

*July 31, 2016*

*Bulletin*

*St. Nicholas Orthodox Church*

*Orthodox Church in America*

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**SUNDAY, JULY 31, 2016 6th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**—Tone 5. Forefeast of the Procession of the Honorable and Lifegiving Cross of the Lord. Righteous Eudocimus of Cappadocia (9th c.). Martyr Julitta at Cæsarea (304-305). St. Germanus, Bishop of Auxerre (448). Hieromartyr Benjamin, Metropolitan of Petrograd and Gdovsk (1922), and those with him: Archimandrite Sergius and the Laymen, Yuri and John.

### **TROPARIA**

(Tone 5) Let us, the faithful, praise and worship the Word, co-eternal with the Father and the Spirit, born for our salvation from the Virgin; for He willed to be lifted up on the Cross in the flesh, to endure death, and to raise the dead// by His glorious Resurrection.

(Tone 4) He Who called thee from earth to heaven keeps thy body unharmed after death, holy Eudocimus; for thou didst live a sober and holy life and didst not defile thy flesh; so with boldness intercede with Christ that we may be saved!

(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 7) On the mountain wast Thou transfigured, O Christ God, and Thy disciples beheld Thy glory as far as they could see it; so that when they would behold Thee crucified, they would understand that Thy suffering was voluntary, and would proclaim to the world that Thou art truly the radiance of the Father!

*The Prokeimenon in the Fifth Tone:* Thou, O Lord, shalt protect us / and preserve us from this generation forever.

v: Save me, O Lord, for there is no longer any that is godly.

**THE EPISTLE OF THE HOLY APOSTLE PAUL TO THE ROMANS (12:6-14)** *Brethren:* Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith; if service, in our serving; he who teaches, in his teaching; he who exhorts, in his exhortation; he who contributes, in liberality; he who gives aid, with zeal; he who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness. Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with brotherly affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Never flag in zeal, be aglow with the Spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in your hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints, practice hospitality. Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them.

*Alleluia, Tone 5*

v: I will sing of Thy mercies, O Lord, forever; with my mouth I will proclaim Thy truth from generation to generation.

v: For Thou hast said: Mercy will be established forever; Thy truth will be prepared in the heavens.

### **THE READING FROM THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO SAINT MATTHEW (9:1-8)**

And getting into a boat Jesus crossed over and came to his own city. And behold, they brought to him a paralytic, lying on his bed; and when Jesus saw their faith he said to the paralytic, "Take heart, my son; your sins are forgiven." And behold, some of the scribes said to themselves, "This man is blaspheming." But Jesus, knowing their thoughts, said, "Why do you think evil in your hearts? For which is easier, to say, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Rise and walk'? But that you may know that the Son of man has authority on earth to forgive sins" -- he then said to the paralytic -- "Rise, take up your bed and go home." And he rose and went home. When the crowds saw it, they were afraid, and they glorified God, who had given such authority to men.

**COMMUNION HYMN** Praise the Lord from the heavens! Praise Him in the highest! Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

## **Righteous Eudocimus of Cappadocia**

Saint Eudocimus, a native of Cappadocia (Asia Minor), lived during the ninth century during the reign of Emperor Theophilus (829-842). He was the son of the pious Christians Basil and Eudokia, an illustrious family known to the emperor. They raised their son “in discipline and admonition of the Lord” (Eph. 6: 4), planting in his soul a sincere faith and holy virtues.

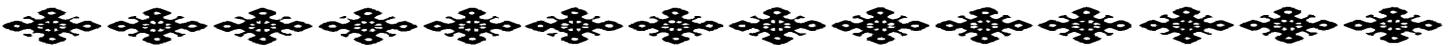
The righteous life of St Eudocimus was devoted to pleasing God and serving his neighbor. Having given a vow to remain unmarried and chaste, he avoided conversation with women and did not look at them. He would speak only with his own mother, whom he greatly respected. The emperor valued his virtue and talents, so he appointed St Eudocimus as governor of Chorziane, Armenia. Fulfilling his duty as a servant of God, St Eudocimus governed the people justly and with kindness. He concerned himself with the unfortunate, and with orphans and widows, and he was a defender of the common people. His personal Christian exploits which he did in secret, were known only to God.

Eudocimus pleased God by his blameless life, and the Lord called him at age 33. Lying on his deathbed, St Eudocimus gave final instructions to place him in the grave in those clothes in which he would meet death. Then he sent everyone out of the room and entreated the Lord that no one would see his end, just as no one saw his secret efforts during life. His attendants buried him as he had instructed them. Right after the death of St Eudocimus miracles took place at his grave. Many sick people were healed, and the news of the miraculous healings spread.

After 18 months, the mother of St Eudocimus came from Constantinople to venerate his relics. She gave orders to remove the stone, dig up the ground, and open the grave. Everyone beheld the face of the saint, bright as if alive, altogether untouched by decay. A great fragrance came from him. They took up the coffin with the relics from the earth, and they dressed the saint in new clothes. His mother wanted to take the relics of her son to Constantinople, but the Kharsian people would not clear a path for their holy one. After a certain time the hieromonk Joseph, having lived and served at the grave of the saint, transported the relics of St Eudocimus to Constantinople. There they were placed in a silver reliquary in the church of the Most Holy Theotokos, built by the parents of the saint.

