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*Bulletin*

*St. Nicholas Orthodox Church*

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**SUNDAY, MAY 22, 2016. 4th SUNDAY OF PASCHA — Tone 3. Paralytic. The Greatmartyr St. John (Vladimir) the Wonderworker, Ruler of Serbia (1015). Martyr Basiliscus, Bishop of Comana (ca. 308). Commemoration of the Second Ecumenical Council (381). Monk Martyr Paul of the Lavra (Mt. Athos—1818).**

**FIRST ANTIPHON**

Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth! Sing of His name, give glory to His praise!

**Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Savior save us!**

Say to God: How awesome are Thy deeds! So great is Thy power that Thy enemies cringe before Thee!

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Let all the earth worship Thee and praise Thee! Let it praise Thy name, O Most High!

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Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

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**SECOND ANTIPHON**

God be bountiful to us and bless us! Show the light of Thy countenance upon us and have mercy on us!

**O Son of God who arose from the dead, save us who sing to Thee: Alleluia!**

That we may know Thy way upon the earth, and Thy salvation among all nations!

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Let the people give thanks to Thee, O God! Let all the people give thanks to Thee!

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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**

Let God arise, let His enemies be scattered; let those who hate Him flee from before His face.

**Troparion:** Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death, and upon those in the tombs bestowing life.

As smoke vanishes so let them vanish; as wax melts before the fire.

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So the sinners will perish before the face of God; but let the righteous be glad.

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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)** Thou didst descend into the tomb, O Immortal, Thou didst destroy the power of death. In victory didst Thou arise, O Christ God, proclaiming: "Rejoice!" to the Myrrhbearing Women, granting peace to Thy Apostles, and bestowing resurrection on the fallen.

***The Prokeimenon in the Fourth Tone: To the saints who are in His earth, / the Lord hath revealed the wonders of all His will in them.***

v. **I saw the Lord continually before me; for He is at my right hand, that I not be moved.**

**THE READING FROM SECOND EPISTLE OF SAINT PAUL TO TIMOTHY (2:1-10)** *Timothy, my son:* be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus. And the things that you have heard from me among many witnesses, commit these to faithful men who will be able to teach others also. You therefore must endure hardship as a good soldier of Jesus Christ. No one engaged in warfare entangles himself with the affairs of this life, that he may please him who enlisted him as a soldier. And also if anyone competes in athletics, he is not crowned unless he competes according to the rules. The hardworking farmer must be first to partake of the crops. Consider what I

say, and may the Lord give you understanding in all things. Remember that Jesus Christ, of the seed of David, was raised from the dead according to my gospel, for which I suffer trouble as an evildoer, even to the point of chains; but the word of God is not chained. Therefore I endure all things for the sake of the elect, that they also may obtain the salvation which is in Christ Jesus with eternal glory.

***Alleluia, Tone 5***

**v: I will sing of Your mercies, O Lord, forever; with my mouth I will proclaim Your truth from generation to generation.**

**v: For You have said: “Mercy will be established forever; Your truth will be prepared in the heavens.”**

**THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO SAINT JOHN (5:1-15)** At that time there was a feast of the Jews, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. Now there is in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate a pool, in Hebrew called Bethzatha, which has five porticoes. In these lay a multitude of invalids, blind, lame, paralyzed. One man was there, who had been ill for thirty-eight years. When Jesus saw him and knew that he had been lying there a long time, he said to him, “Do you want to be healed?” The sick man answered him, “Sir, I have no man to put me into the pool when the water is troubled, and while I am going another steps down before me.” Jesus said to him, “Rise, take up your pallet, and walk.” And at once the man was healed, and he

took up his pallet and walked. Now that day was the sabbath. So the Jews said to the man who was cured, “It is the sabbath, it is not lawful for you to carry your pallet.” But he answered them, “The man who healed me said to me, ‘Take up your pallet, and walk.’” They asked him, “Who is the man who said to you, ‘Take up your pallet, and walk?’” Now the man who had been healed did not know who it was, for Jesus had withdrawn, as there was a crowd in the place. Afterward, Jesus found him in the temple, and said to him, “See, you are well! Sin no more, that nothing worse befall you.” The man went away and told the Jews that it was Jesus who had healed him.

