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Bulletin

St. Nicholas Orthodox Church

Orthodox Church in America

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The Gospel according to Saint Mark

16: 9-20 (3rd Matins Gospel)

Now when Jesus rose early on the first day of the week, He appeared first to Mary Magdalene, out of whom He had cast seven demons. She went and told those who had been with Him, as they mourned and wept. And when they heard that He was alive and had been seen by her, they did not believe. After that, He appeared in another form to two of them as they walked and went into the country. And they went and told it to the rest, but they did not believe them either. Later He appeared to the eleven as they sat at the table; and He rebuked their unbelief and hardness of heart, because they did not believe those who had seen Him after He had risen. And He said to them, “Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned. And these signs will follow those who believe: In My name they will cast out demons; they will speak with new tongues; they will take up serpents; and if they drink anything deadly, it will by no means hurt them; they will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover. So then, after the Lord had spoken to them, He was received up into heaven, and sat down at the right hand of God. And they went out and preached everywhere, the Lord working with them and confirming the word through the accompanying signs. Amen.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2017 SUNDAY OF CHEESEFARE — Tone 3.

Forgiveness Sunday. The Expulsion of Adam from Paradise. St. Porphyrius, Bishop of Gaza (420). Ven. Sebastian of Poshekhónsk (ca. 1500). Martyr Sebastian (1st c.).

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 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 4) Now the season of virtues has come, and the Judge is at the door. Let us not hold back with a darkened face, but offering tears, contrition and giving of alms let us keep the fast, and let us cry: Our sins are more in number than the sands of the sea, but forgive each of us, that we may receive an incorruptible crown, O Savior of all!

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 READING FROM THE EPISTLE OF THE HOLY APOSTLE PAUL TO THE ROMANS (13:11 - 14:4)

Brethren: you know what hour it is, how it is full time now for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed; the night is far gone, the day is at hand. Let us then cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us conduct ourselves becomingly as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires. As for the man who is weak in faith, welcome him, but not for disputes over opinions. One believes he may eat anything, while the weak man eats only vegetables. Let not him who eats despise him who abstains, and let not him who abstains pass judgment on him who eats; for God has welcomed him. Who are you to pass judgment on the servant of another? It is before his own master that he stands or falls. And he will be upheld, for the Master is able to make him stand.

Alleluia, Tone 6

v. It is good to give thanks to the Lord, to sing praises to Thy Name, O Most High.

v. To declare Thy mercy in the morning, and Thy truth by night.

THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO ST MATTHEW (6:14-21)

The Lord said: "For if you forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father also will forgive you; but if you do not forgive men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses. And when you fast, do not look dismal, like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces that their fasting may be seen by men. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. But when you fast, anoint your head and wash your face, that your fasting may not be seen by men but by your Father who is in secret; and your Father who

sees in secret will reward you. Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal, but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.”

COMMUNION HYMN

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

Sunday of Cheesefare: Expulsion of Adam from Paradise

As we begin the Great Fast, the Church reminds us of Adam’s expulsion from Paradise. God commanded Adam to fast (Gen. 2:16), but he did not obey. Because of their disobedience, Adam and Eve were cast out of Eden and lost the life of blessedness, knowledge of God, and communion with Him, for which they were created. Both they and their descendents became heirs of death and corruption.

Let us consider the benefits of fasting, the consequences of disobedience, and recall our fallen state. Today we are invited to cleanse ourselves of evil through fasting and obedience to God. Our fasting should not be a negative thing, a mere abstention from certain foods. It is an opportunity to free ourselves from the sinful desires and urges of our fallen nature, and to nourish our souls with prayer, repentance, to participate in church services, and partake of the life-giving Mysteries of Christ.

At Forgiveness Vespers we sing: “Let us begin the time of fasting in light, preparing ourselves for spiritual efforts. Let us purify our soul, let us purify our body. As we abstain from food, let us abstain from all passion and enjoy the virtues of the spirit...

Kontakion — Tone 6

Master, Teacher of wisdom, / Bestower of virtue, / you teach the thoughtless and protect the poor: / Strengthen and enlighten my heart. / Word of the Father, / let me not restrain my mouth from crying to you: / Have mercy on me, a transgressor, / O merciful Lord!

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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, Joseph, Helen, Jeanette,
Gloria, Reggie, Calvin, Ruth, Taras, Matushka Lisa, Anna, Stojan, Mira, Bosa,
Ted, Marlene, Nicholas, Margaret, Gladys, my family and friends

Joe Tome

Special Intention

Joe Tome

Anna Branoff and Helen Popoff

Alex and Magda Popoff

Happy Birthday Rose Goodman! God bless you and grant you many years!

