

July 15, 2012
Bulletin

St. Nicholas Orthodox Church

Orthodox Church in America

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SUNDAY, JULY 15, 2012 6th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST — Tone 5. Holy Equal-to-the-Apostles Great Prince Vladimir (in Baptism Basil), Enlightener of the Russian Lands (1015). Fathers of the 1st Six Ecumenical Councils. Martyr Cyricus (Quiricus) and his mother, Julitta, of Tarsus (ca. 305). Martyr Abudimus of the Isle of Tenedos (4th c.).

TROPARIA

(Tone 4) When the women Disciples of the Lord learned from the Angel the joyous message of the Resurrection, they cast away the ancestral curse and elatedly told the Apostles: “Death is overthrown! Christ God is risen, granting the world great mercy!”

(Tone 8) Most glorious are You, O Christ our God! You have established the Holy Fathers as lights on the earth! Through them you have guided us to the true faith! O greatly Compassionate One, glory to you!

(Tone 4) Holy Prince Vladimir, you were like a merchant in search of fine pearls. By sending servants to Constantinople for the Orthodox Faith, you found Christ, the priceless pearl. He appointed you to be another Paul, washing away in baptism your physical and spiritual blindness. We celebrate your memory, asking you to pray for all Orthodox Christians and for us, your spiritual children.

(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 Fourth Tone:* Blessed art Thou, O Lord, God of our Fathers / and praised and glorified is Thy name forever!**

v. For Thou art just in all that Thou hast done for us.

THE READING FROM THE EPISTLE OF THE HOLY APOSTLE PAUL TO TITUS

(3:8-15) Titus, my son: The saying is sure. I desire you to insist on these things, so that those who have believed in God may be careful to apply themselves to good deeds; these are excellent and profitable to men. But avoid stupid controversies, genealogies, dissensions, and quarrels over the law, for they are unprofitable and futile. As for a man who is factious, after admonishing him once or twice, have nothing more to do with him, knowing that such a person is perverted and sinful; he is self-condemned. When I send Artemas or Tych'icus to you, do your best to come to me at Nicop'olis, for I have decided to spend the winter there. Do your best to speed Zenas the lawyer and Apol'los on their way; see that they lack nothing. And let our people learn to apply themselves to good deeds, so as to help cases of urgent need, and not to be unfruitful. All who are with me send greetings to you. Greet those who love us in the faith. Grace be with you all.

Alleluia, Tone 1

v. The Lord, the God of gods, speaks and summons the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.

v. Gather to Me, My venerable ones, who made a covenant with Me by sacrifice.

THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO SAINT MATTHEW (5:14-19)

At that time, Jesus taught his disciples saying: "You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hid. Nor do men light a lamp and put it under a bushel, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven. "Think not that I have come to abolish the law and the prophets; I have come not to abolish them but to fulfill them. For truly, I say to you, till heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. Whoever then relaxes one of the least of these commandments and teaches men so shall be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but he who does them and teaches them shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven.

COMMUNION HYMN

Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest! Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

On July 19 the Church remembers Dius, a saint born in fourth-century Antioch to a Christian family.

Even in his youth Dius was strongly attracted to most stringent practices of the faith. He ate little, and sometimes went without any food at all. He prayed constantly, not only for people and situations he knew but for the whole world, and kept silent vigils. These efforts made him spiritually strong, and it was not long before his strength would be tested.

While still a young man, Dius heard the command of the Lord to leave his home and go to Constantinople. But his life was not to be in the city; rather he settled in a remote place outside it, in an area so wild that many people would not even go there.

Like Saint Anthony and others who served God in isolated places where they did not have the company and support of other people, Dius was assailed by evil spirits. They showed him hideous phantoms and tried to drive him away from his chosen home. But he was able to fight against them, and before long the thing the spirits feared most came to pass. People heard about this man of prayer, and began to brave the wilderness to seek him. They received spiritual counsel, healing and prayers, and through him many were brought closer to God.

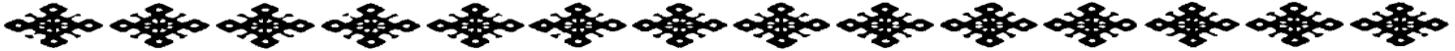
The Christian emperor Theodosius the Younger also heard about Dius, and visited him with the Patriarch of Constantinople. They directed that a monastery should be built on the site of Dius' wilderness home, with the emperor providing the funds. Dius was ordained, and during the following years men joined him, the monastery grew, and he served as its abbot. Loved by the monks and revered as a miracle-worker, Saint Dius presided until he was an old man.

Seriously ill and presumed to be dying, the elderly Saint Dius was surrounded by those preparing for his funeral service when he suddenly sat up on his sleeping cot and said, "The Lord has granted me fifteen more years of life." He used those years to continue as a healer and helper of the needy and homeless. When he died, he was buried in the monastery he had founded.

Few of us will receive our "marching orders" in such a dramatic way as being called to rise from our death beds to continue our work. Yet we, too, are given instructions in Psalm 51 (50), well-known because it is part of several worship services. In this psalm we ask the Lord to prepare us to serve Him by teaching, purging, washing, restoring and upholding us. Thus prepared, we will be ready to "march" and do His work: "Then I will teach transgressors thy ways, and sinners will return to thee." In a similar way, we ask Him to open our lips so that our mouths can "show forth thy praise."

These familiar verses remind us that we have our orders, and much work to do.

