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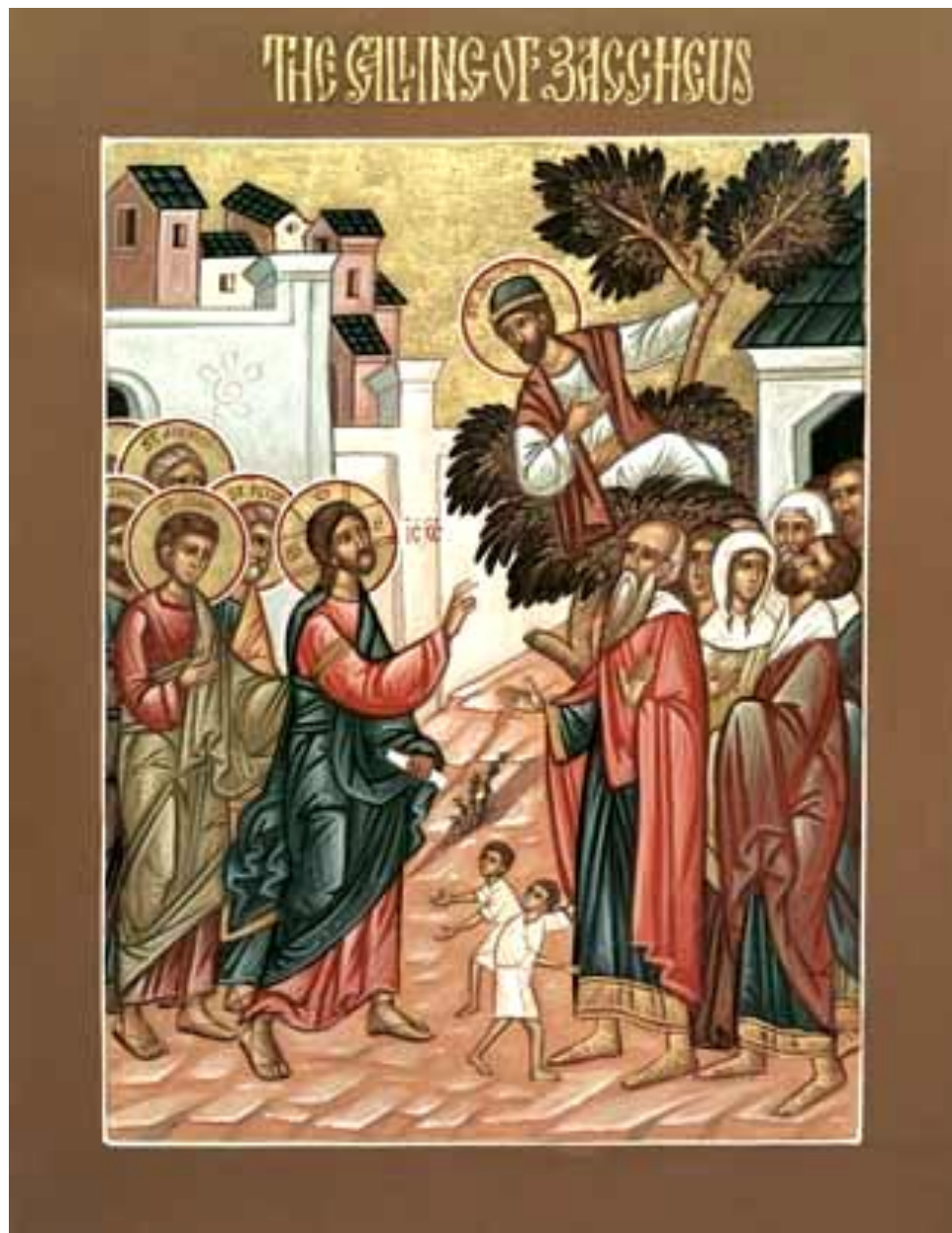
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SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2016 37th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST — Tone 4. Ven. Auxentius of Bithynia (ca. 470). Repose of St. Cyril, Equal-to-the-Apostles and Teacher of the Slavs (869). Ven. Isaac, Recluse, of the Kiev Caves (Near Caves—ca. 1190). The Twelve Greeks who built the Dormition Cathedral in the Lavra of the Kiev Caves (11th c.). Translation of the Relics of Martyrs Michael and his councilor, Theodore, of Chernígov (1578). Ven. Maron, Hermit, of Syria (4th c.). St. Abraham, Bishop of Charres in Mesopotamia (5th c.).

