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**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2020 SUNDAY OF THE PRODIGAL SON — Tone 2. Martyrs Pamphilus—
Presbyter, Valens—Deacon, Paul, Seleucus, Porphyrius, Julian, Theodulus, Elias, Jeremiah, Isaiah, Samuel, and
Daniel, at Caesarea in Palestine (307-309). St. Maruthas, Bishop of Martyropolis in Mesopotamia (422). Persian
Martyrs in Martyropolis in Mesopotamia (4th c.). St. Nicholas, Equal-to-the-Apostles, Archbishop of
Japan (1912).**

TROPARIA

(Tone 2) When Thou didst descend to death, O Life Immortal, Thou didst slay hell with the splendor of Thy Godhead! And when from the depths Thou didst raise the dead, all the powers of heaven cried out: O Giver of Life! Christ our God! Glory to Thee!

(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 3) I have recklessly forgotten Thy glory, O Father; and among sinners I have scattered the riches which Thou gavest me. And now I cry to Thee as the Prodigal: / “I have sinned before Thee, O merciful Father; / receive me a penitent, and make me as one of Thy hired servants!”

***The Prokeimenon in the Second Tone: The Lord is my strength and my song. He has become my salvation.
v. The Lord has chastened me sorely, but He has not given me over to death.***

THE READING FROM THE FIRST EPISTLE OF THE HOLY APOSTLE PAUL TO THE CORINTHIANS (6:12-20) Brethren: “All things are lawful for me,” but not all things are helpful. “All things are lawful for me,” but I will not be enslaved by anything. “Food is meant for the stomach and the stomach for food” - - and God will destroy both one and the other. The body is not meant for immorality, but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. And God raised the Lord and will also raise us up by his power. Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Shall I therefore take the members of Christ and make them members of a prostitute? Never! Do you not know that he who joins himself to a prostitute becomes one body with her? For, as it is written, “The two shall become one flesh.” But he who is united to the Lord becomes one spirit with him. Shun immorality. Every other sin which a man commits is outside the body; but the immoral man sins against his own body. Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, which you have from God? You are not your own; you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body.

Alleluia, Tone 2

v. May the Lord hear you in the day of trouble; may the name of the God of Jacob protect you.

v. O Lord, save the king and hear us in this day in which we call upon You.

THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO SAINT LUKE (15:11-32) And Jesus said, “There was a man who had two sons; and the younger of them said to his father, ‘Father, give me the share of property that falls to me.’ And he divided his living between them. Not many days later, the younger son gathered all he had and took his journey into a far country, and there he squandered his property in loose living. And when he had spent everything, a great famine arose in that country, and he began to be in want. So he went and joined himself to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into his fields to feed swine. And he would gladly have fed on the pods that the swine ate; and no one gave him anything. But when he came to himself he said, ‘How many of my father’s hired servants have bread enough and to spare, but I perish here with hunger! I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me as one of your hired servants.’” And he arose and came to his father. But while he was yet at a distance, his father saw him and had compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him. And the son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.’ But the father said to his servants, ‘Bring quickly the best robe, and put it on him; and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet; and bring the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and make merry; for this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.’ And they began to make merry. “Now his elder son was in the field; and as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing. And he called one of the servants and asked

what this meant. And he said to him, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has received him safe and sound.' But he was angry and refused to go in. His father came out and entreated him, but he answered his father, 'Lo, these many years I have served you, and I never disobeyed your command; yet you never gave me a kid, that I might make merry with my friends. But when this son of yours came, who has devoured your living with harlots, you killed for him the fatted calf!' And he said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. It was fitting to make merry and be glad, for this your brother was dead, and is alive; he was lost, and is found.'"

COMMUNION HYMN

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

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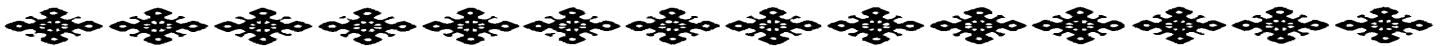


CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR THE HEALTH AND BLESSINGS OF

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| Fr. Tom, Fr. Don, Fr. Paul, Fr. Anthony, Fr. Robert, Calvin, Larry, Helen, Angelo, Joan, Peggy, Bob, Angelo, Christine, Dorothy, Anna, Irene, Allen, Deborah, Luba, Kosta, Stojan, Mira, Bosa, Christopher, Allison, Jeanette, Katheryn, Joseph, Ted, Marlene, Gladys, my family and friends. | Joe Tome |
| Special Intention | Joe Tome |
| Nadja for health and healing, Chris, Heather, Raegan, Jeremy, Teri, Hayden; Sean, Auden, Olga, Hannah. My church family and my family in Ukraine. | |
| Nick, Cathy, George. | Lucy Hogg |
| Mary, Angello, Helen, Alex, Anna, Patsy | Alex & Magda Popoff |
| Health & safe travels for all the Pannoffs. Health for our nephew Paul Pannoff on his retirement. Health for Dennis Jernigan, Dorothy Goodman | Angelo & Christine |

CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR BLESSED REPOSE

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| Blessed Repose for Peter Popoff | Alex & Magda Popoff |
| Blessed Repose for our grandsons Mathew & Andrew | |
| Blessed Repose for Thomas Branoff (6 months) . | |
| Blessed Repose for Tomka Brianis (3 years) | Angelo & Christine |
| Blessed Repose and Memory Eternal for Helen Ethington | Bosa Kantar |
| Blessed Repose for Sam Chorenko | Evanenko Family |



WELCOME to all our friends and visitors. Please join us in our fellowship hall after Liturgy.

