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SUNDAY, JANUARY 22, 2012 32ND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – Tone 7.
**Apostle Timothy of the Seventy (96). Monk Martyr Anastasius the Persian (628).
Monk Martyr Anastásii, Deacon, of the Kiev Caves (Near Caves—12th c.). Ven.
Makáry of Zhabynsk, Wonderworker (1622). Martyrs Manuel, George, Peter,
Leontius—Bishops; Sionius, Gabriel, John, Leontius, Parodus—Presbyters; and 377
companions in Bulgaria (ca. 817).**

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 4) Having learned goodness and maintaining continence in all things, you were arrayed with a good conscience as befits a priest. From the chosen Vessel you drew ineffable mysteries; you kept the faith and finished a course equal to His. // Bishop-martyr Timothy, entreat Christ God that our souls may be saved!

(Tone 4) Your holy martyr Anastasius, O Lord, through his suffering has received an incorruptible crown from You, our God! For, having Your strength, he laid low his adversaries, and shattered the powerless boldness of demons. Through his intercessions 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 1) By Your Nativity You sanctified the Virgin's womb and blessed Simeon's hands, O Christ God. Now You have come and saved us through love. Grant peace to all Orthodox Christians, O only Lover of Man.

The Prokeimenon in the Seventh Tone: The Lord shall give strength to His people; / the Lord shall bless His people with peace.

v: Offer to the Lord, O your sons of God! Offer young rams to the Lord!

THE READING FROM THE FIRST EPISTLE OF THE HOLY APOSTLE PAUL TO TIMOTHY (1:15-17) Timothy, my son, the saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. And I am the foremost of sinners; but I received mercy for this reason, that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display his perfect patience for an example to those who were to believe in him for eternal life. To the King of ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

Alleluia, Tone 7

v. It is good to give thanks to the Lord, to sing praises to Your name, O Most High.

v: **To declare Your mercy in the morning, and Your truth by night.**

THE READING FROM THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO SAINT LUKE

(18:35-43) At that time, as Jesus drew near to Jericho, a blind man was sitting by the roadside begging; and hearing a multitude going by, he inquired what this meant. They told him, "Jesus of Nazareth is passing by." And he cried, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" And those who were in front rebuked him, telling him to be silent; but he cried out all the more, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" And Jesus stopped, and commanded him to be brought to him; and when he came near, he asked him, "What do you want me to do for you?" He said, "Lord, let me receive my sight." And Jesus said to him, "Receive your sight; your faith has made you well." And immediately he received his sight and followed him, glorifying God; and all the people, when they saw it, gave praise to God.

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

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

On January 24 the Church celebrates the memory of Blessed Xenia of Petersburg. She was born in the 18th century to a noble family, and married a colonel who was a member of the Imperial Chorus. But she is probably best known as a "Fool for Christ."

This term is based on Saint Paul's words in I Corinthians 4: 10: "We are fools for Christ's sake." The men and women who became "Fools for Christ" or "Holy Fools" gave up the normal life of family, job and home. They lived in complete dependence on God, and rejected the pursuit of security, status, or the respect of other people.

Xenia's early life followed the conventional path for a young woman of her time. But it changed dramatically when her husband Andrei died suddenly at a lively evening party with his soldier companions. She had loved him dearly and was concerned that there had not been time for him to make a final confession and to receive the Eucharist before he died. We don't know exactly how her concern influenced her next actions, but we do know that she sold her considerable possessions and gave away the proceeds, began wearing Andrei's military uniform, and called herself by his name. She gave her house to a friend, stipulating that it must be used to give shelter to those who afford to provide shelter for themselves. Her shocked family tried to have her declared mentally incompetent, but the court found her to be of sound mind.

Xenia left Petersburg and set out on an eight-year pilgrimage, going from one monastery to another and seeking spiritual guidance from the elders and holy people she met along the way. When she returned to Petersburg, she lived as an impoverished wanderer through the streets of the city's worst slum.

Out of fear and mistrust, some people treated this strange woman in a tattered military uniform with derision, shouting or spitting at her. But others were kind, offering her a bit of food or money out of the little they had. She would always give these gifts to needy people, and became recognized for her own charity as well as the good effect she seemed to have on those around her. They began to ask for her blessing, and welcome her presence.

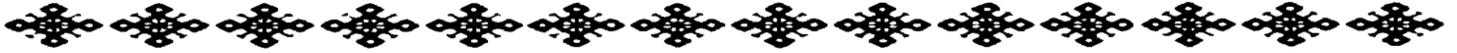
Troparion - Tone 5

Having lived as a stranger in the world,
you outwitted the deviser of evil
by your pretended foolishness, O Xenia.
You received the grace from God
to foresee and foretell things to come.
Now, as you have been translated from earth to heaven,
you are numbered with the choirs of the angels.

Xenia, like other holy fools, was given the gift of doing miracles and seeing the future. She was able to save people from coming dangers, and once bluntly told a single woman who hoped to marry, "As you sit here drinking coffee, your future husband is burying his first wife." Sometime later, the woman met and married the widower to whom Xenia was referring.

In her chapter on Saint Xenia in the book Encountering Women of Faith, Barbara Harris succinctly describes the gift holy fools give us: "With their eyes turned toward God and through extreme poverty and humility, fools offer us an extraordinary example of a voluntary kenotic [self-emptying] life."

