

March 1, 2020

St. Nicholas Orthodox Church

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SUNDAY, MARCH 1, 2020 SUNDAY OF CHEESEFARE — Tone 4. Forgiveness Sunday. The Expulsion of Adam from Paradise. Martyr Eudoxia of Heliopolis (ca. 160-170). Ven. Martyrii (Martyrius) of Zelenétsk (Pskov—1603). Martyrs Nestor and Tribimius (3rd c.). Martyr Antonina of Nicæa in Bithynia (3rd-4th c.). Martyrs Marcellus and Anthony. Virgin Domnina of Syria (ca. 450-460). Ven. Agapius of Vatopedi (Mt. Athos)

TROPARIA

(Tone 4) When the women Disciples of the Lord learned from the Angel the joyous message of the Resurrection, they cast away the ancestral curse and elatedly told the Apostles: “Death is overthrown! Christ God is risen, granting the world great mercy!”

(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 4) Now the season of virtues has come, and the Judge is at the door. Let us not hold back with a darkened face, but offering tears, contrition and giving of alms let us keep the fast, and let us cry: Our sins are more in number than the sands of the sea, but forgive each of us, that we may receive an incorruptible crown, O Savior of all!

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 EPISTLE OF THE APOSTLE PAUL TO THE

ROMANS (13:11 - 14:4) Brethren: Besides this you know what hour it is, how it is full time now for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed; the night is far gone, the day is at hand. Let us then cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us conduct ourselves becomingly as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires. As for the man who is weak in faith, welcome him, but not for disputes over opinions. One believes he may eat anything, while the weak man eats only vegetables. Let not him who eats despise him who abstains, and let not him who abstains pass judgment on him who eats; for God has welcomed him. Who are you to pass judgment on the servant of another? It is before his own master that he stands or falls. And he will be upheld, for the Master is able to make him stand.

Alleluia, Tone 6

- v. It is good to give thanks to the Lord, to sing praises to Thy Name, O Most High.**
- v. To declare Thy mercy in the morning, and Thy truth by night.**

THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MATTHEW (6:14-21)

The Lord said: “For if you forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father also will forgive you; but if you do not forgive men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses. And when you fast, do not look dismal, like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces that their fasting may be seen by men. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. But when you fast, anoint your head and wash your face, that your fasting may not be seen by men but by your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you. Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal, but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.”

COMMUNION HYMN

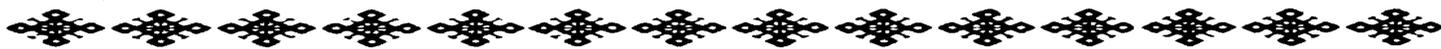
Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

The holy Gospel according to Luke 24:1-12 (4th Matins Gospel)

Now on the first day of the week, very early in the morning, they, and certain other women with them, came to the tomb bringing the spices which they had prepared. But they found the stone rolled away from the tomb. Then they went in and did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. And it happened, as they were greatly perplexed about this, that behold, two men stood by them in shining garments. Then, as they were afraid and bowed their faces to the earth, they said to them, “Why do you seek the living among the dead? He is not here, but is risen! Remember how He spoke to you when He was still in Galilee, saying, ‘The Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, and be crucified, and the third day rise again.’ And they remembered His words. Then they returned from the tomb and told all these things to the eleven and to all the rest. It was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them, who told these things to the apostles. And their words seemed to them like idle tales, and they did not believe them. But Peter arose and ran to the tomb; and stooping down, he saw the linen cloths lying by themselves; and he departed, marveling to himself at what had happened.

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!**

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CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR THE HEALTH AND BLESSINGS OF

Joe Neely Congratulations! So proud of you being on the Dean's list

Larisa & Timosha

Good health to all of our kids & their families

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.

Special Intention

Mary, Angelo, Helen, Alex, Anna, Patsy

Baba

Svetlana DeShaw

Angelo & Christine

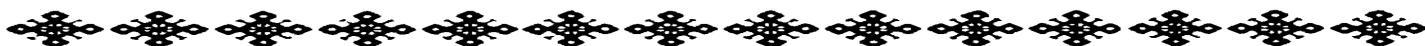
Joe Tome

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Alex & Magda Popoff

CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR BLESSED REPOSE

Blessed Repose for our grandson Andrew 1 ½ yrs. & baby grandson Matthew 4 mo. Angelo & Christine



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

COFFEE AND BAGELS volunteers are needed. There is a signup sheet outside the kitchen window. Please commit to helping out so we can continue having this social time together.

