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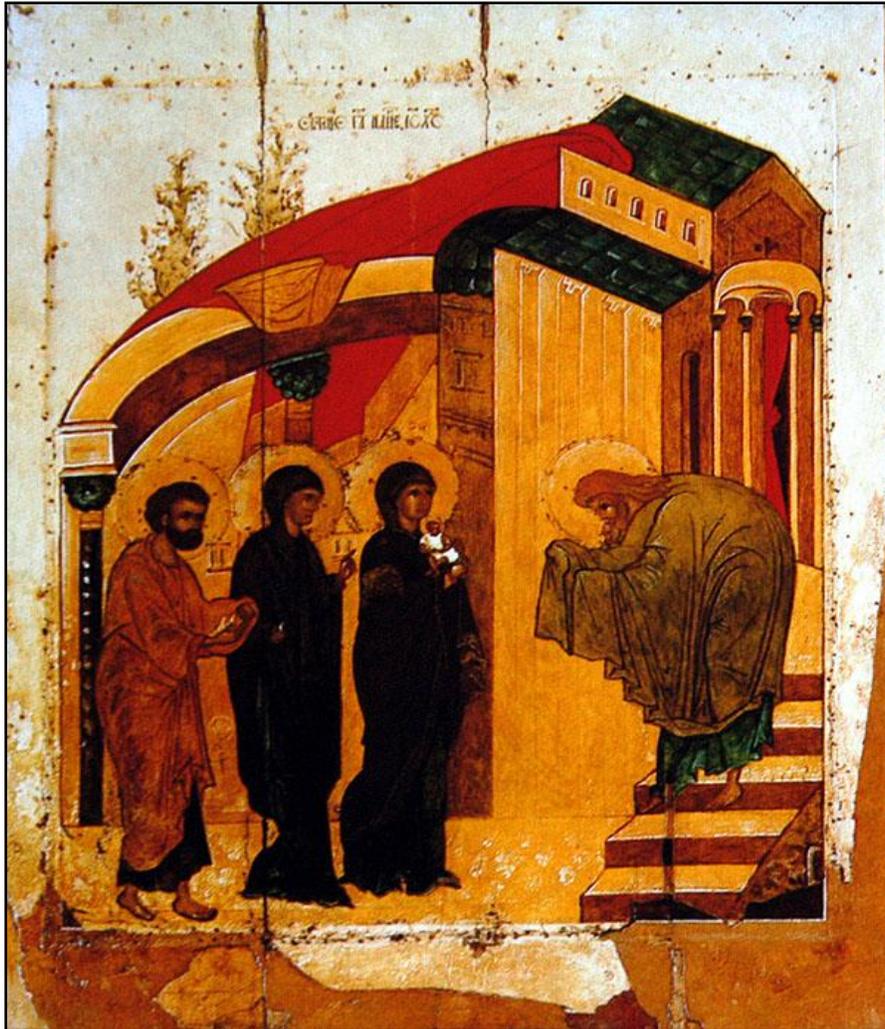
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SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2016 36th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST — Tone 3. Afterfeast of the Meeting. St. Parthenius, Bishop of Lampsacus on the Hellespont (4th c.). Ven. Luke of Hellas (ca. 946). The 1,003 Martyrs of Nicomedia (303).

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

(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!

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 SECOND EPISTLE OF THE HOLY APOSTLE PAUL TO THE CORINTHIANS (6:1-10)

Brethren: Working together with Christ, then, we entreat you not to accept the grace of God in vain. For He says, "At the acceptable time I have listened to you, and helped you on the day of salvation." Behold, now is the acceptable time; behold, now is the day of salvation. We put no obstacle in any one's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, but as servants of God we commend ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, beatings, imprisonments, tumults, labors, watching, hunger; by purity, knowledge, forbearance, kindness, the Holy Spirit, genuine love, truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; in honor and dishonor, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; as unknown, and yet well known; as dying, and behold we live; as punished, and yet not killed; as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything.

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 SAINT MATTHEW (25:14-30)

The Lord said to those who came to Him: "For it will be as when a man going on a journey called his servants and entrusted to them his property; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. He who had received the five talents went at once and traded with them; and he made five talents more. So also, he who had the two talents made two talents more. But he who had received

the one talent went and dug in the ground and hid his master's money. Now after a long time the master of those servants came and settled accounts with them. And he who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five talents more, saying, 'Master, you delivered to me five talents; here I have made five talents more.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant; you have been faithful over a little, I will set you over much; enter into the joy of your master.' And he also who had the two talents came forward, saying, 'Master, you delivered to me two talents; here I have made two talents more.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant; you have been faithful over a little, I will set you over much; enter into the joy of your master.' He also who had received the one talent came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not winnow; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' But his master answered him, 'You wicked and slothful servant! You knew that I reap where I have not sowed, and gather where I have not winnowed? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and at my coming I should have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to him who has the ten talents. For to everyone who has will more be given, and he will have abundance; but from him who has not, even what he has will be taken away. And cast the worthless servant into the outer darkness; there men will weep and gnash their teeth.'"

COMMUNION HYMN

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

Parish Health Inventory (continued)

3. Diversity.

None of the growing parishes represented at the workshop was dominated by a single, "traditionally Orthodox" ethnic background. Newer parishes were not "ethnically consistent," while older parishes had often transitioned into pan-Orthodox communities or convert-centric parishes. Participants also noted the importance of generational and economic diversity among their parishioners.

