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Bulletin

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SUNDAY, AUGUST 25, 2013 9TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST — Tone 8. Return of the Relics of the Apostle Bartholomew from Anastasiopolis to Lipari (6th c.). Holy Apostle Titus of the Seventy, Bishop of Crete (1st c.). Ss. Barses and Eulogius, Bishops of Edessa, and St. Protogenes, Bishop of Carrhæ, Confessors (4th c.). St. Menas, Patriarch of Constantinople (536-552).

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 3) Holy Apostles, Bartholomew and Titus, entreat the merciful God, to grant our souls forgiveness of transgressions!

(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 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 FIRST EPISTLE OF THE HOLY APOSTLE PAUL TO THE CORINTHIANS

(3:9-17) Brethren: we are God's fellow workers; you are God's field, God's building.

According to the grace of God given to me, like a skilled master builder I laid a foundation, and another man is building upon it. Let each man take care how he builds upon it. For no other foundation can anyone lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ. Now if any one builds on the foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw -- each man's work will become manifest; for the Day will disclose it, because it will be revealed with fire, and the fire will test what sort of work each one has done. If the work which any man has built on the foundation survives, he will receive a reward. If any man's work is burned up, he will suffer loss, though he himself will be saved, but only as through fire. Do you not know that you are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in you? If anyone destroys God's temple, God will destroy him. For God's temple is holy, and that temple you are.

Alleluia, Tone 8

v. Come let us rejoice in the Lord! Let us make a joyful noise to God our Savior!

v. Let us come before His face with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise!

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO SAINT MATTHEW (14:22-34)

At that time Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go before him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up on the mountain by

himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but the boat by this time was many furlongs distant from the land, beaten by the waves; for the wind was against them. And in the fourth watch of the night he came to them, walking on the sea. But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out for fear. But immediately he spoke to them, saying, "Take heart, it is I; have no fear." And Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, bid me come to you on the water." He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat and walked on the water and came to Jesus; but when he saw the wind, he was afraid, and beginning to sink he cried out, "Lord, save me." Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "O man of little faith, why did you doubt?" And when they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God." And when they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret.

COMMUNION HYMN:

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

On August 27th we read in Matthew 21: 23-27 that Jesus confounded the chief priests and elders by asking them a question they could not answer, about baptism and authority.

Last week the Church commemorated Saint Andrew Stratelates, who as an adult sought baptism even though he knew it would lead to martyrdom. God chose to mark the place where he sacrificed his life with a healing spring.

Baptism, clearly, is central in Scripture and in the Church's sacred history. But it's equally clear that the ancient Church had a view of baptism that is preserved in Orthodoxy, but not shared by some fellow Christians.

A fundamentalist pastor wrote recently that the water of baptism does not cleanse us. Rather, it is "a testimony to our faith in the risen Lord Jesus, a faith we must have before we go into the water of baptism." These words explain why some Christian groups do not baptize infants, as the Orthodox do. They teach that a person must be a believer before undergoing baptism. Babies, though in a state of innocence, are not believers; they have not made a confession of faith and repented of sin.

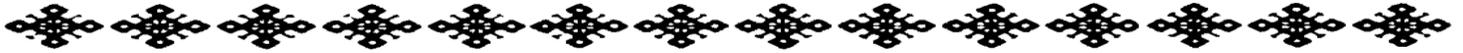
We Orthodox agree that babies have no inherited guilt or "original sin" because of Adam's sin, though they are born into the sinful world and are influenced by it. But baptism is not just forgiveness of sins. Nor does it depend on a confession based on intellectual assent to the faith. Rather, it is entrance into the family that shares the new, eternal life given to us by Jesus Christ.

That new life came about by means of Jesus Christ's death and resurrection. He had to die in order to overcome death once and for all. In baptism we unite ourselves with His death and resurrection, with the promise that "if we have been united with Him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with Him in a resurrection like His" (Romans 6:5). It is interesting that Martin Luther not only advocated infant baptism, but insisted on immersion rather than merely sprinkling the baby. He wrote that "the child should be completely submerged and pulled out again" in order to show the true death-and-new-life meaning of the rite.

Those who object to infant baptism claim that it has no Scriptural basis. The Church's answer is that we have several examples of whole households receiving baptism in the New Testament. The "household" means everyone, including children. In Genesis 7: 1 God tells Noah: "Go into the ark, you and all your household." Nobody was left behind. That meaning of "household" continues into the New Testament, as does God's covenant. To take just one example of whole New Testament households being baptized, we can read about Lydia in Acts 16: 15.

The early Church took it for granted that the water of baptism was meant for babies as well as those who intellectually "understand" the faith. We carry on the early tradition today, confident that we are doing God's will.

