

March 13, 2016

**Bulletin**

**St. Nicholas Orthodox Church**

Orthodox Church in America

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**SUNDAY, MARCH 13, 2016 SUNDAY OF CHEESEFARE — Tone 8. Forgiveness Sunday. The Expulsion of Adam from Paradise. Translation of the relics of St. Nicephorus, Patriarch of Constantinople (846). Martyr Sabinus (Abibus) of Egypt (287). Martyrs Africanus, Publius and Terence, of Carthage (3rd c.). Martyr Alexander of Macedonia (305-311). Martyr Christina of Persia (4th c.). Ven. Aninas of the Euphrates.**

### **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 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 HOLY APOSTLE PAUL TO THE ROMANS (13:11 - 14:4)**

Brethren: 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 ST 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!

### **Sunday of Cheesefare: Expulsion of Adam from Paradise**

As we begin the Great Fast, the Church reminds us of Adam’s expulsion from Paradise. God commanded Adam to fast (Gen. 2:16), but he did not obey. Because of their disobedience, Adam and Eve were cast out of Eden and lost the life of blessedness, knowledge of God, and communion with Him, for which they were created. Both they and their descendents became heirs of death and corruption.

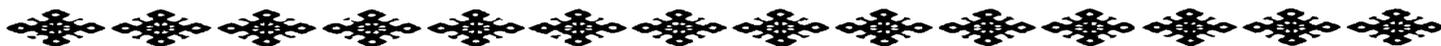
Let us consider the benefits of fasting, the consequences of disobedience, and recall our fallen state. Today we are invited to cleanse ourselves of evil through fasting and obedience to God. Our fasting should not be a negative thing, a mere abstention from certain foods. It is an opportunity to free ourselves from the sinful desires and urges of our fallen nature, and to nourish our souls with prayer, repentance, to participate in church services, and partake of the life-giving Mysteries of Christ.

At Forgiveness Vespers we sing: “Let us begin the time of fasting in light, preparing ourselves for spiritual efforts. Let us purify our soul, let us purify our body. As we abstain from food, let us abstain from all passion and enjoy the virtues of the spirit...”

### *Kontakion — Tone 6*

Master, Teacher of wisdom, / Bestower of virtue, / you teach the thoughtless and protect the poor: / Strengthen and enlighten my heart. / Word of the Father, / let me not restrain my mouth from crying to you: / Have mercy on me, a transgressor, / O merciful Lord!

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

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| Health & Blessings Zina Pyatenko .....   | Stojan & Mira Prusac |
| God’s Blessings and continued good health for Megan Krigner on her 18 <sup>th</sup> birthday .....   | Mom, Dad & Danny     |
| Health & Blessings Alex Popoff .....   | Anna Branoff         |
| Nadja, Auden, Sean, Heather, Raegan, Chris, Teri, Hayden, Jeremy.....  | Lucy Hogg            |
| Fr. Joe, Fr. Moses, Fr. Lavrenty, Deacon Anthony, Aaron, Anna, Gloria, Laurie,<br>Walt & Zina, Dorothy, Ruth, Jeanette, Reggie, Stojan & Mira, Bosa, Joseph, Helen,<br>Ted & Marlene, Fr. David, Gladys, my family & friends ..... | Joe Tome             |
| Feodosiy, Ada, Oleg, Galina, Irina, Nikolay, Nikolay.....  | Irina Sivergina      |
| Health & Blessings Vladimir & Zina Pyatenko .....  | Anna Branoff         |
| Johnny Kantor health & blessings on his birthday March, 7.....   | Jo Ann               |
| Special Intention .....  | Joe Tome             |
| Health & God’s Blessing to Al Bruski.....  | Angelo & Christine   |
| Health & Blessings Joe Tome .....  | Anna Branoff         |

