

*April 10, 2016*

*Bulletin*

*St. Nicholas Orthodox Church*

*Orthodox Church in America*

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**SUNDAY, APRIL 10, 2016 FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT — Tone 8. St. John Climacus (of The Ladder). Martyrs Terence, Pompeius, Africanus, Maximus, Zeno, Alexander, Theodore, Macarius, and 33 others, beheaded at Carthage (3rd c.). Martyrs James (Jacob) the Presbyter, and Azadan and Abdicius— Deacons, of Persia (ca. 380).**

**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 1)** O dweller of the wilderness and angel in the body, / you were a wonderworker, O our God-bearing Father John. / You received heavenly gifts through fasting, vigil and prayer, / healing the sick and the souls of those drawn to you by faith. / Glory to Him Who gave you strength! / Glory to Him Who granted you a crown! // Glory to Him Who through you grants healing to all!

**(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 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 HEBREWS (6:13-20)** Brethren: For when God made a promise to Abraham, since he had no one greater by whom to swear, he swore by himself, saying, “Surely I will bless you and multiply you.” And thus Abraham, having patiently endured, obtained the promise. Men indeed swear by a greater than themselves, and in all their disputes an oath is final for confirmation. So when God desired to show more convincingly to the heirs of the promise the unchangeable character of his purpose, he interposed with an oath, so that through two unchangeable things, in which it is impossible that God should prove false, we who have fled for refuge might have strong encouragement to seize the hope set before us. We have this as a sure and steadfast anchor of the soul, a hope that enters into the inner shrine behind the curtain, where Jesus has gone as a forerunner on our behalf, having become a high priest for ever after the order of Melchizedek.

***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 MARK (9:17-31)** And one of the crowd answered Jesus, “Teacher, I brought my son to you, for he has a dumb spirit; and wherever it seizes him, it dashes him down; and he foams and grinds his teeth and becomes rigid; and I asked your disciples to cast it out, and they were not able.” And he answered them, “O faithless generation, how long am I to be with you? How long am I to bear with you? Bring him to me.” And they brought the boy to him; and when the spirit saw him, immediately it convulsed the boy, and he fell on the ground and rolled about, foaming at the mouth. And Jesus asked his father, “How long has he had this?” And he said, “From childhood. And it has often cast him into the fire and into the water, to destroy him; but if you can do anything, have pity on us and help us.” And Jesus said to him, “If you can! All things are possible to him who believes.” Immediately the father of the child cried out and said, “I believe; help my unbelief!” And when Jesus saw that a crowd came running together, he rebuked the unclean spirit, saying to it, “You dumb and deaf spirit, I command you, come out of him, and never enter him again.” And after crying out and convulsing him terribly, it came out, and the boy was like a corpse; so that most of them said, “He is dead.” But Jesus took him by the hand and lifted him up, and he arose. And when he had entered the house, his disciples

asked him privately, “Why could we not cast it out?” And he said to them, “This kind cannot be driven out by anything but prayer and fasting.” They went on from there and passed through Galilee. And he would not have any one know it; for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, “The Son of man will be delivered into the hands of men, and they will kill him; and when he is killed, after three days he will rise.”

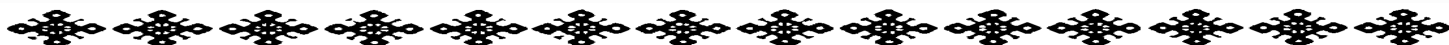
**Instead of “It is truly meet ... ,”:** All of creation rejoices in you, O Full of Grace: the assembly of Angels and the race of men. O sanctified temple and spiritual paradise, the glory of virgins, from whom God was incarnate and became a Child, our God before the ages. He made your body into a throne,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

**4th Sunday of Great Lent: St John Climacus (of the Ladder)**

The Fourth Sunday of Lent is dedicated to St John of the Ladder (Climacus), the author of the work, The Ladder of Divine Ascent. The abbot of St Catherine’s Monastery on Mount Sinai (6th century) stands as a witness to the violent effort needed for entrance into God’s Kingdom (Mt.10: 12). The spiritual struggle of the Christian life is a real one, “not against flesh and blood, but against ... the rulers of the present darkness ... the hosts of wickedness in heavenly places ...” (Eph 6:12). Saint John encourages the faithful in their efforts for, according to the Lord, only “he who endures to the end will be saved” (Mt.24:13).

