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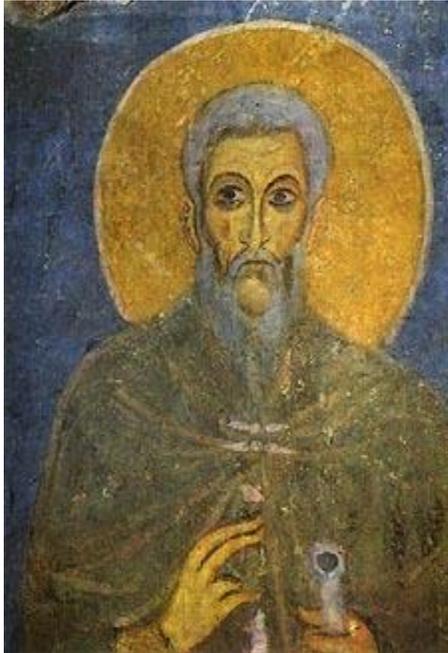
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*Wonderworker and
Unmercenary Cyrus*



*Wonderworker and
Unmercenary John*

SUNDAY, JANUARY 31, 2016 35th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST — Tone 2. Holy Wonderworkers and Unmercenaries Cyrus and John, and with them Martyrs Athanasia and her daughters: Theoctiste, Theodotia, and Eudoxia, at Canopus in Egypt (311). Ven. Nikita of the Kiev Caves, Bishop of Novgorod (1108). Martyrs Victorinus, Victor, Nicephorus, Claudius, Diodorus, Serapion, and Papias, of Egypt (251). Martyr Tryphænes at Cyzicus. St. Arsenios of Paros (1877).

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 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 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 unto death.

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 2

v: May the Lord hear you in the day of trouble! May the Name of the God of Jacob protect you!

v: Save the King, O Lord, and hear us on the day we call!

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!

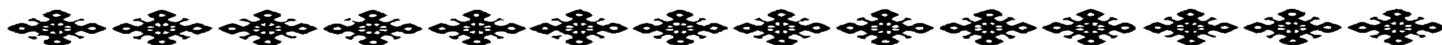
Parish Health Inventory (continued) likewise, each and every person made in the image and likeness of God is placed on this earth as a tenant—or, in the words of Saint Paul, a "sojourner." As sojourners, it is incumbent upon us to return what is not ours to its rightful Owner; in a condition at least as good as we received it, if not better. Hence, as we pray in the Divine Liturgy, we offer to God that which is His—"Thine own of Thine own, we offer to Thee on behalf of all and for all"—as stewards and sojourners who recognize that apart from His many gifts, we have nothing that we can truly call "our own."

Time, talent and treasure. We recognize that giving belongs to God’s very being. When we give freely and generously, we act as God acts. We are sharing in the work of God. Often the breadth of this giving back is thought of in terms of *time, talent and treasure*. These are good elements on which to focus, but true Christian stewardship is even broader—a commitment of our entire life. As Christians we acknowledge God as Creator and Owner of all and that none of our words, actions, powers or properties are our own, to do with as we please. We receive them from God. We possess them – but they are not really ours. The resources we enjoy – and from which we give – are ours only by derivation. All blessings flow from God. Since God is Creator and Owner, when we give to the Church and others, we are only *gratefully, joyfully* giving back to God. Every parish is distinctive and unique. And while no two communities are alike, experience has shown that growing parishes share a number of “common traits.” Below—in no particular order—are ten traits that surfaced at a recent workshop aimed at discerning the “vital signs” of a healthy, growing parish.

1. Christians first. Workshop attendees emphasized the importance of helping parishioners remember that too often we focus on the specifics of “being Orthodox” to the detriment of the basics of “being Christian.” Versions of “I remind my flock that to be Orthodox is to be a right believing Christian, that we’re Christian first—precisely by being Orthodox” and “we try to lay a strong foundation of the basics of the Gospel” surfaced throughout the workshop.

2. Focus on the neighborhood. Growing parishes make their presence known in their local neighborhoods and communities in a variety of ways—through ministerial associations, chambers of commerce, “buying local,” maintaining lines of communication with the media, involvement with community-based charitable endeavors, partnering with various agencies in reaching out to the needy, and other venues. One priest offered, “We work hard to avoid allowing our parish to turn inward on itself.”

