase, as well. Please see Matushka Lisa or call the office during the week.

CONFESSIONS The last day for Confessions before Pascha is next Sunday. Father will be available after Liturgy that day to hear Confessions.

LAZARUS SATURDAY LITURGY We are hosting the Pan-Orthodox celebration of the Liturgy for Lazarus Saturday. There will be a Lenten pancake breakfast following the service. **PALMS AND PUSSYWILLOWS** will be assembled, following the breakfast. Please plan to stay and help.

PALM SUNDAY PROCESSION will take place next Sunday, during the Divine Liturgy. The children and the youth of the parish traditionally line up in the center aisle for the Great Entrance. All are invited to join us in this tradition. Then, weather permitting, we will have an outdoor procession at the end of Liturgy.

OFFICE HOURS This week, the office hours will be limited. However, the phones will be answered. Please call ahead if you need to conduct any business this week. Thank you for your understanding.

DONATIONS For our annual Egg Hunt, to be held on Thomas Sunday (April 23rd) are being accepted. This year, we are asking for monetary donations to help offset the cost of items. Please place any donations in an envelope marked "EGG HUNT" and turn them in to the office. Thank you.

CHARITY MINISTRIES

HOPE IN A BOX is collecting baby items/wipes and formula for the month of April. Place the items in the Blue Box in the hall. Catholic Charities Community Closet will distribute the items.

FOOD DRIVE Place non-perishable food items in the other blue box in the hall.

NORTH END SOUP KITCHEN We will be serving at the Soup Kitchen this Thursday, April 6th. Please make an effort to be there, as the workers count on our help. **Last month, only one person from the parish was there.**

LODGING Our choir director is in need of a place to stay on Saturday nights. If anyone has, or knows of, lodging space, please contact the office as soon as possible.

SCHEDULE CHANGE FOR HOLY THURSDAY **Bishop Alexander will serve Vespers & Liturgy at St. Mary Magdalene in Fenton on Holy Thursday (April 13) at 10 am.** Liturgy will NOT be served here that day so that we may join our father in Christ, Bishop Alexander, in the Liturgy at St. Mary Magdalene. Please note this change on your Holy Week schedules in the April bulletin.

**Schedule of services and events for the week of April 2nd:*

Monday, April 3

6:30 pm Compline at St. George

Wednesday, April 5

9:00 am Lenten Hours

11:00 am Adult Ed

6:00 pm Presanctified at St. Mary Magdalene followed by Lenten Potluck
Mother Abbess Gabriela will speak

Saturday, April 8

9:30 am **LAZARUS SATURDAY**
Divine Liturgy followed by Lenten Pancake Breakfast
Assembly of Palms & Pussywillows for Palm Sunday

5:00 pm Vespers with Litiya

Sunday, April 9

9:30 am **PALM SUNDAY**
Third Hour

10:00 am Divine Liturgy, with Procession
Church School

Last Confessions before Pascha

Offerings for the week March 26, 2017

<i>Weekly Offerings</i>	\$1904.00
<i>Estimated Average Weekly Expenses</i>	\$4,034.03
	- 2130.03

*86 people were in attendance on
Sunday, March 26, 2017*