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Bulletin

St. Nicholas Orthodox Church

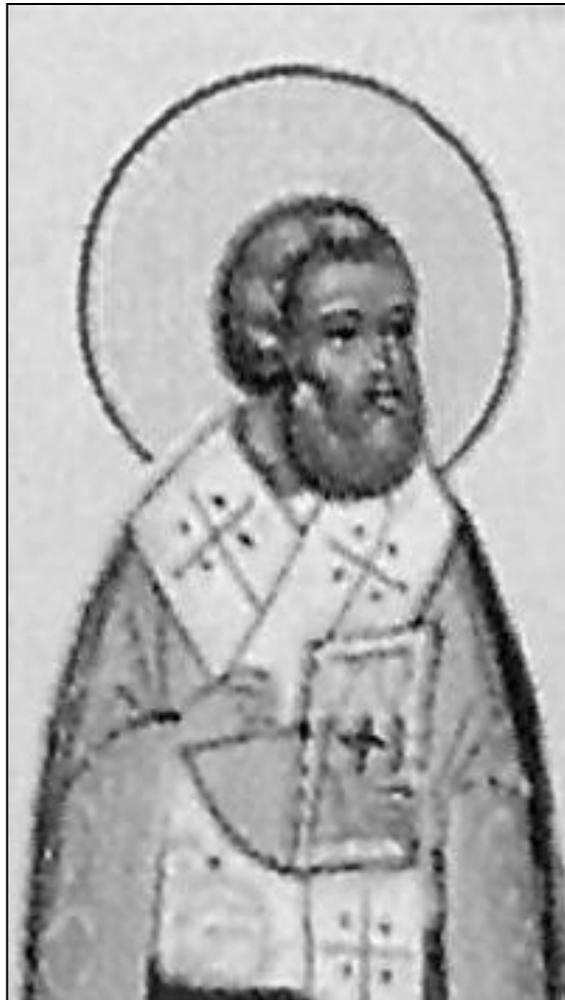
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SUNDAY, APRIL 7, 2013 THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT — Tone 3. Veneration of the Cross. Repose of St. Tikhon, Patriarch of Moscow and All Russia and Enlightener of North America (1925—March 25 O.S.). St. George the Confessor, Bishop of Mitylene (9th c.). Ven. Daniel, Abbot of Pereyaslavl'-Zalesskii (1540). Martyr Calliopos at Pompeiopolis in Cilicia (304). Martyrs Rufinus the Deacon, Aquilina, and 20 soldiers with them at Sinope (ca. 310). Ven. Serapion of Egypt (5th c.).

FIRST ANTIPHON

The light of Thy countenance, O Lord, hath been signed upon us.
Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us!

Thou hast given a sign unto them that fear Thee, that they may flee from before the face of the bow.

Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us!

Thou hast ascended on high, Thou didst lead captivity captive.

Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us!

Thou hast given an inheritance to them that fear Thy Name.

Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us!

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen. **Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us!**

SECOND ANTIPHON

All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God. **O Son of God who arose from the dead, save us who sing to Thee: Alleluia!**

Let us worship at the place where his feet have stood.

O Son of God who arose from the dead, save us who sing to Thee: Alleluia!

The eyes of the Lord are upon them that fear Him, upon them that hope in His mercy.

O Son of God who arose from the dead, save us who sing to Thee: Alleluia!

God is our King before the ages, He hath wrought salvation in the midst of the earth.

O Son of God who arose from the dead, save us who sing to Thee: Alleluia!

High above all nations is the Lord; Thou art Lord Most High over all the earth. **O Son of God who arose from the dead, save us who sing to Thee: Alleluia!**

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen. Only-begotten Son and immortal Word of God, Who for our salvation didst will to be incarnate of the holy Theotokos and ever-virgin Mary, Who without change became man and wast crucified, Who art one of the Holy Trinity, glorified with the Father and the Holy Spirit: O Christ our God, trampling down death by death, save us! **THIRD ANTIPHON**

Exalt ye the Lord our God, and worship at the footstool of His feet.

(Tone 1) O Lord, save Thy people, / and bless Thine inheritance! / Grant victories to the Orthodox Christians / over their adversaries; / and by virtue of Thy Cross, // preserve Thy habitation!

O God, save Thy people and bless Thine inheritance.

(Tone 1) O Lord, save Thy people, / and bless Thine inheritance! / Grant victories to the Orthodox Christians / over their adversaries; / and by virtue of Thy Cross, // preserve Thy habitation!

Shepherd them and bear them up unto the ages.

(Tone 1) O Lord, save Thy people, / and bless Thine inheritance! / Grant victories to the Orthodox Christians / over their adversaries; / and by virtue of Thy Cross, // preserve Thy habitation!

