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Bulletin

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Orthodox Church in America

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SUNDAY, JULY 28, 2013 5TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST — Tone 4. Holy Apostles of the Seventy and Deacons: Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, and Parmenas (1st c.). St. Pitirím, Bishop of Tambov (1698). Ven. Moses, Wonderworker, of the Kiev Caves (Far Caves—13th-14th c.). Martyr Julian of Dalmatia (2nd c.). Martyr Eustathius (Eustace—ca. 321), of Apamea. Ven. Paul of Xeropotamou, founder of the Monastery of St. Paul on Mt. Athos (10th c.). The Smolensk “HODIGITRIA” (“THE GUIDE”) Icon of the Most-holy Theotokos (brought from Constantinople in 1046). Icon of the Mother of God “of Tenderness” (1885).

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 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 7) On the mountain wast Thou transfigured, O Christ God, and Thy disciples beheld Thy glory as far as they could see it; so that when they would behold Thee crucified, they would understand that Thy suffering was voluntary, and would proclaim to the world that Thou art truly the radiance of the Father!

The Prokeimenon in the Fourth Tone: O Lord, how manifold are Thy works! / In wisdom hast Thou made them all!

v: Bless the Lord, O my soul! O Lord my God, Thou art very great!

THE READING FROM THE EPISTLE OF THE HOLY APOSTLE PAUL TO THE ROMANS (10:1-10)

Brethren, my heart’s desire and prayer to God for Israel is that they may be saved. I bear them witness that they have a zeal for God, but it is not enlightened. For, being ignorant of the righteousness that comes from God, and seeking to establish their own, they did not submit to God’s righteousness. For Christ is the end of the law, that everyone who has faith may be justified. Moses writes that the man who practices the righteousness which is based on the law shall live by it. But the righteousness based on faith says; Do not say in your heart, “Who will ascend into heaven?” (that is, to bring Christ down) or “Who will descend into the abyss?” (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). But what does it say? The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart (that is, the word of faith which we preach); because, if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For man believes with his heart and so is justified, and he confesses with his lips and so is saved.

Alleluia, Tone 4

v: Go forth, prosper and reign, for the sake of meekness, righteousness and truth.

v: For Thou lovest righteousness, and doth hate iniquity.

THE READING FROM THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO SAINT MATTHEW (8:28-9:1)

At that time, when Jesus came to the other side, to the country of the Gadarenes, two demoniacs met him, coming out of the tombs, so fierce that no one could pass that way. And behold, they cried out, "What have you to do with us, O Son of God? Have you come here to torment us before the time?" Now a herd of many swine was feeding at some distance from them. And the demons begged him, "If you cast us out, send us away into the herd of swine." And he said to them, "Go." So they came out and went into the swine; and behold, the whole herd rushed down the steep bank into the sea, and perished in the waters. The herdsmen fled, and going into the city they told everything, and what had happened to the demoniacs. And behold, all the city came out to meet Jesus; and when they saw him, they begged him to leave their neighborhood. And getting into a boat he crossed over and came to his own city.

COMMUNION HYMN

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

On August 1 the Church remembers a group of martyrs who belonged to a Jewish family known as the Maccabees. Their extraordinary mother was Solomonia.

The history of the Maccabees begins with the death of Alexander the Great in 323 BC. He had been astoundingly successful in conquering many lands, including Judea and the rest of Palestine. But confusion ensued when he died, and his followers and generals struggled to find a clear course of action for the future. Judea's future—how and by whom it would be ruled—was uncertain.

By the year 300, Judea was firmly under the control of the Ptolemies of Egypt. When Antiochus III defeated the Egyptians he brought the Palestinian Jews into the Seleucid Empire. Two books relating the history of the Maccabees (known as I and II Maccabees) tell of the revolt of the Jews against Seleucid emperors such as Antiochus IV.

Antiochus was a dedicated Hellenizer, intending to bring everything in his empire in line with Greek culture and practice. Even possessing a written copy of the Jewish Law was an offense punishable by death, and his soldiers periodically inspected Jewish homes to find lawbreakers.

In Jerusalem, Antiochus pillaged the treasures of the Temple and erected a statue to the pagan gods on the Great Altar of Burnt Sacrifice. On a day of festival for the deity Dionysius, the Jews were forced to wear wreaths of ivy and walk in a procession honoring the god.

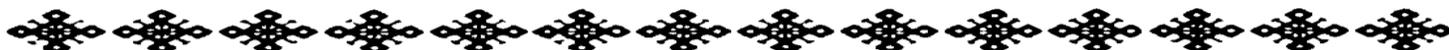
An elderly and respected priest named Eleazar refused to eat the pork that soldiers forced into his mouth, because Jewish law prohibits it. Spitting out the meat, he said, "I will show myself worthy of my old age and leave to the young a noble example of how to die a good death willingly and nobly for the revered and holy laws" (II Macc. 6: 27-28). He was tortured and killed.

Inspired by his example, Solomonia's seven boys also refused to break the law and consume pork, even under torture. In one single day she had to watch as all of her sons were executed.

She encouraged them with words foretelling the universal resurrection that Saint Paul would describe years later. She said, "It was not I who gave you life and breath, not I who set in order the elements within each of you. Therefore the Creator of the world, who shaped the beginnings of humankind and devised the origin of all things, will in his mercy give life and breath back to you again, since you now forget yourselves for the sake of his laws" (II Macc. 7: 22-23).

On this day we read words written by Saint Paul that express the same certainty Solomonia offered to her sons: "For all things are yours, whether Paul or Apollos or Cephas or the world or life or death or the present or the future—all belong to you, and you belong to Christ, and Christ belongs to God" (I Cor. 3: 21b-23).