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CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR THE HEALTH AND BLESSINGS OF

Health & Blessings Anne Smith, Joe Tome, Susan Goodman, Gloria Zelenko.....	Stojan & Mira Prusac
Adelaida, Feodosiy, Irina, Oleg, Galina, Nikolay, Nikolay.....	Irina Sivergina
Health & God’s Blessings John & Rose Goodman, Susan Goodman, Anne Smith, Gloria Zelenko	Peter & Jo Sredich
Fr. Joe, Fr. Moses, Fr. Lavrenty, Deacon Anthony, Aaron, John, Gloria, Laurie, Anne, Anna, Walt & Zina, Dorothy, Jeanette, Reggie, Stojan & Mira, Bosa, Joseph, Helen, Ted & Marlene, Fr. David, Gladys, My family & friends	Joe Tome
Health & Blessings John & Rose Goodman, Anne Smith, Eileen Branoff, Gloria Zelenko.....	Angelo & Christine
Special Intention.....	Menka & Alex Nedanis
Health & Blessings Susan Goodman, Beverley Svetcos, Pete Sredich	Dorothy & Family
Anne Smith, Gloria Zelenko, Fr. Angelo Maggos, Joe Tome, Linda Branoff, Anna Branoff, John & Rose Goodman, Dorothy Goodman, Jo Ann Havens, Zina & Walter Pyatenko	Adams Family
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ETERNAL LIGHT AT THE ALTAR

The sick & suffering of our parish.....	Adams Family
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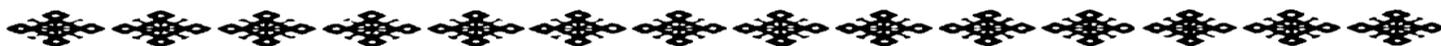
CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR ALL THOSE IN BLESSED REPOSE

Sam Panoff-Blessed Repose & Memory Eternal.....	Stojan & Mira Prusac
Vasilij, Vitaliy, Galina	Irina Sivergina
Wilma Skekloff, Sam Panoff	Angelo & Christine

Simeon Panoff	His family
Evanka Elieff in memory of her birthday.....	Dorothy & Family
Joe & Stephanie Vostrizansky anniversary of their passing in January.....	Susan Oginsky
Sam Panoff-Blessed Repose & Memory Eternal.....	Sredich Family
Evanka Elieff-Memory Eternal.....	Her family
Sam Panoff-Blessed Repose & Memory Eternal.....	Dorothy & Family

ETERNAL LIGHT

Kosta Papalazarou-Memory Eternal.....	Lena Bakousidis
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Welcome all of our friends and visitors to St. Nicholas! Please join us for fellowship, coffee and donuts in our parish hall. Volunteers are needed to serve coffee and donuts this morning.

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

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. CATHERINE’S LEAGUE will meet next Sunday, February 7 during coffee hour. New members are always welcome.

ST. NICHOLAS BINGO DAY on 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.

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, February 4 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.

MEMORY ETERNAL +Simeon (Sam) Panoff, father of Kathy Gonser, Paul and Steve Panoff, brother of Angelo Panoff, Aspasia Stathopoulos, Mitra Tsotsos, and the late John Panoff fell asleep in the lord on Tuesday, January 26. Viewing and Parastas were held on Friday, January 29 at Swartz Funeral Home. Funeral services were held in church on Saturday, January 30 followed by interment at Evergreen Cemetery. May God grant his servant +Simeon a blessed repose and rest among the saints.

GODPARENTS' SUNDAY – FEBRUARY 7 Celebrating Godparents' Sunday is one way of renewing and reaffirming our relationship with God and the special relationships we enjoy with our godparents and godchildren. Please make plans to participate in the Divine Liturgy with your godchild/godparent on Sunday, February 7, 2016 coming to Communion together with them. If your godchild/godparent lives somewhere else, we encourage you to come with another member their family if they live in town or simply to come by yourself and offer special prayers for your godchild/godparent.

Schedule of services and events for the week of January 31:

<u>Monday, February 1</u> 6:00 pm	EVE OF THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD INTO THE TEMPLE Vespers Liturgy at St. George
<u>Wednesday, February 3</u> 9:00 am 11:00 am	Divine Liturgy Adult Education
<u>Saturday, February 6</u> 5:00 pm	Vespers
<u>Sunday, February 7</u> 9:30 am 10:00 am	GODPARENTS' SUNDAY Third Hour Divine Liturgy No Church School St. Catherine's Meeting

Offerings for the week January 24, 2013

<i>Weekly Offerings</i>	\$1,269.00
<i>Estimated Average Weekly Expenses</i>	\$5,255.62
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*93 people were in attendance on
Sunday, January 24, 2016*

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