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

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| Bogdan Beslach-Memory Eternal.....              | Stojan & Mira Prusac |
| Peter Popoff-Memory Eternal .....               | Alex & Magda Popoff  |
| Claudia, Olana, Verlaria.....                   | Yankovich            |
| Sam Panoff-40 days.....                         | Angelo & Christine   |
| Bogdan Beslach-Memory Eternal.....              | Bosa Kantar          |
| Newly Departed Eric Burgess-Memory Eternal..... | Dorothy & Debbie     |
| Newly Departed Eric Burgess-Memory Eternal..... | Anna Branoff         |

**ETERNAL LIGHT**

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| Bogdan Beslach..... | Janja Beslach |
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Welcome all of our friends and visitors to St. Nicholas! Please join us for our Cheesefare Luncheon in the parish hall.

**CHEESEFARE LUNCHEON** will be held today following Liturgy. The cost for the meal; \$10 for adults, \$5 for children 12 and under.

**THANK YOU** St. Juliana’s would like to thank everyone that stayed for the Meatfare Luncheon last Sunday. Thank you to all that offered their assistance.

**CHARITY MINISTRIES**

**HOPE IN A BOX** is collecting Feminine Care Products for 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** We serve on Thursday, April 7 from 9 am to 1 pm.

**SUNDAY OF ORTHODOXY** is next Sunday, March 20 the children of the parish will process around the church with their Icons. If they have an Icon of their Patron Saint, they may bring it or another Icon from home next Sunday to use in the procession. We have Icons to use in the procession if they don’t have or should forget their Icon.

**100<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY BOOKLET AD** forms are available in the parish hall. Also available are sheets that show the exact size of each ad on the reverse side is the cost per ad size. Ad forms are due back April, 30. If you have any questions please see any member of the anniversary committee; Sharon Jernigan, Dorothy Goodman, Lucy Hogg, Cathy Steiner, Eileen Branoff, Linda Branoff, Paul Brayon or Father Matthew.

**PALM SUNDAY BAKE SALE** featuring Sweet Bread, Triangles; Cheese, Leek or Spinach, Piroshki (meat filled), Pierogi (potato filled) and Lamb shaped butter, will be held on Sunday, April 24. The order forms were included in your March bulletin and need to be returned no later than April, 17. See any member of St. Catherine’s League to place your order or if you have any questions.

***Schedule of services and events for the week of March 13:***

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| <u>Sunday, March 13</u>                                      | Vespers following Cheesefare Luncheon  |
| <u>Monday, March 14</u><br>6:30 pm                           | <b>GREAT LENT BEGINS</b><br>Compline w/Canon of St. Andrew of Crete  |
| <u>Tuesday, March 15</u><br>6:30 pm                          | Communion Call in Bay City & Caro<br>Compline w/Canon of St. Andrew of Crete   |
| <u>Wednesday, March 16</u><br>9:00 am<br>11:00 am<br>6:30 pm | Lenten Hours<br>Adult Education<br>Compline w/Canon of St. Andrew of Crete   |
| <u>Thursday, March 17</u><br>6:30 pm                         | Fr. in Toledo<br>Compline w/Canon of St. Andrew of Crete   |
| <u>Friday, March 18</u><br>6:00 pm                           | Presanctified followed by Lenten potluck   |
| <u>Saturday, March 19</u><br>9:30 am<br>10:00 am<br>5:00 pm  | <b>ST. THEODORE</b><br>Confessions<br>Liturgy<br>Vespers   |
| <u>Sunday, March 20</u><br>9:30 am<br>10:00 am               | <b>SUNDAY OF ORTHODOXY</b><br>Third Hour<br>Divine Liturgy/Procession w/Icons<br>Church School<br>40 day Parastas + Anne Smith |

***Offerings for the week March 6, 2016***

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| <i>Weekly Offerings</i>                  | \$1,880.00         |
| <i>Estimated Average Weekly Expenses</i> | \$5,255.62         |
|  | <b>-\$3,375.62</b> |

*106 people were in attendance on  
Sunday, March 6, 2016*

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

