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Bulletin

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SUNDAY, JULY 10, 2011 4TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST - Tone 3.

Ven. Anthony of the Kiev Caves, Founder of Monasticism in Russia (1073). Holy 45 Martyrs at Nicopolis in Armenia, including Leontius, Maurice, Daniel, Anthony, Alexander, Sisinius, Meneus, and Belerad (Verelad) (ca. 319). The Placing of the Honorable Robe of the Lord at Moscow (1625). Ven. Silvanus, Schema-Monk, of the Kiev Caves (Far Caves – 13th-14th c.). Martyr Apollonius of Sardis (3rd c.). Martyrs Bianor and Silvanus of Pisidia (4th c.). 10,000 Fathers of the deserts and caves of Scete martyred by the impious Patriarch Theophilus of Alexandria (ca. 398). Martyr Nicodemus of Elbassan (Albania – 1722). Monk Martyr Nectarius of St. Anne Skete (Mt. Athos – 1820). The Konevskaya 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) 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, Mediatress 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 Third Tone: Sing praises to our God, sing praises; / Sing praises to our King, sing praises!

v. Clap your hands, all ye people, shout to God with loud songs of joy.

THE READING FROM THE EPISTLE OF THE HOLY APOSTLE PAUL TO THE ROMANS (6:18-23) *Brethren:* having been set free from sin, you have become slaves of righteousness. I am speaking in human terms, because of your natural limitations. For just as you once yielded your members to impurity and to greater and greater iniquity, so now yield your members to righteousness for sanctification. When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. But then what return did you get from the things of which you are now ashamed? The end of those things is death. But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves of God, the return you get is sanctification and its end, eternal life. For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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 (8:5-13)

At that time as Jesus entered Capernaum, a centurion came forward to him, beseeching him and saying, "Lord, my servant is lying paralyzed at home, in terrible distress." And he said to him, "I will come and heal him." But the centurion answered him, "Lord, I am not worthy to have you come under my roof; but only say the word, and my servant will be healed. For I am a man under authority, with soldiers under me; and I say to one, 'Go,' and he goes, and to another, 'Come,' and he comes, and to my slave, 'Do this,' and he does it." When Jesus heard him, he marveled, and said to those who followed him, "Truly, I say to you, not even in Israel have I found such faith. I tell you, many will come from east and west and sit at table with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven, while the sons of the kingdom will be thrown into the outer darkness; there men will weep and gnash their teeth." And to the centurion Jesus said, "Go; be it done for you as you have believed." And the servant was healed at that very moment.

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

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

During recent decades, some feminist Bible scholars insisted that Saint Paul had changed Christianity from something good for women to something very bad.

These feminist scholars said that Jesus Christ brought a brand new teaching to the world: that men and women are truly equal, especially in the sight of God. But Saint Paul, they said, had used his vast influence and powers of persuasion to change that teaching. He believed and taught that women are inferior to men, as they had always been.

Most scholars now agree that Paul did not put women down in his thought and writing, and on July 15th we read a passage that shows his respect for women. Paul's Letter to the Romans 16: 1-16 is a series of his greetings to people he had met and worked with. He is grateful to all these people, considers them as co-laborers in the field, and thanks the Lord for their presence in his life. Ten of them are women.

We know little about several of them, but about others there is information. The first one named is Phoebe, and Paul indicates that she has been important in his ministry as a deaconess and "a helper of many and of myself as well." Phoebe may have been able to help Paul and others financially, but she also had a prominent position as a community leader. In the prayers of the Orthodox Church for the ordination of a female deacon, Phoebe is named as an example of a woman who dedicates herself to God's service.

Prisca, sometimes called Priscilla, appears in this passage and in five other places in the New Testament. As a Jew, she did not have an easy life. Expelled from Rome as all Jews were by the emperor Claudius, she went with her husband Aquila to Corinth, where they met Paul. Her life was not one of leisure or ease. Like Paul, she and Aquila were tentmakers, a craft that required both rough labor and skill. But their marriage must have been strong, for she and Aquila are always mentioned together. She also had an excellent education in Scripture, and with her husband became a teacher and missionary.

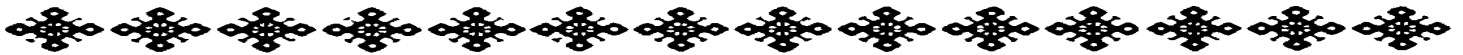
Troparion - Tone 3

Enlightened by grace
And taught the Faith by the chosen vessel of Christ,
You were found worthy of the diaconate;
And you carried Paul's words to Rome.
O Deaconess Phoebe, pray to Christ God that his Spirit may enlighten our souls!

Paul refers to two women who may have been sisters, Tryphosa and Tryphaena, as "workers in the Lord." Though we don't know what they did, the term he applies to them is one of praise and special recognition. Another woman, Persis, is described with even stronger words as having "worked hard in the Lord." Paul obviously must have considered Persis to be a close companion, but he takes care to be courteous in the way he speaks about her. He refers to some of the men he is greeting as "my beloved" but he calls Persis "the beloved" so as not to suggest an inappropriately intimate relationship.

These verses give us few details about the women, and some are mentioned but unnamed. But they were precious to Paul, as he knew they were to the Lord they all served.