St Eudocimus is considered by the Russian Church to be one of the special protectors and intercessors before God of the family hearth. He was, as his name implies, truly successful in every virtue.

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### **CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR THE HEALTH AND BLESSINGS OF**

Health & God’s Blessings Chick.....	Jo Ann Havens
Health & God’s Blessings Nicholas & Margaret Butrie .....	Stojan & Mira Prusac
Health & Blessings on Nicholas & Margaret Butrie .....	Adams family
Fr. Joe, Fr. Moses, Lavrenty, Deacon Anthony, Aaron, Efrem, Joann, Nikolai, Gloria, Laurie, Walt & Zina, Dorothy, Jeanette, Reggie, Ruth & Calvin, Stojan & Mira, Bosa, Joseph, Helen, Ted & Marlene, Nicholas & Margaret, Gladys, my family & friends .....	Joe Tome

Happy Anniversary & God's Blessings Peter & Jo Sredich ..... Stojan & Mira Prusac  
Special Intention ..... Joe Tome

**CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR ALL THOSE IN BLESSED REPOSE**

**ETERNAL LIGHT AT THE ALTAR**

Evdokia Ponomarenko in memory of her birthday, Aug. 3 ..... Lucy Hogg



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 this morning.

**PLACE YOUR AD IN OUR 100<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY COMMEMORATIVE BOOK** Please check out the display in the hall with all the information and ad sponsorship forms. We would like to have all the ads in by July 31. Don't miss out, fill out a form and submit it today!

**PAN-ORTHODOX VACATION CHURCH SCHOOL** will be held at St. Mary Magdalene, August 10-13. Fliers with more information are available in the parish hall as are registration forms and volunteer information sheets. They are looking for volunteers from grade seven to adult if you would like to volunteer to help, please call Meghan Durand at 810-610-3693.

**CHARITY MINISTRIES**

**HOPE IN A BOX** is collecting Diapers for the month of August. 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.

**NORTH END SOUP KITCHEN** We serve **Thursday, August 4 from 9 am to 1 pm.**

**2016 MACEDONIAN OPEN** The Macedonian Open Committee would like to extend their sincere THANK YOU to all of this year's Participants, Sponsors, and Donors for making the 36th Macedonian Open Golf Outing such a success. We are proud to announce that this year's Macedonian Open raised \$16,555 for the Church's Parish Pride fund! Thank You to each and every one of you who helped make that possible, especially our volunteers on the golf course: Calvin & Ruth Conrad, Sarah Neely, Alexis Nedanis & Samantha Kilbourne.

**PAN ORTHODOX SOFTBALL GAME** will be held on Sunday, September 4 at St. John Catholic School in Fenton. Everyone is welcome to play. There will be a picnic with hot dogs and hamburgers following the game. Everyone is invited to attend! A sign up sheet is in the parish hall, also a flier with more information.

**JACKPOT FUNDRAISER** Fliers for this race and walk are available in the hall. To register for the walk, run or scavenger hunt go to [jackpotevent.com](http://jackpotevent.com). The 2 mile walk is not competitive, not timed, just a fun walk in a beautiful park. The walk is handicap accessible and dogs are welcome. We rented the largest pavilion for the day so feel free to stick around with your family and friends. The park offers a small beach, paddle boats, fishing, bike trails, volleyball, horseshoes and several play gym areas. All participants are included in prize drawings after the race. Several volunteers will be needed for the event. There will be a sign up sheet with detailed jobs just like our church picnic. Items needed: monetary donation, Amazon gift cards, I Tunes gift cards and/or an inexpensive fit-bit. If anyone has a radio station contacts for advertisement please see Kristin Hart. Contact Kristin Hart [kristinhart@outlook.com](mailto:kristinhart@outlook.com) 810-965-4750 to volunteer or for more information.

**PROSHORA BAKERS** we are in need of Proshora. If you are able to make Proshora, please make 4 loaves at a time. You may bring the loaves to church during office hours or on Sunday mornings.

**OCEC CHURCH SCHOOL TEACHER TRAINING** will be held at St. George on Saturday, August 27 from 9:30 am - 4:30 pm. This is open to anyone in the parish who would like to participate. There are information/registration forms in the parish hall.

We are also looking for anyone willing to serve as church school teachers in various capacities: team teachers and substitutes. If you are interested or have any questions contact Matushka Lisa

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED** we are in need of volunteers to help water the flowers in the courtyard. If you are able to help, please see Debbie.

We also need some men to help pull out the hose from the garage to water the flowers in the front and the grass seed that has been laid.

**Offerings for the week July 24, 2016**

<i>Weekly Offerings</i>	\$1,567.00
<i>Estimated Average Weekly Expenses</i>	\$5,255.62
	<b>-\$3,688.62</b>

*68 people were in attendance on  
Sunday, July 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**