Adams Family

Health and Blessings: Anna Branoff, Gloria Zelenko, Nik Evanencko, Allen Adams

Kate Stevens, Alyson Wilhelm, Bob & Cathy Edwards, Jake Kusluski

Adams Family

CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR ALL THOSE IN BLESSED REPOSE

Blesses Repose: Peter Popoff, John Naum, Thomka Brayanis, Vlado Kocovski

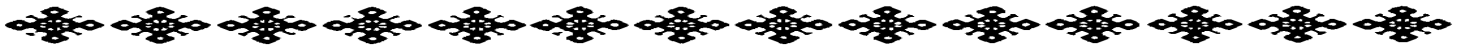
Alex and Magda Popoff

Memory Eternal: Anne Smith (1 yr.)

Adams Family

Mrs. Daba, Thomka, Alex Georgopoulos: Memory Eternal!

Adams Family



Welcome all of our friends and visitors to St. Nicholas! Please join us for fellowship and our **CHEESEFARE LUNCHEON** following the Divine Liturgy. The Menu will include pierogi, mac-n-cheese, blintzes, deviled eggs, various desserts. Free-will offerings will be accepted.

100th ANNIVERSARY BOOKS are available following the Cheesefare Luncheon. Matushka Lisa will distribute the books which are arranged alphabetically by household.

CHARITY MINISTRIES

HOPE IN A BOX is collecting deodorant for the month of March. 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 serve Thursday, March 2 from 9 am to 1 pm. Please mark your calendar and plan to be there if you can. Our numbers have been dwindling and it makes it difficult to get all of the work done when so few are there to help.

MEATFARE LUNCHEON Thank you to our St. Juliana's Guild for preparing such a delicious meal. Approximately 75 people attended the dinner with \$486 in freewill offerings (average donation: \$6.48 per person). Expenses were \$279.43. The net was \$206.57. As with all our fundraisers, 10% of this total is earmarked for Charity.

MEMORY ETERNAL

+Pauline D. Nenoff fell asleep in the Lord in Colorado on February 18, 2017. Pauline was born and raised in Bitola, Macedonia and was brought to the USA with her parents when they settled in Flint, MI. She leaves behind 6 children, 7 grandchildren, and 2 great grandchildren. Funeral services were held at St. Herman Orthodox Church (OCA), Littleton, CO. Bog da prosti!

+Samuel "Rick" Naumoff fell asleep in the Lord on Saturday evening, February 25, 2017. Visitation will be at church on Tuesday at 5 pm concluding after the Parastas at 6 pm. Viewing in church on Wednesday at 10 am followed by funeral service at 11 am. +Rick is the brother of Laurie Brock and Bob Naumoff. God grant him blessed repose among the saints! Bog da go prosti!

OFFICE SCHEDULE The office will be closed from 11:30 am to 1:00 pm this Tuesday.

KOLIVA If anyone would be willing to make koliva for the Presanctified Liturgy this coming Friday, March 3rd, please see Fr. Matthew. Thank you.

SUNDAY OF ORTHODOXY Procession is next Sunday. Anyone who would like to join our church School Children for the Procession with icons is welcome to do so. You can bring a favorite icon from home or use one from here.

PLEASE FILL OUT A PRAYER PARTNER CARD FOR LENT. If you did not fill one out already, please do so now. Pick up the card with your prayer partner's name at the veneration of the cross.

Schedule of services and events for the week of February, 26th :

Today Forgiveness Vespers following Cheesefare Luncheon

CLEAN WEEK – The 1st week of Lent

Monday, February 27

6:30 pm

GREAT LENT BEGINS

Compline w/Canon of St. Andrew of Crete

Tuesday, February 28

9:30 am

5 pm to 7 pm

6 pm

Compline w/Canon of St. Andrew of Crete

Visitation at church for +Samuel "Rick" Naumoff

Parastas

Wednesday, March 1

10:00 am

11:00 am

6:30 pm

Visitation at church for +Samuel "Rick" Naumoff

Funeral

Compline w/Canon of St. Andrew of Crete

Thursday, March 2

9 am to 1 pm

6:30 pm

Fr. in Toledo

North End Soup Kitchen

Compline w/Canon of St. Andrew of Crete

Friday, March 3

6:00 pm

Fr. Matthew out of office

Presanctified with blessing of Koliva followed by Lenten potluck

Saturday, March 4

9:30 am

10:00 am

5:00 pm

ST. THEODORE'S SATURDAY

Confessions

Liturgy

Vespers

Sunday, March 5

9:30 am

10:00 am

1ST SUNDAY OF LENT - SUNDAY OF ORTHODOXY

Third Hour

Divine Liturgy/Procession w/Icons

Church School

Offerings for the week February 19, 2017

<i>Weekly Offerings</i>	\$1727.00
<i>Estimated Average Weekly Expenses</i>	\$4,034.03
	-\$2307.03

*92 people were in attendance on
Sunday, February 19, 2017*