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 4) Wisdom was your sister from birth; / You loved her, O voice of God, as a pure virgin / Who adorned your soul and mind as a precious jewel, / So revealing you, O blessed man, to be another Cyril: / Wise in name and understanding!

(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 Seventh Tone: Precious in the sight of the Lord / is the death of His saints.
v: What shall I render unto the Lord for all that He hath rendered unto me?

THE READING FROM THE EPISTLE OF THE HOLY APOSTLE PAUL TO THE HEBREWS (7:26-8:2) *Brethren:* it was fitting that we should have such a high priest, holy, blameless, unstained, separated from sinners, exalted above the heavens. He has no need, like those high priests, to offer sacrifices daily, first for his own sins and then for those of the people; he did this once for all when he offered up himself. Indeed, the law appoints men in their weakness as high priests, but the word of the oath, which came later than the law, appoints a Son who has been made perfect for ever. Now the point in what we are saying is this: we have such a high priest, one who is seated at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in heaven, a minister in the sanctuary and the true tent which is set up not by man but by the Lord.

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 THE HOLY APOSTLE AND EVANGELIST MATTHEW

(15:21-28) And Jesus went away from there and withdrew to the district of Tyre and Sidon. And behold, a Canaanite woman from that region came out and cried, “Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David; my daughter is severely possessed by a demon.” But he did not answer her a word. And his disciples came and begged him, saying, “Send her away, for she is crying after us.” He answered, “I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.” But she came and knelt before him, saying, “Lord, help me.” And he answered, “It is not fair to take the children’s bread and throw it to the dogs.” She said, “Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters’ table.” Then Jesus answered her, “O woman, great is your faith! Be it done for you as you desire.” And her daughter was healed instantly.

COMMUNION HYMN

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

Parish Health Inventory (continued)

9. Parish council.

Growing parishes maintain a “give and take” attitude—a synergy—between clergy and laity. Effective parish councils are concerned with “more than money and minutiae.” Working hand-in-hand with the parish’s clergy, councils can focus on “what is God calling us to do” and “how do we face forward” rather than “how do we make it through the end of the month?” Maintenance issues become secondary to taking action that builds up the health and vibrancy of the parish.

10. Broad stewardship.

Probably the most consistent theme that surfaces when surveying common traits among growing parishes is the sense of broad stewardship of the community. One participant noted that in reasonably healthy parishes, members are more likely to see the parish not as “their own,” but as belonging to Christ—and ascent to their roles as caretakers of something they have received from the Lord Himself at which already belongs to Him. We’re not the owners — we’re the borrowers.

- **We are accountable for our parish.** Ultimately, we will be called to give an account for the use of the gifts, resources and talents given to us by God. Unlike the “one talent steward” who, having been given a talent by the Master buried it in the ground and did nothing with it, we need to willingly make a return to God for His investment in each of us.

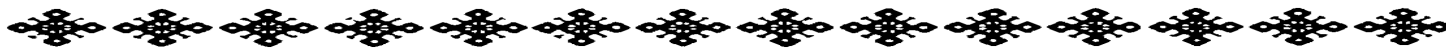
One of the most important gifts entrusted to our care is our parish itself—not only parish facilities and resources, but care of the clergy, of one another, and of the parish’s mission, ministry and purpose. The purpose of a parish is to proclaim Christ through worship and praise, through word and deed. Our parish has been entrusted to us—not to keep or merely “maintain,” but to care for, to minister from, to strengthen and expand, and to pass on to future generations. We are responsible!

It should be the joyful responsibility of all parishioners—and not just the clergy—to become invested in the work of the parish. Responsibly supporting the parish means that we each return a meaningful portion of the resources—time, talent and treasure, given to us by God—back to God through the parish to support the costs associated with doing God’s work.

When each of us is gone, our future generations will be what remain of us and our parish. Let us leave for them a parish prepared to do Christ’s work in the world and one which, in every aspect, can be found to be in better condition than we received it. This would seem to be an important and pleasant task.

A free-will action. Stewardship, finally, is a “free-will action” that demonstrates trust in God and a love for His Holy House and People and all His creation. Tithes need to be joyful, unconstrained, proportional and authentic—a free-will offering willingly and gratefully made from the heart, given from the first portion of God’s blessings. Authentic stewardship is neither grudgingly offered or compulsory, but rather confident and trusting.

