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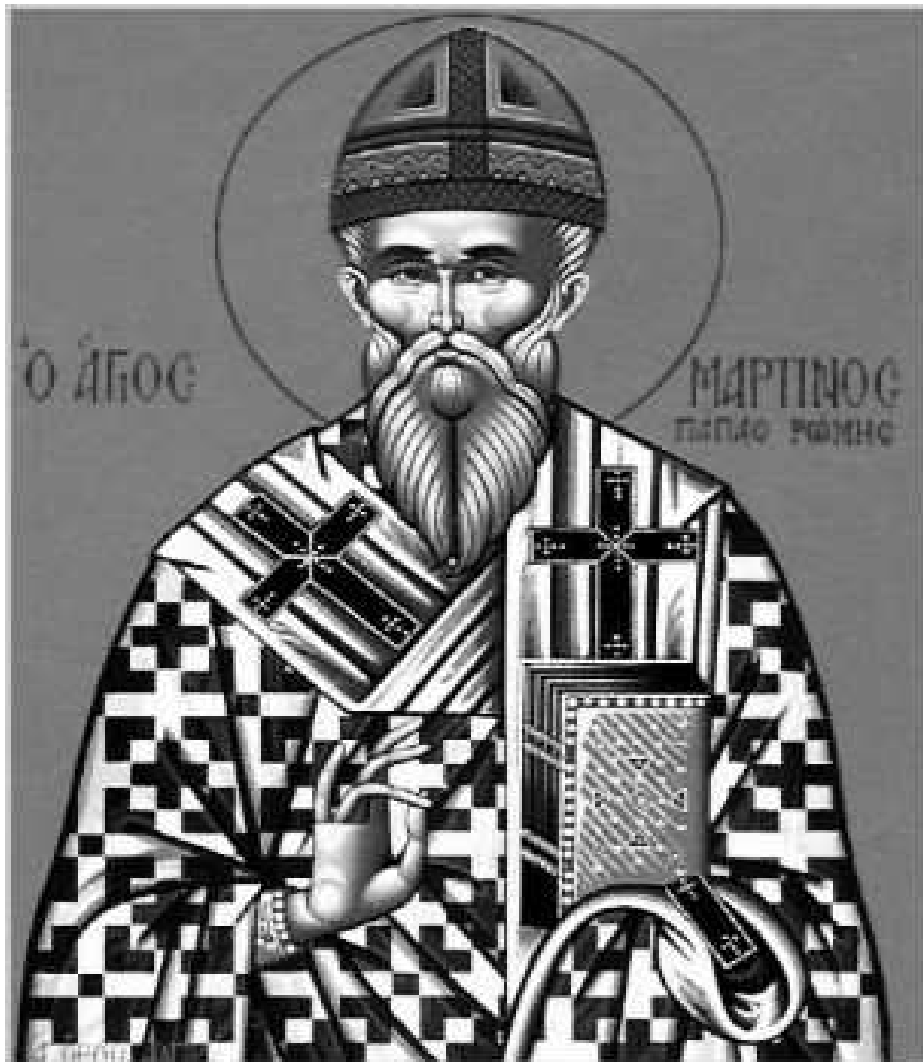
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**SUNDAY, APRIL 10, 2011 FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT — Tone 5. St. Mary of Egypt. Martyrs Terence, Pompeius, Africanus, Maximus, Zeno, Alexander, Theodore, Macarius, and 33 others, beheaded at Carthage (3<sup>rd</sup> c.). Martyrs James (Jacob) the Presbyter, and Azadan and Abdicius—Deacons, of Persia**

**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)** The image of God was truly preserved in you, O Mother, / for you took up the Cross and followed Christ. / By so doing, you taught us to disregard the flesh for it passes away; / but to care instead for the soul, for it is immortal.//

Therefore your spirit, O holy Mother Mary, rejoices with the angels.

