

January 21, 2017

St. Nicholas Orthodox Church

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The Gospel according to Saint John 21:15-25

(11th Matins Gospel)

So when they had eaten breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, “Simon, son of Jonah, do you love Me more than these?” He said to Him, “Yes, Lord; You know that I love You.” He said to him, “Feed My lambs.” He said to him again a second time, “Simon, son of Jonah, do you love Me?” He said to Him, “Yes, Lord; You know that I love You.” He said to him, “Tend My sheep.” He said to him the third time, “Simon, son of Jonah, do you love Me?” Peter was grieved because He said to him the third time, “Do you love Me?” And he said to Him, “Lord, You know all things; You know that I love You.” Jesus said to him, “Feed My sheep. Most assuredly, I say to you, when you were younger, you girded yourself and walked where you wished; but when you are old, you will stretch out your hands, and another will gird you and carry you where you do not wish. This He spoke, signifying by what death he would glorify God. And when He had spoken this, He said to him, “Follow Me.” Then Peter, turning around, saw the disciple whom Jesus loved following, who also had leaned on His breast at the supper, and said, “Lord, who is the one who betrays You?” Peter, seeing him, said to Jesus, “But Lord, what about this man?” Jesus said to him, “If I will that he remain till I come, what is that to you? You follow Me.” Then this saying went out among the brethren that this disciple would not die. Yet Jesus did not say to him that he would not die, but, “If I will that he remain till I come, what is that to you?” This is the disciple who testifies of these things, and wrote these things; and we know that his testimony is true. And there are also many other things that Jesus did, which if they were written one by one, I suppose that even the world itself could not contain the books that would be written. Amen

SUNDAY, JANUARY 21, 2018 33rd SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST — Tone 8. Ven. Maximus the Confessor (662). Martyr Neophytus of Nicæa (303-305). Martyrs Eugene, Candidus, Valerian, and Aquila, at Trebizond (3rd c.). Virgin Martyr Agnes of Rome (ca. 304). Martyr Anastasius, disciple of Ven. Maximus the Confessor (662). Ven. Neophytus of Vatopedi (Mt. Athos). Ven. Maxim the Greek (1556).

TROPARIA

(Tone 8) Thou didst descend from on high, O Merciful One! Thou didst accept the three day burial to free us from our sufferings! O Lord, our Life and Resurrection: glory to Thee!

(Tone 8) Champion of Orthodoxy, teacher of purity and of true worship, / enlightener of the universe and adornment of hierarchs: / all-wise father Maximus, your teachings have gleamed with light upon all things. / Intercede before Christ God to save our souls.

(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 Eighth Tone: Pray and make your vows / before the Lord our God!

v. In Judah God is known; His name is great in Israel.

THE READING FROM THE FIRST EPISTLE OF THE HOLY APOSTLE PAUL TO TIMOTHY (4:9-15) *Timothy, my son:* The 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 8

v. Come let us rejoice in the Lord! Let us make a joyful noise to God our Savior!

v. Let us come before His face with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise!

THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO SAINT 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!

Saint Ammonas

"Without [love], as the Apostle says, even if we spoke with the languages of the Angels, and had all the right faith, and moved mountains, and gave all we have to the poor, and gave the body to martyrdom, we would gain nothing. But perhaps you would say, 'and how can one give all that one has to the poor, if one doesn't have love, for mercy is love'? Mercy is not perfect love, but only a part

of love. Many show mercy to others, and others they wrong, to others they show hospitality, against others they remember evil, some they shelter, others they abuse, have compassion on strangers, and hate their own. Therefore this is not love, it is not, for love does not hate anyone, does not reprove anyone, does not condemn anyone, does not grieve anyone, does not denigrate anyone, neither believer, nor non-believer, nor stranger, nor sinner, nor fornicator, nor the impure, but rather it loves even more the sinners, and the weak, and the careless, and is in pain for them, and grieves, and cries, and suffers with the wicked and sinner more than with the righteous, imitating Christ, Who called the sinners and ate and drank with them. For this, showing what the love for others is, He taught saying: 'Be good and have pity, like our Father Who is in heaven!' And even as He sends rain over the evil and the good, and makes the sun rise over the righteous and unrighteous, so the one who truly has love loves all, has mercy on all, and prays for all."

