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Bulletin

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The Gospel according to Saint Mark (16:1-8)
(2nd Matins Gospel)

Now when the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, that they might come and anoint Him. Very early in the morning, on the first day of the week, they came to the tomb when the sun had risen. And they said among themselves, “Who will roll away the stone from the door of the tomb for us?” But when they looked up, they saw that the stone had been rolled away – for it was very large. And entering the tomb, they saw a young man clothed in a long white robe sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. But he said to them, “Do not be alarmed. You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He is risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid Him. But go, tell His disciples – and Peter – that He is going before you into Galilee; there you will see Him, as He said to you. So they went out quickly and fled from the tomb, for they trembled and were amazed. And they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2016 24th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST — Tone 7. Greatmartyr Barbara and Martyr Juliana, at Heliopolis in Syria (ca. 306). Ven. John of Damascus (776). St. John, Bishop of Polybotum (8th c.). Glorification of Hieromartyr Protopresbyter Alexander (Hotovitzky) (1994).

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 8) Let us honor the holy Martyr Barbara, for, as a bird, she escaped the snares of the Enemy, // and destroyed them through the help and defense of the Cross!

(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 3) The Virgin cometh today to the cave to give birth, ineffably to bring forth the Word Eternal. Therefore, rejoice, O earth, at the message, with the angels and shepherds give glory to Him Who shall appear by His own will as a young child, He Who is from eternity God.

The Prokeimenon in the Fourth Tone: God is wonderful in His saints, / the God of Israel.

v: Bless God in the churches, the Lord, O you who are of Israel's fountain.

THE READING FROM THE EPISTLE OF THE HOLY APOSTLE PAUL TO THE GALATIANS (3:23-

4:5) *Brethren:* before faith came, we were confined under the law, kept under restraint until faith should be revealed. So that the law was our custodian until Christ came, that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer under a custodian; for in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, through faith. For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus. And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to promise. I mean that the heir, as long as he is a child, is no better than a slave, though he is the owner of all the estate; but he is under guardians and trustees until the date set by the father. So with us; when we were children, we were slaves to the elemental spirits of the universe. But when the time had fully come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons.

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 LUKE (13:10-17)

At that time Jesus was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath. And there was a woman who had had a spirit of infirmity for eighteen years; she was bent over and could not fully straighten herself. And when Jesus saw her, he called her and said to her, "Woman, you are freed from your infirmity." And he laid his hands upon her, and immediately she was made straight, and she praised God. But the ruler of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had healed on the sabbath, said to the people, "There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be healed, and not on the sabbath day." Then the Lord answered him, "You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the sabbath untie his ox or his ass from the manger, and lead it away to water it? And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen years, be loosed from this bond on the sabbath day?" As he said this, all his adversaries were put to shame; and all the people rejoiced at all the glorious things that were done by him.

COMMUNION HYMN

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

Venerable Sava the Sanctified

Saint Sava the Sanctified was born in the fifth century at Cappadocia of pious Christian parents, John and Sophia. His father was a military commander. Journeying to Alexandria on military matters, his wife went with him, but they left their five-year-old son in the care of an uncle. When the boy reached eight years of age, he entered the monastery of Saint Flavian located nearby. The gifted child quickly learned to read and became an expert on the Holy Scriptures. In vain did his parents urge Saint Sava to return to the world and enter into marriage.

When he was seventeen years old he received monastic tonsure, and attained such perfection in fasting and prayer that he was given the gift of wonderworking. After spending ten years at the monastery of Saint Flavian, he went to Jerusalem, and from there to the monastery of Saint Euthymius the Great (January 20). But Saint Euthymius sent Saint Sava to Abba Theoctistus, the head of a nearby monastery with a strict cenobitic rule. Saint Sava lived in obedience at this monastery until the age of thirty.

After the death of the Elder Theoctistus, his successor blessed Saint Sava to seclude himself in a cave. On Saturdays, however, he left his hermitage and came to the monastery, where he participated in divine services and ate with the brethren. After a certain time Saint Sava received permission not to leave his hermitage at all, and he struggled in the cave for five years.

Saint Euthymius attentively directed the life of the young monk, and seeing his spiritual maturity, he began to take him to the Rouba wilderness with him. They set out on January 14, and remained there until Palm Sunday. Saint Euthymius called Saint Sava a child-elder, and encouraged him to grow in the monastic virtues.

When Saint Euthymius fell asleep in the Lord (+ 473), Saint Sava withdrew from the Lavra and moved to a cave near the monastery of Saint Gerasimus of Jordan (March 4). After several years, disciples began to gather around Saint Sava, seeking the monastic life. As the number of monks increased, a lavra sprang up. When a pillar of fire appeared before Saint Sava as he was walking, he found a spacious cave in the form of a church.

