

**September 1, 2019**

**St. Nicholas Orthodox Church**

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**The Holy Gospel according to John 21:15-25 (11th Matins Gospel)**

So when they had eaten breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, “Simon, son of Jonah, do you love Me more than these?” He said to Him, “Yes, Lord; You know that I love You.” He said to him, “Feed My lambs.” He said to him again a second time, “Simon, son of Jonah, do you love Me?” He said to Him, “Yes, Lord; You know that I love You.” He said to him, “Tend My sheep.” He said to him the third time, “Simon, son of Jonah, do you love Me?” Peter was grieved because He said to him the third time, “Do you love Me?” And he said to Him, “Lord, You know all things; You know that I love You.” Jesus said to him, “Feed My sheep. Most assuredly, I say to you, when you were younger, you girded yourself and walked where you wished; but when you are old, you will stretch out your hands, and another will gird you and carry you where you do not wish. This He spoke, signifying by what death he would glorify God. And when He had spoken this, He said to him, “Follow Me.” Then Peter, turning around, saw the disciple whom Jesus loved following, who also had leaned on His breast at the supper, and said, “Lord, who is the one who betrays You?” Peter, seeing him, said to Jesus, “But Lord, what about this man?” Jesus said to him, “If I will that he remain till I come, what is that to you? You follow Me.” Then this saying went out among the brethren that this disciple would not die. Yet Jesus did not say to him that he would not die, but, “If I will that he remain till I come, what is that to you?” This is the disciple who testifies of these things, and wrote these things; and we know that his testimony is true. And there are also many other things that Jesus did, which if they were written one by one, I suppose that even the world itself could not contain the books that would be written. Amen.

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2019 11th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST — Tone 2.**

**Church New Year (Indiction). St. Simeon the Stylite (the Elder) and his mother, Ven. Martha (ca. 428). Martyr Aithalas of Persia (380). Holy Forty Women Martyrs and Martyr Ammon the Deacon, their teacher, at Heraclea in Thrace (4th c.). Martyrs Callista and her brothers, Evodius and Hermogenes, at Nicomedia (309). Righteous Joshua the Son of Nun (16th c. B.C.). Synaxis of the Most-holy Theotokos in the Miasenga Monastery (commemorating the finding of her Icon there—864). The “CHERNIGOV-GETHSEMANE” Icon of the Most-holy Theotokos (1869).**

**TROPARIA**

**(Tone 2)** When Thou didst descend to death, O Life Immortal, Thou didst slay Hell with the splendor of Thy Godhead. And when from the depths Thou didst raise the dead, all the powers of heaven cried out: O Giver of Life, Christ our God, glory to Thee!

**(Tone 2)** O Creator of the Universe, You appointed times by Your own power; bless the crown of this year with Your goodness, O Lord! Preserve in safety Your rulers and Your cities:// and through the intercessions of the Theotokos, save us!

**(Tone 7)** Rejoice, O Virgin Mother of God, Full of Grace, harbor and protection of the human race: from you the Redeemer of the world became incarnate; you alone are Mother and Virgin, ever blessed and glorified.// Intercede with Christ God to grant peace to the whole inhabited world.

**(Tone 1)** You were a pillar of patient endurance, having imitated the Forefathers, O Venerable One: Job in suffering and Joseph in temptations. You lived like the Bodiless Ones while yet in the flesh, O Simeon, our Father.// Beseech Christ God 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 4)** O Creator and Master of time and the ages, Triune and Merciful God of all: grant blessings for the course of this year, and in Your boundless mercy save those who worship You and cry out in fear:// “O Savior, grant blessings to all mankind!”

***The Prokeimenon in the Third Tone: Great is our Lord and abundant in power! / His understanding is beyond measure!***

**v: Praise the Lord! For it is good to sing praises to our God.**

**THE READING FROM THE FIRST EPISTLE PAUL TO TIMOTHY (2:1-7)** Timothy, my son, I exhort first of all that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks be made for all men, for kings and all who are in authority, that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and reverence. For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God and one Mediator between God and men, the Man Christ Jesus, who gave Himself a ransom for all, to be testified in due time, for which I was appointed a preacher and an apostle – I am speaking the truth in Christ and not lying – a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

### ***Alleluia, Tone 4***

**v: Praise is due to You, O God, in Zion, and prayers shall be lifted up to You in Jerusalem.**

**v: Bless the crown of the year with Your goodness, O Lord!**

**THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO LUKE (4:16-22)** At that time Jesus came to Nazareth, where He had been brought up. And as His custom was, He went into the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and stood up to read. And He was handed the book of the prophet Isaiah. And when He had opened the book, He found the place where it was written: “The Spirit of the LORD is upon Me, because He has anointed Me to preach the gospel to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed; to proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD.” Then He closed the book, and gave it back to the attendant and sat down. And the eyes of all who were in the synagogue were fixed on Him. And He began to say to them, “Today this Scripture is fulfilled in your hearing.” So all bore witness to Him, and marveled at the gracious words which proceeded out of His mouth. And they said, “Is this not Joseph’s son?”

