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SUNDAY, JANUARY 29, 2012 33RD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST — Tone 8. Sunday of Zacchæus. Translation of the Relics of Hieromartyr Ignatius the Godbearer, Bishop of Antioch (107). St. Lavrentii (Lawrence), Recluse, of the Kiev Caves, Bishop of Turov (Near Caves—12th c.). Ss. Gerásim (1441-1467), Pitirím (1445) and Jonah (1470), Bishops of Perm. Martyrs Romanus, Jacob (James), Philotheus, Hyperechius, Abibus, Julian, and Paregonius, at Samosata (297). Martyrs Silvanus, Bishop of Emesa, Luke the Deacon, and Mocius (Mucius) the Reader (312).

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 4) By sharing in the ways of the Apostles, you became a successor to their throne. Through the practice of virtue, you found the way to divine contemplation, O inspired one of God; by teaching the word of truth without error, you defended the Faith, even to the shedding of your blood. O Hieromartyr Ignatius, entreat Christ God to 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 Thy Nativity Thou didst sanctify the Virgin's womb! And blessed 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 FIRST EPISTLE OF THE HOLY APOSTLE PAUL TO TIMOTHY (4:9-15)

Timothy, my son, the saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, for to this end we toil and strive, because we have our hope set on the living God, who is the Savior of all men, especially of those who believe. Command and teach these things. Let no one despise your youth, but set the believers an example in speech and conduct, in love, in faith, in purity. Till I come, attend to the public reading of scripture, to preaching, to teaching. Do not neglect the gift you have, which was given you by prophetic utterance when the council of elders laid their hands upon you. Practice these duties; devote yourself to them, so that all may see your progress.

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 (19:1-10)

At that time Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through. And there was a man named Zacchæus; he was a chief tax collector, and rich. And he sought to see who Jesus was, but could not, on account of the crowd, because he was small of stature. So he ran on ahead and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see him, for he was to pass that way. When Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchæus, make haste and come down; for I must stay at your house today." So he made haste and came down, and received him joyfully. And when they saw it they all murmured, "He has gone in to be the guest of a man who is a sinner." And Zacchæus stood and said to the Lord, "Behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor; and if I have defrauded any one of anything, I restore it fourfold." And Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, since he also is a son of Abraham. For the Son of man came to seek and to save the lost."

COMMUNION HYMN

Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
January 31 is the feast day of Saints Cyrus and John, who belong to the group of saints known as "Unmercenaries" because they used their healing skills to help people and did not take payment.

They were not blood brothers. Cyrus lived in Egypt and later became a monk in Arabia, while John was an officer of the Roman Army serving in what is now Turkey.

John heard of the things Cyrus had done, not only curing people's physical ailments with his medical ability, but urging them to pray and to repent of their sins so that both their bodies and souls could be healed.. John was intrigued, and traveled to Arabia to meet Cyrus. In the words of Bishop Nikolai Velimirovich, the two became "brothers in spirit." They served together as doctors and spiritual fathers to countless people. Both being outspoken Christians, they faced torture and martyrdom together, too, and were killed in the year 311.

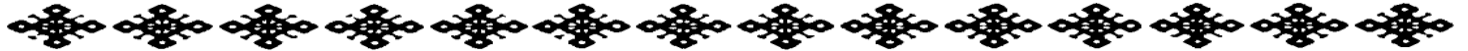
Christopher Hitchens, an outspoken opponent of Christianity and all religions, recently died of cancer. Hitchens was an articulate and well-educated man who appeared often on television and wrote for national magazines. He was one of two brothers—actual blood brothers—and the two men diverged vary widely in their attitudes toward the Christian faith. Christopher wrote a book called "God is not Great" in which he argued that religion, and particularly Christianity, has had a harmful effect on the world. Peter Hitchens, his brother, is the author of "The Rage against God" in which he tells how "atheism led me to faith" and lays out the reasons why he strongly disagrees with his brother, and is a practicing Christian.

In our society, such atheists as Christopher Hitchens and Richard Dawkins receive considerable media attention, and influence some people to question their faith. So Peter Hitchens' book is a helpful one, because he argues effectively against his brother's assertions, specifically in a section of the book entitled "Addressing the Three Failed Arguments of Atheism."

