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Bulletin

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The Gospel according to Saint 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, FEBRUARY 5, 2017 SUNDAY OF THE PUBLICAN AND THE PHARISEE—Tone 8. Beginning of the Lenten Triodion.

FIRST ANTIPHON

My heart is indicting a good matter, I speak of the things which I have made to the King.

Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us!

My tongue is the pen of a ready writer, full of grace are thy lips. Therefore God hath blest thee forever.

Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us!

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us!

SECOND ANTIPHON

Gird Thy sword upon Thy thigh, O mighty one, in Thy glory and Thy beauty!

Save us, O Son of God, carried in the arms of Simeon the righteous, save us who sing to Thee: Alleluia!

The scepter of Thy kingdom is a righteous scepter.

Save us, O Son of God, carried in the arms of Simeon the righteous, save us who sing to Thee: Alleluia!

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen. Only-begotten Son and immortal Word of God, Who for our salvation didst will to be incarnate of the holy Theotokos and ever-virgin Mary, Who without change became man and wast crucified, Who art one of the Holy Trinity, glorified with the Father and the Holy Spirit: O Christ our God, trampling down death by death, save us!

THIRD ANTIPHON

Hear, O daughter, consider, and incline your ear; forget your people and your father's house.

Tone 1) Rejoice, O Virgin Theotokos, Full of Grace! / From you shone the Sun of Righteousness, Christ our God, / enlightening those who sat in darkness. / Rejoice and be glad, O righteous Elder: / you accepted in your arms the Redeemer of our souls, / Who grants us the Resurrection!

Even the rich among the people shall entreat your favor.

(Tone 1) Rejoice, O Virgin Theotokos, Full of Grace! / From you shone the Sun of Righteousness, Christ our God, / enlightening those who sat in darkness. / Rejoice and be glad, O righteous Elder: / you accepted in your arms the Redeemer of our souls, / Who grants us the Resurrection!

I will make your name to be remembered in all generations.

(Tone 1) Rejoice, O Virgin Theotokos, Full of Grace! / From you shone the Sun of Righteousness, Christ our God, / enlightening those who sat in darkness. / Rejoice and be glad, O righteous Elder: / you accepted in your arms the Redeemer of our souls, / Who grants us the Resurrection!

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 1) Rejoice, O Virgin Theotokos, Full of Grace! / From you shone the Sun of Righteousness, Christ our God, / enlightening those who sat in darkness. / Rejoice and be glad, O righteous Elder: / you accepted in your arms the Redeemer of our souls, / Who grants us the Resurrection!

(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 1) By Thy Nativity Thou didst sanctify the Virgin's womb! And didst bless Simeon's hands, O Christ God. Now Thou hast come and saved us through love. Grant peace to all Orthodox Christians, O only Lover of Man!

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 READING FROM THE SECOND EPISTLE OF THE HOLY APOSTLE PAUL TO TIMOTHY (3:10-15)

Timothy, my son, now you have observed my teaching, my conduct, my aim in life, my faith, my patience, my love, my steadfastness, my persecutions, my sufferings, what befell me at Antioch, at Iconium, and at Lystra, what persecutions I endured; yet from them all the Lord rescued me. Indeed all who desire to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted, while evil men and impostors will go on from bad to worse, deceivers and deceived. But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings which are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.

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 HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO SAINT LUKE (18:10-14) At that time Jesus spoke this parable: “Two men went up into the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, ‘God, I thank thee that I am not like other men, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week, I give tithes of all that I get.’ But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, ‘God, be merciful to me a sinner!’ I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other; for every one who exalts himself will be humbled, but he who humbles himself will be exalted.”

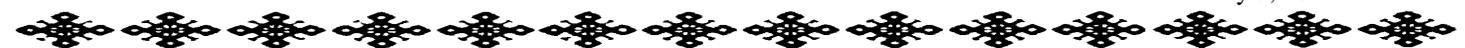
COMMUNION HYMN

I will receive the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

The Meeting of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ in the Temple—February 2

