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Bulletin

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THE AWESOME JUDGMENT



SUNDAY, MARCH 6, 2016 SUNDAY OF MEATFARE — Tone 7. Sunday of the Last Judgment. The 42 Martyrs of Ammorina in Phrygia, including: Constantine, Aetitus, Theophilus, Theodore, Melissenus, Callistus, Basoës and others (ca. 845). The Uncovering of the Precious Cross and the Precious Nails by Empress St. Helen (Elena) in Jerusalem (326). Monk Martyrs Conon and his son, Conon, of Iconium (270-275). Ven. Arcadius of Cyprus (4th c.).

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!

(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) When Thou, O God, shalt come to earth with glory, / all things shall tremble, / and the river of fire shall flow before Thy judgment seat; / the books shall be opened, and the hidden things disclosed; / then deliver me from the unquenchable fire, // and make me worthy to stand at Thy right hand, O Righteous Judge!

The Prokeimenon in the Third Tone: Great is our Lord, and abundant in power, / His understanding is beyond measure.

v. Praise the Lord! For it is good to sing praises to our God!

THE FIRST EPISTLE OF THE HOLY APOSTLE PAUL TO THE CORINTHIANS (8:8 - 9:2) Brethren: Food will not commend us to God. We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. Only take care lest this liberty of yours somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. For if any one sees you, a man of knowledge, at table in an idol's temple, might he not be encouraged, if his conscience is weak, to eat food offered to idols? And so by your knowledge this weak man is destroyed, the brother for whom Christ died. Thus, sinning against your brethren and wounding their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. Therefore, if food is a cause of my brother's falling, I will never eat meat, lest I cause my brother to fall. Am I not free? Am I not an apostle? Have I not seen Jesus our Lord? Are not you my workmanship in the Lord? If to others I am not an apostle, at least I am to you; for you are the seal of my apostleship in the Lord.

Alleluia, Tone 8

v. Come; let us rejoice in the Lord! Let us make a joyful noise to God our Savior!

v. Let us come before His face with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise!

THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO ST MATTHEW (25:31-46)

At that time Jesus said, "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on his glorious throne. Before him will be gathered all the nations, and he will separate them one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will place the sheep at his right hand, but the goats at the left. Then the King will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, O blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.' Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when did we see thee hungry and feed thee, or thirsty and give thee drink? And when did we see thee a stranger and welcome thee, or naked and clothe thee? And when did we see thee sick or in prison and visit thee?' And the King will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brethren, you did it to me.' Then he will say to those at his left hand, 'Depart from me, you cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and

his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me no drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not clothe me, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.’ Then they also will answer, ‘Lord, when did we see thee hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to thee?’ Then he will answer them, ‘Truly, I say to you, as you did it not to one of the least of these, you did it not to me.’ And they will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.”

COMMUNION HYMN

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

Sunday of Meatfare - the Last Judgment

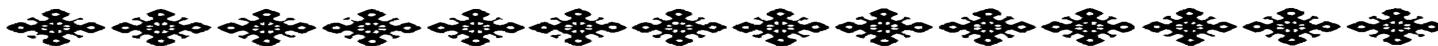
Today’s Gospel reading is Matthew 25:31-46, the parable of the Last Judgment. It reminds us that while trusting in Christ’s love and mercy, we must not forget His righteous judgment when He comes again in glory. If our hearts remain hardened and unrepentant, we should not expect the Lord to overlook our transgressions simply because He is a good and loving God. Although He does not desire the death of a sinner, He also expects us to turn from our wickedness and live (Ezek. 33:11). This same idea is expressed in the prayer read by the priest after the penitent has confessed his or her sins (Slavic practice).

The time for repentance and forgiveness is now, in the present life. At the Second Coming, Christ will appear as the righteous Judge, Who will render to every man according to his deeds” (Rom. 2:6). Then the time for entreating God’s mercy and forgiveness will have passed.

As Father Alexander Schmemmann reminds us in his book GREAT LENT (Ch. 1:4), sin is the absence of love, it is separation and isolation. When Christ comes to judge the world, His criterion for judgment will be love. Christian love entails seeing Christ in other people, our family, our friends, and everyone else we may encounter in our lives. We shall be judged on whether we have loved, or not loved, our neighbor. We show Christian love when we feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, clothe the naked, visit those who are sick or in prison. If we did such things for the least of Christ’s brethren, then we also did them for Christ (Mt.25:40). If we did not do such things for the least of the brethren, neither did we do them for Christ (Mt.25:45).

