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Bulletin

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SUNDAY, APRIL 17, 2016 FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT — Tone 5. St Mary of Egypt. Hieromartyr Simeon, Bishop in Persia, and those with him: Martyrs Abdechalas and Ananias—Presbyters, Usthazanes, Fusicus (Pusicus), Ascitrea, Azades the Eunuch, and many others (344). St. Acacius, Bishop of Melitene (ca. 433). Ven. Zosíma, Abbot of Solovétsky Monastery (1478). Uncovering of the Relics of Ven. Alexander, Abbot of Svir (1641). Martyr Adrian of Corinth (251). St. Agapitus, Pope of Rome (536). Repose of Ven. Macarios of Corinth (1805).

TROPARIA

(Tone 5) Let us, the faithful, praise and worship the Word, co-eternal with the Father and the Spirit, born for our salvation from the Virgin; for He willed to be lifted up on the Cross in the flesh, to endure death, and to raise the dead// by His glorious Resurrection.

(Tone 8) The image of God was truly preserved in you, O Mother, / for you took up the Cross and followed Christ. / By so doing, you taught us to disregard the flesh for it passes away; / but to care instead for the soul, for it is immortal. // Therefore your spirit, O holy Mother Mary, rejoices with the angels.

(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, Mediatrix 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 Fifth Tone: Thou, O Lord, shalt protect us / and preserve us from this generation forever.

v: Save me, O Lord, for there is no longer any that is godly.

THE EPISTLE OF THE HOLY APOSTLE PAUL TO THE HEBREWS (9:11-14) Brethren: Christ came as High Priest of the good things to come, with the greater and more perfect tabernacle not made with hands, that is, not of this creation. Not with the blood of goats and calves, but with His own blood He entered the Most Holy Place once for all, having obtained eternal redemption. For if the blood of bulls and goats and the ashes of a heifer, sprinkling the unclean, sanctifies for the purifying of the flesh, how much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without spot to God, cleanse your conscience from dead works to serve the living God. *Alleluia, Tone 5*

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

v: For Thou hast said: Mercy will be established forever; Thy truth will be prepared in the heavens.

THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO SAINT MARK (10:32-45) At that time, as the disciples were on the road, going up to Jerusalem, and Jesus was going before them; and they were amazed. And as they followed they were afraid. Then He took the twelve aside again and began to tell them the things that would happen to Him: Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be betrayed to the chief priests and to the scribes; and they will condemn Him to death and deliver Him to the Gentiles; and they will mock Him, and scourge Him, and spit on Him, and kill Him. And the third day He will rise again. Then James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came to Him, saying, “Teacher, we want You to do for us whatever we ask.” And He said to them, “What do you want Me to do for you?” They said to Him, “Grant us that we may sit, one on Your right hand and the other on Your left, in Your glory.” But Jesus said to them, “You do not know what you ask. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, and be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?” They said to Him, “We are able.” So

Jesus said to them, “You will indeed drink the cup that I drink, and with the baptism I am baptized with you will be baptized; but to sit on My right hand and on My left is not Mine to give, but it is for those for whom it is prepared. And when the ten heard it, they began to be greatly displeased with James and John. But Jesus called them to Himself and said to them, “You know that those who are considered rulers over the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them. Yet it shall not be so among you; but whoever desires to become great among you shall be your servant. And whoever of you desires to be first shall be slave of all. For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many.

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!

THE SIXTH WEEK OF LENT – THE WEEK OF PALMS

This last week of Lent is called the Week of Palms or Palm Week because it leads us to Palm Sunday. During this week the hymns of the Church unfold for us the sickness of Lazarus and the journey of Jesus from Bethphage to Bethany to raise Lazarus from the dead. This miracle results in the triumphal entry of our Lord Jesus into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday. Below are a selection from the hymns of this week that will lead us to the festive days of Lazarus Saturday and Palm Sunday.