### **COMMUNION HYMN:**

Bless the crown of the year with Your goodness, O Lord! Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

**THE BEGINNING OF THE CHURCH YEAR (SEPTEMBER 1)** For the maintenance of their armed forces, the Roman emperors decreed that their subjects in every district should be taxed every year. This same decree was reissued every fifteen years, since the Roman soldiers were obliged to serve for fifteen years. At the end of each fifteen-year period, an assessment was made of what economic changes had taken place, and a new tax was decreed, which was to be paid over the span of the fifteen years. This imperial decree, which was issued before the season of winter, was named *Indictio*, that is, Definiton, or Order. This name was adopted by the emperors in Constantinople also. At other times, the latter also used the term *Epinemisis*, that is, Distribution (*Dianome*). It is commonly held that Saint Constantine the Great introduced the Indiction decrees in A.D. 312, after he beheld the sign of the Cross in heaven and vanquished Maxentius and was proclaimed Emperor in the West. Some, however (and this seems more likely), ascribe the institution of the Indiction to Augustus Caesar, three years before the birth of Christ. Those who hold this view offer as proof the papal bull issued in A.D. 781 which is dated thus: *Anno IV, Indictionis LIII* -that is, the fourth year of the fifty-third Indiction. From this, we can deduce the aforementioned year (3 B.C.) by multiplying the fifty-two complete Indictions by the number of years in each (15), and adding the three years of the fifty-third Indiction. There are three types of Indictions: 1) That which was introduced in the West, and which is called Imperial, or Caesarean, or

Constantinian, and which begins on the 24th of September; 2) The so-called Papal Indiction, which begins on the 1st of January; and 3) The Constantinopolitan, which was adopted by the Patriarchs of that city after the fall of the Eastern Empire in 1453. This Indiction is indicated in their own hand on the decrees they issue, without the numeration of the fifteen years. This Indiction begins on the 1st of September and is observed with special ceremony in the Church. Since the completion of each year takes place, as it were, with the harvest and gathering of the crops into storehouses, and we begin anew from henceforth the sowing of seed in the earth for the production of future crops, September is considered the beginning of the New Year. The Church also keeps festival this day, beseeching God for fair weather, seasonable rains, and an abundance of the fruits of the earth. The Holy Scriptures (Lev. 23:24-5 and Num. 29:1-2) also testify that the people of Israel celebrated the feast of the Blowing of the Trumpets on this day, offering hymns of thanksgiving. In addition to all the aforesaid, on this feast we also commemorate our Saviour's entry into the synagogue in Nazareth, where He was given the book of the Prophet Esaias (Isaiah) to read, and He opened it and found the place where it is written, "The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me, for which cause He hath anointed Me..." (Luke 4:16-30). It should be noted that to the present day, the Church has always celebrated the beginning of the New Year on September 1. This was the custom in Constantinople until its fall in 1453 and in Russia until the reign of Peter I. September 1 is still festively celebrated as the New Year at the Patriarchate of Constantinople; among the Jews also the New Year, although reckoned according to a moveable calendar, usually falls in September. The service of the Menaion for January 1 is for our Lord's Circumcision and for the memorial of Saint Basil the Great, without any mention of its being the beginning of a new year.