He takes issue, for example, with Christopher's statement that "the order to 'love thy neighbor as thyself' is too extreme and too strenuous to be obeyed." Peter refutes this idea by offering examples of people risking their lives, health or safety for others. He acknowledges that living as a Christian is difficult, especially in a culture that places little value on selflessness, but insists that "we are far better for trying than for not trying."

Peter Hitchens published his book before his brother died. Despite his profound disagreement with Christopher, he doesn't condemn him. Instead he hopes for his brother's conversion, or that at least he will discover that "belief in God is not a character fault." His compassion is an example of what is called for in one of today's readings, I Peter 3:15: "Always be prepared to make a defense to anyone who calls you to account for the hope that is in you, yet do it with gentleness and reverence."

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CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR THE HEALTH & BLESSINGS OF

Katherine Gonser-Hopkins, Dorothy Campbell, Mickey Gonser, Bosa Kantar	
Olga Haw, Mary Naumoff, Anne Smith, Allen Adams, Gloria & John Zelenko,	
Happy Birthday to my beloved Brother Deacon Kerry Gonser.....	Deborah Gonser-Adams
Special Intention	J. Tome
Health & God's Blessings Mira Prusac, Bosa Kantar, John & Gloria Zelenko.....	Rosemary Vuckovich
Good Health for all the Panoff, Gonser & Tsotso families.....	Angelo & Christine
Health & God's Blessings Olga Haw & Family, Bosa Kantar, Carol & Jerry Smith,	
Families of Oginsky, Kuptz & Miculka, Helen Ethington, Sick & shut-ins of	
St. Nichols.....	Anne Smith
Health & Blessings Evdokia Naumoff	Evanka Elieff & Family
Special Intention Diane, Arthur Zambito & Family, Nancy & Ken Laycock,	
Pat Miculka, Helen & Doug Phillips, Fred Oginsky, Nick Zambito,	
Gloria & John Zelenko, Gladys Edwards, Anne Smith.....	Anne Smith
Bogdana, Bosa, Rosemary, Nada, Janja, Bogdan, Milica, Nikolina, Joshua,	
Boci, Rajko, Jacob, Nedja, Malina, Domonic, Nedeljko.....	Milica Bestoc
Happy Birthday & God's blessings Eva Elieff, Joseph Alexander Oginsky,	
John Bibilikow, Sharon Jernigan, Happy Anniversary Allen & Deborah Adams.....	Anne Smith
Deacon Anthony, David, Dora Lee, Anna, Reggie, Bosa, Allen & Deborah,	
Elaine, John & Gloria, Mary, Michael, Alex, Ted, Fr. David, Gladys,	
My family & friends.....	J. Tome
Health & God's Blessings Mary Naumoff, Bosa Kantar, Olga Haw.....	Anna Branoff

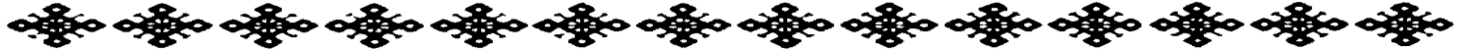
ETERNAL LIGHT

Health & God's Blessings Natalie, Tara, Val & Nik Evanenko.....	Nik & Val Evanenko
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CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR ALL THOSE IN BLESSED REPOSE

Walter Borkovich, Mary Lou Brayon, Jo Ann Rogers, Kevin Campbell,	
Flossie Bayoff, Mary & Joe Eckert.....	Deborah Gonser-Adams
Memory Eternal Helen Doyle (Jan 31-6yrs).....	Rosemary Vuckovich
Rest of the soul of Walter Borkovich-40 days.....	Dennis & Sharon Jernigan
Blessed Repose-Domna Batzos 40days- Memory Eternal	Anna Branoff
Carl Smith & our son, Nick Polonic-Memory of Birthday, Christine Stathopoulos-	
Memory of Birthday, Joanne Triplett, Joseph Eckert-Blessed Repose &	
Memory Eternal.....	Anne Smith
Rest of the soul of Aunt Alice Worley.....	Dennis & Sharon Jernigan

