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Bulletin

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SUNDAY, JUNE 17, 2012 2ND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST - Tone 1. ALL SAINTS OF AMERICA. Martyrs Manuel, Sabel, and Ismael, of Persia (362).

TROPARIA

(Tone 1) When the stone had been sealed by the Jews, while the soldiers were guarding Thy most pure body, Thou didst rise on the third day, O Savior, granting life to the world. The powers of heaven therefore cried to Thee, O Giver of Life: “Glory to Thy Resurrection, O Christ! Glory to Thy Kingdom! // Glory to Thy dispensation, O Thou Who lovest mankind!”

(Tone 8) As the bountiful harvest of Your sowing of salvation, / the lands of North America offer to You, O Lord, all the saints who have shone in them. / By their prayers keep the Church and our land in abiding peace // through the Theotokos, O most Merciful One!

(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 6) Protection of Christians never failing, Mediatrix before the Creator, ever constant. Do not despise the voice of prayer of sinners, but in your goodness come to help us who faithfully call upon you. Hasten to entreat, hurry to pray, O Theotokos, interceding always for those honor you.

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 you righteous! Praise befits the just!

THE READING FROM THE EPISTLE OF THE HOLY APOSTLE PAUL TO THE ROMANS (2:10-16) *Brethren:* glory and honor and peace for everyone who does good, the Jew first and also the Greek. For God shows no partiality. All who have sinned without the law will also perish without the law, and all who have sinned under the law will be judged by the law. For it is not the hearers of the law who are righteous before God, but the doers of the law who will be justified. When Gentiles who have not the law do by nature what the law requires, they are a law to themselves, even though they do not have the law. They show that what the law requires is written on their hearts, while their conscience also bears witness and their conflicting thoughts accuse or perhaps excuse them on that day when, according to my gospel, God judges the secrets of men by Christ Jesus.

Alleluia, Tone 1

v. God gives vengeance to me, and subdues people under me.

v. He magnifies the salvation of the king, and deals mercifully with His Christ, with David and his seed forever.

THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO SAINT MATTHEW (4:18-23) At that time, as Jesus walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon who is called Peter and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea; for they were fishermen. And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men." Immediately they left their nets and followed him.

And going on from there he saw two other brothers, James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, in the boat with Zebedee their father, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him. And he went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and preaching the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every infirmity among the people.

COMMUNION HYMN

Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous! Praise befits the just! Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

The Epistle reading for June 22, which is Romans 9: 6-19, contains some uncompromising words of Saint Paul.

Paul writes that it is God's prerogative to treat people as He wishes to, even when that treatment seems unfair to us human beings. He cites God's words to Moses: "I will have mercy on whom I will have mercy, and compassion on whom I will have compassion." Paul comments that "it depends not upon man's will or exertion, but upon God's mercy."

Then Paul acknowledges the injustice that some people might see in this. He writes, "You will say to me then, 'Why does He still find fault? For who can resist His will?' "In other words, why does God judge us if our actions, good or bad, have no effect on our salvation anyway?

Paul's answer in the next verses (read on June 25) is unequivocal: "But who are you, a man, to answer back to God? Will what is molded say to its molder, 'Why have you made me thus?' "In the chapters that follow, Paul will make clear his certainty that everything God does, including things so hard for us to understand, are part of His plan to bring every willing person to salvation. But for now it is not our place to question or second-guess what He does.

On June 23rd we remember a sixteenth-century saint, Artemius, who is referred to as a "righteous child wonderworker" and who lived in the Russian village of Verkola. The story of his life is another reminder that we shouldn't second-guess God.

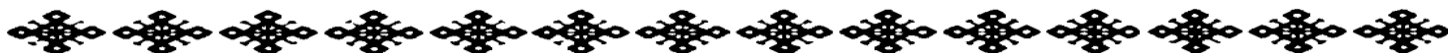
Even as a small boy, Artemius had been kind, contemplative and quietly cheerful, so that many people called him a child of God. But tragedy struck when he was just twelve. He was helping his father in the open fields when a thunderstorm came up so quickly that the two had no time to run for shelter. A bolt of lightning struck Artemius dead.

Instead of remembering Artemius' godly qualities as signs of God's love, the villagers adhered to the old superstition that his manner of death, at so young an age, was a sign of God's displeasure. They denied him a proper funeral and burial, and his body was left in the forest, covered only by tree branches.

But many years later, people noticed a light shining over the place where he was lying, and when his body was uncovered it was just as it had always been—there was no corruption or ruin. Realizing that God had shown His young child to be a saint, the villagers took his body to church, and his relics were a source of healing for many. Later, a monastery was built with Saint Artemius as its patron.

Though the Bolsheviks hacked the young saint's relics to pieces in 1918 and threw them into a well, the power of his example stays strong. We needn't second-guess God about our own destinies, or about those whom He has chosen as His saints.

