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St. Nicholas Orthodox Church

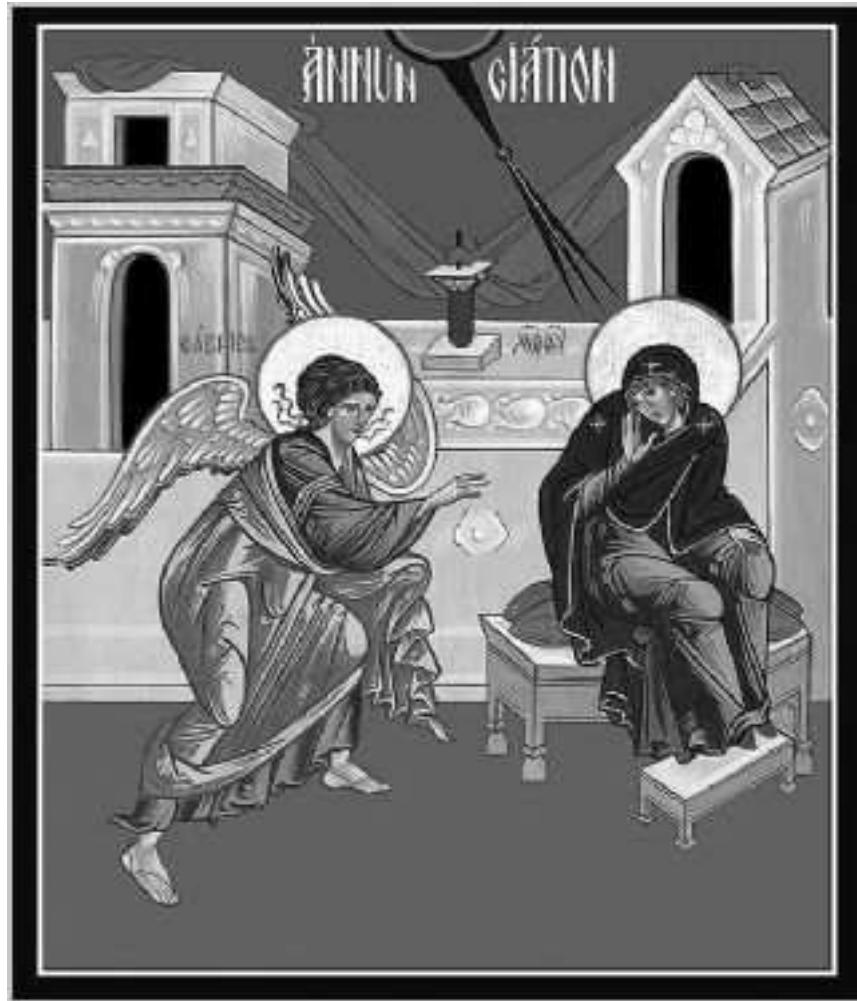
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SUNDAY, MARCH 20, 2011 SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT — Tone 2. St. Gregory Palamas. The Holy Fathers who were slain at the Monastery of St. Sabbas: Ven. John, Sergius, Patrick, and others (796). Monk Martyr Euphrosynus of Sinozérsk (Novgorod—1612). Martyr Photina (Svetlana, Fatíma), the Samaritan woman, and her sons: Martyrs Victor and Joses, and two others (ca. 66). Virgin Martyrs Alexandra, Claudia, Euphrasia, Matrona, Juliana, Euphemia and Theodosia, of Amisus (310). St. Nicetas the Confessor, Archbishop of Apollonias in Bithynia (9th c.).

TROPARIA (Tone 2) When Thou didst descend to death, O Life Immortal, Thou didst slay hell with the splendor of Thy Godhead! And when from the depths Thou didst raise the dead, all the powers of heaven cried out: O Giver of Life! Christ our God! Glory to Thee!

(Tone 8) O light of Orthodoxy, teacher of the Church, its confirmation, / O ideal of monks and invincible champion of theologians, / O wonderworking Gregory, glory of Thessalonica and preacher of grace, // always intercede before the Lord that our souls may be saved!

(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 8) O victorious leader of triumphant hosts! We, your servants, delivered from evil, sing our grateful thanks to you, O Theotokos! As you possess invincible might set us free from ev'ry calamity so that we may sing: Rejoice, O unwedded Bride!

The Prokeimenon in the Second Tone: The Lord is my strength and my song / He has become my salvation.

v: The Lord has chastened me sorely, but He has not given me over unto death.