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

Mary Popoff successful surgery & good healing  
Angelo & Mary and Alex Popoff

Teta Dorothy  
Helen Papadopoulos

**CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR BLESSED REPOSE**

Rose Goodman Blessed Repose~Memory Eternal  
Tom & Stella Branoff  
Our sweet grandson Andrew Thomas Panoff (1 yr.)  
Sam Popoff Blessed Repose~Memory Eternal  
Michael Goodman (40 days) Blessed Repose~Memory Eternal  
Cheryl Ellis  
Andrew Panoff (1 yr.) Helen Ethington (6 mo.)  
Sam Papadopoulos

Dorothy Goodman  
Linda Branoff  
Baba & Dedo  
Dorothy Goodman & family  
Aunt Dorothy  
Susie & Les Ford  
Gonsers  
Helen Papadopoulos



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



**COFFEE & DONUTS** are provided today by the Goodman family in memory of Michael Goodman (40 days).

**MEMORY ETERNAL – CHRIST IS RISEN!** Rose Goodman fell asleep in the Lord on Tuesday, August 27. She is the wife of John, mother of Stephen, Dennis (wife Eileen), the late Michael and late daughter-in-law Susan, grandmother of Benjamin and sister-in-law of Dorothy Goodman. Visitation at Swartz Funeral Home on Friday, September 6 from 4-8 p.m with Parastas at 7 pm. Rose will be brought to church at 8 am Saturday, September 7. At 9 am will be Divine Liturgy followed by visitation at 10:30 am and funeral at 11 am. Burial in Great Lakes National Cemetery on Tuesday, September 10 at 9 am. Christ rest her in the light of His Face. Bog da i prosti! Christ is risen!

**BINGO** Sunday, September 8<sup>th</sup> after Divine Liturgy. 3 bingo cards & lunch is only \$10! Plenty of prizes. There is a sign up sheet in the parish hall for those who will be attending.

## CHURCH SCHOOL NEWS



❖ Church School will begin on Sunday, September 15<sup>th</sup>. The New Year will begin with prayers during the Liturgy for the teachers and students and a blessing after Communion for them as they go to class. See you then!

**THANK YOU** all for being so kind to my sister, Cheryl Ellis, through the years. She loved you guys & it means so much to me that you were there for her in her time of need & her last hour. God bless your entire church family.

*Teresa Cross*

## OUR CHARITY MINISTRIES

**HOPE IN A BOX** is collecting bar & hand soap for the month of September. 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.

**SOCKTOBER!** During Socktober we encourage donations of warm socks of all sorts. We will also begin distributing coats and winter gear in October.



**BLESSING OF ICONOGRAPHY** at Dormition Monastery, Rives Junction. From the Monastery website: "On Saturday, September 7<sup>th</sup>, we will bless the iconography of the Church. Liturgy will begin at 9am, followed by the Lesser Blessing of Waters and the blessing of the iconography. Lunch will follow. All are invited to join in this celebration, thanking God for the many people who have supported this work.

**COMMUNITY PET BLESSING** on September 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 at Adopt-a-Pet in Fenton. St. Mary Magdalene provides a pet blessing in conjunction with adopt-a-pet.

**KONEVETS QUARTET** Tuesday, September 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm. Please spread the word! Flyers are in the parish hall to post in your community. If you would like to host the quartet overnight that evening following the concert, please see Fr. Matthew.

**ORTHODOX WOMEN 27<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL RETREAT** October 4, 5 & 6 at the Holy Dormition Monastery.

### Weekly Schedule:

**Today** Parastas for Michael Goodman (40 days)

**Monday, Sept 2** Office Closed for Labor Day

### Wednesday, Sept 4

9:30 am Divine Liturgy  
11:30 am **Adult education class** (*please note time change*)

### Thursday, Sept 5

9 am-12:30 pm North End Soup Kitchen

### Friday, Sept 6

4 to 8 pm Visitation for Rose Goodman at Swartz Funeral Home  
7 pm Parastas for Rose Goodman at Swartz Funeral Home

**Saturday, Sept 7**

9 am Divine Liturgy for the repose of Rose Goodman  
10:30 am Visitation at church  
11 am Funeral  
5 pm Vespers and Litiya followed by Confessions

**Sunday, Sept 8**

**NATIVITY OF THE BIRTHGIVER OF GOD – GREAT FEAST**

9:30 am Hours  
10 am Divine Liturgy  
Bingo with lunch

**Offerings for the week August 25<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

<i>Weekly Offerings</i>	\$ 1,467.00
<i>Estimated Average Weekly Expenses</i>	\$ 3,236.00
	<b>\$ -1769.00</b>

*74 people were in attendance on  
Sunday, August 25<sup>th</sup>.*

O Creator of the Universe, You appointed times by Your own power; bless the crown of this year with Your goodness,  
O Lord! Preserve in safety Your rulers and Your cities: and through the intercessions of the Birthgiver of God, save us!  
– **Troparion for the beginning of the new Church Year (Sept 1)**