**(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 Fifth Tone: You, O Lord, shall 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 (9:11-14)** Brethren: Christ came as High Priest of the good things to come, with the greater and more perfect tabernacle not made with hands, that is, not of this creation. Not with the blood of goats and calves, but with His own blood He entered the Most Holy Place once for all, having obtained eternal redemption. For if the blood of bulls and goats and the ashes of a heifer, sprinkling the unclean, sanctifies for the purifying of the flesh, how much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without spot to God, cleanse your conscience from dead works to serve the living God.

***Alleluia, Tone 5***

**v. I will sing of Your mercies, O Lord, forever; with my mouth I will proclaim Your truth from generation to generation.**

**v. For You have said: “Mercy will be established forever; My truth will be prepared in the heavens.”**

**THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO SAINT MARK (10:32-45)**

Now they were on the road, going up to Jerusalem, and Jesus was going before them; and they were amazed. And as they followed they were afraid. Then He took the twelve aside again and began to tell them the things that would happen to Him: Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be betrayed to the chief priests and to the scribes; and they will condemn Him to death and deliver Him to the Gentiles; and they will mock Him, and scourge Him, and spit on Him, and kill

Him. And the third day He will rise again. Then James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came to Him, saying, "Teacher, we want You to do for us whatever we ask." And He said to them, "What do you want Me to do for you?" They said to Him, "Grant us that we may sit, one on Your right hand and the other on Your left, in Your glory." But Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you ask. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, and be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?" They said to Him, "We are able." So Jesus said to them, "You will indeed drink the cup that I drink, and with the baptism I am baptized with you will be baptized; but to sit on My right hand and on My left is not Mine to give, but it is for those for whom it is prepared. And when the ten heard it, they began to be greatly displeased with James and John. But Jesus called them to Himself and said to them, "You know that those who are considered rulers over the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them. Yet it shall not be so among you; but whoever desires to become great among you shall be your servant. And whoever of you desires to be first shall be slave of all. For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many.

**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!

**On April 14 we remember a seventh-century Roman Pope who had to fight for the Orthodox faith against a Patriarch and the Emperor himself.**

Saint Martin, Confessor and Pope of Rome, was from Tuscany. He was chosen as Pope at the time of raging controversy in the Church. As Orthodox Christianity teaches that Jesus Christ had two natures, divine and human, it also teaches that He had two wills, divine and human. Jesus Christ was truly and fully man, so He acted with a human will. He was truly and fully divine, so He submitted His human will to the divine will that He shared with His Father and the Holy Spirit.

A wrong teaching, that Christ had only one will, was spreading through the Church in Saint Martin's time. Even Patriarch Paul of Constantinople adhered to the "Monothelite" heresy. The Emperor Constans II, another adherent, published a document upholding the wrong teaching.

Saint Martin tried unsuccessfully to bring the Patriarch back to the Orthodox faith. His efforts infuriated the Emperor, who resented his staunch refusal to support the popular teaching of one will. But Martin knew the faith, and would not compromise it. He understood that Jesus Christ had to be fully human, having a human will which He chose to submit to the divine will, in order to save us.

Martin was imprisoned, publicly humiliated, and tortured. He was ill and physically mutilated when he died in 655, just 25 years before the Monothelite teaching was condemned at the Sixth Ecumenical Council.

In our own time, wrong and harmful ideas about Christianity have become widely popular. Among the proponents of these ideas is the "new atheist" Richard Dawkins. His book "The God Delusion" ridicules the faith, as do many other books, and countless TV shows and movies.

A Dominican friar, Father Thomas Crean, has written a helpful book called "God is No Delusion" to refute Dawkins. Though Roman Catholic in tone, it convincingly exposes Dawkins' poor scholarship and weak arguments.

The chapter entitled "Professor Dawkins and the Gospels" is especially useful. Here Father Crean points out, for example, that while there are only five surviving manuscripts of Aristotle's works, there are more than 5300 of the New Testament in Greek alone. How, he asks, can Dawkins and others question the reliability of the New Testament documents, when they accept without dispute that Aristotle wrote the works attributed to him? Father Crean thoroughly refutes other Dawkins claims, such as his assertion that we have no good evidence that Jesus Christ thought He was divine.