GREAT LENT begins March 2nd. There will be a Compline with Canon of St. Andrew of Crete March 2nd-5th at 6:30 pm. Friday, March 6th at 6 pm there will be a Presanctified Liturgy & blessing of Koliva followed by a Lenten potluck. (No meat, poultry, eggs, dairy, fish, wine, olive oil or their by-products)

Saturday, March 7th at 9:30 am Confessions & 10 am Liturgy. Vespers at 5 pm followed by Confessions. All of these services are at St. Nicholas.

LENTEN PRAYER PARTNER Cards have been provided with the names of those at Liturgy today. Pick up the card with your prayer partner's name at the veneration of the cross. Pray for your prayer partner throughout Lent especially. At Pascha you may want to let them know you were praying for them with a card or note.

CHESEFARE SUNDAY today following Divine Liturgy. Everyone is welcome. A freewill offering will be taken.

OUR CHARITY MINISTRIES

NORTH END SOUP KITCHEN Please come & minister to Christ with our brothers & sisters March 5th from 9 am-1 pm. There is a signup sheet in the narthex. "Feeding the hungry is a greater work than raising the dead." St. John Chrysostom.

HOPE IN A BOX is collecting Feminine Care Products for the month of March. 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.

MEMORIAL (SOUL) SATURDAYS From early times the Church dedicated Saturday to the souls. It is primarily the day of those who have fallen asleep. Christians always took care, with memorial services and charitable acts done especially on Saturdays, to stay close to their dead and ask God for their repose and salvation. The next Souls' Saturdays are March 14, 21, and 28. A Trisagion will be served on each Souls' Saturday (except March 21) at 4:45 pm, prior to Vespers. Please fill out the sheet at the candle stand with the names of your fallen asleep (first names only) and return them to Fr. Matthew as soon as possible.

PAN-ORTHODOX LENTEN RETREAT – MARCH 21 AT OUR PARISH

Fr. Bogdan Bucur, a former student of Archbishop Alexander, will lead the retreat this year. Please use the sign-up sheet or call the parish office to register. A separate signup sheet is for volunteers to bring Lenten food for the lunch that day.

Weekly Schedule:

Today

Forgiveness Vespers
Cheesefare Luncheon

Monday, Mar 2

6:30 pm

GREAT LENT BEGINS

Great Compline with the first part of the Canon of St. Andrew of Crete

Tuesday, Mar 3

6:30 pm

Fr. Matthew in Toledo

Great Compline with the second part of the Canon of St. Andrew of Crete

Wednesday, Mar 4

10 am

Lenten Hours

Adult education is on hiatus through Lent

6:30 pm

Great Compline with the third part of the Canon of St. Andrew of Crete

Thursday, Mar 5

6:30 pm

Great Compline with the fourth part of the Canon of St. Andrew of Crete

Friday, Mar 6

6 pm

Presanctified Divine Liturgy with the Canon to St. Theodore the Recruit and the blessing of the kollyva/kutya followed by Lenten potluck. (No meat, poultry, eggs, dairy, fish, wine, olive oil or their by-products)

Please see Fr. Matthew if you are able to make koliva for the Presanctified and/or the Liturgy for St. Theodore Saturday

Saturday, Mar 7

9:30 am

ST THEODORE SATURDAY

Confessions

10 am

Divine Liturgy

5:00 pm

Vespers followed by confessions

Sunday, March 8

9:30 am

1ST SUNDAY OF LENT – SUNDAY OF ORTHODOXY

Hours

10:00 am

Divine Liturgy

Procession with icons

Offerings for the week February 23rd, 2020

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| <i>Weekly Offerings</i> | \$ 2,346.00 |
| <i>Estimated Average Weekly Expenses</i> | \$ 3,236.00 |
| | \$ -890.00 |

95 people were in attendance on Sunday, February 23rd.