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SUNDAY, JANUARY 15, 2012 31ST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – Tone 6.
Tone 6 Ven. Paul of Thebes (341) and John Calabytes (“the Hut-dweller”)—(5th c.). Ven. Pansophius of Alexandria, Martyr (ca. 249-251). Ven. Prochorus, Abbot, in the Vranski desert on the River Pshina in Bulgaria (10th c.). Ven. Gabriel, founder of Lesnovo Monastery in Bulgaria (11th c.).

TROPARIA

(Tone 6) The angelic powers were at Thy tomb the guards became as dead men. Mary stood by Thy grave, seeking Thy most pure Body. Thou didst capture hell, not being tempted by it. Thou didst come to the Virgin, granting life. O Lord who didst rise from the dead: glory to Thee!

(Tone 4) O God of our Fathers who ever deals with us according to Thy tender compassion, withdraw not Thy mercy from us, but by the intercessions of our Fathers Gabriel and Prochorus direct our lives in peace.

(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 1) By Your Nativity You sanctified the Virgin’s womb and blessed Simeon’s hands, O Christ God. Now You have come and saved us through love. Grant peace to all Orthodox Christians, O only Lover of Man.

The Prokeimenon in the Seventh Tone: Precious in the sight of the Lord / is the death of His saints.

v: What shall I render unto the Lord for all that He hath rendered unto me?

THE EPISTLE OF THE HOLY APOSTLE PAUL TO THE GALATIANS

(5:22-6:2) Brethren, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such there is no law. And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. If we live by the Spirit, let us also walk by the Spirit. Let us have no self-conceit, no provoking of one another, no envy of one another. Brethren, if a man is overtaken in any trespass, you who are spiritual should restore him in a spirit of gentleness. Look to yourself, lest you too be tempted. Bear one another’s burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ.

Alleluia, Tone 6

v: He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will abide in the shadow of the heavenly God.

v: He will say to the Lord: “My Protector and my Refuge; my God, in Whom I trust!”

THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO SAINT LUKE (17:12-19)

At that time as Jesus entered a village, he was met by ten lepers, who stood at a distance and lifted up their voices and said, “Jesus, Master, have mercy on us.” When he saw them he said to them, “Go and show yourselves to the priests.” And as they went they were cleansed. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice; and he fell on his face at Jesus’ feet, giving him thanks. Now he was a Samaritan. Then said Jesus, “Were not ten cleansed? Where are the nine? Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?” And he said to him, “Rise and go your way; your faith has made you well.”

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

On January 21 we remember Saint Maximus the Confessor, who was born in the year 580 in Constantinople. He defended the faith so uncompromisingly that he is one of the great Fathers of the Church.

Maximus did not start out to be a monk or priest. His parents were members of the nobility, and he was highly intelligent and well-educated. When offered an important position in the court of the Emperor Heraclius, the young man accepted it and filled it very well.

But Maximus soon realized that the imperial court was not the place for him. He gave up his position and joined a monastic community outside the city. This was the right choice; he loved the monastic life and later became abbot of the monastery. His prayer life guided him to read, study and write about Jesus Christ with great depth of understanding.

Life, though, was not destined to be peaceful. In the year 626 his monastery was invaded and dismantled. The monks were forced to leave, and Maximus fled from Alexandria to Carthage, and from Carthage to Rome.

It was in Rome that he met Pope Martin I, with whom he discovered a very important common interest. Both of these scholarly, pious men opposed a false teaching about Jesus Christ called monothelism. Those who adhered to this teaching said that He had only one will—His divine will.

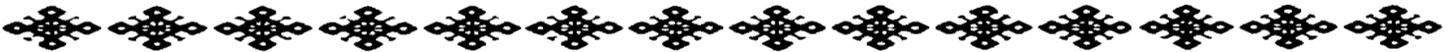
For Maximus and Martin, this was a dangerous falsehood because it undermined Jesus' complete and real humanity. To be the Savior of humanity, Maximus said, Jesus had to have two wills: His divine will as Son of God, and His human will as truly one of us.

