

March 12, 2017

St. Nicholas Orthodox Church

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The Gospel according to Saint Luke 24:12-35 (5th Matins Gospel)

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. Now behold, two of them were traveling that same day to a village called Emmaus, which was seven miles from Jerusalem. And they talked together of all these things which had happened. So it was, while they conversed and reasoned, that Jesus Himself drew near and went with them. But their eyes were restrained, so that they did not know Him. And He said to them, “What kind of conversation is this that you have with one another as you walk and are sad?” Then the one whose name was Cleopas answered and said to Him, “Are You the only stranger in Jerusalem, and have You not known the things which happened there in these days?” And He said to them, “What things?” So they said to Him, “The things concerning Jesus of Nazareth, who was a Prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how the chief priests and our rulers delivered Him to be condemned to death, and crucified Him. But we were hoping that it was He who was going to redeem Israel. Indeed, besides all this, today is the third day since these things happened. Yes, and certain women of our company, who arrived at the tomb early, astonished us. When they did not find His body, they came saying that they had also seen a vision of angels who said He was alive. And certain of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but Him they did not see. Then He said to them, “O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe in all that the prophets have spoken! Ought not the Christ to have suffered these things and to enter into His glory? And beginning at Moses and all the Prophets, He expounded to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning Himself. Then they drew near to the village where they were going, and He indicated that He would have gone farther. But they constrained Him, saying, “Abide with us, for it is toward evening, and the day is far spent.” And He went in to stay with them. Now it came to pass, as He sat at the table with them, that He took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened and they knew Him; and He vanished from their sight. And they said to one another, “Did not our heart burn within us while He talked with us on the road, and while He opened the Scriptures to us?” So they rose up that very hour and returned to Jerusalem, and found the eleven and those who were with them gathered together, saying, “The Lord is risen indeed, and has appeared to Simon!” And they told about the things that had happened on the road, and how He was known to them in the breaking of bread

SUNDAY, MARCH 12, 2017 SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT — Tone 5. St. Gregory Palamas. Synaxis of the Venerable Fathers of the Kiev Caves Lavra. Ven. Theophanes the Confessor, of Sigriane (818). Righteous Phineas, grandson of Aaron (ca. 1500 B.C.). St. Gregory Dialogus, Pope of Rome (604). Ven. Simeon the New Theologian (1021).

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 8) O light of Orthodoxy, teacher of the Church, its confirmation, / O ideal of monks and invincible champion of theologians, / O wonderworking Gregory, glory of Thessalonica and preacher of grace, // always intercede before the Lord that our souls 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 8) O victorious leader of triumphant hosts! We, your servants, delivered from evil, sing our grateful thanks to you, O Theotokos! As you possess invincible might set us free from ev'ry calamity so that we may sing: Rejoice, O unwedded Bride!

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 READING FROM THE EPISTLE OF THE HOLY APOSTLE PAUL TO THE HEBREWS (1:10-2:3)

Brethren: "Thou, Lord, didst found the earth in the beginning, and the heavens are the work of thy hands; they will perish, but thou remainest; they will all grow old like a garment, like a mantle thou wilt roll them up, and they will be changed. But thou art the same, and thy years will never end." But to what angel has he ever said, "Sit at my right hand, till I make thy enemies a stool for thy feet"? Are they not all ministering spirits sent forth to serve, for the sake of those who are to obtain salvation? Therefore we must pay the closer attention to what we have heard, lest we drift away from it. For if the message declared by angels was valid and every transgression or disobedience received a just retribution, how shall we escape if we neglect such a great salvation? It was declared at first by the Lord, and it was attested to us by those who heard him.

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 HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO SAINT MARK (2:1-12) When Jesus returned to Capernaum after some days, it was reported that he was at home. And many were gathered together, so that there was no longer room for them, not even about the door; and he was preaching the word to them. And they came, bringing to him a paralytic carried by four men. And when they could not get near him because of the crowd, they removed the roof above him; and when they had made an opening, they let down the pallet on which the paralytic lay. And when Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, "My son, your sins are forgiven." Now some of the scribes were sitting there, questioning in their hearts, "Why does this man speak thus? It is blasphemy! Who can forgive sins but God alone?" And immediately Jesus, perceiving in his spirit that they thus questioned within themselves, said to them, "Why do you question thus in your hearts? Which is easier, to say to the paralytic, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Rise, take up your pallet and walk'? But that you may know that the Son of man has authority on earth to forgive sins" -- he said to the paralytic -- "I say to you, rise, take up your pallet and go home." And he rose, and immediately took up the pallet and went out before them all; so that they were all amazed and glorified God, saying, "We never saw anything like this!"