COFFEE AND DONUTS are in memory of Helen Ethington (1 year memorial) given by her family. Her 1 year Trisagion will be served at the conclusion of the Liturgy.

LAMB BANQUET

Has been rescheduled for Sunday, February 23rd – **Meatfare Sunday**. Tickets are \$12 for adults and \$6 for children. A limited number of chicken dinners will be available. Please see **Sharon Jernigan or Susie Ford** to purchase your tickets or make your reservations.

ANNUAL MEETING The annual meeting of Saint Nicholas Parish will be held today beginning with a short prayer service after the Divine Liturgy. The meeting will then reconvene in the fellowship hall. All parish organizations must present a report, oral or written, to be given at this meeting.

OUR CHARITY MINISTRIES

HOPE IN A BOX Shampoo, Conditioner and Dish soap are being collected in February.

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

Weekly Schedule:

Monday, Feb 17 Fr. in Toledo

Wednesday, Feb 19

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| 9:30 am | Divine Liturgy |
| 11:30 am | Adult Education |

Saturday, Feb 22

5:00 pm

Vespers followed by confessions

Sunday, Feb 23

9:30 am

MEATFARE SUNDAY

Hours

10:00 am

Divine Liturgy

Church School

Lamb Banquet

Offerings for the week February 9th, 2020

? people attended Liturgy on February 9

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| <i>Weekly Offerings</i> | \$ 2,224.00 |
| <i>Estimated Average Weekly Expenses</i> | \$ 3,236.00 |
| | \$ 1,012.00 |

St. Mary Magdalene 2020 Lenten Monastery Pilgrimage – Trip Itinerary

Sunday, March 29th: Divine Liturgy at St. Mary Magdalene in Fenton Michigan. Depart for Holy Trinity Jordanville Monastery, arriving on Sunday Evening. *We will be traveling through Canada, so Passports are required!

Monday, March 30th: Morning Services at the Monastery and Breakfast. Tour of the Cathedral, Baptistry, Candle Factor, Incense workshop, and bookstore. Lunch and free time to explore, before departing for St. Tikhon’s Monastery in the evening

Tuesday, March 31st: Early Morning Services at the monastery, followed by breakfast and a tour of the Monastery Church, Museum, and Grounds. Lunch, followed by free time in the afternoon. Depending on availability, a visit to see the weeping icon of “The Tender Heart” in Taylor, PA, followed by dinner at Cooper’s restaurant in Scranton.

Wednesday, April 1st: Pre-Sanctified Divine Liturgy at the Monastery Church and a bookstore visitation. Departing early afternoon for Holy Transfiguration Monastery in Ellwood City, PA.

Thursday, April 2nd: Morning Services and breakfast with the Mothers and Sisters, followed by a tour of the Monastery Grounds and Bookstore. Lunch will be provided, before departing home for St. Mary Magdalene

Cost is \$340 per person (Cost does NOT include fuel, restaurants, and donations to the monasteries)

Email Fr. Gabriel at frgabrielsmm@gmail.com for more information by March 1!

The Holy Gospel according to Mark

16:1-8 (2nd Matins Gospel)

Now when the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, that they might come and anoint Him. Very early in the morning, on the first day of the week, they came to the tomb when the sun had risen. And they said among themselves, “Who will roll away the stone from the door of the tomb for us?” But when they looked up, they saw that the stone had been rolled away – for it was very large. And entering the tomb, they saw a young man clothed in a long white robe sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. But he said to them, “Do not be alarmed. You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He is risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid Him. But go, tell His disciples – and Peter – that He is going before you into Galilee; there you will see Him, as He said to you. So they went out quickly and fled from the tomb, for they trembled and were amazed. And they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

Welcome! We are honored that you have joined us in our celebration of the Lord's resurrection this day.

If you are a first time visitor to our parish, we invite you to sign our guest book in the vestibule. If you have a question, a prayer request, or any need, please speak with Fr. Matthew, Deacon Luke, or with any parish member.

For our friends present with us who are not Orthodox Christians, please note that we have specific disciplines regarding receiving Communion. We ask that you refrain from going to Communion until you have spoken with Fr. Matthew after the Liturgy and understand our discipline and piety regarding this sacrament and its implication for responsibility towards and membership in the Orthodox Church. The bread and wine offered after Communion and the bread offered at the end of the service is available to all.

If you are an Orthodox Christian from another parish who has prepared in accordance with your discipline, and have a blessing from your home priest to do so, we invite and encourage you to partake of Holy Communion.

There are coil-bound booklets available with the text for the Divine Liturgy – if you find it useful, please feel free to take one of those as well, with our compliments. We also hope you will stay and join us for fellowship after the Liturgy in our fellowship hall. We want the opportunity to get to know you, and for you to get to know us. **Again, welcome!**