

**February 3, 2019**

**St. Nicholas Orthodox Church**

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**The Holy Gospel according to Mark  
16: 9-20 (3rd Matins Gospel)**

Now when Jesus rose early on the first day of the week, He appeared first to Mary Magdalene, out of whom He had cast seven demons. She went and told those who had been with Him, as they mourned and wept. And when they heard that He was alive and had been seen by her, they did not believe. After that, He appeared in another form to two of them as they walked and went into the country. And they went and told it to the rest, but they did not believe them either. Later He appeared to the eleven as they sat at the table; and He rebuked their unbelief and hardness of heart, because they did not believe those who had seen Him after He had risen. And He said to them, “Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned. And these signs will follow those who believe: In My name they will cast out demons; they will speak with new tongues; they will take up serpents; and if they drink anything deadly, it will by no means hurt them; they will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover. So then, after the Lord had spoken to them, He was received up into heaven, and sat down at the right hand of God. And they went out and preached everywhere, the Lord working with them and confirming the word through the accompanying signs.  
Amen.

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2019 36TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST — Tone 3. Afterfeast of the Meeting. Holy and Righteous Simeon the God-receiver and Anna the Prophetess. Rt. Blv. Prince Roman of Uglich (1285). Prophet Azariah (2 Chronicles 15th-10th c. B.C.). Martyrs Papias, Diodorus and Claudianus, at Perge in Pamphylia (250). Martyrs Adrian and Eubulus, at Cæsarea in Cappadocia (ca. 308-309). Martyr Blaise of Cæsarea in Cappadocia (ca. 308-309).**

**FIRST ANTIPHON**

My heart is indicting a good matter, I speak of the things which I have made to the King.

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

My tongue is the pen of a ready writer, full of grace are thy lips. Therefore God hath blest thee forever.

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

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

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

## **SECOND ANTIPHON**

Gird Thy sword upon Thy thigh, O mighty one, in Thy glory and Thy beauty!

**Save us, O Son of God, carried in the arms of Simeon the righteous , save us who sing to Thee: Alleluia!**

The scepter of Thy kingdom is a righteous scepter.

**Save us, O Son of God, carried in the arms of Simeon the righteous , save us who sing to Thee: Alleluia!**

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, O Christ our God, trampling down death by death, Who art one of the Holy Trinity, glorified with the Father and the Holy Spirit:save us!

## **THIRD ANTIPHON**

**Hear, O daughter, consider, and incline your ear; forget your people and your father's house.**

**(Tone 1)** Rejoice, O Virgin Theotokos, Full of Grace! / From you shone the Sun of Righteousness, Christ our God, / enlightening those who sat in darkness. / Rejoice and be glad, O righteous Elder: / you accepted in your arms the Redeemer of our souls, / Who grants us the Resurrection!

**Even the rich among the people shall entreat your favor.**

**(Tone 1)** Rejoice, O Virgin Theotokos, Full of Grace! / From you shone the Sun of Righteousness, Christ our God, / enlightening those who sat in darkness. / Rejoice and be glad, O righteous Elder: / you accepted in your arms the Redeemer of our souls, / Who grants us the Resurrection!

**I will make your name to be remembered in all generations.**

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## **TROPARIA**

**(Tone 3)** Let the heavens rejoice! Let the earth be glad! For the Lord has shown strength with His arm. He has trampled down Death by death. He has become the first-born of the dead. He has delivered us from the depths of Hell, and has granted to the world great mercy.

**(Tone 1)** Rejoice, O Virgin Theotokos, Full of Grace! / From you shone the Sun of Righteousness, Christ our God, / enlightening those who sat in darkness. / Rejoice and be glad, O righteous Elder: / you accepted in your arms the Redeemer of our souls, / Who grants us the Resurrection!

**(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)** By Thy Nativity Thou didst sanctify the Virgin's womb! And didst bless Simeon's hands, O Christ God. Now Thou hast come and saved us through love. Grant peace to all Orthodox Christians, O only Lover of Man!

