

March 26, 2017

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The Gospel according to Saint John

21:1-14 (10th Matins Gospel)

After these things Jesus showed Himself again to the disciples at the Sea of Tiberias, and in this way He showed Himself: Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of His disciples were together. Simon Peter said to them, “I am going fishing.” They said to him, “We are going with you also.” They went out and immediately got into the boat, and that night they caught nothing. But when the morning had now come, Jesus stood on the shore; yet the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. Then Jesus said to them, “Children, have you any food?” They answered Him, “No.” And He said to them, “Cast the net on the right side of the boat, and you will find some.” So they cast, and now they were not able to draw it in because of the multitude of fish. Therefore that disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, “It is the Lord!” Now when Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on his outer garment (for he had removed it), and plunged into the sea. But the other disciples came in the little boat (for they were not far from land, but about two hundred cubits), dragging the net with fish. Then, as soon as they had come to land, they saw a fire of coals there, and fish laid on it, and bread. Jesus said to them, “Bring some of the fish which you have just caught.” Simon Peter went up and dragged the net to land, full of large fish, one hundred and fifty-three; and although there were so many, the net was not broken. Jesus said to them, “Come and eat breakfast.” Yet none of the disciples dared ask Him, “Who are You?” – knowing that it was the Lord. Jesus then came and took the bread and gave it to them, and likewise the fish. This is now the third time Jesus showed Himself to His disciples after He was raised from the dead.

SUNDAY, MARCH 26, 2017 FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT — Tone 7. Leavetaking of the Annunciation. Synaxis of the Archangel Gabriel. St. John Climacus (of *The Ladder*). Hieromartyr Irenæus, Bishop of Sirmium in Hungary (304). Martyrs Bathusius and Bercus—Presbyters, Arpilus—Monk, Abibus, Agnus, Reasus, Igathrax, Iscoeus (Iskous), Silas, Signicus, Sonirilus, Suimbalus, Thermus, Phillus (Philgas)—laymen, and the women: Anna, Alla, Larissa, Monco (Manca), Uirko (Virko), Animais (Animaida), Gaatha and Duklida, in the Crimea (375). St. Malchus of Chalcis in Syria (4th c.). Ven. Basil the New, Anchorite, near Constantinople (10th c.). Martyr Montanus, Presbyter, of Singidunum, and his wife, Maxima (235).

TROPARIA

(Tone 7) By Thy Cross, Thou didst destroy death! To the thief, Thou didst open Paradise! For the myrrhbearers, Thou didst change weeping into joy! And Thou didst command Thy disciples, O Christ God, to proclaim that Thou art risen, granting the world great mercy!

(Tone 1) O dweller of the wilderness and angel in the body, / you were a wonderworker, O our God-bearing Father John. / You received heavenly gifts through fasting, vigil and prayer, / healing the sick and the souls of those drawn to you by faith. / Glory to Him Who gave you strength! / Glory to Him Who granted you a crown! // Glory to Him Who through you grants healing to all!

(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 6) Protection of Christians never failing, Mediatrix before the Creator, ever constant. Do not despise the voice of prayer of sinners, but in your goodness come to help us who faithfully call upon you. Hasten to entreat, hurry to pray, O Theotokos, interceding always for those honor you.

The Prokeimenon in the Seventh Tone: The Lord shall give strength to His people! / The Lord shall bless His people with peace!

v. Offer to the Lord, O ye sons of God! Offer young rams to the Lord!

THE READING FROM THE EPISTLE OF THE HOLY APOSTLE PAUL TO THE HEBREWS (6:13-20)

Brethren: For when God made a promise to Abraham, since he had no one greater by whom to swear, he swore by himself, saying, "Surely I will bless you and multiply you." And thus Abraham, having patiently endured, obtained the promise. Men indeed swear by a greater than themselves, and in all their disputes an oath is final for confirmation. So when God desired to show more convincingly to the heirs of the promise the unchangeable character of his purpose, he interposed with an oath, so that through two unchangeable things, in which it is impossible that God should prove false, we who have fled for refuge might have strong encouragement to seize the hope set before us. We have this as a sure and steadfast anchor of the soul, a hope that enters into the inner shrine behind the curtain, where Jesus has gone as a forerunner on our behalf, having become a high priest for ever after the order of Melchizedek.