Instead of "It is truly meet" All of creation rejoices in you, O Full of Grace: the assembly of Angels and the race of men. O sanctified temple and spiritual paradise, the glory of virgins, from whom God was incarnate and became a Child, our God before the ages. He made your body into a throne, and your womb He made more spacious than the heavens. All of creation rejoices in you, O Full of Grace. Glory to you!

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

ST. GREGORY PALAMAS – 2ND SUNDAY OF LENT On the second Sunday of Great Lent, there is a great feast in the blessed city of Thessalonika, Greece. It is the feast of St. Gregory Palamas. On this day, the holy relics of the saint are taken from the Church of St. Gregory in a procession throughout the city, escorted by bishops, priests, sailors, policemen, and thousands of faithful. One wonders why his earthly remains are still held in such great veneration. How could his bones remain incorruptible more than six hundred years after his death? Indeed, St. Gregory's life clearly explains these wondrous facts. It illustrates the inspired words of the apostles that our bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit (see 1 Corinthians 6:19) and that we are "partakers of the divine nature" (2 Peter 1:4).

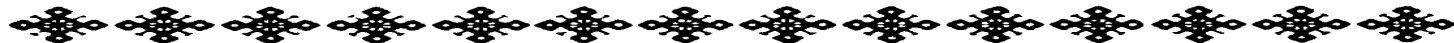
St. Gregory Palamas was born in the year 1296. He grew up in Constantinople (now Istanbul, Turkey) in a critical time of political and religious unrest. Constantinople was slowly recovering from the devastating invasion of the Crusades. It was a city under attack from all sides. From the west, it was infiltrated by Western philosophies of rationalism and scholasticism and by many attempts at Latinization. From the east, it was threatened by Muslim Turkish military invaders. The peace and faith of its citizens were at stake.

Gregory's family was wealthy. His father was a member of the senate. Upon his father's sudden death, Byzantine Emperor Andronikos II Paleologos (1282–1328), who was a close friend of the family, gave it his full financial support. He especially admired Gregory for his fine abilities and talents, hoping that the brilliant young man would one day become a fine assistant. However, instead of accepting a high office in the secular world, Gregory sought "that good part, which will not be taken away" from him (Luke 10:42).

Upon finishing his studies in Greek philosophy, rhetoric, poetry, and grammar, Gregory, at only twenty or twenty-two years of age, followed a burning passion in his heart. Like a lover who strives to stay alone forever with his loved one, Gregory was thirsty for this living water (see Revelation 22:17). Therefore, no created thing could separate him from the love of God (see Romans 8:39). He simply withdrew to Mount Athos, an already established community of monasticism. He first stayed at the Vatopedi Monastery, and then moved to the Great Lavra.

Gregory's departure was not a surprise to the rest of his family. Many priests and monks, friends of the family, frequently visited the family home. The parents were careful to pass on to their children the "pearl of great price" (Matthew 13:46). Great wealth and high education were not a hindrance, but an excellent tool in their pursuit of salvation. As a result of their way of life and belief, Gregory's mother, two brothers, and two sisters soon distributed all their earthly possessions to the poor and entered different monasteries.