4. Find a ministry.

While many workshop attendees mentioned the need to be sensitive of various levels of engagement on the part of parishioners, efforts to encourage everyone to "find a ministry" were seen as central in a growing parish. Many parishes reported a broad set of ministry areas—"something for everyone." [One parish reported how it had developed 37 distinct ministry areas.] Equally important is the identification of members' gifts and talents and channeling them for proper use within the Church.

5. Say "thank you" often.

Perhaps the simplest yet most commonly expressed idea from participants was the tremendous importance of clergy and lay leaders expressing collective—and personal—thanks to parishioners for their good efforts. A measure of praise and appreciation goes a long way in building a hopeful community outlook.

6. "Yes more than no."

There was a palpable sense among the workshop's clergy participants that in order to help parishioners connect with the work of the parish, lay persons need to be trusted. Efforts to delegate abound. In growing parishes, fresh new ideas are more often met with "okay, lets try that" than "not in this parish" or—even worse—"we've never done it that way before."

7. Web sites and social media.

Participants almost universally agreed on the importance of effective web sites and a social media presence. Many of them mentioned that their web site and/or Facebook presence were by far the primary ways enquirers—Orthodox and non-Orthodox alike—find the parish. E-mail and blogs were also mentioned as important tools in parish communication.

8. Limited fundraising.

When the commitment to stewardship is evident, fundraising efforts become quite secondary, often limited to specific fellowship or charitable causes rather than “making ends meet.” Growing parishes tend to expend little energy on fundraising, and many do not engage in it at all.

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CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR THE HEALTH AND BLESSINGS OF

Health & God’s Blessings to all the Panoffs and Aleksoffs	Angelo & Christine
Fr. Joe, Fr. Moses, Fr. Lavrenty, Deacon Anthony, Aaron, John, 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 & Blessings Ilo Nedanis	Lena Bakousidis
Gloria Zelenko, John & Rose Goodman, Anna Branoff, Thomka Brayanis, Jo Ann Havens, Helen Iwanoff, Lydia Keeler, Peter & Olga Samaras, Anne Smith, Patsy Stathopoulos, Dorothy Goodman.....	Adams Family
Family in Ukraine, Nadja, Auden, Sean, Heather, Raegan, Chris, Teri, Hayden, Jeremy, Nick, Cathy, George.....	Lucy Hogg
Special Intention	Joe Tome

CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR ALL THOSE IN BLESSED REPOSE

Nicholas Brock on the anniversary of his death	Laurie Brock
Peter Popoff	Alex & Magda Popoff
Phillip Yosheff-Memory Eternal	Lena Bakousidis
Sam Panoff-Memory Eternal	Adams Family
Sam Panoff, Wilma Skekloff.....	Angelo & Christine
Nicholas Brock on the anniversary of his death	Stephanie, Ian, Katelyn & Alexandra
Sam Panoff	Joe Tome
Sam Panoff, Peter Popoff-Memory Eternal	Angelo & Helen Popoff

ETERNAL LIGHT AT THE ALTAR

Sam Panoff-Memory Eternal	Adams Family
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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 Kosta Papalazarou-13yrs blessed repose by his family.

ST. CATHERINE'S LEAGUE will meet today during coffee hour. New members are always welcome.

SONS AND DAUGHTERS OF SAINT NICHOLAS your help will be needed on Tuesday, February 9 at 10am to take down the indoor and outdoor Christmas decorations.

ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE will meet on Tuesday, February 9 at 5:45 pm.

PARISH COUNCIL will meet on Tuesday, February 9 at 6:45 pm. This is a very important meeting; please try to be in attendance. Don't forget to take your packets home to review for the meeting.

YEAR END STATEMENTS for tax year 2015 have been mailed out. Please see **Debbie** if you have not received your statement or if you have any questions.

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.

ST. NICHOLAS BINGO DAY will be held next Sunday, February 14 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 3 Bingo cards, will be \$10. Extra cards will be made available.

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.

100th ANNIVERSARY FUNDRAISER Saturday, September 17, 2016, a 5K run, 2 mile walk, scavenger hunt for kids at Independence Oak Park in Clarkston. Flyers are in the hall. We need sponsors and participants so please, take some flyers, and ask for sponsors and spread the word at work and school. **Please see Kristin Hart with any questions.**

PARISHIONER UPDATE

Anne Smith was recently hospitalized and has now moved to a rehab facility. Her address is: Marvin & Betty Danto Health Care Center, 6800 W. Maple Rd, West Bloomfield, MI 48322.

Gloria Zelenko has moved to The Oaks of Grand Blanc. Her address is: 5370 E. Baldwin Rd #520, Grand Blanc, MI 48439.

Send them a card to let them know you are thinking of them and praying for them. Gloria would love to have visitors.

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 7:

Tuesday, February 9

5:45 pm 100th Anniversary Committee Meeting
6:45 pm Parish Council Meeting

Wednesday, February 10

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

Saturday, February 13

NO Vespers

Sunday, February 14

9:30 am **ST. VALENTINE'S DAY**
Third Hour
10:00 am Divine Liturgy
Bingo Day & Luncheon

Offerings for the week January 31, 2016

<i>Weekly Offerings</i>	\$2,029.00
<i>Estimated Average Weekly Expenses</i>	\$5,255.62
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*100 people were in attendance on Sunday,
January 31, 2016*

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