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*Bulletin*

*St. Nicholas Orthodox Church*

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### **The Gospel according to Saint John**

#### **20:1-10 (7th Matins Gospel)**

Now on the first day of the week Mary Magdalene went to the tomb early, while it was still dark, and saw that the stone had been taken away from the tomb. Then she ran and came to Simon Peter, and to the other disciple, whom Jesus loved, and said to them, “They have taken away the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid Him.” Peter therefore went out, and the other disciple, and were going to the tomb. So they both ran together, and the other disciple outran Peter and came to the tomb first. And he, stooping down and looking in, saw the linen cloths lying there; yet he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb; and he saw the linen cloths lying there, and the handkerchief that had been around His head, not lying with the linen cloths, but folded together in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who came to the tomb first, went in also; and he saw and believed. For as yet they did not know the Scripture, that He must rise again from the dead. Then the disciples went away again to their own homes.

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 8, 2017 29th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST — Tone 4. Afterfeast of the Theophany. Sunday after Theophany. Ven. George the Chozebite, Abbot (6th c.). Ven. Domnica of Constantinople (474). St. Emilian the Confessor, Bishop of Cyzicus (9th c.). Ven. Gregory, Wonderworker of the Kiev Caves (Near Caves—1093). Ven. Gregory the Recluse, of the Kiev Caves (Far Caves—13th-14th c.). Hieromartyr Isidore and 72 others at Yuriev (Estonia—1472). St. Paisius of Uglich (1504). Hieromartyr Carterius of Cæsarea in Cappadocia (304). Martyrs Theophilus the Deacon, and Helladius, in Libya (4th c.). Martyrs Julian and his wife, Basilissa, and with them Marcionilla, her son Celsus, Anthony, Anastasius, 7 children and 20 soldiers, at Antinoë in Egypt (313). Ven. Elias the Hermit, of Egypt (4th c.). Martyr Abo the Perfumer, of Tiflis (Georgia—790).**

### **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!**

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

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

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### **THE SMALL ENTRANCE**

**Deacon:** Wisdom! Let us attend!

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

### **TROPARIA**

**(Tone 4)** When the women Disciples of the Lord learned from the Angel the joyous message of the Resurrection, they cast away the ancestral curse and elatedly told the Apostles: “Death is overthrown! Christ God is 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.**

Theophany is the Feast which reveals the Most Holy Trinity to the world through the Baptism of the Lord (Mt.3:13-17; Mark 1:9-11; Luke 3:21-22). God the Father spoke from Heaven about the Son, the Son was baptized by the Saint John the Forerunner, and the Holy Spirit descended upon the Son in the form of a dove. From ancient times this Feast was called the Day of Illumination and the Feast of Lights, since God is Light and

has appeared to illumine “those who sat in darkness,” and “in the region of the shadow of death” (Mt.4:16), and to save the fallen race of mankind by grace.

In the ancient Church it was the custom to baptize catechumens at the Vespers of Theophany, so that Baptism also is revealed as the spiritual illumination of mankind.

The origin of the Feast of Theophany goes back to Apostolic times, and it is mentioned in The Apostolic Constitutions (Book V:13). From the second century we have the testimony of Saint Clement of Alexandria concerning the celebration of the Baptism of the Lord, and the night vigil before this Feast.

There is a third century dialogue about the services for Theophany between the holy martyr Hippolytus and Saint Gregory the Wonderworker. In the following centuries, from the fourth to ninth century, all the great Fathers of the Church: Gregory the Theologian, John Chrysostom, Ambrose of Milan, John of Damascus, commented on the Feast of Theophany.

The monks Joseph the Studite, Theophanes and Byzantios composed much liturgical music for this Feast, which is sung at Orthodox services even today. Saint John of Damascus said that the Lord was baptized, not because He Himself had need for cleansing, but “to bury human sin by water,” to fulfill the Law, to reveal the mystery of the Holy Trinity, and finally, to sanctify “the nature of water” and to offer us the form and example of Baptism.

On the Feast of the Baptism of Christ, the Holy Church proclaims our faith in the most sublime mystery, incomprehensible to human intellect, of one God in three Persons. It teaches us to confess and glorify the Holy Trinity, one in Essence and Indivisible. It exposes and overthrows the errors of ancient teachings which attempted to explain the Creator of the world by reason, and in human terms.