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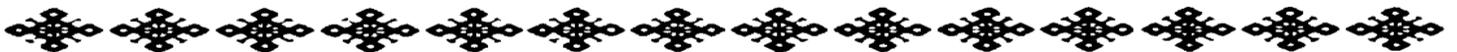


CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR THE HEALTH & BLESSINGS OF

Bosa Kantar, Olga Haw, Mary Naumoff	Angelo & Christine Panoff
Bosiljka, Bogdan, Ned & Nada	Bogdan Beslach
Special Intention Diane, Arthur Zambito & Family, Nancy, Ken & Maggie Laycock, Pat Miculka, Helen & Doug Phillips, Nick Zambito, Gloria & John Zelenko, Gladys Edwards, Anne Smith.....	Anne Smith
Health & Blessings for Kuma Bosa Kantar, Sretna Slava Sveti Joran, Jan 20.....	Kumovi Stojan & Mira
Health & God's blessings Bosa Kantar, Mary Naumoff, Olga Haw	Peter & Jo Sredich
Happy Birthday Vinny Zambito my Great- Grandson 2yrs, V. Rev. John Govrusik Matushka Olga Govrusik, Helen Phillips, my niece, Deacon Kerry Gonser, Deborah Gonser-Adams	Anne Smith
Special Intention.....	J. Tome
Health & God's blessings Olga Haw & Family, Bosa Kantar, Brett recovering from brain surgery, Fred Oginsky, Marilyn Jenkenson, Carol & Jerry Smith, Les Ford-Names Day-Venerable Ephraim, All my nieces and nephews and their families, Sick & shut-ins of St. Nicholas.....	Anne Smith
Deacon Anthony, David, Dora Lee, Anna, Reggie, Bosa, Allen & Deborah, Elaine, John & Gloria, Mary, Michael, Alex, Fr. David, Gladys, My family & friends.....	J. Tome
Health & God's blessings Bosa Kantar, Mary Naumoff, Olga Haw	Rosemary Vuckovich

CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR ALL THOSE IN BLESSED REPOSE

Blessed Repose -Joe Eckert.....	Joe & Dorothy Goodman
Anthony Dorohov.....	Lydia Dorohov
Walter Borkovich-40 days, Domna Panagiotopolous-40 days, Joe Eckert	Angelo & Christine Panoff
Blessed Repose-Jo Eckert.....	Peter & Jo Sredich
Carl Smith & our son, Arthur Polzin & Barbara Ann, Flossie Bayoff, Josephine Vuckovich, Helen Doyle, Dave Sikorski, Mary Eckert, Walter Borkovich, Mary King, Joe Eckert	Anne Smith
Flossie Bayoff-1yr. January 16.....	Christine & Angelo Panoff
Blessed Repose-Joe Eckert	Rosemary Vuckovich



ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Coffee and Donuts are being donated today in memory of Kosta Papalazarou (9yrs Blessed Repose) by his family.

Annual Meeting The Annual Meeting of Saint Nicholas Parish will be held next Sunday, January 29, 2012 beginning with a short prayer service after the Divine Liturgy. The Meeting will then reconvene in the Parish Hall. All parish organizations should prepare a report to be given at this meeting. A Sloppy Joe luncheon will be served.

House Blessings have begun and will continue through February 25. Please fill out the House Blessing form that you received in your January bulletin and return it to the parish office. Extra forms are available at the candle stand.

Memory Eternal +Joe Eckert fell asleep in the Lord on Tuesday, January 17, 2012. Funeral services were held in church on Saturday, January 21, 2012 followed by interment at Evergreen Cemetery. May God grant his servant +Joseph Blessed Repose and rest among the Saints.

Friendly Reminder Please remember that Debbie does not have a car during the week. Don't be alarmed if you do not see a car out front when you drive by, she is here. Remember also that the office is open Monday-Wednesday and Friday from 9am to 3pm. If the office schedule needs to change for any reason we will let you know as soon as possible.

Schedule of services and events for the week of January 15, 2012

<u>Wednesday, January 25</u> 9:00 am	St. Gregory the Theologian Divine Liturgy
<u>Saturday, January 28</u> 4:30 pm 5:30 pm	Great Vespers followed by Confessions Choir Practice
<u>Sunday, January 29</u> 9:30 am 10:00 am	Zacchaeus Sunday Third Hour Divine Liturgy Annual Meeting & Sloppy Joe Luncheon

Sunday Offerings for January 15, 2012

Weekly Income	
Weekly Offering Envelope	\$ 1,064.00
Children's Offering	\$ 0.00
Cemetery Maintenance	\$ 9.00
Charity Envelope	\$ 4.00
Diocesan Support	\$ 4.00
OCA Envelope Charities	\$ 0.00
Candle Fund	\$ 203.00
Kitchen/Coffee	\$ 0.00
Seminarian Fund	\$ 4.00
Loose Offering	\$ 35.00
Christmas Offering	\$ 50.00
Total Income	\$1,373.00
Avg. Weekly Budget	\$3,798.56
+/- Budget	-\$2,425.56

<i>Income to date</i>	\$8,103.28
<i>Expense to date</i>	\$6,037.33
<i>+/- to date</i>	\$2,065.95

110 People were in attendance on Sunday January 15, 2012.