Unfortunately, the Patriarch accepted the Monothelite teaching. Even worse, the Emperor himself accepted it, largely for political reasons. So Maximus was accused of treason, taken back to Constantinople against his will, and thrown into prison where he languished for years. But he staunchly defended the faith, and the true humanity of the incarnate God, throughout all those years.

When he was in his early eighties, Maximus was finally sentenced. His tongue was cut out so that he could no longer speak "treasonous" words, and his hand was cut off so he could no longer write them. He endured all this, as well as exile, public humiliation and beatings, still insisting that Jesus Christ had possessed a human will and a divine will. Many years later, at the Sixth Ecumenical Council which took place about two decades after his death, the Church exonerated him and declared his teachings to be true.

Saint Maximus once wrote, "To harbor no envy, no anger, no resentment against an offender is still not the same as having love for that person. It is possible, without any love, to avoid rendering evil for evil. But to render good for evil—that is the quality of perfect spiritual love." These words have special power because they come from a man who suffered so cruelly for no crime except defending the truth.

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CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR THE HEALTH & BLESSINGS OF

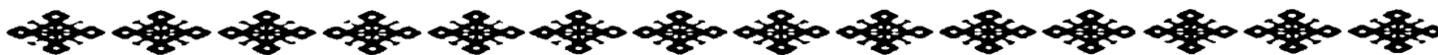
Health, Speedy Recovery & God's Blessings for Bosa Kantar	Her Children & Grandchildren
Katherine Gonser Hopkins, Dorothy Campbell, Mickey Gonser, Allen Adams	Deborah Gonser-Adams
Health & God's Blessings Mira Prusac, Bosa Kantar, John & Gloria Zelenko Joe Eckert.....	Rosemary Vuckovich
Health & God's blessings Olga Haw & Family, Fred Oginsky, Carol & Jerry Smith, Fr. John & Matushka Olga Govrusik, Families of Oginsky, Kuptz, Miculka, Sick & shut-ins of St. Nicholas	Anne Smith
Health & Blessings Mary Naumoff.....	Loomis Family
Health & God's Blessings Mira Prusac, Bosa Kantar, John & Gloria Zelenko Joe Eckert.....	Peter & Jo Sredich
Deacon Anthony, David, Dora Lee, Anna, Reggie, Bosa, Allen & Deborah, Elaine, John & Gloria, Mary, Michael, Alex, Fr. David, Ted, Gladys, My family & friends	J. Tome
Special Intention	Dennis & Sharon Jernigan
Health & God's Blessings Evdokia Naumoff, Helen Ethington	Joe & Dorothy Goodman
Health & God's Blessings Iliana Ragnone.....	Mom & Dad
Special Intention Diane, Arthur Zambito & Family, Nancy, Ken & Maggie, Pat Miculka, Helen & Doug Phillips, Nick Zambito, Gloria & John Zelenko, Gladys Edwards, Anne Smith.....	Anne Smith
Health for all the Panoff's in the New Year.....	Angelo & Christine
Special Intention	J. Tome
Safe trip for Mark Houser	Grandma Allison
Happy Birthday Katherine Arnes, Lois Miculka, Stella Nedanis, Happy Anniversary Randall & Diane Broadfoot	Anne Smith
Health & Blessings Mary Naumoff.....	Harold & Laurie Brock
Health & Blessings Joe Eckert, Bosa Kantar	Joe & Dorothy Goodman
Health & Blessings Bosa Kantar	Allison Borkovich

ETERNAL LIGHT AT ALTAR

Health & God's blessings Evanka Elieff	Johnny Kantor & Jo Ann Havens
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CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR ALL THOSE IN BLESSED REPOSE

Walter Borkovich	Bosa Kantar
Carl Smith & our son, Anna Chema, Joe Oginsky, Fr. Boris Kizenko, Emma & Ed Stockman, Gilbert & Doris Peterson, Helen Doyle, Arthur & Katherine Zambito, Shuko & Richard Phillips.....	Anne Smith
Walter Borkovich	Joe & Dorothy Goodman
Blessed Repose Walter Borkovich.....	Rosemary Vuckovich
Blessed Repose Kum Walter Borkovich.....	Kumovi Peter & Jo
Memory Eternal-Lewis Elieff.....	Evanka & Family



ANNOUNCEMENTS

We welcome all of our friends and visitors to St. Nicholas.