TROPARIA

(Tone 3) Let the heavens rejoice! Let the earth be glad! For the Lord has shown strength with His arm. He has trampled down Death by death. He has become the first-born of the dead. He has delivered us from the depths of Hell, and has granted to the world great mercy.

(Tone 1) O Lord, save Thy people, / and bless Thine inheritance! / Grant victories to the Orthodox Christians / over their adversaries; / and by virtue of Thy Cross, // preserve Thy habitation!

(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 8) O victorious leader of triumphant hosts! We, your servants, delivered from evil, sing our grateful thanks to you, O Theotokos! As you possess invincible might set us free from ev'ry calamity so that we may sing: Rejoice, O unwedded Bride!

IN PLACE OF THE TRISAGION, WE SING:

Before Thy Cross, we bow down in worship, O Master, and Thy holy Resurrection, we glorify.

The Prokeimenon in the Sixth Tone: O Lord, save Thy people / and bless Thine inheritance.

v: To Thee, O Lord, will I call. O my God, be not silent to me!

THE READING FROM THE EPISTLE OF THE HOLY APOSTLE PAUL TO THE HEBREWS (4:14-5:6)

Brethren: Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we have not a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. For every high priest chosen from among men is appointed to act

on behalf of men in relation to God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. He can deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is beset with weakness. Because of this he is bound to offer sacrifice for his own sins as well as for those of the people. And one does not take the honor upon himself, but he is called by God, just as Aaron was. So also Christ did not exalt himself to be made a high priest, but was appointed by him who said to him, "Thou art my Son, today I have begotten thee"; as he says also in another place, "Thou art a priest forever, after the order of Melchizedek."

Alleluia, Tone 8

v. Remember Thy congregation which Thou hast purchased of old.

v. God is our King before the ages: He hath wrought salvation in the midst of the earth.

THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO SAINT MARK (8:34-9:1) At that time Jesus called to him the multitude with His disciples, and said to them, "If any man would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it; and whoever loses his life for my sake and the gospel's will save it. For what does it profit a man, to gain the whole world and forfeit his life? For what can a man give in return for his life? For whoever is ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him will the Son of man also be ashamed, when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels." And he said to them, "Truly, I say to you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see that the kingdom of God has come with power."

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 The light of Thy countenance is signed upon us, O Lord. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

INSTEAD OF "WE HAVE SEEN THE TRUE LIGHT":

(Tone 1) O Lord, save Thy people, / and bless Thine inheritance! / Grant victories to the Orthodox Christians / over their adversaries; / and by virtue of Thy Cross, // preserve Thy habitation!

The Prayer of Saint Ephraim

O Lord and Master of my life! Take from me the spirit of sloth, despair, lust of power and idle talk.

But give rather the spirit of chastity, humility, patience and love to Thy servant.

Yea, O Lord and King! Grant me to see my own transgressions and not to judge my brother, for blessed art Thou, unto ages of ages. Amen.

On April 7 we read one of the clearest statements the New Testament gives us about Jesus Christ and who He really is.

Hebrews 4: 14-15 says that Jesus Christ is the Son of God "who passed through the heavens"—meaning that He is the eternal Son of the Father, who has His dwelling with the Father in the heavens.

Then Hebrews goes on to say that Jesus is not one who is "unable to sympathize with our weaknesses." Why is this so? Because He "in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin."

Christ couldn't have been "tempted as we are" unless He was fully human, which means that He was sometimes hungry, uncomfortable, cold, sad, exhausted, angry and upset, just as we are. Always maintaining His divinity, He still became one of us, a true human person.

One of the special "additional readings" for this day shows us how Jesus expressed His humanity to people around Him so that they could know it was authentic. In John 10: 9-16 Jesus compares Himself to the shepherd who is not an uncaring hired hand, but a real protector who will lay down his life for his sheep. He won't be frightened off by a wolf, leaving the sheep to be snatched and scattered by the predator.

Jesus' hearers, many of whom know the life of a shepherd well, comprehend what He is saying about Himself. He is telling them that He knows their life because He has come among them to share it.

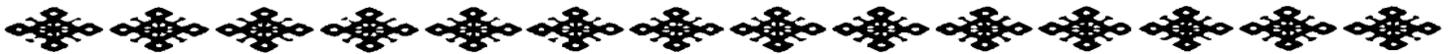
Then Jesus says, "I know my own and my own know me." These words, like the verses from Hebrews, stress His true humanity. There is no way people could be Jesus' own, or know they are His own, except by recognizing Him as one of them. Yet those who are willing to understand Him fully know also that He is the Savior.

That is why in the verses that follow, when some accuse Him of being mad and having a demon, others retort, "These are not the sayings of one who has a demon. Can a demon open the eyes of the blind?" (10: 21).