**THE HYMN TO THE THEOTOKOS**

The Angel cried to the Lady full of grace: Rejoice, O Pure Virgin! Again I say: Rejoice! Your Son is risen from His three days in the tomb! With Himself He has raised all the dead! Rejoice, all ye people! Shine! Shine! O New Jerusalem! The Glory of the Lord has shone on you! Exult now and be glad, O Zion! Be radiant, O Pure Theotokos, in the Resurrection of your Son!

**COMMUNION HYMN**

Receive the Body of Christ; taste the Fountain of Immortality. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

**IN PLACE OF “WE HAVE SEEN THE TRUE LIGHT...”**

Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death, and upon those in the tombs bestowing life.

Martyr Basiliscus the Bishop of Comana

The Holy Martyr Basiliscus was a nephew of the Great Martyr Theodore the Recruit (February 17), and he suffered together with his brothers Eutropius and Kleonikos during the persecution of the emperor Maximian Galerius (305-311). The holy martyrs Kleonikos and Eutropius (March 3) were crucified, but the martyr Basiliscus was sent to Comana where he was detained in prison.

The governor Agrippa arrived in the city of Amasea, and started a persecution against Christians. St Basiliscus in prison prepared himself for his impending ordeal. The Lord appeared to him in a dream, promising the martyr His help, and foretold his martyric death at Comana. St Basiliscus asked the prison guards to let him go to his native village to bid his relatives farewell. They let him go, since they respected him for his holy life and working of miracles. Arriving home, St Basiliscus saw his family one last time, and urged them to stand firmly in the Faith.

When Agrippa learned that St Basiliscus had gone to see his relatives, he went into a rage. He chastized the prison guards, and he sent a detachment of soldiers after the martyr, headed by a cruel magistratum (adjutant of the

governor). Meeting St Basiliscus, who was actually on his way back, the magistranium placed heavy chains on him, and shod him with metal sandals with nails driven into the soles, and set off to Comana.

Arriving at a certain village during the hot afternoon, the travellers stayed at the house of a woman named Troana. The soldiers went into the house to relax and refresh themselves with food, and they tied the martyr Basiliscus to a dry tree. Standing in the heavy chains beneath the scorching sun, the saint prayed to God. Suddenly a Voice was heard from above, "Fear not, for I am with you."

The earth shook, and a spring of water came forth from the fissure. The magistranium, the soldiers and Troana, rushed out of the house, frightened by the earthquake. Shaken by the miracle which had taken place, they set the martyr free. Sick people from the village came to the holy martyr and received healing through his prayers.

When the saint finally stood before Agrippa, he was commanded to offer sacrifice to the pagan gods. He replied, "I offer to God a sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving every hour." They led him into a pagan temple. In an instant fire came down from Heaven, which burned the temple, and reduced the idols to dust. Then in a blind rage Agrippa gave orders to behead St Basiliscus and throw his body into the river. The death of the martyr occurred in the year 308.

Christians quickly gathered the remains of the holy martyr, and buried them by night in a ploughed field. Upon this spot a church was built in honor of St Basiliscus, into which they transferred his relics. Through the prayers of the holy martyr healings began to occur. The saint appeared in a dream to St John Chrysostom (November 13) before his death at Comana and said to him, "Tomorrow we shall be together." St Eusignius (August 5) was an eyewitness to his sufferings and told the world about the struggles of St Basiliscus.

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

Heather, Chris, Raegan, Teri, Jeremy, Hayden, Nadja, Sean, Auden, Cathy, George, Nick, my cousins in the Ukraine .....	Lucy Hogg
Fr. Joe, Fr. Moses, Fr. Lavrenty, Deacon Anthony, Jo Ann, Gloria, Laurie, Walt & Zina, Dorothy, Jeanette, Reggie, Ruth, Stojan & Mira, Bosa, Joseph, Helen, Ted & Marlene, Gladys, my family & friends .....	Joe Tome
Health & God's Blessings Bob Russell .....	Dorothy & family
Special Intention .....	Joe Tome