Today is the last day for eating meat and meat products until Pascha, though eggs and dairy products are permitted every day during the coming week. This limited fasting prepares us gradually for the more intense fasting of Great Lent.

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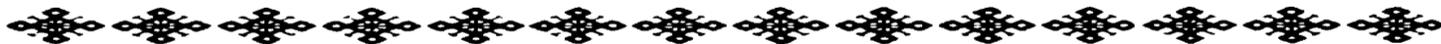
CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR THE HEALTH AND BLESSINGS OF

Brooklyn Marie Wagner, Olivia Ann Wagner born Feb. 26, Shari & Steve Nicoloff’s new nieces	Steve & Shari Nicoloff
Health & God’s Blessings Ron & Tim Waskerwitz	John & Rose Goodman
Special Intention	Joe Tome
Health & God’s Blessings Zina Pyatenko	Dorothy & Family
Health of Areen Batthish.....	Angelo & Christine

Health & God's Blessings Mike, Susan & Ben Goodman	John & Rose Goodman
Fr. Joe, Fr. Moses, Fr. Lavrenty, Deacon Anthony, Ruth, Aaron, Alex, Anna, Gloria, Laurie, Walt & Zina, Dorothy, Jeanette, Reggie, Stojan & Mira, Bosa, Joseph, Helen, Ted & Marlene, Fr. David, Gladys, my family & friends	Joe Tome
Health & God's Blessings Eileen, Dennis & Steven Goodman	John & Rose Goodman
Congratulation & God's Blessings Deacon Michael Bassett on his elevation to Protodeacon	Dorothy Goodman

CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR ALL THOSE IN BLESSED REPOSE

Blessed Repose for Sam Panoff on his 40 days March, 5.....	Angelo & Christine
Peter Popoff	Alex & Magda Popoff
Sara Tome, Peter Tome.....	Joe Tome



Welcome all of our friends and visitors to St. Nicholas! Please join us for our Meatfare Luncheon in the parish hall.

AXIOS!! Deacon Michael Bassett of St. George. Deacon Michael was elevated to Protodeacon last Sunday, February 29, by Bishop Anthony of the Antiochian Diocese of Toledo.

MEATFARE LUNCHEON sponsored by St. Juliana's Guild will be held today following Liturgy. The menu consists of Lasagna, Baked Chicken, Garlic Bread, Salad, Dessert and Beverage. Join us for fellowship and a wonderful homemade meal as we prepare for Lent. The meal is free-will offering, please be generous.

100th ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE will meet on Tuesday, March 8 @ 5:45 pm.

PARISH COUNCIL will meet on Tuesday, March 8 at 6:45 pm. Please call the parish office if you are unable to attend this meeting. Remember to pick up your packets before leaving today.

100th ANNIVERSARY PILGRIM ICON There 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.

CHARITY MINISTRIES

HOPE IN A BOX is collecting Feminine Care Products for March. 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 on **Thursday, April 7 from 9 am to 1 pm.**

CHEESEFARE LUNCHEON will be held next Sunday. The cost for the meal; \$10 for adults, \$5 for children 12 and under.

WALK FOR LIFE will be held Saturday, March 12 from 9 am to 12 pm at Carman-Ainsworth High School. Come to walk or come cheer us on. The event will help support the Answer Center for Women in Flint. This is the 100th Anniversary event for March. For more information or to register to walk see Deborah Gonser-Adams.

Schedule of services and events for the week of March 6:

Tuesday, March 8

5:45 pm 100th Anniversary Committee Meeting
6:45 pm Parish Council Meeting

Wednesday, March 9

9:00 am Lenten Hours
11:00 am Adult Education

Friday, March 11

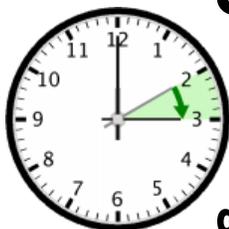
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Saturday, March 12

9 am -12 pm Walk for Life at Carman-Ainsworth HS
5:00 pm Vespers

Sunday, March 13

9:30 am **CHEESEFARE/FORGIVENESS SUNDAY**
10:00 am Third Hour
Divine Liturgy
Church School
Cheesefare Luncheon



Spring Forward

**Don't forget to set
clocks ahead
one hour before
going to bed on Saturday.**

Offerings for the week February 28, 2016

<i>Weekly Offerings</i>	\$2,338.00
<i>Estimated Average Weekly Expenses</i>	\$5,255.62
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*102 people were in attendance on
Sunday, February 28, 2016*

“If you cannot see Christ in the beggar at the church door, you will not find Him in the chalice.”
St. John Chrysostom