THE READING FROM THE EPISTLE OF THE HOLY APOSTLE PAUL TO THE

HEBREWS (1:10-2:3) Brethren: And, “Thou, Lord, didst found the earth in the beginning, and the heavens are the work of thy hands; they will perish, but thou remainest; they will all grow old like a garment, like a mantle thou wilt roll them up, and they will be changed. But thou art the same, and thy years will never end.” But to what angel has he ever said, “Sit at my right hand, till I make thy enemies a stool for thy feet”? Are they not all ministering spirits sent forth to serve, for the sake of those who are to obtain salvation? Therefore we must pay the closer attention to what we have heard, lest we drift away from it. For if the message declared by angels was valid and every transgression or disobedience received a just retribution, how shall we escape if we neglect such a great salvation? It was declared at first by the Lord, and it was attested to us by those who heard him.

Alleluia, Tone 2

v: May the Lord hear you in the day of trouble! May the Name of the God of Jacob protect you!

v: Save the King, O Lord, and hear us on the day we call!

THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO SAINT MARK (2:1-12) At that time, when Jesus returned to Capernaum after some days, it was reported that he was at home. And many were gathered together, so that there was no longer room for them, not even about the door; and he was preaching the word to them. And they came, bringing to him a paralytic carried by four men. And when they could not get near him because of the crowd, they removed the roof above him; and when they had made an opening, they let down the pallet on which the paralytic lay. And when Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, “My son, your sins are forgiven.” Now some of the scribes were sitting there, questioning in their hearts, “Why does this man speak thus? It is

blasphemy! Who can forgive sins but God alone?" And immediately Jesus, perceiving in his spirit that they thus questioned within themselves, said to them, "Why do you question thus in your hearts? Which is easier, to say to the paralytic, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Rise, take up your pallet and walk'? But that you may know that the Son of man has authority on earth to forgive sins" -- he said to the paralytic -- "I say to you, rise, take up your pallet and go home." And he rose, and immediately took up the pallet and went out before them all; so that they were all amazed and glorified God, saying, "We never saw anything like this!"

Instead of "It is truly meet ... ,": All of creation rejoices in you, O Full of Grace: the assembly of Angels and the race of men. O sanctified temple and spiritual paradise, the glory of virgins, from whom God was incarnate and became a Child, our God before the ages. He made your body into a throne, and your womb He made more spacious than the heavens. All of creation rejoices in you, O Full of Grace. Glory to you!

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

March 25 is the Feast of the Annunciation, when God announces to the world His plans to come to the world as a baby in the womb of a mother, just as we all do.

So the first chapter of Luke's Gospel tells of the archangel Gabriel presenting himself before a very young woman with words of great authority: "Hail, O favored one, the Lord is with you!" Mary is not so overcome by this amazing statement that she can't think. Though she is "greatly troubled" at what Gabriel says, she is able to "consider in her mind what sort of greeting this might be" (Luke 1: 29). When Gabriel describes in some detail what is to happen, and tells her that her little Jesus will be the Son of the Most High, she again shows presence of mind, and asks the very sensible question, "How can this be, since I have no husband?" (1:34). Once Gabriel makes God's plan clear, Mary accepts what he has told her. In this she's different from Zechariah, who has been told about the birth of his own son, John the Baptizer, a few verses earlier. Zechariah responds to Gabriel with skepticism, and pays the price by being made temporarily mute. Mary, by contrast, is so joyful that she goes to greet Zechariah's wife Elizabeth, who is also her cousin, with the good news.

Luke has told us how Jesus Christ will become one of us, a Man born of a woman. On this day we also read Hebrews 2: 11-18, which describes the way we can now be joined with Him, as a family in faith. This is possible because "he who sanctifies {Jesus Christ} and those who are sanctified [all of us] have one origin. That is why he is not ashamed to call them brethren" (2:11).

The verse goes on to say that Jesus will show His brotherhood with His people in the words of a Psalm 22: "I will proclaim thy name to my brethren, in the midst of the congregation I will praise thee" (2:12). These words are triumphant verses from the same psalm that Jesus quoted on the cross, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" The agonized words spoken on the cross give way to the thankful words quoted here, just as the cross gave way to the Resurrection.

The next verses give insight into one of the greatest mysteries of our faith: the suffering of Our Lord. If He was to be our savior, "...he had to be made like his brethren in every respect" (2:17a). In other words, God humbled

Troparion - Tone 4

Today is the beginning of our salvation,
The revelation of the eternal mystery!
The Son of God becomes the Son of the Virgin
As Gabriel announces the coming of Grace.
Together with him let us cry to the Theotokos:
Rejoice, O Full of Grace,
The Lord is with You!

Himself to become one of us. Islam rejects this teaching, as do other faiths. But for us it is central, and the very last verse of the passage tells us why it's so important for humans who are so prone to mistakes and sins: "For because he himself has suffered and been tempted, he is able to help those who are tempted" (2:18).