**Troparion - Tone 3**

You strengthened the Church with true doctrine,  
 wise hierarch Martin.  
 You declared the two natures of Christ,  
 putting heresy to shame.  
 Entreat the Lord to grant us His great mercy.

We need to know our faith in order to share it. We need to share it in order to help our children and others live in faithful hope, rather than accepting the idea that salvation is meaningless and that God is a "delusion" foisted on people by liars and gullible fools. Saint Martin stands with us to encourage us in our efforts to know, to share, and to rejoice in our faith.

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

- Happy Birthday & God's blessings Nancy Krigner..... Anne Smith
- Happy Birthday & God's blessings Kris George, David Houser & Nancy Krigner. Stojan & Mira Prusac
- Health & God's blessings Olga Haw & Family, Helen & Doug Phillips,  
 Families of Oginsky, Fred, Paul, Joe, Kuptz & Miculka Families,  
 Ron & Maria Wheeler, Evanka Elieff, Darlene Stecco, Lillian Bird,  
 Sick & Shut-ins of St. Nicholas..... Anne Smith
- David Tome, Dora Lee, Allen & Deborah Adams, Ted Weston,  
 John & Gloria Zelenko, Mary Abu-Aita, Anne Branoff, Alex Ruggieri,  
 Michael Berkey, Fr. David, Gladys Edwards, My family & friends..... J. Tome
- Special Intention Diane, Art Zambito & Family, Mark, Anne & Vinny Zambito,  
 Maggie, Nancy, Ken Laycock, Patricia Miculka, Gloria & John Zelenko,  
 Gladys Edwards, Olga Elasiivich, Anne Smith, Hunter Oginsky..... Anne Smith
- Special Intention..... J. Tome
- Happy Birthday & God's blessings Nancy Krigner on her birthday-April 7..... Mom, Bob & Rich

**ETERNAL LIGHT**

- Health & Blessings Alfred & Lydia Keeler..... Alfred & Lydia Keeler
- Theodora Papalazarou..... Bakousidis Family
- Evangelia Bakousidis ..... Bakousidis Family

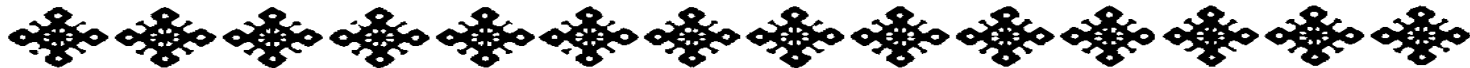
**CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR ALL THOSE IN BLESSED REPOSE**

- Blessed Repose-Vasili Rakocza..... Lydia & Alfred Keeler
- Blessed Repose-Lewis Elieff-Memory Eternal ..... Evanka & Family
- Carl Smith & our son, Claribel Smith, Uncle Lazar & Aunt Sarah Polonic,  
 Matushka Vera & V. Rev Alexander Znamensky, Mary Eckert,  
 David Radakovich-Memory Eternal ..... Anne Smith
- Blessed Repose-Toefilia Rakocza ..... Lydia & Alfred Keeler

Carl Smith-9 yrs in blessed Repose..... Anne Smith  
 Blessed Repose-Maria Sztaba ..... Lydia & Alfred Keeler  
 Blessed Repose-Marion Sztaba ..... Lydia & Alfred Keeler  
 Ganka Panoff on the occasion of her birthday-April 5-Blessed Repose ..... Joseph & Dorothy Goodman  
 Blessed Repose-Filimon Cozacioc ..... Lydia & Alfred Keeler

**ETERNAL LIGHT**

Kosta Papalazarou..... Bakousidis Family



**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

We welcome all of our friends and visitors to St. Nicholas. Please join us for fellowship in the parish hall following the veneration of the cross.

**COFFEE HOUR VOLUNTEERS** are need today. There is a sign-up sheet next to the kitchen window. Please sign your name next to a Sunday to volunteer. Keep in mind that you are not responsible for picking up the donuts on the Sunday that you volunteer.