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**CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR THE HEALTH AND BLESSINGS OF
ETERNAL LIGHT AT THE ALTAR**

Fr. Joe, Fr. Tom, Deacon Anthony, Aaron, Noah, JoAnn, Nicolai, Kosta,
Luba, Jimmy, Laurie, Walt, Zina, Dorothy, Allen, Joseph, Helen, Jeanette,
Gloria, Reggie, Calvin, Ruth, Taras, Matushka Lisa, Anna, Stojan, Mira, Bosa,
Ted, Marlene, Nicholas, Margaret, Gladys, my family and friends

Special Intention

Anna Branoff and Helen Popoff

Health and blessings for Anna Branoff

God's blessings and good health & happiness for Dennis Jernigan and family

Tom Branoff

Joe Tome

Joe Tome

Alex and Magda Popoff

Angelo and Helen Popoff

Nick & Connie

Joseph Bokor

Kum Stojan & Kuma Mira, in celebration of their 60th wedding anniversary
For healing and good health for Milica

Kumovi Bosa
Teta Bosa

ETERNAL LIGHT AT THE ALTAR

In memory of Charles Jernigan

The Jernigan Family

CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR ALL THOSE IN BLESSED REPOSE

Memory Eternal ~ Peter Popoff and John Naum

Blessed Repose for Peter Popoff

Kum Bogdan Beslach ~ Vječnaja Pamjat & Memory Eternal!

Blessed Repose ~ Rick Naumoff

In Memory of Marko Vuckovich

Memory Eternal ~ Bogdan Beslach (5 years)

Alex and Magda Popoff

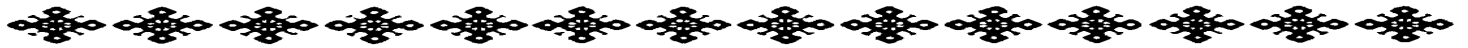
Angelo and Helen Popoff

Kumovi Stojan & Mira

JoAnn Havens & Johnny Kantor

Joseph Bokor

Bosa Kantar



Welcome all of our friends and visitors to St. Nicholas! Please join us for fellowship and coffee following the Divine Liturgy. **We need volunteers to serve coffee today and Sundays in the future. Please sign up!**

SPECIAL PARISH MEETING – SUNDAY, MARCH 26 following the Divine Liturgy. The sole item on the agenda is whether to sell the 33.33 acres the parish owns in Elba Township. Richard Nelson, whose property adjoins it, is seeking to purchase it.

LENTEN RETREAT Fr. Silviu Bunta will be the guest speaker for the Annual Lenten Retreat, which will be held on Saturday, March 25th at Assumption. Please RSVP by calling 711-4611 by this Monday, May 13th.

PASCHA BREAD by Holy Trinity Orthodox Church, Detroit. They are available with or without raisins and are approximately \$12 per loaf. Orders are due by March 19th and will be available on Palm Sunday, April 9th. Please see Joe Tome to place your order.

100th ANNIVERSARY BOOKS are available following the Divine Liturgy. There are extra copies available for purchase, as well. Please see Matushka Lisa.

CHARITY MINISTRIES

HOPE IN A BOX is collecting deodorant 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.

NORTH END SOUP KITCHEN Please mark your calendar for next month's date: April 6th, in order to make it a priority to be there.

TEEN RETREAT There will be a Diocesan Teen Retreat held at Dormition Monastery, Rives Junction Friday, next weekend, March 17th – 19th. Please see Matushka Lisa know today, if you are interested in attending. It is the final day for registration.

NEXT SUNDAY is the 3rd Sunday of Lent: the Sunday of the Cross. If anyone would like to donate the wreath of flowers, please see Matushka Lisa for details.

LODGING Our choir director is in need of a place to stay on Saturday nights. If anyone has, or knows of, lodging space, please contact the office as soon as possible.

Schedule of services and events for the week of March 12th :

Monday, March 13

6:30 pm Compline at St. George

Tuesday, March 14

Father in Toledo

Wednesday, March 15

9:00 am Lenten Hours

11:00 am Adult Ed

6:00 pm Presanctified, followed by Lenten Potluck (not a combined service)

Saturday, March 18

4:45 pm Trisagion

5:00 pm Vespers, followed by Confessions

MEMORIAL SATURDAY

Sunday, March 19

9:30 am Third Hour

10:00 am Divine Liturgy

Church School

3RD SUNDAY OF LENT – CROSS SUNDAY

Offerings for the week March 5, 2017

<i>Weekly Offerings</i>	\$2620.00
<i>Estimated Average Weekly Expenses</i>	\$4,034.03
	- \$1414.03

*95 people were in attendance on
Sunday, March 5, 2017*