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Bulletin

St. Nicholas Orthodox Church

Orthodox Church in America

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SUNDAY, JANUARY 10, 2016 32nd SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST — Tone 7. Afterfeast of the Theophany. Sunday after Theophany. St. Gregory, Bishop of Nyssa (4th c.). St. Dometian, Bishop of Melitene (601). St. Marcian, Presbyter, of Constantinople (5th c.). Ven. Paul, Abbot of Obnora (Vologdá—1429). Ven. Macarius, Abbot, of Pisma (14th c.). Bl. Theosebia the Deaconess, sister of Ss. Basil the Great and Gregory of Nyssa (385). Ven. Antipas the Athonite (1882). St. Theophan the Recluse, Bishop of Tambov (1894).

FIRST ANTIPHON

When Israel went forth from Egypt, the house of Jacob from a people of strange language.

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

Judah became His sanctuary, Israel His dominion.

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

The sea looked and fled, Jordan turned back.

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

What ails you, O sea, that you flee? O Jordan, that you turn back? **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

I love the Lord because He has heard the voice of my supplication.

O Son of God baptized in the Jordan, save us who sing to Thee: Alleluia!

Because He inclined His ear to me, therefore I will call on Him as long as I live.

O Son of God baptized in the Jordan, save us who sing to Thee: Alleluia!

The snares of death encompassed me; the pangs of hell laid hold on me. I suffered distress and anguish, then I called upon the name of the Lord.

O Son of God baptized in the Jordan, save us who sing to Thee: Alleluia!

Gracious and righteous is the Lord, and our God is merciful.

O Son of God baptized in the Jordan, 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

O give thanks to the Lord, for He is good, for His mercy endures forever!

(Tone 1) When Thou, O Lord, wast baptized in the Jordan, the worship of the Trinity was made manifest! For the voice of the Father bare witness to Thee, and called Thee His beloved Son! And the Spirit, in the form of a dove, confirmed the truthfulness of His word. O Christ our God, Who hast revealed Thyself and hast enlightened the world, glory to Thee!

Let the house of Israel say: For He is good, for His mercy endures forever!

When Thou, O Lord, wast baptized in the Jordan, the worship of the Trinity was made manifest! For the voice of the Father bare witness to Thee, and called Thee His beloved Son! And the Spirit, in the form of a dove, confirmed the truthfulness of His word. O Christ our God, Who hast revealed Thyself and hast enlightened the world, glory to Thee!

Let the house of Aaron say: For He is good, for His mercy endures forever!

When Thou, O Lord, wast baptized in the Jordan, the worship of the Trinity was made manifest! For the voice of the Father bare witness to Thee, and called Thee His beloved Son! And the Spirit, in the form of a dove, confirmed the truthfulness of His word. O Christ our God, Who hast revealed Thyself and hast enlightened the world, glory to Thee!

Let those who fear the Lord say: For He is good, for His mercy endures forever!

When Thou, O Lord, wast baptized in the Jordan, the worship of the Trinity was made manifest! For the voice of the Father bare witness to Thee, and called Thee His beloved Son! And the Spirit, in the form of a dove, confirmed the truthfulness of His word. O Christ our God, Who hast revealed Thyself and hast enlightened the world, glory to Thee!

THE SMALL ENTRANCE

Deacon: Wisdom! Let us attend!

Choir: Come, let us worship and fall down before Christ...

TROPARIA

(Tone 7) By Thy Cross, Thou didst destroy death! To the thief, Thou didst open Paradise! For the myrrhbearers, Thou didst change weeping into joy! And Thou didst command Thy disciples, O Christ God, to proclaim that Thou art risen, granting the world great mercy!

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(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) Today Thou hast appeared to the universe, and Thy light, O Lord, hast shone on us, who with understanding praise Thee: Thou hast come and revealed Thyself, O Light Unapproachable!

The Prokeimenon in the First Tone: Let Thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us / as we have set our hope on Thee. v. Rejoice in the Lord, O ye righteous! Praise befits the just!