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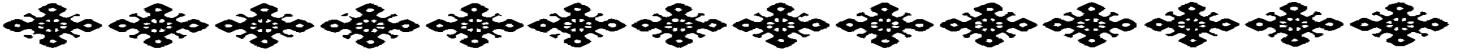


CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR THE HEALTH & BLESSINGS OF

Happy Birthday & God's blessings Matushka Kathleen Biernacki, Daisy Marvosh, Peter Sredich	Rosemary Vuckovich
Health & Blessings Jeff Hovey & Nicholas.....	Bosa Kantar
Health & Blessings Nicholas & Evangelia Bakousidis.....	Lena Bakousidis
Special Intention Diane, Arthur Zambito & Family, Nancy, Ken & Maggie Laycock, Patricia Miculka, Olga Elasivich, Gloria & John Zelenko, Anne Smith, Helen & Doug Phillips, Joe & Fred Oginsky.....	Anne Smith
Special Intention.....	J. Tome
Health & Blessings Gerry, Lena, Angela & Philip Bakousidis.....	Lena Bakousidis
Health & Blessings Olga Haw & Family, Families of Oginsky, Lyon, Kuptz, Miculka, Sick & shut-ins of St. Nicholas Church family.....	Anne Smith
Heather Bassett, Chris Hogg, Nadja & Sean Bernecke, Teri & Jeremy Hogg, Evdokia Ponomarenko, Nick Ponomarenko, Cathy & George Suhaj.....	Lucy Hogg
Happy Birthday & God's blessings Robert & Richard Elieff, Walter Borkovich, Alexander Gonser, Happy Anniversary & God's blessings to Diane & Art Zambito on their 38 th Wedding Anniversary, Michele & David Diedrick.....	Anne Smith
Deacon Anthony Gonej, David Tome, Dora Lee Tome, Allen & Deborah Adams, Ted Weston, John & Gloria Zelenko, Mary Abu-Aita, Anna Branoff, Alex Ruggieri, Michael Berkey, Fr. David, Gladys Edwards, My family & friends.....	J. Tome
Happy Birthday & God's blessings Kara George & Peter Sredich	Stojan & Mira Prusac
Health & God's blessings John & Gloria Zelenko, Gladys Edwards, Evdokia Ponomarenko.....	Rosemary Vuckovich

CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR ALL THOSE IN BLESSED REPOSE

Theodora Papalazarou-40 Days-Memory Eternal, Kosta Papalazarou Lena Bakousidis
Carl Smith & our son, Harold Smith-Memory of Birthday, Nick & Helen Polonic..... Anne Smith
Theodora Papalazarou..... Niki Panos
Lewis Elieff..... Evanka Elieff



ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

WELCOME to Fr. Dennis Heifner who was able to be with us and serve the Divine Liturgy today. Fr. Matthew will be returning from Fort Wayne tomorrow.

DIOCESAN CONFERENCE & CONGRESS-SOBOR was held Friday-Sunday, July 8-10 at St. Nicholas Church in Fort Wayne, IN. The Diocesan Conference took place on Friday, July 8. Our parish was represented at the Conference by Fr. Matthew, Deacon Kerry and Subdeacon Johnny Kantor. The Diocesan Congress-Sobor took place on Saturday-Sunday, July 9-10. Our parish was represented at the Congress-Sobor by Fr. Matthew, Deacon Kerry, Subdeacon Johnny Kantor and Julio Vázquez. **The Congress-Sobor elected Fr. Alexander Golitzin as the nominee to be Bishop of our Diocese. The name of that candidate will be submitted to the Holy Synod of Bishops of the OCA for canonical election at their next scheduled meeting in the fall.**

PARISH COUNCIL meets tomorrow, Monday, July 11 at 6:45 pm. Please call the parish office if you are unable to attend.

FESTIVAL RAFFLE TICKETS are ready! Please take your tickets along with any family members that are not here on Sunday's. This will help save us postage. Note: We have a volunteer to sit in the office the day of the festival and log all in coming tickets. You may turn your tickets in on Sunday.

FESTIVAL ADMISSION TICKETS every family will be given 10 advance admission tickets, at the cost of \$1.00 per ticket (\$10.00 per packet of 10). These are yours to sell or to give to those individuals that may not otherwise attend our Festival. You must pay for these tickets in advance. Please see Cathy Steiner, Debbie or Shari Nicoloff for your tickets.

Schedule of services and events for the week of July 10, 2011

The Parish Office will be open Monday – Friday from 9am-3pm and Saturday from 10-?

Monday, July 11

6:45 pm Parish Council Meeting

Thursday, July 14

12:00 pm Father Matthew will be on ABC Channel 12 promoting our Festival

Saturday, July 16

4:30 pm Vespers

Sunday, July 17

9:30 am Third Hour
10:00 am Divine Liturgy
12:00 pm Parish Festival

Sunday Offerings for July 3, 2011

Weekly Income	
<i>Weekly Offering Envelope</i>	<i>\$1,315.00</i>
<i>Children's Offering</i>	<i>\$ 0.00</i>
<i>Cemetery Maintenance</i>	<i>\$ 55.00</i>
<i>Charity Envelope</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>\$ 208.25</i>
<i>Kitchen/Coffee</i>	<i>\$ 42.50</i>
<i>Seminarian Fund</i>	<i>\$ 0.00</i>
<i>Loose Offering</i>	<i>\$ 13.00</i>
<i>Kiosk</i>	<i>\$ 26.00</i>
<i>Total Income</i>	<i>\$1,659.75</i>
<i>Avg. Weekly Budget</i>	<i>\$3,753.03</i>
<i>+/- Budget</i>	<i>-\$2,093.28</i>

<i>Income to date</i>	<i>\$ 108,683.64</i>
<i>Expense to date</i>	<i>\$ 105,330.01</i>
<i>+/- to date</i>	<i>\$3,353.63</i>

64 People were in attendance on Sunday.