***The Prokeimenon in the Third Tone: Sing praises to our God, sing praises; / Sing praises to our King, sing praises!***

**v. Clap your hands, all ye people, shout to God with loud songs of joy.**

## **THE READING FROM THE FIRST EPISTLE PAUL TO TIMOTHY (4:9-15)**

Timothy, my son, this saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, for to this end we toil and strive, because we have our hope set on the living God, who is the Savior of all men, especially of those who believe. Command and teach these things. Let no one despise your youth, but set the believers an example in speech and conduct, in love, in faith, in purity. Till I come, attend to the public reading of scripture, to preaching, to teaching. Do not neglect the gift you have, which was given you by prophetic utterance when the council of elders laid their hands upon you. Practice these duties; devote yourself to them, so that all may see your progress.

### *Alleluia, Tone 3*

**v. In Thee, O Lord, have I placed my hope; let me not be put to shame.**

**v. Be Thou a God of protection for me, a house of refuge in order to save me.**

## **THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO LUKE (19:1-10)**

At that time Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through. And there was a man named Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector, and rich. And he sought to see who Jesus was, but could not, on account of the crowd, because he was small of stature. So he ran on ahead and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see him, for he was to pass that way. When Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, make haste and come down; for I must stay at your house today." So he made haste and came down, and received him joyfully. And when they saw it they all murmured, "He has gone in to be the guest of a man who is a sinner." And Zacchaeus stood and said to the Lord, "Behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor; and if I have defrauded any one of anything, I restore it fourfold." And Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, since he also is a son of Abraham. For the Son of man came to seek and to save the lost."

## **COMMUNION HYMN**

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

**THE MEETING OF OUR LORD AND SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST IN THE TEMPLE—FEBRUARY 2** On this day the Church commemorates an important event in the earthly life of our Lord Jesus Christ (Luke 2:22-40). Forty days after His birth the God-Infant was taken to the Jerusalem Temple, the center of the nation's religious life. According to the Law of Moses (Lev. 12:2-8), a woman who gave birth to a male child was forbidden to enter the Temple of God for forty days. At the end of this time the mother came to the Temple with the child, to offer a young lamb or pigeon to the Lord as a purification sacrifice. The Most Holy Virgin, the Mother of God, had no need of purification, since she had given birth to the Source of purity and sanctity without defilement. However, she humbly fulfilled the requirements of the Law. At this time the righteous Elder Simeon (February 3) was living in Jerusalem. It had been revealed to him that he would not die until he should behold the promised Messiah. By inspiration from above, Saint Simeon went to the Temple at the very moment when the Most Holy Theotokos and Saint Joseph had brought the Infant Jesus to fulfill the Law. The God-Receiver Simeon took the divine Child in his arms, and giving thanks to God, he spoke the words repeated by the Church each evening at Vespers: "Now set free Your servant, Master, according to Your word in peace, for my eyes have seen Your salvation, which You have prepared before the face of all peoples, a light for revelation of the Gentiles, and for glory of Your people Israel" (Luke 2:29-32). Saint Simeon said to the Most Holy Virgin: "Behold, this child is set for the fall and rising again of many in Israel, and for a sign which shall be spoken against. Yea, a sword shall pierce through your own soul also, that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed" (Luke 2:34-35). At the Temple was the 84-year-old widow Anna the Prophetess, daughter of Phanuel (February 3), "who did not leave the temple, but served God with fasting and prayers night and day. She arrived just when Saint Simeon met the divine Child. She also gave thanks to the Lord and spoke of Him to all those who were looking for redemption in Jerusalem" (Luke 2:37-38). In the icon of the Feast she holds a scroll which reads: "This Child has established Heaven and earth." The Feast of the Meeting of the Lord is among the most ancient feasts of the Christian Church. We have sermons on the Feast by the holy bishops Methodius of Patara (+ 312), Cyril of Jerusalem (+ 360), Gregory the Theologian (+ 389), Amphilocius of Iconium (+ 394), Gregory of Nyssa (+ 400), and John Chrysostom (+ 407). Despite its early origin, this Feast was not celebrated so splendidly until the sixth century. In 528, during the reign of Justinian, an earthquake killed many people in Antioch. Other misfortunes followed this one. In

541 a terrible plague broke out in Constantinople, carrying off several thousand people each day. During this time of widespread suffering, a solemn prayer service (Litia) for deliverance from evils was celebrated on the Feast of the Meeting of the Lord, and the plague ceased. In thanksgiving to God, the Church established a more solemn celebration of this Feast. Church hymnographers have adorned this Feast with their hymns: Saint Andrew of Crete in the seventh century; Saint Cosmas Bishop of Maium, Saint John of Damascus, and Saint Germanus Patriarch of Constantinople in the eighth century; and Saint Joseph, Archbishop of Thessalonica in the ninth century. **from** [www.oca.org](http://www.oca.org)