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CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR THE HEALTH AND BLESSINGS OF

Health~Hailey Paul

Tom Branoff

Fr. Tom, Fr. Dimitri, Deacon Anthony, Reggie, Allen, Deborah, Joann, Gloria,

Luba, Kosta, Jimmy, Laurie, David, Helen, Anna, Walt, Zina, Vladimir,

Nicolai, Dorothy, Michael, Nicolai, Allison, Stojan, Mira, Bosa, Jeanette,

Nicholas, Margaret, Joseph, Gladys, Ted, Marlene, my family and friends

Special Intention

Helen Popoff, Anna Branoff & Alex Popoff

Health & safety for Father Matthew & Bishop Alexander on their trip to Mt. Athos

Chris, Heather, Raegan, Jeremy, Teri, Hayden, Nadja, Sean & Auden

Health & Blessing: Zina & Walt Pyatenko, Anna Branoff, Gloria Zelenko, Nick

Maxim, Nik Evanenko, Helen Popoff, Popadia Amanda & new born Benjamin,

Sebastian & Fr. Esteban

Happy Birthday Fr. Dn. Kerry Luke! God bless you & grant you many healthy,

happy years!

Gabriel Paul

Linda Branoff

Joe Tome

Joe Tome

Alex & Magda Popoff

The Jernigans

Lucy Hogg

Adams family

St. Nicholas Parish

CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR BLESSED REPOSE

Peter Popoff & John Naum

Sam Panoff, John Panoff & Aunt Patsy~Memory Eternal!

Alex & Magda Popoff

Adams family



WELCOME to all our friends and visitors. A special welcome to Fr. Joshua Genig, Matushka Abigail and their family. Fr. Joshua is attached to St. Innocent Orthodox Church in Redford.



COFFEE, DONUTS & PASTRIES are being provided today by the Bakousidis & Yosheff families in memory of Kostas Papalazarou. Call or email the parish office, as well as signing up, if you'd like to sponsor the donuts and/or coffee.

GOD GRANT MANY YEARS to the newborn Benjamin Elias Vázquez, son of Popadia Amanda and Fr. Esteban, brother of Sebastián. Baby Benjamin was born on Monday, 15 January. Mother and baby are both at home.

OUR CHARITY MINISTRIES

HOPE IN A BOX is collecting Toilet Paper for the month of January. 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

HOUSE BLESSINGS will continue until February 18. Forms are located at the candle stand or call the parish office to make an appointment.

YEAR END STATEMENTS are ready to be picked up in the parish hall.

2018 PLEDGE CARDS Please fill out and sign your pledge card even if you don't know the amount of your pledge yet. To be considered a voting member at St. Nicholas you must return a signed pledge card and receive Holy Confession and Holy Communion at a minimum of once per year (OCA Statute, Article XII, Section 5, d.)

2018 OFFERING ENVELOPES are ready to be picked up in the parish hall. If you give regularly (whether or not you filled out a pledge card) it's a tremendous help if you use the numbered envelopes. Please check to see if you have a box with your name on it, even if you marked No on your pledge card for them. If you do not see envelopes with your name on them and did request them, let Marcia know so that she can get envelopes for you



VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED to take down the indoor & outdoor Christmas decorations on Saturday, February 3 at 10 am.

LENTEN YOUTH RETREAT March 9, 10, & 11 at Dormition Monastery. For details, see Matushka Lisa.

Weekly Schedule:

Thursday, Jan 25

6 to 8 pm Segment from the movie "Becoming Truly Human" at St. George

Saturday, Jan 27

5 pm Vespers

Sunday, Jan 28

9:30 am Third Hour

10 am Divine Liturgy

Church School

Offerings for the week January 14, 2018

<i>Weekly Offerings</i>	\$1,162.00
<i>Estimated Average Weekly Expenses</i>	\$4,034.03
	-\$2,872.03

*67 people were in attendance on
Sunday, January 14, 2018*

“Be persecuted, but persecute not.

Be crucified, but crucify not.

Be wronged, but wrong not.

Be slandered, but slander not.

Have clemency, not zeal, with respect to evil.

Lay hold of goodness, not justice.

Justice does not belong to the Christian way of life, and there is no mention of it in Christ’s teaching. Rejoice with them that rejoice, and weep with them that weep: for this is the sign of limpid purity. Suffer with the sick, and mourn with sinners; with those who repent, rejoice...

Be a partaker in the sufferings of all men, but keep your body distant from all. Rebuke no man, revile no man, not even those who live very wickedly.

Spread your cloak over the man who is falling and cover him. (St. Isaac of Syria)”