

**September 4, 2016**

*Bulletin*

**St. Nicholas Orthodox Church**

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**The Gospel according to St. 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 4, 2016 11th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST — Tone 2.**

**Hieromartyr Gorazd, Bishop of Bohemia and Moravia-Silesia (Serbian—1942 (1942)). Hieromartyr Babylas (Vavíla), Bishop of Antioch, and with him Martyrs Urban, Prilidian, and Epolonius; and their mother, Christodula (251). Holy Prophet and Godseer Moses (16th c. B.C.). Uncovering of the Relics of St. Joasáph, Bishop of Bélgorod (1911). Martyr Hermione, daughter of St. Philip the Deacon (ca. 117). Martyr Babylas of Nicomedia, and with him 84 children (4th c.). Martyrs Theodore, Mianus (Ammianus), Julian, Kion (Oceanus), and Centurionus, of Nicomedia (305-311). Icon of the Most-holy Theotokos, “THE UNBURNT BUSH” (1680).**

**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 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)** By your nativity, O most pure Virgin, Joachim and Anna are freed from barrenness; Adam and Eve from the corruption of death. And we, thy people, freed from the guilt of sin, celebrate and sing to you: the barren woman gives birth to the Theotokos, the Nourisher of our Life.

***The Prokeimenon in the Second Tone: The Lord is my strength and my song / He has become my salvation.***  
**v: The Lord has chastened me sorely, but He has not given me over unto death.**

**THE READING FROM THE FIRST EPISTLE OF THE HOLY APOSTLE PAUL TO THE**

**CORINTHIANS (9:2-12)** *Brethren:* If to others I am not an apostle, at least I am to you; for you are the seal of my apostleship in the Lord. This is my defense to those who would examine me. Do we not have the right to our food and drink? Do we not have the right to be accompanied by a wife, as the other apostles and the brothers of the Lord and Cephas? Or is it only Barnabas and I who have no right to refrain from working for a living? Who serves as a soldier at his own expense? Who plants a vineyard without eating any of its fruit? Who tends a flock without getting some of the milk? Do I say this on human authority? Does not the law say the same? For it is written in the law of Moses, “You shall not muzzle an ox when it is treading out the grain.” Is it for oxen that God is concerned? Does he not speak entirely for our sake? It was written for our sake, because the plowman should plow in hope and the thresher thresh in hope of a share in the crop. If we have sown spiritual good among you, is it too much if we reap your material benefits? If others share this rightful claim upon you, do not we still more? Nevertheless, we have not made use of this right, but we endure anything rather than put an obstacle in the way of the gospel of Christ.

***Alleluia, Tone 2***

**v: May the Lord hear you in the day of trouble! May the Name of the God of Jacob protect you!**  
**v: Save the King, O Lord, and hear us on the day we call!**

**THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO SAINT MATTHEW (18:23-35)** At that time, Jesus said to Peter: “Therefore the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his servants. When he began the reckoning, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents; and as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and payment to be made. So the servant fell on his knees, imploring him, ‘Lord, have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’ And

out of pity for him the lord of that servant released him and forgave him the debt. But that same servant, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat he said, 'Pay what you owe.' So his fellow servant fell down and besought him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' He refused and went and put him in prison till he should pay the debt. When his fellow servants saw what had taken place, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you besought me; and should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?' And in anger his lord delivered him to the jailers, till he should pay all his debt. So also my heavenly Father will do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart."

### **COMMUNION HYMN:**

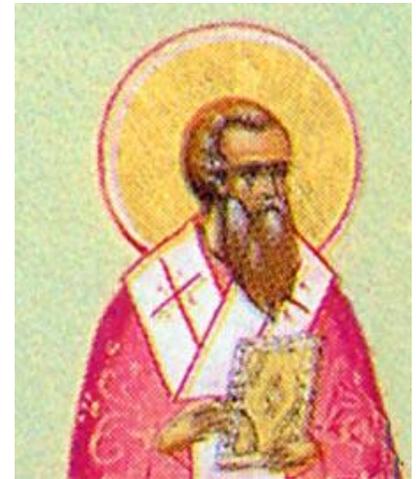
Praise the Lord from the heavens! Praise Him in the highest! Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Hieromartyr Babylas the Bishop of Antioch

The Hieromartyr Babylas and with him the three youths Urban, Prilidian, Epolonius and their mother Christodoula died as martyrs under the emperor Decius (249-251). During his stay in their city of Antioch, the emperor arranged for a large festival in honor of the pagan gods.

At the same time, Babylas, the holy and God-fearing Bishop of Antioch, was serving the Divine Liturgy in church. He prayed for his flock and taught them to endure all tribulations for Christ with courage. The idolater Decius, curious to witness the Divine Mysteries, decided to enter the church.

News of this reached the bishop, so he went out to meet Decius and blocked the path to the church, for he was unwilling to permit impiety in the temple of God. When the emperor approached the church doors, St Babylas refused to let him enter, so the emperor had to abandon his intention. He wanted to take revenge on the saint right away, but when he saw the large throng of Christians, he feared they might riot.



The next day the angry emperor ordered that the church be set on fire, and for Bishop Babylas to be brought before him. When asked why he had insulted the imperial dignity by not allowing the emperor to enter the church, the holy bishop answered, "Anyone who would rise up against God and want to desecrate His sanctuary, is not worthy of respect, but has become the enemy of the Lord."