Alleluia, Tone 7

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 SAINT MARK (9:17-31)

And one of the crowd answered Jesus, "Teacher, I brought my son to you, for he has a dumb spirit; and wherever it seizes him, it dashes him down; and he foams and grinds his teeth and becomes rigid; and I asked your disciples to cast it out, and they were not able." And he answered them, "O faithless generation, how long am I to be with you? How long am I to bear with you? Bring him to me." And they brought the boy to him; and when the spirit saw him, immediately it convulsed the boy, and he fell on the ground and rolled about, foaming at the mouth. And Jesus asked his father, "How long has he had this?" And he said, "From childhood. And it has often cast him into the fire and into the water, to destroy him; but if you can do anything, have pity on us and help us." And Jesus said to him, "If you can! All things are possible to him who believes." Immediately the father of the child cried out and said, "I believe; help my unbelief!" And when Jesus saw that a crowd came running together, he rebuked the unclean spirit, saying to it, "You dumb and deaf spirit, I command you, come out of him, and never enter him again." And after crying out and convulsing him terribly, it came out, and the boy was like a corpse; so that most of them said, "He is dead." But Jesus took him by the hand and lifted him up, and he arose. And when he had entered the house, his disciples asked him privately, "Why could we not cast it out?" And he said to them, "This kind cannot be driven out by anything but prayer and fasting." They went on from there and passed through Galilee. And he would not have any one know it; for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, "The Son of man will be delivered into the hands of men, and they will kill him; and when he is killed, after three days he will rise."

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!

4th Sunday of Great Lent: St John Climacus (of the Ladder)

The Fourth Sunday of Lent is dedicated to St John of the Ladder (Climacus), the author of the work, *The Ladder of Divine Ascent*. The abbot of St Catherine’s Monastery on Mount Sinai (6th century) stands as a witness to the violent effort needed for entrance into God’s Kingdom (Mt.10: 12). The spiritual struggle of the Christian life is a real one, “not against flesh and blood, but against ... the rulers of the present darkness ... the hosts of wickedness in heavenly places ...” (Eph 6:12). Saint John encourages the faithful in their efforts for, according to the Lord, only “he who endures to the end will be saved” (Mt.24:13).

March 26 Synaxis of the Holy Archangel Gabriel

The Archangel Gabriel was chosen by the Lord to announce to the Virgin Mary about the Incarnation of the Son of God from Her, to the great rejoicing of all mankind. Therefore, on the day after the Feast of the Annunciation, the day on which the All-Pure Virgin is glorified, we give thanks to the Lord and we venerate His messenger Gabriel, who contributed to the mystery of our salvation.

Gabriel, the holy Archistrategos (Leader of the Heavenly Hosts), is a faithful servant of the Almighty God. He announced the future Incarnation of the Son of God to those of the Old Testament; he inspired the Prophet Moses to write the Pentateuch (first five books of the Old Testament), he announced the coming tribulations of the Chosen People to the Prophet Daniel (Dan. 8:16, 9:21-24); he appeared to Saint Anna (July 25) with the news that she would give birth to the Virgin Mary.

The holy Archangel Gabriel remained with the Holy Virgin Mary when She was a child in the Temple of Jerusalem, and watched over Her throughout Her earthly life. He appeared to the Priest Zachariah, foretelling the birth of the Forerunner of the Lord, Saint John the Baptist.

The Lord sent him to Saint Joseph the Betrothed in a dream, to reveal to him the mystery of the Incarnation of the Son of God from the All-Pure Virgin Mary, and warned him of the wicked intentions of Herod, ordering him to flee into Egypt with the divine Infant and His Mother.

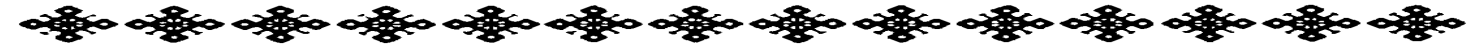
When the Lord prayed in the Garden of Gethsemane before His Passion, the Archangel Gabriel, whose very name signifies “Man of God” (Luke. 22:43), was sent from Heaven to strengthen Him.

