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Bulletin

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SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2011 21ST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST — Tone 4. St. Paul the Confessor, Archbishop of Constantinople (350). Ven. Varlaam, Abbot of Khutyn' (Novgorod—1192). Ven. Luke, Steward of the Kiev Caves (Near Caves—13th c.). Repose of St. Herman, Archbishop of Kazan' (1567). Ven. Barlaam of Keret Lake (16th c.). Martyrs Tecusa, Alexandra, Claudia, Matrona, Polactia, Euphrosyne, and Athanasia, of Ancyra (3rd c.). Ven. Luke of Sicily (800-820).

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!”

(Tone 3) For confessing the divine faith, / among her priests the Church has likened you to another Paul. / Abel cries out to the Lord together with you, / as does the righteous blood of Zachariah. // Venerable Father, entreat Christ God to grant us His 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 6) Protection of Christians never failing, Mediatress 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 Fourth Tone: O Lord, how manifold are Thy works! / In wisdom hast Thou made them all!

v: Bless the Lord, O my soul! O Lord my God, Thou art very great!

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

GALATIANS (2:16-20) *Brethren:* We ourselves who know that a man is not justified by works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Christ Jesus, in order to be justified by faith in Christ, and not by works of the law, because by works of the law shall no one be justified. But if, in our endeavor to be justified in Christ, we ourselves were found to be sinners, is Christ then an agent of sin? Certainly not! But if I build up again those things which I tore down, then I prove myself a transgressor. For I through the law died to the law, that I might live to God. I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me; and the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

Alleluia, Tone 4

v: Go forth, prosper and reign, for the sake of meekness, righteousness and truth.

v: For Thou lovest righteousness, and doth hate iniquity.

THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO SAINT LUKE (8:41-56)

And there came a man named Jairus, who was a ruler of the synagogue; and falling at Jesus' feet he besought him to come to his house, for he had an only daughter, about twelve years of age, and she was dying. As he went, the people pressed round him. And a woman who had had a flow of blood for twelve years and could not be healed by any one, came up behind him, and touched the fringe of his garment; and immediately her flow of blood ceased. And Jesus said, "Who was it that touched me?" When all denied it, Peter said, "Master, the multitudes surround you and press upon you!" But Jesus said, "Someone touched me; for I perceive that power has gone forth from me." And when the woman saw that she was not hidden, she came trembling, and falling down before him declared in the presence of all the people why she had touched him, and how she had been immediately healed. And he said to her, "Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace." While he was still speaking, a man from the ruler's house came and said, "Your daughter is dead; do not trouble the Teacher anymore." But Jesus on hearing this answered him, "Do not fear; only believe, and she shall be well." And when he came to the house, he permitted no one to enter with him, except Peter and John and James, and the father and mother of the child. And all were weeping and bewailing her; but he said, "Do not weep; for she is not dead but sleeping." And they laughed at him, knowing that she was dead. But taking her by the hand he called, saying, "Child, arise." And her spirit returned, and she got up at once; and he directed that something should be

given her to eat. And her parents were amazed; but he charged them to tell no one what had happened.

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

November 8 is a day when the Church commemorates angels—not only the Archangel Michael, who is named, but "all the other bodiless powers" as well.

Among these other celestial beings is the Archangel Jehudiel, who like the others has a special role in God's plan. Jehudiel is known as the angel of work. In particular, he watches over those who work for God's glory, encouraging them, strengthening them and giving them wisdom.

On this same day and the previous day, we read Colossians 2:13 to 3:3. In these verses Saint Paul writes about angels, but he is not describing the kind of benevolent care that Jehudiel and the others have for us. He is concerned that some people misunderstand what angels are, and give them a kind of respect that should be offered only to God.