Decius declared that the holy bishop must worship the idols in order to make up for his lack of respect for the emperor, or else face execution. After convincing himself that the martyr would remain steadfast in his faith, he commanded the military commander Victorinus to put him in heavy chains and lead him through the city in disgrace. The holy martyr replied, "Emperor, these chains are as venerable for me as your imperial crown is for you. For me, suffering for Christ is as desirable as the imperial power is for you. Death for the Immortal King is as precious to me as your life is to you."

At the trial with Bishop Babylas were three young brothers, who did not forsake him even in this most difficult moment. Seeing them, the emperor asked, "Who are these children?"

"These are my spiritual children," the saint replied, "and I have raised them in piety, I have given them an education, cultivated them with guidance, and here before you in a small body are these great young men and perfect Christians. Test them and see."

The emperor tried in all sorts of ways to entice the youths and their mother Christodoula to renounce Christ, but in vain. Then, in a rage, he ordered each of them to be whipped with a number of blows corresponding to their age. The first received twelve blows, the second, ten, and the third, seven. Dismissing the mother and children,

the torturer again summoned the bishop, telling him that the children had renounced Christ. He did not believe the lie, however.

Then he commanded all the martyrs be tied to a tree and burned with fire. Seeing the stoic bravery of the saints, the emperor finally condemned them to be beheaded with the sword.

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

Jake Kusluski, Happy Birthday Kathy Gonser, may God continue to bless you and grant you many more healthy and happy years! ..... Adams family

Special Intention ..... Joe Tome

Health & Blessings Chick ..... Jo Ann

Family of Deacon Luke, Family of Dennis Jernigan, Joe Tome ..... Nick & Connie Maxim

Health of Christine Panoff ..... Angelo, Children & Grandchildren

Fr. Andrew, Fr. Joe, Fr. Moses, Deacon Anthony, Aaron, Efrem, Jo Ann, Nicolai, Gloria, Laurie, Walt & Zina, Dorothy, Jeanette, Reggie, Ruth & Calvin, Anna, Stojan & Mira, Bosa, Joseph, Helen, Ted & Marlene, Nicolas & Margaret, Gladys, my family & friends ..... Joe Tome

**ETERNAL LIGHT**

Tomka Petsy ..... Alex & Magda Popoff

**CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR THOSE IN BLESSED REPOSE**

**ETERNAL LIGHT**

Peter Popoff ..... Alex & Magda Popoff



Welcome all of our friends and visitors to St. Nicholas! Please join us for fellowship, coffee and donuts in our parish hall. Please see the sign-up sheet next to the kitchen window to volunteer.

**ANNIVERSARY BOOK** We are looking for volunteers to assist with the Anniversary Book (contacting people for ads, help format the book, etc.) Please call the office 744-0070 or email [stnicholas1916@att.net](mailto:stnicholas1916@att.net)

**CHARITY MINISTRIES**

**HOPE IN A BOX** is collecting Bar and 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.

**NORTH END SOUP KITCHEN** We serve **Thursday, October 6 from 9 am to 1 pm.**

**KONEVETS QUARTET** will be at St. Nicholas for a return engagement on Friday, September 16 at 6:30 pm. Join us for an evening of Tradition Russian Folk & Church Music. Public is welcome. This event is Free there will be a collection taken that will benefit the Konevets Monastery. We are in need of refreshments (cookies, brownies, fruit etc.) There is a sign-up sheet in the parish hall for refreshments.

**JACKPOT FUNDRAISER** To enter the scavenger hunt, walk or run on September 17, please register at [jackpotevent.com](http://jackpotevent.com). Registering now saves you \$5 per person. Early registration ends September 2 so please register now. You can also fill out a registration form in the hall with your method of payment and give to Kristin (Borkovich) Hart. We are giving away over \$2,500.00 in prizes that day!

**100<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY BANQUET** Make your reservations. The banquet will be held on Saturday, October 15 at 1pm at the Davison Country Club. The buffet will consist of chicken, salmon and prime rib. Tickets are \$30 per adult, \$15 children 12 to 4 yrs and children 3 and under are free. **Tickets must be purchased by September 29.** Call the parish office at 744-0070, email [stnicholas1916@att.net](mailto:stnicholas1916@att.net) or see Debbie to purchase your ticket(s) or make your reservations. Tickets will be sold in the parish hall following the Divine Liturgy.

***Schedule of services and events for the week of September 4, 2016:***

**Today**

4:30 pm Pan-Orthodox Softball game at St. John Catholic School in Fenton, followed by picnic luncheon.

**Monday, September 5**

**Labor Day**  
Parish Office Closed

**Tuesday, September 6**

Fr. in Toledo

**Wednesday, September 7**

**Forefeast Nativity of the Theotokos**

9:00 am

Divine Liturgy

11:00 am

Adult Education

6:00 pm

Combined Vespers Divine Liturgy for the Nativity of the Theotokos

**Saturday, September 10**

5:00 pm

Vespers

**Sunday, September 11**

9:30 am

Third Hour

10:00 am

Divine Liturgy

**Offerings for the week August 28, 2016**

<i>Weekly Offerings</i>	\$1,709.00
<i>Estimated Average Weekly Expenses</i>	\$5,255.62
	<b>-\$3,546.62</b>

*96 people were in attendance on  
Sunday, August 28, 2016*

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