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

God’s Blessings David & Ashley Goodman on the adoption of their children Braydon & Mackenzie and to big brother Devon.....	Mom & Baba
Fr. Joe, Fr. Moses, Fr. Lavrenty, Deacon Anthony, Aaron, Gloria, Laurie, Walt & Zina, Dorothy, Ruth, Jeanette, Reggie, Stojan & Mira, Bosa, Joseph, Helen, Ted & Marlene, Fr. David, Gladys, my family & friends.....	Joe Tome
Safe journey to Dominican Republic for Megan Krigner and her friends and their families.....	Her family
Michael Goodman on his 63 <sup>rd</sup> birthday April, 5.....	Rose & John Goodman
Special Intention.....	Joe Tome
Health & God’s Blessings for the Adams family.....	Anna Branoff
Health & God’s Blessings for Phil & Barbara Brown on their 50 <sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary April, 17.....	Dorothy & Family

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

Leerese Nicola Blessed Repose-Memory Eternal.....	Dorothy Goodman
Peter Popoff-Memory Eternal.....	Teta Anna
Evgeniy, Olga, Tatyana.....	Natasha & Goran
Peter Popoff, Tony Branoff.....	Alex & Magda Popoff
Doris Penny-Memory Eternal.....	Dorothy & Family
Newly Departed Leerese Nicola.....	Joe Tome
Blessed Repose & Memory Eternal Ljubomir Prusac, Doris Penny, Mickey & Joe Gonser.....	Anna Branoff
John Bibilikow-Memory Eternal.....	Dorothy & Family
Newly Departed Julio Guzman-Memory Eternal.....	Anna Branoff & Family

## ETERNAL LIGHT

Ljubomir Prusac ..... Janja Beslach & family  
John Bibilikow-4yrs Blessed Repose, Helen Bibilikow..... Christine, Jerry,  
Josh & Jenn



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

## CHARITY MINISTRIES

**HOPE IN A BOX** is collecting Deodorant for the month of April. 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, May 5 from 9 am to 1 pm.

**100<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY BOOKLET AD** forms are available in the parish hall. Also available are sheets that show the exact size of each ad, on the reverse side is the cost per ad size. Ad forms are due back April, 30. If you have any questions please see any member of the anniversary committee; Sharon Jernigan, Dorothy Goodman, Lucy Hogg, Cathy Steiner, Eileen Branoff, Linda Branoff, Paul Brayan or Father Matthew.

**APRIL CHARITY PROJECT** Backpacks for the Homeless. We are in need of the following items to fill the backpacks; Toothbrush and Toothpaste (individually wrapped), Washcloth and Hand towel, Thin Blanket, Deodorant, Disposable Razors, Shaving Cream, Comb and Brush, Bar Soap, Baby Wipes, Snacks ( Granola Bars, Protein Bars, Individual Peanut Butter Snacks, Peanuts, Trail Mix, Etc.) Pad of Paper, Pen or Pencil, Shampoo (not to large), Socks, Small tube of Antibiotic Cream. This is the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary event for April.

**PALM SUNDAY BAKE SALE** featuring Sweet Bread, Triangles; Cheese, Leek or Spinach, Piroshki (meat filled), Pierogi (potato filled) and Lamb shaped butter, will be held on Sunday, April 24. The order forms were included in your March bulletin and need to be returned next Sunday, **April 17**. See any member of St. Catherine's League to place your order or if you have any questions.

**DONATIONS FOR LENT, HOLY WEEK & PASCHA** There are still items available for donation. Available are; Fan Palms-\$30, Flowers for the Tomb-Market Value, Incense-\$40, Rose Water \$25 and Red Egg Dye \$50. See Debbie is you would like to donate or contribute toward any of the items listed.

### *Schedule of services and events for the week of April 10:*

#### Monday, April 11

6:30 pm Compline at St. George  
Book Club

#### Tuesday, April 12

Father in Toledo

#### Wednesday, April 13

9:00 am Lenten Hours  
11:00 am Adult Education  
6:00 pm Presanctified followed by Lenten Potluck  
\*Please bring a Lenten dish to share\*

#### Friday, April 15

6:30 pm Akathist to the Theotokos

Saturday, April 16

5:00 pm

Vespers

Sunday, April 17

9:30 am

**ST. MARY OF EGYPT**

Third Hour

10:00 am

Divine Liturgy

Church School

**Offerings for the week April 3, 2016**

<i>Weekly Offerings</i>	\$1,465.00
<i>Estimated Average Weekly Expenses</i>	\$5,255.62
	<b>-\$3,790.62</b>

*75 people were in attendance on  
Sunday, April 3, 2016*

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

**St. John Chrysostom**