Paul's worry is that false teachers are exerting great influence over the Colossian Christians. These teachers seem outwardly to be following the Gospel's warnings against self-indulgence, by "promoting rigor of devotion and self-abasement and severity to the body" (2:23). But such teaching is empty and even harmful, Paul says, because it doesn't come from Christ. It is the result of someone being "puffed up without reason by his sensuous mind" (2:18) and pretending to have some kind of supernatural knowledge. It only has the "appearance of wisdom."

"What's wrong with you, Colossians?" Paul seems to be asking. He reminds them that when they learned to worship Jesus Christ as the true God, they were freed from the old, oppressive belief that "elemental spirits" ruled their lives and must be placated. Why, he asks, are they now willing to listen to these teachers who ask them to return to the worship of angels? Why do they agree to submit to unnecessary regulations: "Do not handle, Do not taste, Do not touch" (2:21)?

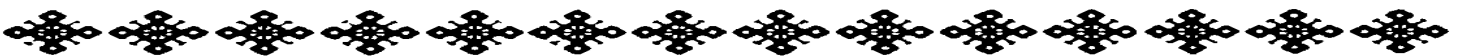
All the regulations imposed by these teachers are a lot of work. Their followers must know what things to avoid, what things to do regularly, and what are the best ways to keep from being "disqualified" by their teachers. Paul encourages the Colossians to forget all that, because it is the wrong work. He suggests that they do some other things: Hold fast to Christ who is the Head, and seek and set their minds on the things that are above rather than those that are on earth (2: 19, 3:1-2). Yes, these things are also work, but they are the right kind, because they lead to salvation. They are the kind of work that the Archangel Jehudiel can support and assist.

Troparion - Tone 1

Commanders of the heavenly hosts,
we who are unworthy beseech you,
by your prayers encompass us beneath the wings of your
immaterial glory,
and faithfully preserve us who fall down and cry to you:
"Deliver us from all harm, for you are the commanders of
the powers on high!"

People who believe that angels rule the universe are misguided, Paul firmly says. It's true that we cannot understand everything about life or the world, because our "life is hid with Christ in God" (2: 3). But Christ is our life, and when He appears and is manifested in glory, "then you also will appear with Him in glory" (3:4).

November 6, 2011



CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR THE HEALTH & BLESSINGS OF

- Happy Birthday, God's blessings & Health Bosa Kantar Sredich Family
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Bogdon Beslach & Family..... Bosa Kantar
- Health & God's blessings Peter Sredich, John & Gloria Zelenko, Anne Smith,
Larry Bladecki Rosemary Vuckovich
- Health & God's blessings David Jernigan..... Dennis & Sharon Jernigan
- Blessings for Heather Bassett and Chris Hogg..... Lucy Hogg
- Happy Birthday, Mira Prusac God's blessings for good health..... Sredich Family
- Debbie Neely Happy Birthday-Nov. 3 God's blessings..... Mom & Dad
- Health & Blessings John & Gloria, Anne Smith, Olga Haw..... Peter & Jo
- Special Intention J. Tome
- Deacon Anthony, David, Dora Lee, Anna, Reggie, Allen, Deborah, Elaine,
John & Gloria, Mary, Fr. David, Gladys, Michael, My family & friends..... J. Tome

ETERNAL LIGHT

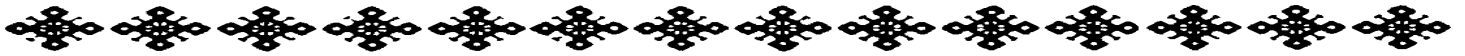
- Bakousidis Family, Yosheff Family, Batcos Family..... Lena Bakousidis

CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR ALL THOSE IN BLESSED REPOSE

Blessed Repose Mary Lou Brayan & Mary King..... Bosa Kantar
Repose of the soul of our son and Daddy Charles Jernigan Dennis, Sharon & Charlie
Peter’s Donor..... Tom & Linda Branoff
Anastasia Stublensky- 33yrs Blessed Repose Grandchildren
Jo Ann & Johnny
Newly Departed Spiro Branov-Memory Eternal Joe & Dorothy Goodman
& Family

ETERNAL LIGHT

Blessed Repose Theodora & Kosta Papalazarou..... Lena Bakousidis



ANNOUNCEMENTS

We welcome all of our friends and visitors to St. Nicholas.