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

Dorothy, Calvin, John & Rose, Angelo, Allen, Stojan & Mira	Connie Maxim
Mary-for a speedy recovery & Alex and Mary	Her family
Fr. Tom, Fr. Dimitrie, Fr. Anthony, Angelo, Aaron, Reggie, John, Alex, Irene, Rimi, Allen, Deborah, JoAnn, Susan, Luba, Kosta, David, Anna, Helen, Walt, Calvin, Vladimir, Dorothy, John, Allison, Stojan, Mira, Bosa, Jeanette, Christopher, Ted, Marlene, Joseph, Nicholas, Margaret, Gladys, my family and friends	Joe Tome
Special Intention	Joe Tome
Health of Deborah Adams & Protodeacon Kerry on their birthdays	Their family

**CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR BLESSED REPOSE**

Kosta Papalazarou	Lena Bakousidis
Grandson Andrew, goddaughter Kay & Ponte Brown (40 days)	Angelo & Christine
Peter Popoff	Alex & Magda Popoff



**WELCOME** to all our friends and visitors.



**COFFEE & DONUTS** are provided today by Barb & David Vuckivich in memory of the Vuckovich and Spankie families.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED** to take down the Christmas decorations & Nativity scenes on Monday, February 4<sup>th</sup> at 10am.

**MEMORY ETERNAL – CHRIST IS RISEN** Betty Dimich, widow of Mike P. Dimich, fell asleep in the Lord on Sunday, January 27. Visitation and funeral took place at Allen Funeral Home in Davison on Saturday, February 2. Private burial to take place at the Assyrian Cemetery. Christ grant that she rejoice in the light of His face and grant his peace to all of her family.

**ANNUAL MEETING REPORTS** Copies are available in the parish hall. As was noted at the meeting, the year 2017 ended with a \$65,000 deficit from which we haven't recovered in 2018. There are funds enough to cover two months' worth of expenses. Many good fundraising ideas were presented at the annual meeting. Additionally, a letter will be sent to all parish households outlining the financial summary and with prayerful requests for those who are already tithing, those for whom tithing is something new, and for those who cannot commit to a proportional gift, to prayerfully consider increasing financial donation by 10%.

**HOPE IN A BOX** is collecting **shampoo, conditioner & lotion** for the month of February. Place the items in the blue box in the Parish 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** Thursday, February 7<sup>th</sup> from 9 am- 1 pm. Please make an effort to be there and to invite a friend. There is a signup sheet at the candle stand for volunteers.

**Weekly Schedule:**

**Today** Parastas for the fallen asleep of the Vuckovich and Spankie families

**Weekly Schedule:**

**Monday, Feb 4**

**10 am** Take down Christmas decorations and Nativity scenes

**Tuesday, Feb 5**

Fr. Matthew in Toledo

**Wednesday, Feb 6**

9:30 am Divine Liturgy  
**No Adult Ed. Class**

**DIOCESAN CLERGY RETREAT – Wednesday, February 5 through Saturday, February 9 at Dormition Monastery** If you have a pastoral emergency, please call Fr. Joe Abud at 810-444-9108.

**Thursday, Feb 7**

9 am-1 pm North End Soup Kitchen

**Saturday, Feb 9**

5 pm Vespers

**Sunday, Feb 10**

9:30 am Hours  
10 am Divine Liturgy  
Church School  
40 day Parastas for Kay Brown

**Offerings for the week January 27, 2018**

Weekly Offerings	\$ 2,572.00
Estimated Average Weekly Expenses	\$ 4,034.03
	<b>\$-1,462.03</b>

*83 people were in attendance on Sunday, January 27<sup>th</sup>.*

**Here's the shortest and easiest path to salvation: Be obedient, restrained, don't judge, and guard your heart and mind against wicked thoughts. Think well of everyone and bear in mind that the Lord loves them. Because of these humble thoughts, the grace of the Holy Spirit will dwell in your heart and you'll say: 'The Lord is merciful'.**

**- St Silouan the Athonite**