The Church shows the necessity of Baptism for believers in Christ, and it inspires us with a sense of deep gratitude for the illumination and purification of our sinful nature. The Church teaches that our salvation and cleansing from sin is possible only by the power of the grace of the Holy Spirit, therefore it is necessary to preserve worthily these gifts of the grace of holy Baptism, keeping clean this priceless garb, for “As many as have been baptized into Christ, have put on Christ” (Gal 3:27).



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**CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR THE HEALTH AND BLESSINGS OF**

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| God’s Blessings for good health to our family for the New Year.....   | Angelo & Christine  |
| Special Intention .....   | Joe Tome            |
| Health & Blessing for Chick and Joe .....   | Jo Ann Havens       |
| Health & Blessings Anna Branoff, Helen Popoff .....   | Alex & Magda Popoff |
| Fr. Joe, Fr. Andrew, Deacon Anthony, Aaron, Jo Ann, Nicolai, Kosta, Jimmy,<br>Laurie, Walt & Zina, Dorothy, Helen, Joseph, Jeanette, Gloria, Reggie,<br>Calvin & Ruth, Taras, Anna, Stojan & Mira, Bosa, Ted & Marlene,<br>Nicholas & Margaret, Gladys, my family & friends ..... | Joe Tome            |

**CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR ALL THOSE IN BLESSED REPOSE**

Blessed Repose Peter Popoff & John Naum ..... Alex & Magda Popoff  
Newly Departed Bill Sullivan..... Dorothy & family



Welcome all of our friends and visitors to St. Nicholas! Please join us for our annual Theophany Banquet in the parish hall following the Divine Liturgy. The meal is \$12 for adults and \$6 for children 12 and under.

**PARISH COUNCIL** will meet on Tuesday, January 10 at 6:45 pm. Everyone MUST attend this meeting. Please pick up your packets before leaving today. They are on the table leading into the parish hall.

**ANNUAL MEETING** The Annual Meeting of Saint Nicholas Parish will be held next Sunday, January 15. A pizza lunch will be held, \$5 for adults, \$2.50 for children. There will be a \$100 cash raffle at the end of the meeting. **YOU MUST BE IN ATTENDANCE TO WIN!**

**DOVES FOR THEOPHANY** if you like to donate toward the cost of the Doves please see Debbie. The cost for the 3 doves is \$175 or \$58.33 per dove.

**CHARITY MINISTRIES**

**FOCUS FLINT** is having a Hat & Glove Drive December, 15- January, 15. All of the hats and gloves that are collected will be distributed to children in FLINT! We are in need of child size hats and gloves. There is a large box in the parish hall to place them in. If you have any questions see Subdeacon Johnny Kantor.

**HOPE IN A BOX** is collecting toilet paper for the month of 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 serve Thursday, February 2 from 9 am to 1 pm.

**5<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL PAN-ORTHODOX WINTER DINNER** to support the Dormition Monastery in Rives Junction will be held on Thursday, January 19 at St. George. Make your reservations now. If you have any questions or would like to make a monetary or drink (wine) donation see Calvin & Ruth Conrad or call them at 810-793-0101.

**TEXT MESSAGING** To help us better communicate with our parishioners we would like to start utilizing text messaging. We will be using REMIND. This will work on both types of cell phones. If you would like to receive text messages from church, please sign up using the sign-up sheet located at the candle stand.

**SAVE THE DATE** Friday, February 3, 2017 Soup Per Bowl at the Center for Hope Soup Kitchen, lower level of St. Michaels Church. Handcrafted bowls will be made available. For more information call 810-785-6911.

***Schedule of services and events for the week of January 8:***

Monday, January 9

Communion call in Bay City & Caro

Tuesday, January 10

6: 45 pm  
6-8 pm

Communion calls  
Parish Council Meeting  
Book Club @ St. George

Wednesday, January 11

9 am  
11 am

Divine Liturgy  
Adult Education

Saturday, January 14

5 pm

Vespers

Sunday, January 15

9: 30 am  
10 am

Third Hour  
Divine Liturgy  
Annual Meeting  
Church School

**Offerings for the week January 1, 2017**

<i>Weekly Offerings</i>	\$1,739.00
<i>Estimated Average Weekly Expenses</i>	\$4,034.03
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*75 people were in attendance on  
Sunday, January 1, 2017*

Luke 11:42

<sup>42</sup>“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.