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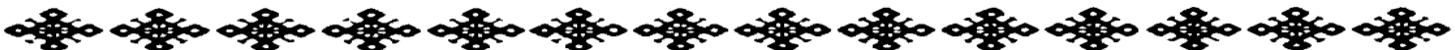


CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR THE HEALTH & BLESSINGS OF

Happy Anniversary & God's Blessings Arthur & Diane Zambito,
V. Rev. John Govrusik & Matushka Olga, Peggy & Bob Russell-53 yrs
Dave & Marla Houser-27 yrs, Happy Birthday & God's Blessings Dorothy Goodman
Jo Ann Havens, Ava Arnes, Robert & Richard Elieff Anne Smith
Health & safe travels for Tom & Christy Panoff Mom & Dad
Health & God's Blessings Linda, Branoff, John & Gloria Zelenko, Gladys Edwards,
Mira & Stojan Prusac, Bosa Kantar, Diane Todorovsky Peter & Jo Sredich
Health & Blessings of shut-ins Linda Branoff, Karen Harrison, Jerry & Carol Smith,
Families of Oginsky, Miculka, Lyon & Kuptz, Arlene Timma & David,
Sick & shut-ins of St. Nicholas Anne Smith
Happy Birthday & God's Blessing Baba Dorothy, July 19 Joe, Sarah & Devon
Deacon Anthony, David, Anna, Diane, Linda, Helen, Reggie, Bosa, Allen & Deborah,
Elaine, Mary, Christine, Walter, John & Gloria, Jeanette, Michael, Alex, Ted,
Fr. David, Gladys, My family & friends J. Tome
Special Intention Sredich Family
Happy Birthday & God's Blessings Peter Sredich, Kara George Stojan & Mira Prusac
Special Intention Diane, Arthur Zambito & Family, Nancy, Ken & Maggie Laycock,
Gloria & John Zelenko, Helen & Doug Phillips, Patricia Miculka, Gladys Edwards,
Jeanette Hildreth, Brett w/Cancer, Anne Smith Anne Smith
Special Intention J. Tome
Health & God's Blessings Larry Bladecki, Anne Smith, Lydia & Alfred Keeler,
Daisy Karkoski, Daisy Marvosh, Fred Oginsky Peter & Jo Sredich
Happy Birthday & God's Blessings Robert & Richard Elieff, July 11 Mom, Nancy, Tom
Danny & Megan
Health & God's Blessings Linda Branoff Angelo & Helen Popoff
& Family
Health & Blessings Peter Sredich, Linda Branoff, John & Gloria Zelenko,
Diane Todorovsky, Karen Harrison Rosemary Vuckovich
ETERNAL LIGHT AT THE ALTAR
Health & Blessings for Charlie on his 10th Birthday Nana & Da

CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR ALL THOSE IN BLESSED REPOSE

Maria Sztaba-Memory of Birthday Lydia & Alfred Keeler
Carl Smith & our son, Harold Smith, Barbara Polzin, Charlotte Moore,
Mary Harrison, Doug Siewart Anne Smith
Fr. Peter Gillquist Allen & Deborah
Adams



ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

COFFEE AND PASTRIES are being donated today in memory of Panteleimon & Domna Batzos, by their family.

ASSYRIAN-AMERICAN CLUB invites all of our parishioners to their annual picnic to be held on Sunday, July 22 in our pavilion. Please join them for fun, food, music and fellowship.

JULY HOPE IN A BOX Toilet Paper is the item needed for the month of July. The toilet paper will be distributed by the Catholic Charities Community Closet.

WEAR YOUR JEANS TO CHURCH / CHURCH GROUNDS SPRUCE-UP DAY will be held on Sunday, July 29. Lunch will be served. Please see Dave Houser for more information.

ST. NICHOLAS FAMILY PICNIC will be held on Saturday, August 18 at 3pm. Tickets are now available, \$10.00 each for Lamb or Chicken, children 12 and under are free. The parish will be providing the meat, music and paper goods. Bring your own side dishes and beverages. Remember that this is open to any friends or outsiders that may ask "When is your Picnic?" Please see any member of the parish council for more information and your tickets.

EMERGENCY CONTACTS Father Matthew will leave for vacation on July 17 and will return on August 1. In the event of a pastoral emergency please call Fr. Paul Jannakos 810-845-9015 (Fr. Joe Abud will be away from July 16 through July 26. After July 26 you can contact him at 810-444-9108. Fr. Angelo Maggos will be away from July 16 to July 21. After July 21 you can contact him at 810-471-0316.)

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

Saturday, July 21

4:30 pm Vespers

Sunday, July 22

9:30 am	Third Hour
10:00 am	Typika
12:00 pm	40 day Parastas for the repose of +Mary Harrison Assyrian-American Picnic

Sunday Offerings for July 8, 2012

Weekly Income	
<i>Weekly Offering Envelope</i>	\$ 1,225.00
<i>Children's Offering</i>	\$0.00
<i>Cemetery Maintenance</i>	\$0.00
<i>Charity Envelope</i>	\$ 30.00
<i>Diocesan Support</i>	\$ 0.00
<i>OCA Envelope Missions</i>	\$ 0.00
<i>Candle Fund</i>	\$ 152.00
<i>Kitchen/Coffee</i>	\$ 51.00
<i>Seminarian Fund</i>	\$ 0.00
<i>Loose Offering</i>	\$ 30.00
<i>Kiosk</i>	\$5.00
<i>Total Income</i>	\$ 1,493.00
<i>Avg. Weekly Budget</i>	\$3,798.56
<i>+/- Budget</i>	-\$,2305.56

Actual Income	\$ 48,046.52
<i>Weekly Budget to date</i>	\$106,359.68
<i>+/- to date</i>	- \$58,313.16

70 People were in attendance on
Sunday July 8, 2012.