Anka, Pavle, Milan, Milutin, Milica, Vaso, Ilinka, Jakov, Mara, Tode,
 Stephen, Sava, Janja, Marta, Nikola, Dusan, Vasilija, Petar..... Milica Bestoc
 Joe Eckert..... J. Tome
 Lewis Elieff-Memory Eternal..... His Family
 Blessed Repose Joe Eckert..... Anna Branoff
 Repose of the soul of our son Charles Jernigan..... Dennis & Sharon Jernigan
ETERNAL LIGHT AT THE ALTAR
 We miss you Helen..... John & Gloria Zelenko



ANNOUNCEMENTS

We welcome all of our friends and visitors to St. Nicholas. Please join us for a Sloppy Joe luncheon in the parish hall following the veneration of the cross.

The Sloppy Joe luncheon is a Free-Will offering. Please be generous all the proceeds will go towards the Church School children's summer trip.

Dessert for the Annual Meeting is being donated in memory of +Domna (Batzos) Panagiotopolous – 40 days Blessed Repose, by her family.

MEMORY ETERNAL +Olga Haw fell asleep in the Lord on Friday, January 27, 2012 at home. The funeral arrangements are:

Monday, January 30, 2012

at Allen Funeral Home
 9136 Davison Rd., Davison, MI
 1 - 3 pm Viewing
 5 - 8 pm Viewing
 7 pm Parastas

Tuesday, January 31, 2012

at St. Nicholas Church
 9:30 am Viewing
 10:00 am Funeral
 Interment at Crestwood Cemetery
 Mercy Meal at St. Nicholas Church

Please keep her children and all her family in your prayers. May our Lord Jesus Christ grant His newly departed handmaiden +Olga blessed repose and eternal memory.

ANNUAL MEETING The Annual Meeting of Saint Nicholas Parish will be held today, 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. Please take a copy of each of the reports that are on the banquet tables in the parish hall to your seat.

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 +Protodeacon Blagoy E. Nicoloff of our diocesan parish of Ss. Cyril and Methodius in Lorain, OH fell asleep in the Lord suddenly on Wednesday, January 25, 2012. Parastas will be today at 7:00 pm in Lorain, OH and Funeral tomorrow at 10:00 AM. The *locum tenens* of our diocese, Bishop Melchisedek, will preside at the services together with the clergy of the diocese. Please remember Diakonissa Raisa and their family in your prayers and may our Lord grant His faithful servant, +Protodeacon Blagoy, blessed repose and eternal memory.

LITURGY CANCELLED Because of the funeral services for +Protodeacon Blagoy tomorrow, the Divine Liturgy scheduled for the feast of the Three Holy Hierarchs tomorrow at 9:00 AM has been canceled.

YEAR END STATEMENTS Debbie is working on year end statements. She will try her best to have them all mailed out by Tuesday. Your patience and understanding is greatly appreciated.

Schedule of services and events for the week of January 29, 2012

Wednesday, February 1
 6:00 pm

Eve of the Presentation of the Lord in the Temple
 Combined Vespers with Divine Liturgy at Assumption Church

Saturday, February 4
 4:30 pm
 5:30 pm

Great Vespers followed by Confessions
 Choir Practice

Sunday, February 5
 9:30 am
 10:00 am

Sunday of the Publican & Pharisee
 Third Hour
 Divine Liturgy
 6 month Parastas for +Farah Kokaly

Sunday Offerings for January 22, 2012

Weekly Income	
<i>Weekly Offering Envelope</i>	\$ 2,141.00
<i>Children's Offering</i>	\$ 0.00
<i>Cemetery Maintenance</i>	\$ 1.00
<i>Charity Envelope</i>	\$ 11.00
<i>Diocesan Support</i>	\$ 1.00
<i>OCA Envelope Charities</i>	\$ 0.00
<i>Candle Fund</i>	\$ 260.00
<i>Kitchen/Coffee</i>	\$ 0.00
<i>Seminarian Fund</i>	\$ 1.00
<i>Loose Offering</i>	\$ 84.00
<i>Total Income</i>	\$2,499.00
<i>Avg. Weekly Budget</i>	\$3,798.56
<i>+/- Budget</i>	-\$1,299.56

<i>Income to date</i>	\$11,438.28
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