THE READING FROM THE EPISTLE OF THE HOLY APOSTLE PAUL TO THE EPHESIANS (4:7-13)

Brethren: Grace was given to each of us according to the measure of Christ's gift. Therefore it is said, "When he ascended on high he led a host of captives, and he gave gifts to men." (In saying, "He ascended," what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? He who descended is he who also ascended far above all the heavens, that he might fill all things.) And his gifts were that some should be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ.

Alleluia, Tone 5

v. I will sing of Thy mercies, O Lord, forever; with my mouth I will proclaim Thy truth from generation to generation.

v. For Thou hast said: Mercy will be established forever; Thy truth will be prepared in the heavens.

THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO SAINT MATTHEW (4:12-17) At that time when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew into Galilee; and leaving Nazareth he went and dwelt in Caper'na-um by the sea, in the territory of Zeb'ulun and Naph'tali, that what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: "The land of Zeb'ulun and the land of Naph'tali, toward the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles -- the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned." From that time Jesus began to preach, saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."

COMMUNION HYMN

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

THE OUTDOOR BLESSING OF WATER WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE DIVINE LITURGY.

EVERYONE, PLEASE JOIN US FOR OUR ANNUAL EPIPHANY BANQUET FOLLOWING THE BLESSING OF WATER.

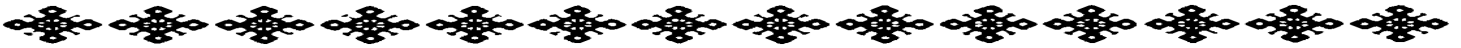
PARISH HEALTH INVENTORY (continued from last week)

5. Authentic Community: Atmosphere of love and honest fellowship, entry and incorporation of new members, connectedness to larger Church, appropriate facilities. Enabled by an ability to dialogue openly, healthy parishes work hard to establish a culture in which their identity as Orthodox Christians is lived out in such a manner that anyone who enters can see the hallmarks of Christian community: love, selfless giving, mutual encouragement, forgiveness, kindness, patience, hospitality and compassion. Christ can be recognized in their midst. People linger, smile and laugh. Healthy parishes think through ways to assimilate new members; that is, they "make room" for others. They see themselves not as independent congregations, but as interdependent with other Orthodox Christian communities.

6. Christian Formation: Spirituality, education, financial generosity. Supported by an appropriately comprehensive parish-wide education effort, vibrant parish communities develop a commitment to life-long learning and personal spiritual growth and change. Educational efforts are informational, formational and transformational—incorporating self-study, experience events and mentoring in addition to books and classes. There is a clear focus on understanding and living Orthodox spirituality—life in the Holy Spirit. Stewardship is taught in the particular context of gratitude and generosity and love of neighbor.

7. Active Service: Discernment of gifts, effective ministries. Clergy offer consistent endorsement to members as they discern how they can best contribute to the community. Members are regularly and actively encouraged to discover their gifts and to use them for the glory of God. An appropriate set of internally and externally focused ministries provides ample opportunity for people to put their gifts and talents to work.

8. Spreading the Gospel: Parish evangelization atmosphere, personal evangelization practice, sensitivity to spiritual needs of others, external communication. Healthy parishes do not see themselves as "closed" communities—coveting the Good News as "our little secret" delivered to "our people." They consistently work to shine their light in the community in which they exist with an evangelistic intent not primarily centered on numerical growth, but rather on the desire to bring others to Christ. The parish does not want to get everything "right on the inside" *before* reaching out, but consistently works to make things right on the inside *while* reaching out.



CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR THE HEALTH AND BLESSINGS OF

Larissa & Dan Lesko, Anton Petrenko, Michael & Jennifer Lesko Larissa Lesko
Special Intention Joe Tome
Fr. Joe, Fr. Moses, Fr. Lavrenty, Deacon Anthony, Aaron, John, Gloria, Laurie,
Anne, Anna, Walt & Zina, Dorothy, Jeanette, Reggie, Stojan & Mira, Bosa,
Joseph, Helen, Ted & Marlene, Fr. David, Gladys, my family & friends at
St. Nicholas..... Joe Tome

ETERNAL LIGHT

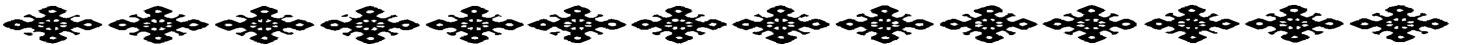
Galina, Adelaida, Feodosiy, Oleg, Irina, Nikolay, Nikolay..... Irina Sivergina
Health & God’s Blessings John & Rose Goodman Dorothy & Family

CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR ALL THOSE IN BLESSED REPOSE

Joe Gonser-15yrs Blessed Repose, John “Jack” Skolnik, Tony Branoff-Memory Eternal... Adams Family

ETERNAL LIGHT

Vasiliy, Galina, Vitaliy, Alla..... Irina Sivergina



Welcome all of our friends and visitors to St. Nicholas! Please join us for our traditional Theophany Banquet. Welcome to our Father and Bishop Alexander! We rejoice to have you here with us today.

THEOPHANY BANQUET will be held following the Divine Liturgy. The menu will consist of Lamb or Rice, Vegetables, Bread & Butter, Salad, Dessert and Drinks. Adults \$12, children 12 and under \$6.

100th ANNIVERSARY PILGRIM ICON The is a sign-up sheet in the narthex for parishioners to take the icon to their homes a week at a time. There is a special carrying case for the icon and a card with prayers you can offer before the image of the Mother of God.

THEOPHANY HOUSE BLESSINGS have begun. If you would like Fr. Matthew to bless your home, return a completed Theophany House Blessings form to the parish office. The forms were included in the January bulletin, extras are also available at the candle stand.

100TH ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE will meet on Tuesday, January 12 at 5:45 pm in the parish hall.

PARISH COUNCIL will meet on Tuesday, January 12 at 6:45 pm. All members must attend this meeting. Please remember to pick up your packets before leaving today. They are on the table in front of Debbie’s office.

CHARITY MINISTRIES

HOPE IN A BOX is collecting Toilet Paper for January. 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 next serve **Thursday, February 4 from 9 am to 1 pm.**

ST. CATHERINE’S DINNER OUT will be held on Tuesday, January 19 at Italia Gardens in Davison at 6:30 pm. All of the ladies of the parish are invited to join us. Please see Stephanie Stikovitch or Lucy Hogg to make your reservation.

4th ANNUAL PAN ORTHODOX WINTER DINNER to support the Dormition Monastery in Rives Junction will be held on Thursday, January 28 at St. George. Reservations need to be made not later than Sunday, January 24. An informational flier is included in your January bulletin. You may also see Deborah Gonser-Adams for more information and to make your reservation(s).

OLD PHOTOS We are looking for some old photos from past Theophany's. We are in need of photos of Fr. Raphael blessing the water and the men holding the guns. If you have any photos, please let Debbie know A.S.A.P.

Schedule of services and events for the week of January 10:

Tuesday, January 12

5:45 pm Communion Calls in Bay City & Caro
 6:45 pm 100th Anniversary Committee Meeting
 Parish Council Meeting

Wednesday, January 13

9:00 am Divine Liturgy
 11:00 am Adult Education

Saturday, January 16

5:00 pm Vespers
****Please Note the Time Change****

Sunday, January 17

9:30 am Third Hour
 10:00 am Divine Liturgy
 Church School

Offerings for the week January 3, 2013

<i>Weekly Offerings</i>	\$1,300.00
<i>Estimated Average Weekly Expenses</i>	\$5,255.62
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*91 people were in attendance on Sunday,
 January 3, 2016*

“Woe to you Pharisees, because you give God a tenth of your mint, rue and all other kinds of garden herbs, but you neglect justice and the love of God. You should have practiced the latter without leaving the former undone.” **Luke 11:42**