PARISH MEETING FOR ELECTIONS TODAY the parish meeting for elections of parish council, auditors and nominating committee will be held today. Only members “in good standing” both spiritually and in regards to stewardship are allowed to vote at this meeting.

RIB & CHICKEN DINNER will be today following the Divine Liturgy.

CHARITABLE OUTREACH At last month’s parish council meeting Mary Stevenson of Catholic Charities of Shiawassee and Genesee Counties made a presentation concerning giving food assistance to those in need. She presented an opportunity for our parish to become involved in the greater Flint community by hosting the Catholic Charities Food Van once a month in our parking lot. Catholic Charities partners not only with the local Catholic Churches but also with any Church or group that would like to obey the Lord’s command to feed the hungry and clothe the naked (Matthew 25:35 ff) The parish council unanimously approved this plan for our parish to participate in outreach to those in need in our community.

The van will come to our parking lot on the appointed dates. The van will be staffed by volunteers from Catholic Charities. Then everyone from Burton and all of greater Flint can come to the food van to make their donations of food items on those days.

Donations of the following non-perishable items will be collected:

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| Canned vegetables/fruit/tuna/cream soups | Personal items: shaving cream/razors/feminine care/toilet |
| Tomato products/canned or jarred pasta sauce | paper/shampoo/laundry soap/dish soap |
| Elbow pasta/spaghetti/rice | plastic forks and spoons/napkins grocery sacks/ |
| Jars of salad dressing/relish/ketchup/mustard | empty plastic water bottles with lids |

The food and the personal items that are donated are used by Catholic Charities to provide meals for the hungry and those in need. Catholic Charities helps the hungry through the following ministries in the area:

We at St. Nicholas Orthodox Church can make a difference in people’s lives by donating these items and encouraging friends to stop by to drop off their donations of food and supplies when the food van is at our church.

The Food Van will be at our church on Saturday, November 12 from 2 to 5 pm and on Sunday, November 13 from 9am to 1 pm. Please bring non-perishable food items to the Food Van when you come to church on either November 12 or 13 and spread the word!

UPCOMING EVENT St. Catherine’s League will host their Cookie Walk on Saturday, December 10 from 10 am until 1 pm. They will try something new this year; they will be serving Soup & Bread along with the cookies. As always your holiday baked goods are needed.

Schedule of services and events for the week of November 6, 2011

<u>Tuesday, November 8</u> 9:00 am	St. Michael and All the Angels Divine Liturgy
<u>Saturday, November 12</u> 2 –5 pm 4:30 pm	Community Food Van Great Vespers with Litiya followed by Confessions
<u>Sunday, November 13</u> 9 am – 1 pm 9:30 am 10:00 am	Community Food Van Third Hour Divine Liturgy 1 year Parastas for +George Sfetkides

Sunday Offerings for October 30, 2011

Weekly Income	
Weekly Offering Envelope	\$1,471.00
Children's Offering	\$ 3.00
Cemetery Maintenance	\$ 16.00
Charity Envelope	\$ 26.00
Diocesan Support	\$ 11.00
OCA Envelope	\$ 0.00
Candle Fund	\$ 172.00
Kitchen/Coffee	\$ 0.00
Seminarian Fund	\$ 1.00
Loose Offering	\$ 8.00
Kiosk	\$ 0.00
<i>Total Income</i>	\$1,708.00
<i>Avg. Weekly Budget</i>	\$3,753.03
<i>+/- Budget</i>	-\$2,045.03

<i>Income to date</i>	\$ 192,338.01
<i>Expense to date</i>	\$ 197,113.62
<i>+/- to date</i>	- \$ 4,775.61

? People were in attendance on Sunday.