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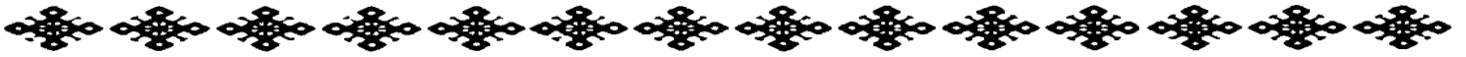


CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR THE HEALTH & BLESSINGS OF

Deacon Anthony, David, Anna, Diane, Helen, Reggie, Bosa, Allen & Deborah, Elaine, Mary, Christine, Walter, John & Gloria, Jeanette, Michael, Alex, Ted, Fr. David, Gladys, My family & friends	J. Tome
Health & Blessings for Deacon Kerry & Kathy Gonser on their anniversary- June 10 22yrs.....	Numka & Numko
Health & God's Blessings Linda Branoff.....	Dennis & Eileen
Happy Anniversary & God's Blessings Joe & Dorothy Goodman, Brian & Tammy Arnes, Happy Birthday & God's Blessings Dennis Jernigan & Angelo Panoff.....	Anne Smith
Prayers & God's Blessings Dennis, Sharon & Charlie Jernigan	Rosemary Vuckovich
Health & Blessings Diane Todorovsky, Linda Branoff	Anna Branoff
Health for Angelo Panoff on his birthday June 11, 2012	Christine
Health & God's Blessings on Father's Day for our Jedo	P.J., Kyle, Iliana, Adam, Eli, Emma &
Kara	
Health & God's Blessings Jerry & Carol Smith, Diane Todorovsky, V. Rev. John W. Govrusik & Matushka Olga, Families of Oginsky, Miculka, Lyon & Kuptz, Sick & shut-ins of St. Nicholas.....	Anne Smith
Thanksgiving for 22yrs of marriage with Deacon Kerry.....	His wife
Evdokia Ponomarenko, Linda Branoff, John & Gloria Zelenko.....	Lucy Hogg
Happy Birthday & God's Blessings Eileen (June 20) & Dennis (June 21) Goodman, Health & God's Blessings for a speedy recovery Karen Harrison & Linda Branoff	John & Rose Goodman
Special Intention Diane, Arthur Zambito & Family, Nancy, Ken & Maggie Laycock, Gloria & John Zelenko, Helen & Doug Phillips, Patricia Miculka, Gladys Edwards, Jeanette Hildreth, Brett w/Cancer, Anne Smith.....	Anne Smith
Special Intention	J. Tome
Health & God's Blessings John & Gloria Zelenko, Linda Branoff & Diane Todorovsky...	Rosemary Vuckovich
Special Intention-Charlie Jernigan.....	Dennis & Sharon
Health & God's Blessings Linda Branoff & Karen Harrison-Speedy Recovery.....	Goodman & Neely Families

CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR ALL THOSE IN BLESSED REPOSE

Kum Walter Borkovich-Memory Eternal.....	Sredich Family
Carl Smith-Memory of Birthday, Infant Smith, My father Nick Polonic-47yrs in Blessed Repose, My mother Helen Polonic-53yrs in Blessed Repose, Mary Oginsky-Memory of Birthday, Olga Elasivich, Mary & Joe Eckert, Robert Bulman, Anna Biernacki-Memory of Birthday, V. Rev. Raphael Biernacki-Memory of Birthday.....	Anne Smith



ANNOUNCEMENTS

We welcome all of our friends and visitors to St. Nicholas. Please join us in the parish hall for coffee hour.

HAPPY FATHER’S DAY to all of our Father’s, Grandfather’s, Godfather’s and Uncles.

MACEDONIAN OPEN will be held tomorrow, June 18 at the Flint Elks Club. Dinner tickets are still available at the cost of \$40.00; however there is a limited amount, please see Chris Nedanis, George Branoff or Angelo Panoff if you are interested.

FOOD VAN The Catholic Charities Food Van will be here today until 1pm. **June Hope in a Box:** Laundry Soap is the item needed for the month of June. The soap will be distributed by the Catholic Charities Community Closet.

SYCAMORE TREE PROJECT Our 8th – 12th grade church school students are asking for \$10 donations toward the purchase of a sycamore tree. The tree will be planted by the pavilion to help fill in the empty space that was left after the cutting down of two dead ash trees. If you would like to donate toward the tree please see Debbie or Gabe Paul. Thank you to those that have already donated the students have \$50 in donations.

GREEK FESTIVAL will be held next weekend. Friday, June 22: 12 pm-11pm, Saturday, June 23: 12pm-11pm and Sunday, June 24: 12pm-8pm. Pre-Admission \$1.00, \$2.00 at the door, 12 and under Free.

WEAR YOUR JEANS TO CHURCH / CHURCH GROUNDS SPRUCE-UP DAY will be held on Sunday, July 29. Lunch will be served. Please see Dave Houser for more information.

Schedule of services and events for the week of June 17, 2012

<u>Monday, June 18</u>	Macedonian Open
<u>Wednesday, June 20</u> 9:00 am	St. Methodius of Patar Divine Liturgy
<u>Saturday, June 23</u> 4:30 pm	Vespers followed by Confessions
<u>Sunday, June 24</u> 9:30 am 10:00 am	Nativity of St. John the Baptist Third Hour Divine Liturgy

Sunday Offerings for June 10, 2012

Weekly Income	
<i>Weekly Offering Envelope</i>	\$ 1,145.00
<i>Children’s Offering</i>	\$5.00
<i>Cemetery Maintenance</i>	\$ 10.00
<i>Charity Envelope</i>	\$ 0.00
<i>Diocesan Support</i>	\$ 0.00
<i>OCA Envelope Missions</i>	\$ 0.00

<i>Income to date</i>	\$85,530.08
<i>Expense to date</i>	\$82,453.86
<i>+/- to date</i>	\$3,076.22

97 People were in attendance on Sunday June 10, 2012.

<i>Candle Fund</i>	\$ 147.00
<i>Kitchen/Coffee</i>	\$ 0.00
<i>Seminarian Fund</i>	\$ 0.00
<i>Loose Offering</i>	\$ 33.00
<i>Kiosk</i>	\$ 0.00
<i>Total Income</i>	\$ 1,340.00
<i>Avg. Weekly Budget</i>	\$3,798.56
<i>+/- Budget</i>	-\$2,458.56