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SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2013 36TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST —Tone 3.
Hieromartyr Haralambos, Bishop of Magnesia in Thessaly, and Martyrs Porphyrius, Bapthus and three women Martyrs (202). Synaxis of the Hierarchs of Novgorod, buried in the Cathedral of the Holy Wisdom (Sophia) in Novgorod: Joachim (1030), Luke (1058), Theodore (1077), Herman (1096), Arkádii (Arcadius)—(1163), John (1185), Gabriel (1193), Martyrii (1199), Anthony (1231), Basil (1352), Moses (1362), Simeon (1421), Evfim (Euthymius)—(1458) and Aftonii (Aphthonius—1652). Rt. Blv. Princess Anna of Novgorod (1056). Ven. Prokhor (Prochorus) of the Kiev Caves (Near Caves—1107). Ven. Lóngin (Longinus) of Koryazhensk (Vologdá—1540). Virgin Martyrs Ennatha, Valentina and Paula, of Palestine (308). The “AREOVINDUS” Icon of the Most-holy Theotokos.

TROPARIA

(Tone 3) Let the heavens rejoice! Let the earth be glad! For the Lord has shown strength with His arm. He has trampled down Death by death. He has become the first-born of the dead. He has delivered us from the depths of Hell, and has granted to the world great mercy.

(Tone 4) You became a firm pillar in the Church of Christ, wise Haralambos; a lamp of everlasting light to the world: well known to the world through your martyrdom, you dispelled the dark night of idolatry. // Boldly intercede with Christ God that He may save our souls!

(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 Seventh Tone: The righteous one shall rejoice in the Lord / and shall set his hope on Him.

v. Hear my voice, O God, when I pray to Thee.

THE READING IS FROM THE SECOND EPISTLE OF THE HOLY APOSTLE PAUL TO TIMOTHY (2:1-10) Timothy, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus, and what you have heard from me before many witnesses entrust to faithful men who will be able to teach others also. Share in suffering as a good soldier of Christ Jesus. No soldier on service gets entangled in civilian pursuits, since his aim is to satisfy the one who enlisted him. An athlete is not crowned unless he competes according to the rules. It is the hard-working farmer who ought to have the first share of the crops. Think over what I say, for the Lord will grant you understanding in everything. Remember Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, descended from David, as preached in my gospel, the gospel for which I am suffering and wearing fetters like a

criminal. But the word of God is not fettered. Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, that they also may obtain salvation in Christ Jesus with its eternal glory.

Alleluia, Tone 3

v. In Thee, O Lord, have I placed my hope; let me not be put to shame.

v. Be Thou a God of protection for me, a house of refuge in order to save me.

THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO SAINT MATTHEW (25:14-30) At that time Jesus told His disciples, “The kingdom of heaven will be as when a man going on a journey called his servants and entrusted to them his property; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. He who had received the five talents went at once and traded with them; and he made five talents more. So also, he who had the two talents made two talents more. But he who had received the one talent went and dug in the ground and hid his master’s money. Now after a long time the master of those servants came and settled accounts with them. And he who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five talents more, saying, ‘Master, you delivered to me five talents; here I have made five talents more.’ His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant; you have been faithful over a little, I will set you over much; enter into the joy of your master.’ And he also who had the two talents came forward, saying, ‘Master, you delivered to me two talents; here I have made two talents more.’ His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant; you have been faithful over a little, I will set you over much; enter into the joy of your master.’ He also who had received the one talent came forward, saying, ‘Master, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not winnow; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.’ But his master answered him, ‘You wicked and slothful servant! You knew that I reap where I have not sowed, and gather where I have not winnowed? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and at my coming I should have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to him who has the ten talents. For to everyone who has will more be given, and he will have abundance; but from him who has not, even what he has will be taken away. And cast the worthless servant into the outer darkness; there men will weep and gnash their teeth.’”

COMMUNION HYMN PRAISE the Lord from the heavens! Praise Him in the highest!

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

On February 16 we read in the Gospel of Luke that Jesus told His disciples: "If you had faith as a grain of mustard seed, you could say to this sycamore tree, 'Be rooted up, and be planted in the sea,' and it would obey you"(17: 6).

Most of us, reading this passage, see it as a striking image. Perhaps when we were church school students we were given mustard seeds as an encouraging reminder that even a little faith can eventually achieve wonderful things.