Saint Sava founded several more monasteries. Many miracles took place through the prayers of Saint Sava: at the Lavra a spring of water welled up, during a time of drought there was abundant rain, and there were also healings of the sick and the demoniacs. Saint Sava composed the first monastic Rule of church services, the so-called "Jerusalem Typikon", accepted by all the Palestine monasteries. The saint surrendered his soul to God in the year 532.





CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR THE HEALTH AND BLESSINGS OF

Anna Branoff, Gloria Zelenko, Nik Evanenko, Reggie Jehnsen, Kate Stevens,
 Alyson Wilhelm, Jake Kusluski Adams Family
 Special Intention Joe Tome
 Oleg, Irina, Adelaida, Feodosiy, Galina, Nickolay, Nickolay, Andzey, Vlada Irina Sivergina
 Safe travel for Nadja, Sean, Auden, Health & blessings for my family..... Lucy Hogg
 Fr. Joe, Fr. Andrew, Deacon Anthony, Aaron, Jo Ann, Nicolai, Kosta, Jimmy,
 Laurie, Walt & Zina, Dorothy, Helen, Joseph, Jeanette, Gloria, Reggie, Calvin
 & Ruth, Taras, Anna, Stojan & Mira, Bosa, Helen, Ted & Marlene, Nicholas &
 Margaret, Gladys, my family & friends Joe Tome

CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR ALL THOSE IN BLESSED REPOSE

Helen Bibilikow Dorothy & family
 Vasiliy, Andzey, Galina, Nickolay, Vitaliy..... Irina Sivergina



Welcome all of our friends and visitors to St. Nicholas! Please join us for fellowship, coffee and donuts in our parish hall.

Coffee and donuts are being donated today in memory of Fr. Basil Karapelenia by his family.

PLEDGE CARDS out of the 141 that were mailed out, 47 have been returned.

CHARITY MINISTRIES

HOPE IN A BOX is collecting socks, towels, toiletries and new toys for the month of December. 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, January 5 from 9 am to 1 pm.

BAY CHORALE CHRISTMAS CONCERT the Bay Chorale will be at St. Nicholas on Friday, December 9 at 7:30 pm to perform a Christmas Concert. Admission for the concert is \$15 per adult and \$7.50 for children 12 and under. Public is welcome!

COOKIE WALK will be held on Saturday, December 10 from 10 am – 1pm. Your baked goods are greatly appreciated. We are especially in need of ethnic pastries. You may bring your baked goods to the church on Friday, December 9 from 9 am – 3 pm. If you have any question please see any member of St. Catherine’s League.

ST. NICHOLAS DAY Potluck luncheon and visit from St. Nicholas will be held on Sunday, December 11 following the Divine Liturgy. Please bring a meatless dish or a dessert to share. Everyone is invited to attend!

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS if you wish to have your named included on this year’s Christmas greetings list, please see Debbie or call the parish office no later than December, 11.

5TH ANNUAL PAN-ORTHODOX WINTER DINNER to support the Dormition Monastery in Rives Junction will be held on Thursday, January 19 at St. George. We are responsible for the drinks. The guest speaker this year will be our Bishop Alexander speaking on; Pain and Suffering in the Christian Life. Make your reservations now. Informational flyers/Reservation forms are available in the parish hall. If you have any questions please see Calvin & Ruth Conrad or call them at 810-793-0101.

MAINTENANCE Please call the parish office if you see that something is in need of repair or needs some attention, whether it is here at church or at the parish cemetery. Do not tell other parishioners, by the time it gets to the correct person it may be beyond repair.

Schedule of services and events for the week of December, 4:

Monday, December 5

10 am Set-Up Indoor Nativity-Men, we need your help on this day to move the heavy items to make space for the Nativity scene.
 6 pm Combined Vespers with Liturgy for the feast of St. Nicholas

Tuesday, December 6

ST. NICHOLAS
 Father in Toledo
 6 - 8 pm Orthodox Book Club @ St. George

Wednesday, December 7

9 am Divine Liturgy
 11 am Adult Education
 12:30 pm Russian Tea Cookie & Vanilla Crescent workshop

Friday, December 9

9 am – 3 pm Cookie Drop Off
 7:30 pm Bay Chorale Christmas Concert

Saturday, December 10

10 am – 1 pm Cookie Walk
 5 pm Vespers

Sunday, December 11

9 am Third Hour
 10 am Divine Liturgy
 Church School
 St. Nicholas Pot Luck Luncheon and Visit from St. Nicholas

Offerings for the week November 27, 2016

<i>Weekly Offerings</i>	\$1,598.00
<i>Estimated Average Weekly Expenses</i>	\$5,255.62
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60 people were in attendance on Sunday, November 27, 2016

Luke 11:42

⁴²“Woe to you Pharisees, because you give God a tenth of your mint, rue and all other kinds of garden herbs, but you neglect justice and the love of God You should have practiced the latter without leaving the former undone