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CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR THE HEALTH & BLESSINGS OF

Health & Blessings to Dorothy Goodman for a fast recovery.....	St. Catherine's League
Health & Blessings Anna Branoff	Alex & Magda Popoff
Special Intention	Joe Tome
Health & God's Blessings to Dorothy Goodman for good health & speedy recovery, Health for Linda Branoff on her birthday July, 21	Angelo & Christine Panoff
God's Blessings-speedy recovery for Dorothy Goodman	Evanka & Family
Fr. Ilya, Fr. Lawrence, Fr. Joe, Deacon Anthony, David, Anna, Reggie, Evanka, Dorothy & Joseph, Harold, Mira, Bosa, John & Gloria, Jeanette, Peter & Olga, Rosemary, Helen, Diane & Jimmy, Ted & Marlene, Fr. David, Gladys, My family & friends	Joe Tome
Health & God's Blessings Dorothy Goodman-speedy recovery, Helen Bibilikow, Evanka Elieff	Anna Branoff
Happy Birthday & God's Blessings to Christy Panoff on her birthday July, 21, Safe trip to all the Panoffs	Angelo & Christine Panoff
God's Blessings - Evanka Elieff continued good health	Her Family
Health & God's Blessings Kuma Daisy Marvosh, Dorothy Goodman, Evanka Elieff, Anna Branoff, John & Gloria Zelenko, Stojan & Mira Prusac, Bosa Kantar	Rosemary Vuckovich

ETERNAL LIGHT

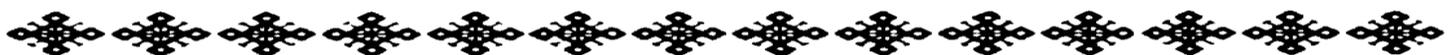
Angela Bakousidis, Bakousidis Family.....	Lena Bakousidis
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CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR ALL THOSE IN BLESSED REPOSE

Peter Popoff.....	Alex & Magda Popoff
Lewis Elieff-Memory Eternal.....	Evanka & Family
Memory Eternal Nikola Kantar (11yrs).....	Rosemary Vuckovich

ETERNAL LIGHT

Kosta & Theodora Papalazarou.....	Lena Bakousidis
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

We welcome all of our friends and visitors to St. Nicholas. Please join us in our fellowship hall for coffee hour. We are in need of volunteers to serve coffee and donuts today and for the month of August. The sign-up sheet is located next to the kitchen window. If we do not get volunteers to pick donuts up on Sunday mornings, we will not have donuts, just coffee.

ASSYRIAN AMERICAN PICNIC will be held today in our pavilion. Everyone is invited to join them.

FATHER MATTHEW ON VACATION until August 3. In the event of a pastoral emergency please call one of the following priests: Fr. Paul Jannakos 810-845-9015 or Fr. Angelo Maggos 810-471-0316. Fr. Joe Abud will be away at the same time Fr. Matthew is away.

DORMITION FAST in preparation for the Dormition of the Mother of God begins on Thursday, August 1.

CHANGING CANDLES We need volunteers to change the candles from green to blue for the Dormition Fast. It doesn't take long and the more hands the faster it goes. We'll be changing the candles on Friday, August 2 at 10 am.

HOPE IN A BOX for the month of August is diapers. Please place the diapers in the blue Hope in a Box container located in the parish hall. The diapers will be distributed by Catholic Charities Community Closet.

PROSPHORA BAKERS We are in need of Prosphora. If you are able to bake 3 or 4 loaves each it would be greatly appreciated. You may bring them to church during office hours or on Sunday mornings.

MACEDONIAN OPEN "Thank you to all of this year's participants, volunteers and sponsors for making the 33rd annual Macedonian Open Golf Outing such a success. We are proud to announce that approximately \$16,000 was raised for St. Nicholas Orthodox Church. Thanks again to each and every one of you who helped make this possible." Sincerely, the Macedonian Open Committee

Schedule of services and events for the Week of July 28:

Friday, August 2

10:00 am Change candles to blue for the Dormition Fast.

Saturday, August 3

4:30 pm Vespers
No Confessions

Sunday, August 4

9:30 am Third Hour
10:00 am Divine Liturgy

Sunday Offerings for July 21, 2013

<i>Weekly Offering Envelope</i>	<i>1,095.00</i>
<i>Children's Offering</i>	<i>\$ 0.00</i>
<i>Cemetery Maintenance</i>	<i>\$ 50.00</i>
<i>Charity Envelope</i>	<i>\$ 0.00</i>
<i>Love Inc</i>	<i>\$ 1.00</i>
<i>Diocesan Support</i>	<i>\$ 0.00</i>

<i>OCA Envelope</i>	\$ 0.00
<i>Candle Fund</i>	\$ 255.00
<i>Coffee Hour</i>	\$ 53.00
<i>Seminarian Fund</i>	\$ 0.00
<i>Loose Offering</i>	\$ 123.00
<i>Kiosk</i>	\$ 28.00
Total Sunday Income July 21, 2013	\$ 1,552.00
Estimated Average Weekly Expenses	\$ 3,496.10

<i>Actual Income</i>	\$ 135,592.92
<i>Actual Expense</i>	\$ 120,350.87
<i>+/- to date</i>	\$ 15,242.05

*? people were in attendance on
Sunday July 21, 2013.*

For further details, on actual
Income/Expenses please refer to the latest St.
Nicholas treasures report posted on the
bulletin board, next to the conference room in
the church hall.