This feast commemorates an important event in the earthly life of our Lord Jesus Christ (Luke 2:22-40). Forty days after His birth the God-Infant was taken to the Jerusalem Temple. According to the Law of Moses (Lev. 12:2-8), a woman who gave birth to a male child was forbidden to enter the Temple of God for forty days. At the end of this time the mother came to the Temple with the child, to offer a young lamb or pigeon to the Lord as a purification sacrifice. The Mother of God had no need of purification since she had given birth to the Source of purity and sanctity without defilement. However, she humbly fulfilled the requirements of the Law. At this time the righteous Elder Simeon (Feb. 3) was living in Jerusalem. It had been revealed to him that he would not die until he should behold the promised Messiah. By inspiration from above, Saint Simeon went to the Temple at the very moment when the Theotokos and Saint Joseph had brought the Infant Jesus to fulfill the Law. The God-Receiver Simeon took the divine Child in his arms, and giving thanks to God, he spoke the words repeated by the Church each evening at Vespers: “Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace, according to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people, a light to enlighten the Gentiles, and the glory of Thy people Israel” (Luke 2:29-32). Saint Simeon said to the Theotokos: “Behold, this child is set for the fall and rising again of many in Israel, and for a sign which shall be spoken against. Yea, a sword shall pierce through your own soul also, that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed” (Luke 2:34-35). At the Temple was the 84-year-old widow Anna the Prophetess, daughter of Phanuel (February 3), “who did not leave the temple, but served God with fasting and prayers night and day. She arrived just when Saint Simeon met the divine Child. She also gave thanks to the Lord and spoke of Him to all those who were looking for redemption in Jerusalem” (Luke 2:37-38). In the icon of the Feast she holds a scroll which reads: “This Child has established Heaven and earth.” Before Christ was born, righteous men and women lived by faith in the promised Messiah, and awaited His coming. The Righteous Simeon and the Prophetess Anna, the last righteous people of the Old Testament, were deemed worthy to meet the Savior in the Temple. The Feast of the Meeting of the Lord is among the most ancient feasts of the Christian Church. Despite its early origin, this Feast was not celebrated so splendidly until the sixth century. In 528, during the reign of Justinian, an earthquake killed many people in Antioch. Other misfortunes followed this one. In 541 a terrible plague broke out in Constantinople, carrying off several thousand people each day. During this time of widespread suffering, a solemn prayer service (Litia) for deliverance from evils was celebrated on the Feast of the Meeting of the Lord, and the plague ceased. In thanksgiving to God, the Church established a more solemn celebration of this Feast. Church hymnographers have adorned this Feast with their hymns: Saint Andrew of Crete in the seventh century; Saint Cosmas Bishop of Maium, Saint John of Damascus, and Saint Germanus Patriarch of Constantinople in the eighth century; and Saint Joseph, Archbishop of Thessalonica in the ninth century. On this day we also commemorate the icon of the Most Holy Theotokos known as “the Softening of Evil Hearts” or “Simeon’s Prophecy.” The Mother of God is depicted without Her Child, with seven swords piercing her breast: three from the left side, three from the right, and one from below. A similar icon, “Of the Seven Swords” (August 13) shows three swords on the left side and four from the right. The icon “Simeon’s Prophecy” symbolizes the fulfillment of the prophecy of the righteous Elder Simeon: “a sword shall pierce through your own soul” (Luke 2:35).

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CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR THE HEALTH AND BLESSINGS OF

Special Intention

Anna Branoff, Helen Popoff

Health & Blessings on Matushka Lisa, Allen Adams, Anna Branoff, Gloria Zelenko, Nik Evanenko, Alyson Wilhelm, Kate Stevens, Noah Gonser, Jake Kusluski, and on Jim Henry and his family

Fr. Joe, Fr. Tom, Deacon Anthony, Aaron, Noah, Jo Ann, Nicolai, Kosta, Luba, Jimmy, Laurie, Walt & Zina, Dorothy, Allen, Joseph, Helen, Jeanette, Gloria, Reggie, Calvin & Ruth, Taras, Matushka Lisa, Anna, Stojan & Mira, Bosa, Ted & Marlene,

Joe Tome

Alex & Magda Popoff

Adams Family

Nicholas & Margaret, Gladys, my family & friends
Feodosiy, Adelaida, Irina, Oleg
Health & Blessings for Chick and Lisa
The Georgopoulos family

Joe Tome
Irina Sivergina
Jo Ann

CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR ALL THOSE IN BLESSED REPOSE

Simeon Panoff
Peter Popoff, John Naum
Newly departed Ielita Daba

Blessed Repose Sandra Henry, Nancy McDonald, Sandy Pettis-Memory Eternal
Galina, Nicholay, Vasiliy, Andrey, Vitaliy, Yulia, Feodosiy

his family
Alex & Magda Popoff
Dorothy, Debbie
& family
Adams Family
Irina Sivergina



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

GODPARENT SUNDAY is February 12. Godchildren, invite your Godparents! Godparents, invite your Godchildren! Also, **PREPARE** yourselves to partake of Holy Communion together by coming to the Holy Sacrament of Repentance (Confession) Saturdays after Great Vespers (5pm), Sunday from 8:30-9:30am, or by appointment. Don't wait, plan ahead!

There is a prayer intention sheet in the church hall. Please feel free to add the names of your godparents and godchildren (living and deceased) to be remembered at next Sunday's Divine Liturgy.

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED to remove the Christmas decorations from church on Tuesday, February 7 at 10 am.

CHARITY MINISTRIES

HOPE IN A BOX is collecting shampoo for the month of February. 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, March 2 from 9 am to 1 pm.

THE FIRST MEMORIAL SATURDAY is Saturday, February 18. The forms to list the names of the departed are located at the candle stand. Please let those know that do not attend on a regular basis. The forms were not included in the February bulletin.

MEATFARE LUNCHEON will be held on Sunday, February 19 following the Divine Liturgy. Free-will offerings will be accepted.

CHEESEFARE LUNCHEON will be held on Sunday, February 26 following the Divine Liturgy. The menu consists of Deviled Eggs, Blintz, Pierogi and Mac n Cheese. We will collect a free will offering. Please be generous. If you would like to help with the Cheesefare Luncheon, please see any member of the parish council.

Schedule of services and events for the week of February, 5:

FAST FREE WEEK

Tuesday, February 7

10 am	Remove Christmas Decorations in Church
6-8 pm	Book Club @ St. George

Wednesday, February 8

9 am	Divine Liturgy
11 am	Adult Education

Thursday, February 9

Father in Toledo

Friday, February 10

Father out of office

Saturday, February 11

5 pm	Vespers
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Sunday, February 12

9:30 am	PRODIGAL SON
10 am	Third Hour
	Divine Liturgy
	Church School

Offerings for the week January 29, 2017

<i>Weekly Offerings</i>	\$1,442.00
<i>Estimated Average Weekly Expenses</i>	\$4,034.03
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*80 people were in attendance on
Sunday, January 29, 2017*