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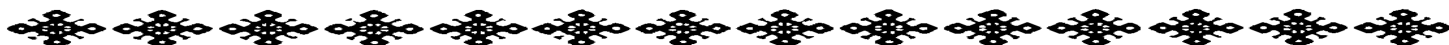
CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR THE HEALTH AND BLESSINGS OF

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| Special Intention | Joe Tome |
| God’s Blessings & Good health to all the Godparents in our parish..... | St. Catherine’s League |
| Health & Blessings Ruth Conrad | Vladimir & Zina Pyatenko |

Fr. Joe, Fr. Moses Fr. Lavrenty, Ruth Conrad, Deacon Anthony, Aaron, Gloria,
 Laurie, Anne, Anna, Walt & Zina, Dorothy, Jeanette, Reggie, Stojan & Mira,
 Bosa, Rose, Joseph, Helen, Ted & Marlene, Fr. David, Gladys, my family & friends..... Joe Tome
 Health & God's Blessings Ruth Conrad, Ronald Waskerwitz Dorothy Goodman
 Health & Blessings for Tom Branoff for his birthday (Feb. 18)..... Linda, Peter & Marilyn
 God's blessings to our godchildren Alexander, Noah, Alex, Andrea, Viki, Kay
 and April, God's blessings to our Numko & Numka Alex & Anastasia Branoff Angelo & Christine
 Health & Blessings for a speedy recovery and rehabilitation for Ron Waskerwitz..... Peggy & Bob Russell
 Health & God's Blessings Ruth Conrad, Happy Birthday & God's Blessings
 Milica Beslach Stojan & Mira Prusac

CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR ALL THOSE IN BLESSED REPOSE

Blessed Repose to all the deceased Godparents of our parish St. Catherine's League
 Peter Popoff-Memory Eternal Alex & Magda Popoff
 Stella Branoff on her 80th Birthday (Feb. 16)-Memory Eternal..... Tom, Linda,
 Peter & Marilyn
 Blessed Repose to our godchild Paul,
 Blessed Repose to godparents Luba & Mike Yaneff Angelo & Christine



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

ST. NICHOLAS BINGO DAY will be held following the Divine Liturgy, join us for lunch and a day filled with fun and prizes as we play **BINGO**. This is the 100th Anniversary event for February. The luncheon will consist of a Sloppy Joe, Potato Chips, Broccoli Salad, Baked Beans, Dessert and Beverage. The cost for the luncheon, which includes 1 Bingo card, will be \$10. Extra cards will be made available for \$1 each.

100th ANNIVERSARY PILGRIM ICON There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex for parishioners to take the icon to their homes a week at a time. There is a special carrying case for the icon and a card with prayers you can offer before the image of the Mother of God.

CHARITY MINISTRIES

HOPE IN A BOX is collecting Shampoo for February. Place the items in the Blue Box in the hall. Catholic Charities Community Closet will distribute the items. We list the needs for Hope In A Box in every monthly bulletin and are listed for a three month period.

FOOD DRIVE Place non-perishable food items in the other blue box in the hall.

NORTH END SOUP KITCHEN We next serve **Thursday, March 3 from 9 am to 1 pm.**

CHEESEFARE LUNCHEON will be held on Sunday, March 16. We are in need of volunteers to help cook, set-up/serving and clean-up. There are sign-up sheets in the parish hall.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED We are looking for two families or individuals who would be willing to give a parishioner a ride to church once a month. Pick up would be off of Saginaw Street in Grand Blanc. Please see Matushka Lisa with any questions.

Schedule of services and events for the week of February 14:

Monday, February 15

6-8 pm Book Club @ St. George

Tuesday, February 16

Fr. in Toledo

Wednesday, February 17

9:00 am Divine Liturgy
11:00 am Adult Education

Saturday, February 20

5:00 pm Vespers

Sunday, February 21

9:30 am **PUBLICAN & PHARISEE**
10:00 am Third Hour
Divine Liturgy
Church School

Offerings for the week February 7, 2016

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| <i>Weekly Offerings</i> | \$1,561.00 |
| <i>Estimated Average Weekly Expenses</i> | \$5,255.62 |
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*85 people were in attendance on
Sunday, February 7, 2016*

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

St. John Chrysostom