A day earlier, on April 6th, is the commemoration of a saint who had to defend the teaching that Jesus Christ truly became a human being. The sixth-century Saint Eutychius, served for many peaceful years as Patriarch of Constantinople. But then a heresy with a very long name and a very large influence—aphthartodocetism—took hold strongly in the empire. The teaching was that Jesus Christ, because He was divine, had a body that did not feel human sensations such as hunger and thirst, or pain.

Saint Eutychius, along with others, argued that salvation means nothing if Jesus Christ's humanity was not real. For standing up against the false teaching, which had attracted even the Emperor Justinian, Eutychius was exiled. But he stood firm in the Church's teaching: Christ saved us by becoming one of us and overcoming our great enemy, death.

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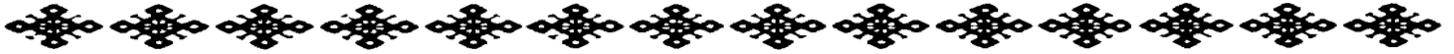


CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR THE HEALTH & BLESSINGS OF

Health & God's Blessings Evanka Elieff.....	Allison Borkovich
Happy Birthday & God's Blessings Ron Foltz, Nancy Krigner.....	Anne Smith
Health & God's Blessings Lydia Keeler.....	Lydia Keeler
Special Intention.....	Joe Tome
Health & Blessings to Christopher Panoff on his birthday-April, 2.....	Mom & Dad
Health & Blessings Fred Oginsky, Families of Oginsky, Miculka, Lyon, Kuptz, V. Rev John Govrusik & Matushka Olga, Bill & Marie Haw, Sick & shut-ins of St. Nicholas, Carol & Jerry Smith, Harold & Mary Smith & family.....	Anne Smith
Adelaida, Feodosiy, Galina, Oleg, Irina	Irina Sivergina
Fr. Ilya, Fr. Lawrence, Fr. Joe, Deacon Anthony, David, Anna, Reggie, Evanka, Mira, John & Gloria, Jeanette, Peter & Olga, Bosa, Rosemary, Helen, Dorothy, Diane & Jimmy, Walter, Ted & Marlene, Fr. David, Gladys, My family & friends	Joe Tome
Janja, Nikolina, Joshua, Bogdan, Milica, Jacob, Rade, Malina, Dominic, Nedeljka, Nedeljko, Jason.....	Janja Beslach
Birthday Blessings and continued good health for Nancy Krigner on her birthday.....	Love, Mom
Special Intention Diane, Arthur Zambito & family, Nancy, Ken & Maggie Laycock, Pat Miculka, Helen & Doug Phillips, Gladys Edwards, Anne Smith, Jeanette Hildreth, Brett w/Cancer, Linda Branoff, Gloria & John Zelenko.....	Anne Smith
Special Intention-Health for the Branoff family.....	Anna Branoff

CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR ALL THOSE IN BLESSED REPOSE

Blessed Repose Alfred Keeler.....	Joe & Dorothy Goodman
Blessed Repose Alfred Keeler.....	Peter & Jo Sredich
Lewis Elieff-Memory Eternal	His Family
Blessed Repose Alfred Keeler.....	Lydia Keeler
Carl Smith-11 yrs Blessed Repose, Infant Smith, Nick & Helen Polonic, Lazar & Sarah Polonic, Clair Rak, Matushka Vera Znamensky-Memory of birthday, Mary & Joe Eckert, Memory of Mary’s birthday, Peter Popoff, Olga Elasiwich, Olga Haw.....	Anne Smith
Peter Popoff.....	Alex & Magda Popoff
Sophie Nakeff Palmer, sister of Goldie Johnson, Blessed Repose & Memory Eternal.....	Joe & Dorothy Goodman
Bogdan, Vaso, Ilinka.....	Janja Beslach
Blessed Repose Alfred Keeler, Peter Popoff.....	Anna Branoff
Blessed Repose Peter Popoff for his birthday-Memory Eternal.....	Chiche Angelo Nina Lena



ANNOUNCEMENTS

We welcome all of our friends and visitors to St. Nicholas. Please join us in our fellowship hall for coffee hour. Volunteers are needed to serve coffee and bagels this morning.

QUESTION & ANSWER /SUGGESTION BOX is in the narthex. If you have a question about what we believe or do as Orthodox Christians, please fill out a card and drop it in the box. Fr. Matthew will answer questions next Sunday, April 14, before the announcements. If you have a suggestion to make, please drop it in the same box. This question and answer session came out of the parish council meeting on March 30 dedicated to the Parish Health Inventory document. The parish council will continue to cover the sections in this document in May.

OPEN HOUSE to invite the public to come and see our church and ask questions will be held on Sunday, April 21 at 6:00 pm. Please invite someone to come or bring a friend. There will be coffee and sweets following.