The Myrrh-Bearing Women heard from the Archangel the joyous news of Christ’s Resurrection (Mt.28:1-7, Mark 16:1-8).

Mindful of the manifold appearances of the holy Archangel Gabriel and of his zealous fulfilling of God’s will, and confessing his intercession for Christians before the Lord, the Orthodox Church calls upon its children to pray to the great Archangel with faith and love.

The Synaxis of the Holy Archangel Gabriel is also celebrated on July 13. All the angels are commemorated on November 8.

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CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR THE HEALTH AND BLESSINGS OF

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

Feodosiy, Adelaida, Oleg and Irina

Patsi

The Bakousidis, Murphy, Yosheff and Batcos Families

Health, blessings, wisdom for my family and myself

Mike, Sue, Ben, Steve, Dennis, Eileen and Sharon

Joe Tome

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Irina Sivergina

Alex & Magda Popoff

Lena Bakousidis

Lucy Hogg

John & Rose Goodman

ETERNAL LIGHT AT THE ALTAR

In memory of Mildred Bladecki

Diane & Randy Broadfoot

CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR ALL THOSE IN BLESSED REPOSE

Memory Eternal ~ Vitaly, Vasiliy, Galina, Yuliya and Feodosiy

Blessed Repose...Peter Popoff and John Naum

Theodora & Kosta Papalazarou, Evangelia Bakousidis, Eleni & Kosta Nedanis,

Kotsi Nedanis, Elias Nedanis

Blessed Repose: Josephine Baker, John Naum, Peter Popoff,

Rosemary Vuckovich, Sophie Stavridis

Norman Olson ~ Memory Eternal!

Joseph Goodman ~ In memory of his birthday (March 29th)

Irina Sivergina

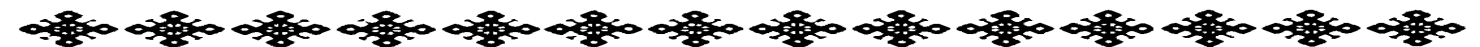
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Welcome to Fr. Silviu Bunta this morning and to all of our friends and visitors to St. Nicholas! Please join us for fellowship and coffee following the Divine Liturgy. **We need volunteers to serve coffee today and Sundays in the future. Please sign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

SPECIAL PARISH MEETING TODAY 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.

PALM SUNDAY BAKE SALE The following items will be available for purchase on the day of the Bake Sale: Sweet Breads (price to be determined) and Triangles (leek, spinach and cheese) at \$12 for a ½ dozen. Other items may also be available that day. **No pre-orders will be taken this year.** Sales will begin AFTER the Divine Liturgy on Palm Sunday, April 9.

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

OFFICE ASSISTANCE NEEDED Phone coverage is needed for the week of April 3rd – 7th. Please contact the office if you are able to come in for any time during that week. Thank you.

CHARITY MINISTRIES

HOPE IN A BOX is collecting baby items/wipes and formula for the month of April. 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.

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 26th:

<u>Monday, March 27</u> 6:30 pm	Father with Bishop Alexander in NY Compline at St. George
<u>Wednesday, March 29</u> 9:00 am 11:00 am 6:00 pm	Lenten Hours Adult Ed Presanctified at St. Nicholas followed by Lenten Potluck
<u>Saturday, April 1</u> 10:00 am 5:00 pm	AKATHISTOS SATURDAY Divine Liturgy followed by Akathist to the Theotokos Vespers
<u>Sunday, April 2</u> 9:30 am 10:00 am	5TH SUNDAY OF LENT – ST. MARY OF EGYPT Third Hour Divine Liturgy Parastas – 40 days for Samuel (Rick) Naumoff Church School

Offerings for the week March 19, 2017

Weekly Offerings	\$1457.00
Estimated Average Weekly Expenses	\$4,034.03
	- \$1577.03

*120 people were in attendance
on Sunday, March 19, 2017*