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

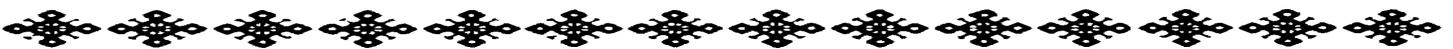
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**ETERNAL LIGHT**

In loving memory of Evanka Elieff- 1yr Blessed Repose ..... Her family

**ETERNAL LIGHT AT THE ALTAR**

Ljubomir Prusac.....	Stojan & Mira Prusac
Rosemary Vuckovich -Blessed Repose-Memory Eternal.....	Helen Ethington



Welcome all of our friends and visitors to St. Nicholas! Please join us for fellowship, coffee and donuts in our parish hall.

There will a one year Parastas for the repose of +Evanka Elieff, coffee and pastries are being donated today in her memory.

## **CHARITY MINISTRIES**

**HOPE IN A BOX** is collecting Bar and Hand Soap for the month of May. 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, June 2 from 9 am to 1 pm.**

**MIDDLE EASTERN LUNCHEON & BAKE SALE** at St. George on Thursday, May 26 from 11 am to 2:30 pm. Cost is \$10 per person. Please see the fliers for the luncheon on the tables in our parish hall.

**LAY DELEGATE** The Diocesan conference will be held on Saturday, June 25 here at Holiday Inn Gateway. If you would like to serve as a lay delegate or would like to nominate an individual(s), please contact the parish office.

**SPECIAL MEETING** will be held on Sunday, June 12 to elect the Lay Delegate for the Diocesan conference to be held on Saturday, June 25. Nominees to date are Joseph Tome and Johnny Kantor.

**DIOCESAN CONFERENCE & ORDINATION BANQUET** will be held on Sunday, June 26 following the Divine Liturgy. Tickets for the banquet must be purchased in advance (we need to give a number to the caterer). Adults are \$15 and children 12 and under \$6. See Debbie or any member of the Anniversary committee to purchase your ticket(s). The last day to purchase your tickets will be Sunday, June 19.

**MACEDONIAN OPEN** The 36th Macedonian Open Golf Scramble will be held this year on Monday, June 20th at the Davison Country Club. Once again that is the Monday after Father's Day and would make a great Father's Day gift. Everyone is encouraged to help out in any way they can. There are many sponsorship opportunities for Families and individuals who would like to support the event, from signs wishing "good luck" to signs "in memory" of a loved one. A sign sponsorship is a great advertising opportunity for any business. Whether it's for your business or one that you frequent, we encourage everyone to participate in getting new sign sponsors this year. If you have any questions or know of someone who would like to help, please contact Angelo Panoff, Christine Panoff, Linda Branoff, George Branoff or Chris Nedanis. Please look for the flyers that will be available on our website, in the monthly Bulletin and in the Church Hall following today's service. Feel free to take a few extra flyers and pass them around.

### ***Schedule of services and events for the week of May 22:***

Monday, May 23                      Office Closed

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Wednesday, May 25                      **MID PENTECOST**  
10:00 am                      Divine Liturgy @ St. Mary Magdalene  
5:45 pm                      100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee Meeting  
Office Closed

Thursday, May 26

11 am-2:30 pm

Middle Eastern Luncheon @ St. George

Friday, May 27

11:00 am

Adult Education

9 am -3 pm

Father in the office

Debbie out of office

Saturday, May 28

9:00 am

Evergreen- Trisagion inside the chapel then to graves

12:30 pm

Crestwood

1:30 pm

Sunset Hills

2:30 pm

New Calvary

5:00 pm

Vespers

Sunday, May 29

**SAMARITAN WOMAN – 5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF PASCHA**

9:30 am

Third Hour

10:00 am

Divine Liturgy

Church School

3:00 pm

St. Nicholas Cemetery

**Offerings for the week May 15, 2016**

<i>Weekly Offerings</i>	\$1,670.00
<i>Estimated Average Weekly Expenses</i>	\$5,255.62
	<b>-\$3,585.62</b>

*58 people were in attendance on Sunday,  
May 15, 2016*

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

**St. John Chrysostom**