COIN BOXES are on all of the tables in the parish hall. The **Orthodox Christian Mission Center** coin boxes are used to help Orthodox Christians who serve as missionaries, volunteer for Mission Teams and support the mission ministries of the Church.

APRIL HOPE IN A BOX Deodorant is the item needed for the month of April. The deodorant collected will be distributed by the Catholic Charities Community Closet. The Food Van will be here on Sunday, April 21 from 9am until 12 noon.

PALM SUNDAY BAKE SALE order forms were included in your March and April bulletins. All orders are due next Sunday, April 14. If you need an order form there are extras in the parish hall. Please fill out the form and give it to any member of St. Catherine’s League.

ST. CATHERINE’S LEAGUE needs baskets donated so that they can assemble the Easter baskets for the shut-ins. The baskets need to be dropped off by April 14.

EASTER EGG HUNT will be held on Sunday, May 19. We are in need of individually wrapped candy and snack to put into the treat bags. Please bring the wrapped candy to church by Wednesday, May 15.

RUMMAGE SALE items are needed. Please bring items to church from May, 7 through May, 17. The rummage sale is a One-Day Super Sale that will take place on Saturday, May 18, from 9 am – 3 p.m. When bringing items during office hours, please call ahead of time so that we may open the doors for you. Please do not leave items outside.

PARISHIONER UPDATE both Pete & Olga Samaras are at Briarwood Manor, 3011 N. Center Rd, Flint, MI 48506. Evanka Elieff is at Abbey Park, 3221 E. Baldwin Rd #104, Grand Blanc, MI 48439.

BLESSED REPOSE +Alfred Keeler, husband of Lydia Keeler, brother-in-law to the late Maria & Marion Sztaba fell asleep in the Lord on Monday, April 1. Viewing and Parastas were held at Swartz Funeral Home on Wednesday, April 3. Funeral services were held in church on Thursday, April 4 followed by interment at Great Lakes National Cemetery in Holly. May God grant his servant +Alfred a Blessed Repose and rest among the saints.

General weekday schedule for Fr. Matthew

<p><u>Mondays</u> Holy Communion to those in senior care, nursing homes, rehab, hospitals, etc.</p>	<p><u>Tuesday</u> Toledo (if Toledo is Wednesday, Fr. will be in the office on Tuesday)</p>	<p><u>Wednesdays</u> Office: 9 – 3 If you would like to meet with Fr. please call to schedule an appointment.</p>	<p><u>Thursdays</u> Office Closed</p>	<p><u>Fridays</u> Homily preparation Office: 12 – 3 pm. If you would like to meet with Fr. please call to schedule an appointment.</p>
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If you need to speak with Fr. Matthew and he is not at the office, please call him on his cell phone: 810-247-4265. Appointments with Fr. Matthew can also be scheduled outside of regular office hours.

Schedule of services and events for the week of April 7, 2013

Monday, April 8

6:30 pm Compline at Assumption

Wednesday, April 10

9:00 am Lenten Hours
 6:00 pm Presanctified Liturgy at Assumption followed by Lenten Potluck
 Please bring a dish to pass (NO eggs, meat or dairy products)

Friday, April 12

6:30 pm Vespers w/Trisagion w/reading of names for Memorial Saturday

Saturday, April 13

4:30 pm **Memorial Saturday**
 Vespers followed by Confessions

Sunday, April 14

9:30 am **St. John Climacus**
 10:00 am Third Hour
 Divine Liturgy
 Church School
 1yr Parastas for the repose of +John Bibilikow

Sunday Offerings for March 31, 2013

<i>Weekly Offering Envelope</i>	\$ 1,906.00
<i>Children's Offering</i>	\$ 0.00
<i>Cemetery Maintenance</i>	\$ 10.00
<i>Charity Envelope</i>	\$ 25.00
<i>Love Inc</i>	\$ 20.00
<i>Diocesan Support</i>	\$ 10.00
<i>OCA Envelope-Missions</i>	\$ 0.00
<i>Candle Fund</i>	\$ 279.60
<i>Coffee Hour</i>	\$ 0.00
<i>Seminarian Fund</i>	\$ 15.00
<i>Loose Offering</i>	\$ 125.00
<i>Kiosk</i>	\$ 6.00
<i>Total Sunday Income March 31, 2013</i>	\$ 2,396.60
<i>Estimated Average Weekly Expenses</i>	\$ 3,496.10

<i>Actual Income</i>	\$ 45,450.71
<i>Actual Expense</i>	\$ 44,243.39
<i>+/- to date</i>	\$ 1,207.32

150 People were in attendance on Sunday March 31, 2013.

For further details, on actual Income/Expenses please refer to the latest St. Nicholas treasures report posted on the bulletin board, next to the conference room in the church hall.