But how many of us really believe that our faith could bring about big changes, especially against great odds? Do we have faith at least as substantial as a mustard seed?

On this day we remember a man who did have that faith: Saint Nicholas (or Nicolai) of Japan, who worked to foster Orthodox Christianity in that country. He was born Ivan Kasatkin in 1836 in Smolensk, Russia. A bright student, he won a scholarship to the St. Petersburg Theological Academy and began his studies there in 1856.

Four years later, an announcement was posted on the Academy's notice board: Graduates were invited to apply for the position of chief priest at the Russian Embassy Church in Japan. Ivan Kasatkin, reading the announcement, felt deeply drawn to the idea of going to Japan. He hurried to complete his application, and was soon given the good news that he had won the position. In June of that year, 1860, he was tonsured a monk and given the name Nicholas. He spent the following winter making the long voyage to his new country.

Nicholas knew what he would face when he arrived. He was a missionary in a land where Christianity was prohibited. There was widespread persecution of its adherents; Japanese called it a "vicious" religion. The Bible and numerous other needed books had not yet been translated.

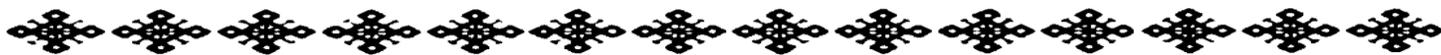
He began slowly, spending years talking to people in the streets, in order to absorb Japanese culture and language and show that he respected both. His first convert, a samurai and son of a Shinto priest, helped him bring others to the faith, but he was not looking for large numbers. Having seen the Japanese people's high regard for the written word, he sought out Christian spiritual works to translate, while continuing to meet and talk with people.

Over time the number of converts to the Orthodox faith in Japan grew and Fr. Nicholas was eventually consecrated Bishop of Tokyo. Parishes and schools were established, and a number of Japanese men were educated and ordained as clergy for the Mission.

The Russo-Japanese War (1904-5) was a time of danger and uncertainty for Nicholas, as the most visible Russian in Japan. But he declined special protection, and quietly went on with his work of translation and visits to his parishes, by then numbering over 200. He would live for another 11 years, carrying on with his work energetically despite illness and the many demands placed on him.

When we wonder how much our faith can really do, Nicholas' life is a good example. We may never have as much faith as he had, but even a mustard seed grain's worth can grow into something beautiful to glorify God.

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CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR THE HEALTH & BLESSINGS OF

Health & God's Blessings Rosemary Vuckovich, Peter Sredich, John & Gloria Zelenko	Bosa Kantar
Health & Blessings for my husband Angelo Popoff on his birthday and blessings for our 52 nd Anniversary.....	Helen Popoff
Adelaida, Feodosiy, Oleg, Irina, Nickolay.....	Irina Sivergina

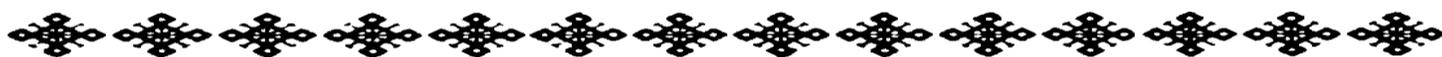
Health & God's Blessings Fred Oginsky, Matushka Karpelenia & family, Helen & Doug Phillips, Peter Sredich, Unborn infant of Max & Dana Oginsky.....	Anne Smith
Milica & Family, Rade, Jacob, Nedeljka & Family, Nedeljko, Janja.....	Janja Beslach
Health & Blessings Helen Koski, Fred Oginsky, Peter Sredich, Mary Anne Brayan, Sick & shut-ins of St. Nicholas, Evdokia Ponomarenko, Infant Lucas Zambito.....	Anne Smith
Evdokia, Nick Ponomarenko, Chris, Heather, Raegan, Jeremy, Teri & Hayden	Lucy Hogg
Special Intention Diane, Art Zambito & family, Nancy, Ken & Maggie Laycock, Pat Miculka, Helen & Doug Phillips, Gloria & John Zelenko, Gladys Edwards, Anne Smith, Jeanette Hildreth, Brett w/Cancer, Linda Branoff.....	Anne Smith
Special Intention.....	Joe Tome
Happy Anniversary & God's Blessings Robert & Roseanne Oginsky, Happy Birthday & God's Blessings Nick Oginsky.....	Anne Smith
Health & Blessings Ron Waskerwitz.....	Bob & Peggy Russell
Archimandrite Ilya, Fr. Lawrence, Deacon Anthony, David, Anna, Reggie, Evanka, John & Gloria, Jeanette, Bosa, Helen, Dorothy, Diane, Jimmy, Walter, Ted & Marlene, Rosemary, Fr. David, Gladys, My family & friends.....	Joe Tome
Happy Birthday & God's Blessings Eva Elieff, Joseph Alexander Oginsky, Sharon Jernigan, V. Rev. John Govrusik & Matushka Olga, Gerrye Martin, Families of Oginsky, Miculka, Lyon & Kuptz	Anne Smith
<u>ETERNAL LIGHT AT THE ALTAR</u>	
Nadja, Sean and baby.....	Lucy Hogg

CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR ALL THOSE IN BLESSED REPOSE

Peter Popoff	Angelo & Helen Popoff & Family
Blessed Repose Peter Popoff-Memory Eternal, Blessed Reposes 40days Tony Branoff-Memory Eternal.....	Chiche & Nina
Bogdan, Vaso & Ilinka.....	Janja Beslach
Blessed Repose Tony Branoff-Memory Eternal, Blessed Repose Peter Popoff- Memory Eternal.....	Anna Branoff
Carl Smith & our son, Norma Oginsky-Memory of Birthday, Olga Elasivich.....	Anne Smith
Carl Smith & our son, Nick & Helen Polonic, Christine Marie Stathopoulos, Robert & Jean Bulman, John Bibilikow, Mildred Bladecki, Joanne Triplett, Olga Miculka.....	Anne Smith

ETERNAL LIGHT

Lewis Elieff-Memory Eternal	Evanka & Family
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

We welcome all of our friends and visitors to St. Nicholas. Please join us in our fellowship hall for coffee and pastries.

There will be a 3yr Parastas for the repose of +Tony Brayanis following the veneration of the cross. Coffee and Pastries are being donated today in Tony's memory, by his family.

FESTIVAL MEETING will be held following the Parastas today.

ST. CATHERINE'S LEAGUE Cabbage Roll Dinner; will be held next Sunday following the Divine Liturgy. Dinner includes salad, bread and dessert. The adult meal is \$10.00 (2 cabbage rolls), the child meal is \$5.00 (1 cabbage roll). A hot dog and chip dinner will be served for the children also for \$3.00.

HOUSE BLESSINGS have begun. If you wish for Father Matthew to bless your home, please fill out the house blessing form that was included in your January bulletin, into the parish office. There are extra House Blessing forms at the candle stand.

FEBRUARY HOPE IN A BOX shampoo is the item needed for the month of February. The shampoo will be distributed by the Catholic Charities Community Closet.

Schedule of services and events for the week of February 10, 2013

Monday, February 11

CANCELED

6:30 pm

Book Club @ St. George *** Rescheduled for Monday, Feb. 18 @ 6 pm***
Parish Council Meeting

Wednesday, February 13

9:00 am

Divine Liturgy

Saturday, February 16

4:30 pm

Vespers followed by confessions

Sunday, February 17

9:30 am

10:00 am

Zacchaeus Sunday

Third Hour

Divine Liturgy

Church School

St. Catherine's League Dinner

1yr Parastas +John Panoff

Sunday Offerings

February 3, 2013

<i>Weekly Offering Envelope</i>	<i>\$ 1,080.00</i>
<i>Children's Offering</i>	<i>\$ 0.00</i>
<i>Cemetery Maintenance</i>	<i>\$ 60.00</i>
<i>Charity Envelope Love Inc</i>	<i>\$ 0.00</i>
<i>Diocesan Support</i>	<i>\$ 0.00</i>
<i>OCA Envelope</i>	<i>\$ 0.00</i>
<i>Candle Fund</i>	<i>\$ 196.25</i>
<i>Coffee Hour</i>	<i>\$ 0.00</i>
<i>Seminarian Fund</i>	<i>\$ 0.00</i>
<i>Loose Offering</i>	<i>\$ 5.00</i>
<i>Kiosk</i>	<i>\$ 0.00</i>
<i>Total Income</i>	<i>\$1,341.25</i>
<i>Avg. Weekly Expense Budget</i>	<i>\$ 3,496.10</i>
<i>+/- Budget</i>	<i>-\$2154.85</i>

*75 People were in attendance on
Sunday February 3, 2013.*