MONDAY – Lazarus is fatally ill

Matins, Monday

Ode 7 Behold, Christ is in the city of Bethphage. Rejoice, O Bethany, home of Lazarus, for He will show you a miracle without equal, by raising Lazarus from the dead.

Ode 9 Today the illness of Lazarus is made known to Christ, Who is lingering beyond the Jordan; however, in His foreknowledge, He declares: This sickness does not lead to death.

TUESDAY – Lazarus is fatally ill

Matins, Tuesday

Sessional Hymn 3 Yesterday and today Lazarus suffers from his illness; his sisters send word to Christ about him. Prepare yourself, O Bethany, to receive your Master and King in joy and to sing with us: O Lord, glory to Thee!

WEDNESDAY – Lazarus dies & is buried – 1st day in the tomb

Matins, Wednesday

Ode 3 Today Lazarus dies, but this death does not escape the divine eye of Jesus. Therefore, He spoke to His disciples and said: “My friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I shall go and raise him.”

Ode 9 The sisters of Lazarus weep over the tomb of their brother today, seeing him buried beneath the stone; Thou hast said clearly to Thine apostles, O Christ: “I rejoice for you that I was not there, so that you may believe.”

THURSDAY – 2nd day in the tomb

Matins, Thursday

Sessional Hymn 3 Lazarus is in the tomb for two days, and his two sisters, Martha and Mary, grieve deeply as they look sadly at the rock covering the tomb. With his disciples, the Creator comes to despoil Death and give us life. Therefore, we cry out: “O Lord, glory to Thee!”

FRIDAY – 3rd day in the tomb

Matins, Friday

Sessional Hymn 3 On this day two disciples are sent to look for the colt of a donkey for the Master of the universe Who is seated upon the hosts of Cherubim. Death, the great devourer of the human race, begins to tremble, for Christ first carried away Lazarus; and soon He will take with Him all humanity.

Ode 8 The sound of Thy steps resounds in Bethphage, and they were sensed by Hades who was enraged; and It entreated Lazarus, saying: “If He Who is Life calls you, hasten to leave, for I know that my end is near.”

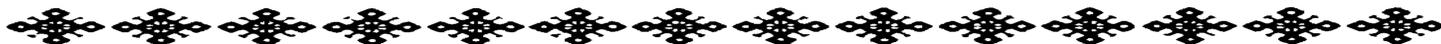
LAZARUS SATURDAY – 4th day in the tomb

Vespers & Matins, Saturday

Vespers, sticheron The kingdom of Hades was demolished at the sound of Thy voice, O Lord; Thy powerful word awakened from the tomb one who had been dead four days. Lazarus becomes a saving prelude of our regeneration. Nothing is impossible for the King of the universe; O Lord, grant to Thy servants forgiveness and great mercy!

Matins, at the Praises Even though Lazarus had been dead four days, Thou didst raise him from Hades, O Christ; before Thine own death, Thou didst destroy the power of Death; Thou didst free one of Thy friends from the tomb to announce the resurrection of all. Therefore, we bow before Thy sovereign power and cry out: Blessed art Thou, O Savior, have mercy on us!

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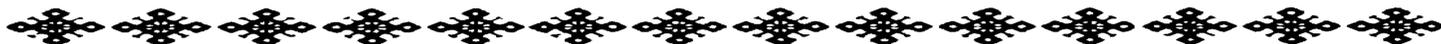


CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR THE HEALTH AND BLESSINGS OF

- Fr. Joe, Fr. Moses, Fr. Lavrenty, Deacon Anthony, Aaron, Gloria, Laurie,
Walt & Zina, Dorothy, Jeanette, Reggie, Ruth, Stojan & Mira, Bosa, Joseph,
Helen, Ted & Marlene, Gladys, my family & friends Joe Tome
- Health & Blessing for Jon & Jennifer Shann and family..... Les & Susie Ford
- Health & God’s Blessings Ruth Conrad Dorothy & Debbie
- Adelaida, Feodosiy, Oleg, Galina, Nikolay, Nikolay, Irina..... Irina Sivergina
- Special Intention Joe Tome
- God’s Blessings to Tom Panoff on his birthday April, 13 Mom & Dad
- Ruth Conrad, Anna Branoff, Gloria Zelenko, Dorothy Goodman..... Adams Family

CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR ALL THOSE IN BLESSED REPOSE

- Evgeniy, Olga, Tatyana Natallia
- Galina, Nikolay, Vasilii, Andrey, Vitaliy, Feodosiy, Yulia, Vilma..... Irina Sivergina
- Fr. David Przedwiecki Joe Tome
- Fr. David Przedwiecki Dorothy Goodman



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

Coffee and pastries are being donated today in memory of +Evangalia Bakousidis, mother of Irene Batcos and Gerry Bakousidis, one year blessed repose by her family.

HELP NEEDED on Friday, April 22 at 1 pm to assemble the palms and pussywillows and prepare the church for Palm Sunday.

LAST CONFESSIONS before Pascha will be Wednesday, April 27. Father Matthew is available to hear confessions before and after Saturday Vespers, Sunday Liturgy and services during the week. If needed you may call the parish office to make an appointment.

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.**

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 next Sunday, April 24. Orders forms are due TODAY!

100th 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 100th Anniversary event for April. **A collection will be taken up today and next Sunday to purchase the items needed. Please be generous.**

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 and Red Egg Dye -\$50. See Debbie if you would like to donate or contribute toward any of the items listed

PASCHAL GOSPEL It is customary to read the Gospel in various languages. If anyone would like to read the Gospel in a language other than English at Pascha, please contact the office as soon as possible.

VIGIL AT THE TOMB OF THE LORD It is traditional to keep a vigil at the Tomb of our Lord from Great Friday evening until the Great Saturday's Liturgy and then until the midnight service. The Vigil is from Friday, April 29 at 10:00 pm until Saturday, April 30 at 10:00 am and then from 1:00 pm until 10:30 pm. If you are interested, please email stnicholas1916@att.net, call the office at 744-0070 or sign your name to the sign-up sheet in the hall.

PARISHIONER UPDATE as of Thursday, April 14, Mary Ann Brayan is back at her residence. Her address is Mary Ann Brayan, 5230 Warwick Woods Trail, Grand Blanc, MI 48439 if you would like to send her a card.

CONGRATULATIONS to Tom and Kathy Sozovski on the birth of their twin great grandsons Stefan and Aleksander, born on March, 3. Parents are Steven and Adrienne Jancevski and grandparents Lazar and Jelica Trpcevski.

MEMORY ETERNAL +Fr. David Przedwiecki fell asleep in the Lord on Saturday, April 2 in Milwaukee, WI. +Fr. David is survived by his brother, nieces and nephews. +Fr. David was a good friend of +Fr. Raphael and played St. Nicholas for us for many years. May God grant +Fr. David a blessed repose and rest among the saints. Memory Eternal.

Schedule of services and events for the week of April 17:

Monday, April 18

6:30 pm Compline at St. George

Tuesday, April 19

Father out of office

Wednesday, April 20

9:00 am Lenten Hours

11:00 am Adult Education

6:00 pm Combined Presanctified @ St. Mary Magdalene followed by Lenten Potluck

Bishop Alexander will be in attendance

Please bring a Lenten dish to share

Thursday, April 21

Fr. in Toledo

Friday, April 22

1:00 pm Assemble Palms and Pussywillows

Saturday, April 23

9:30 am **LAZARUS SATURDAY**
Combined Liturgy @ Assumption

5:00 pm Vespers w/Litya

Sunday, April 24

9:30 am **PALM SUNDAY**
Third Hour

10:00 am Divine Liturgy

Church School

7:00 pm Bridegroom Matins

Offerings for the week April 10, 2016

<i>Weekly Offerings</i>	\$1,262.00
<i>Estimated Average Weekly Expenses</i>	\$5,255.62
	-\$3,993.62

*77 people were in attendance on
Sunday, April 10, 2016*

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

St. John Chrysostom