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CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR THE HEALTH & BLESSINGS OF

Birthday Blessings for Megan Krigner on her 13 th Birthday.....	Mom, Dad & Danny
Happy Birthday & God's blessings Rosemary Vuckovich.....	Bosa Kantar
Health & God's blessings Kuma Daisy Marvosh, Kuma Donna Freude, Mira Prusac & Bosa Kantar.....	Rosemary Vuckovich
Happy Birthday & God's blessings Rosemary Vuckovich & Allison Borkovich, Joe Goodman	Stojan & Mira Prusac
David Tome, Allen & Deborah Adams, Anne Smith, John & Gloria Zelenko, Mary Abu-Aita, Alex Ruggieri, Michael Berkey, Ted Weston, Fr. David, Gladys Edwards, My family & friends.....	J. Tome
Happy Birthday & God's blessings Rosemary Vuckovich.....	Peter & Jo Sredich

CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR ALL THOSE IN BLESSED REPOSE

Newly Departed Helen Pasternak	J. Tome
In memory of David Radakovich.....	John & Gloria Zelenko
Blessed Repose David Radakovich	Peter & Jo Sredich



ANNOUNCEMENTS

We welcome all of our friends and visitors to St. Nicholas. Please join us for fellowship in the parish hall following the veneration of the cross.

PARASTAS A one-year Parastas for +Ivan Zubovich and +John Nikoloff will be served today following the veneration of the cross.

95TH ANNIVERSARY PILGRIM ICON The sign-up sheet is in the hall for you to take the icon to your home.

COFFEE SOCIAL During the Lenten season we will be serving bagels during coffee hour. If anyone would be interested in donating or picking up the bagels please see Debbie.

SUNDAY DINNERS Sharon Jernigan is chairing Sunday dinner fundraisers. The next dinner will be on Sunday, March 27. If anyone is interested in helping with this dinner or future dinners please see Sharon.

SPECIAL PARISH MEETING – MARCH 27, 2011 to elect:

- 1- Two (2) lay delegates to the Diocesan Congress-Sobor in July 2011 at St. Nicholas Church in Fort Wayne, IN.
This Congress-Sobor will elect a nominee for Bishop of our Diocese.
- 2- Elect from among the two lay delegates to the Congress-Sobor one delegate to the annual Diocesan Conference to be held at the same time in Fort Wayne.

3- Elect one (1) lay delegate to the OCA's All-American Council in Seattle, WA from October 31-November 4, 2011.

Nominees: **Diocesan Congress-Sobor & Conference**

Johnny Kantor Esteban Vázquez

All-American Council

Joe Tome Johnny Kantor

If you would like to serve as a delegate for any of these events, please see Father Matthew or contact the church office. Expenses for all three events, including transportation and hotel, will be covered by the parish.

TEEN RETREAT – MARCH 25-26 at Holy Dormition Monastery, Rives Junction. Speakers will include: Fr. James Jorgenson, Mother Gabriela, and Protodeacon Jacob Frimenko. Registration information is at the candle stand. Please call Subdeacon Basil Frenchek (734-637-3970) with any questions.

PALM SUNDAY BAKE SALE Order forms were included in your March bulletin. **All Orders Are Due April 3.** If you need an extra order form there are some located in the parish hall.

Schedule of services and events for the week of March 20;

Monday, March 21

6:30 pm Great Compline at St. George

Wednesday, March 23

6:00 pm Presanctified (Not a combined service) followed by Lenten Potluck
(No meat, eggs or dairy products)

Friday, March 25

6:00 pm **ANNUNCIATION**
Vespers w/Divine Liturgy at Assumption

Saturday, March 26

10:00 am Divine Liturgy - Slavonic
4:30 pm Great Vespers followed by Confessions
5:30 pm Choir Practice

Sunday, March 27

9:30 am Third Hour
10:00 am Divine Liturgy
Lenten Dinner
Parish Meeting to elect delegates

3rd SATURDAY OF LENT

Sunday Offerings for March 13, 2011

Weekly Income	
Weekly Offering Envelope	\$ 1,191.00
Children's Envelopes	\$ 0.00
Cemetery Maintenance	\$ 51.00
Charity Envelope	\$ 1.00
Diocesan Support	\$ 1.00
OCA Envelope-Mission	\$ 0.00
Candle Fund	\$ 256.75

Income to date	\$ 37,655.87
Expense to date	\$ 36,096.56
+/- to date	\$1,559.31

<i>Kitchen/Coffee</i>	\$ 0.00
<i>Seminarian Fund</i>	\$ 1.00
<i>Loose Offering</i>	\$ 151.00
<i>Kiosk</i>	\$ 0.00
<i>Total Income</i>	\$1,652.75
<i>Avg. Weekly Budget</i>	\$3,753.03
<i>+/- Budget</i>	-\$2,100.28

92 People were in attendance on Sunday.