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CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR THE HEALTH & BLESSINGS OF

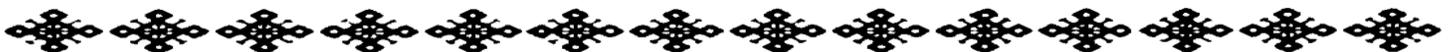
Health & God's Blessings for our granddaughter Macy.....	Phil & Barb Brown
Happy 64 th Anniversary & God's Blessings John & Rose Goodman	Mike, Sue, Ben, Steve, Dennis & Eileen
Special Intention	Joe Tome
God's Blessings Kim & Brooke Vallarie.....	Deborah Gonser-Adams
Macy Lemmen, Mike, Sue, Ben, Steve, Dennis & Eileen.....	John & Rose Goodman
Health & Blessings Janja, Milica, Nikolina, Joshua, Bogdan, Rade, Jacob, Nedeljka, Malina, Dominic, Nedeljko.....	Janja Beslach
Health & God's Blessings for our niece and cousin Macy Lemmen.....	Teta Dorothy, Uncle Joe & Family
God's Blessings Joe Tome & Family	Deborah Gonser-Adams
Health & Blessings Anna Branoff	Alex & Magda Popoff
Happy Anniversary & God's Blessings for many more years John & Rose Goodman	Joe & Dorothy Goodman & Family
Fr. Ilya, Fr. Lawrence, Fr. Joe, Deacon Anthony, Anna, Reggie, Evanka, Dorothy & Joseph, Harold, Mira, Bosa, Sonya, John & Gloria, Jeanette, Peter & Olga, Rosemary, Helen, Diane & Jimmy, Ted & Marlene, Fr. David, Gladys, My family & friends.....	Joe Tome
Thanksgiving for a safe delivery of Emilia Seeley.....	Deborah Gonser-Adams
Health & God's Blessings Macy Lemmen.....	Sredich Family
God's Blessings on our 64 th Wedding Anniversary.....	John & Rose Goodman
Thanksgiving for a safe delivery of Sebastian Vázquez.....	Deborah Gonser-Adams

ETERNAL LIGHT AT THE ALTAR

The handmaiden of God Christina (Amanda) & our son Sebastian	Esteban Vázquez
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CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR ALL THOSE IN BLESSED REPOSE

Blessed Repose David Tome-Memory Eternal.....	Joe Tome
Blessed Repose David Tome-Memory Eternal.....	Joe & Dorothy Goodman
Bogdan, Vaso & Ilinka-Memory Eternal	Janja Beslach
Peter Popoff-Memory Eternal	Alex & Magda Popoff
Blessed Repose David Tome-Memory Eternal.....	Rosemary Vuckovich
Blessed Repose David Tome-Memory Eternal.....	Stojan & Mira Prusac
Blessed Repose David Tome-Memory Eternal.....	Anna Branoff
Blessed Repose David Tome-Memory Eternal.....	St. Nicholas Choir
Blessed Repose David Tome-Memory Eternal.....	Sredich Family
Blessed Repose David Tome-Memory Eternal.....	Dennis & Sharon
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Blessed Repose David Tome-Memory Eternal.....	Allison Borkovich
Blessed Repose David Tome-Memory Eternal.....	Deborah Gonser-Adams



We welcome all of our friends and visitors to St. Nicholas. Please join us for coffee and donuts in the parish hall.

COFFEE AND DONUTS are being donated today in honor of John & Rose Goodman's 64th Wedding Anniversary, by their children.

DONOR FOR FLOWERS Thank you to those who donated the blanket of blue carnations, which were blessed last week.

PROSPHORA BAKERS We are in need of Prospora. If you are able to bake 3 or 4 loaves each it would be greatly appreciated. You may bring them to church during office hours or on Sunday mornings.

HOPE IN A BOX for the month of August is diapers. Please place the diapers in the blue Hope in a Box container located in the parish hall. The diapers will be distributed by Catholic Charities Community Closet.

GOD GRANT MANY YEARS to Sebastian Antonio Vázquez born on August 21 at 6:13 am (7 lbs. 15 oz., 19 inches). Proud parents are Amanda and Esteban Vázquez. Mother and baby are doing well.

MEMORY ETERNAL +David Tome, brother of choir director Reader Joseph Tome, fell asleep in the Lord on Monday, August 19. Viewing and Parastas were held at the Palmer, Bush & Jensen Funeral Home in Lansing, MI on Friday, August 23. Funeral services were held on Saturday, August 24 at the funeral home. May God grant His servant +David blessed repose and eternal memory.

Schedule of services and events for the Week of August 25

Monday, August 26 Parish office closing at 1:00 pm

Wednesday, August 28
9:00 am Divine Liturgy

Saturday, August 31
No Vespers

Sunday, September 1
9:30 am Third Hour
10:00 am Divine Liturgy
Baptism of Theodore Wilhelm

Sunday Offerings for August 18, 2013

<i>Weekly Offering Envelope</i>	\$ 864.00
<i>Children's Offering</i>	\$ 0.00
<i>Cemetery Maintenance</i>	\$ 0.00
<i>Charity Envelope</i>	\$ 0.00
<i>Love Inc</i>	\$ 0.00
<i>Diocesan Support</i>	\$ 0.00
<i>OCA Envelope</i>	\$ 0.00
<i>Candle Fund</i>	\$ 111.50
<i>Coffee Hour</i>	\$ 0.00
<i>Seminarian Fund</i>	\$ 0.00
<i>Loose Offering</i>	\$ 35.00
<i>Kiosk</i>	\$ 0.00
<i>Total Sunday Income Aug. 18, 2013</i>	\$ 1,010.50
<i>Estimated Average Weekly Expenses</i>	\$ 3,496.10

<i>Actual Income</i>	\$ 149,319.08
<i>Actual Expense</i>	\$ 130,959.70
<i>+/- to date</i>	\$ 18,359.38

84 people were in attendance on Sunday August 18, 2013.

For further details, on actual Income/Expenses please refer to the latest St. Nicholas treasures report posted on the bulletin board, next to the conference room in the church hall.