There will be a 40 day Parastas for the repose of +Walter Borkovich today following the veneration of the cross. Coffee and donuts are being donated today in Walter’s memory by his family.

Annual Meeting The Annual Meeting of Saint Nicholas Parish will be held on Sunday, January 29, 2012 beginning with a short prayer service after the Divine Liturgy. The Meeting will then reconvene in the Parish Hall. All parish organizations should prepare a report to be given at this meeting. A Sloppy Joe luncheon will be served.

Parish Council at the council meeting that was held on Monday, January 9, the following officers were elected; Mike Stikovich-President, Marla Houser-Vice President, Johnny Kantor-Treasurer, Stephanie Stikovich-Secretary. Cathy Steiner was elected as a non-officer to the executive board. The following were elected as chairperson(s) of a committee: Dave Houser & Dennis Goodman– Maintenance; Reggie Jehnsen – Cemetery; Stephanie Stikovich- Ways-and-Means. The chair people would appreciate any assistance from the parish.

House Blessings have begun and will continue through February 24. Please fill out the House Blessing form that you received in your January bulletin and return it to the parish office. Extra forms are available at the candle stand.

St. Catherine’s League will have their annual Dinner Out at Lucky’s (Davison) on Thursday, January 19 at 5:30pm. See Roseanne or Rosemary for your reservation if you would like to join them.

Congratulations to Alfred Keeler husband of Lydia Keeler. Alfred was received into the Orthodox faith on Monday, December 26, 2011.

Elizabeth Stojanovski, who recently graduated from nursing school as a Registered Nurse. She will begin her career as a nurse at William Beaumont Hospital of Troy. Elizabeth is the daughter of Lazar & Jelica Trpcevski and the granddaughter of proud grandparents Atanas & Kathy Sozovski.

Food Van: Due to the first weekend of January having been a holiday weekend, the Catholic Charities Food Van will not be here today. If you have brought items for today, we can store the items until the van is here next weekend. Thank you for your continued generosity.

Schedule of services and events for the week of January 15, 2012

Tuesday, January 17
9:00 am **St. Anthony the Great**
Divine Liturgy

Thursday, January 19
5:30 pm St. Catherine's Dinner Out

Saturday, January 21
4:30 pm Great Vespers
5:30 pm Choir Practice

Sunday, January 22
9:30 am Third Hour
10:00 am Divine Liturgy

The 40 day Parastas for the repose of +Domna (Batzos) Panagiotopolous will be held on Friday, January 27, not January 22 as indicated in the January bulletin.

Sunday Offerings for January 8, 2012

Weekly Income	
<i>Weekly Offering Envelope</i>	\$ 2,010.00
<i>Children's Offering</i>	\$ 0.00
<i>Cemetery Maintenance</i>	\$ 50.00
<i>Charity Envelope</i>	\$ 0.00
<i>Diocesan Support</i>	\$ 0.00
<i>OCA Envelope Charities</i>	\$ 0.00
<i>Candle Fund</i>	\$ 305.00
<i>Kitchen/Coffee</i>	\$ 0.00
<i>Seminarian Fund</i>	\$ 0.00
<i>Loose Offering</i>	\$ 26.00
<i>Kiosk</i>	\$ 0.00
<i>Total Income</i>	\$2,391.00
<i>Avg. Weekly Budget</i>	\$3,798.56
<i>+/- Budget</i>	-\$1,407.56

<i>Income to date</i>	\$6,730.28
<i>Expense to date</i>	\$5,585.92
<i>+/- to date</i>	\$1,144.36

131 People were in attendance on Sunday January 8, 2012.