**CONFESSION** Lent is the season of repentance. It is a time to confess our sins to God and amend our lives. Confessions are heard before and after every weekday Lenten service and on Saturdays after Vespers. You may call Fr. Matthew to make an appointment for Confession. The last day Confessions will be heard before Pascha is Wednesday, April 20 following the Unction service. Make plans so we can all be prepared to receive Holy Communion on Pascha, April 24.

**SONS AND DAUGHTERS OF ST. NICHOLAS** your help is needed on Friday, April 15 beginning at 10 am to assemble the palms and pussy-willows for Palm Sunday. Over 100 strips of palms and pussywillows must be put together for this feast day. Please make the time to come and offer a hand.

**ETERNAL LIGHT AT THE ALTAR** Recently a new hanging sanctuary lamp was donated to the church in memory of +Mildred Bladecki by her family. This lamp burns continuously over the Holy Altar. The candle is a 7 day oil-burning candle. If you would like to donate the oil for the lamp for a specific week, please fill out the intention sheet at the candle stand. The donation for the oil is \$15.

**EXCUSED ABSENCE LETTER** Parents, if your children have school on Great and Holy Friday (April 22) and they would like to attend services on that day, Fr. Matthew can provide an excused absence letter for you to submit to your child's school. Please contact the office if you need a letter.

**OLD PALMS AND PUSSY-WILLOWS** If you have old palms and pussy-willows you would like to dispose of, please bring them to church. There is a receptacle next to the bulletin board in the hall in which to place them. They will then be disposed of properly.

**ST. GEORGE 75<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY BANQUET** will be held on Saturday, April 30, 2011. Please RSVP by April 17, 2011, forms are available at the candle stand.

*Schedule of services and events for the week of April 10, 2011*

**Monday, April 11**

6:30 pm	Great Compline at St. George followed by Confessions
6:45 pm	Parish Council Meeting

**Wednesday, April 13**

6:00 pm

Pan-Orthodox Presanctified (combined service) at St. Mary Magdalene followed by Lenten Potluck (No meat, eggs or dairy products) Confessions before and after the Presanctified Liturgy

**Friday, April 15**

10:00 am

Assemble palms & pussywillows

6:00 pm

Vespers for Lazarus Saturday followed by Confessions

**Saturday, April 16**

9:30 am

**LAZARUS SATURDAY**  
Prothesis

10:00 am

Divine Liturgy followed by Lenten pancake breakfast

4:30 pm

Great Vespers served by Deacon Michael Bassett (**No Confessions**)

5:30 pm

Choir Practice

**Sunday, April 17**

**THE TRIUMPHAL ENTRY OF OUR LORD INTO JERUSALEM**  
**(Fish permitted)**

8:30 am

Matins with the blessing of palms and pussy-willows

10:00 am

Divine Liturgy with procession

Confessions following the Divine Liturgy

**Sunday Offerings** for April 3, 2011

<b><i>Weekly Income</i></b>	
<i>Weekly Offering Envelope</i>	\$2,081.00
<i>Children's Envelopes</i>	\$ 0.00
<i>Cemetery Maintenance</i>	\$ 6.00
<i>Charity Envelope</i>	\$ 1.00
<i>Diocesan Support</i>	\$ 1.00
<i>OCA Envelope-Mission</i>	\$ 0.00
<i>Candle Fund</i>	\$ 298.00
<i>Kitchen/Coffee</i>	\$ 52.50
<i>Seminarian Fund</i>	\$ 1.00
<i>Loose Offering</i>	\$ 38.00
<i>Kiosk</i>	\$ 0.00
<i>Pascha Offering</i>	\$140.00
<b><i>Total Income</i></b>	<b>\$2,618.50</b>
<b><i>Avg. Weekly Budget</i></b>	<b>\$3,753.03</b>
<b><i>+/- Budget</i></b>	<b>-\$1,134.53</b>

<i>Income to date</i>	
<i>Expense to date</i>	
<i>+/- to date</i>	

95 People were in attendance on Sunday.