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Bulletin

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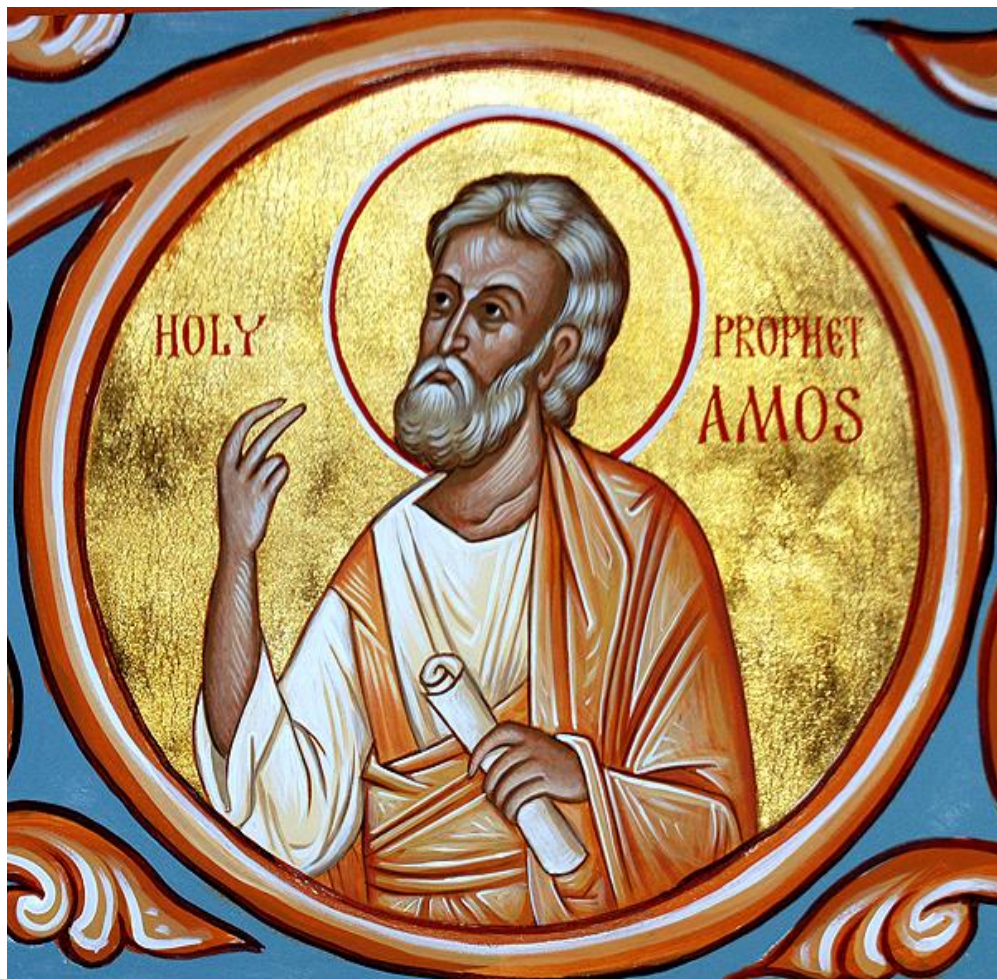
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SUNDAY, JUNE 15, 2014 1ST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST - Tone 8. Prophet Amos (8th c. B.C.). St. Jonah, Metropolitan of Moscow (1461). Ven. Gregory and Cassian, Abbots of Avnezhk (Vologdá—1392). Martyrs Vitus, Modestus, and Crescentia, at Lucania (ca. 303). Martyr Dulas of Cilicia (4th c.). St. Dulas the Passionbearer, of Egypt. St. Jerome (Hieronymus) of Stridonium (420). Translation of the Relics of St. Theodore the Sykeote (ca. 9th c.). Rt. Blv. Lazarus, Prince of Serbia (1389). St. Ephraim, Patriarch of Serbia (14th c.). Bl. Augustine, Bishop of Hippo (430). The “MARIANICA” Icon of the Most-holy Theotokos.

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) As with fine porphyry and royal purple, Thy Church has been adorned with Thy martyrs’ bloodshed throughout all the world. She cries to Thee, O Christ God: Send down Thy bounties on Thy people, grant peace to Thy habitation, and great mercy to 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 8) The universe offers Thee the God-bearing martyrs as the first-fruits of creation, O Lord and Creator. Through the Theotokos and their prayers establish Thy Church in peace.

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 EPISTLE OF THE HOLY APOSTLE PAUL TO THE

HEBREWS (11:32-12:2) Brethren: And what more shall I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets - who through faith conquered kingdoms, enforced justice, received promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection. Some were tortured, refusing to accept release, that they might rise again to a better life.

Others suffered mocking and scourging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned, they were sawn in two, they were killed with the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, afflicted, ill-treated - of whom the world was not worthy - wandering over deserts and mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth. And all these, though well attested by their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had foreseen something better for us, that apart from us they should not be made perfect. Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

Alleluia, Tone 4

v: The righteous called, and the Lord heard them.

v: Many are the afflictions of the righteous; but the Lord delivers them out of them all.

THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO SAINT MATTHEW (10:32-33, 37-38; 19:27-30)

At that time, Jesus said to His disciples: "So everyone who acknowledges me before men, I also will acknowledge before my Father who is in heaven; but whoever denies me before men, I also will deny before my Father who is in heaven. He who loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and he who loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and he who does not take his cross and follow me is not worthy of me." Then Peter said in reply, "Lo, we have left everything and followed you. What then shall we have?" Jesus said to them, "Truly, I say to you, in the new world, when the Son of man shall sit on his glorious throne, you who have followed me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. And every one who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or children or lands, for my name's sake, will receive a hundredfold, and inherit eternal life. But many that are first will be last, and the last first."

COMMUNION HYMNS

Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous! Praise befits the just! Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

June 15 is the feast day of the Old Testament prophet Amos, who lived during the 8th Century BC.

The New Testament describes the unexpected, sudden calls of several of the apostles. Two pairs of brothers—Peter and Andrew, then James and John—are going about their daily work of fishing when Jesus Christ calls them with the famous words, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men." All of them leave their nets and their daily work at once to go with Him (Matthew 4: 18-20).

This sudden call to leave an everyday occupation seems also to have been Amos' experience. He was a shepherd, in a time when many Old Testament prophets came from a professional "class." In 2 Kings 2:3, 4:38 and 6:1 Elisha encounters the "sons of the prophets" as a group. In I Kings 22:6, the King of Israel gathers "the prophets," about 400 men, and asks them what he should do. In I Samuel 10:5, Saul is told that he will meet "a band of prophets coming down from the high place with harp, tambourine, flute, and lyre before them, prophesying."

When Amos describes his call, he makes it clear that he doesn't belong to this special group: "I am no prophet, nor a priest's son" (7:14). Like the fishermen in Jesus' time, his call seems sudden and unexpected. He is "a herdsman, and a dresser of sycamore trees, and the Lord took me from following the flock, and the Lord said to me, 'Go, prophesy to my people Israel' " (7:15). This sudden call was also impossible to ignore: "The lion has roared; who will not fear? The Lord has spoken; who can but prophesy?" (3:5).

So Amos travels from his home in Tekoa, south of Bethlehem, to the Northern Kingdom. As soon as he arrives, he understands why God is angry with Israel. The rich "trample the head of the poor into the earth, and turn aside the way of the afflicted" (2:7), while fathers and sons patronize the same brothels, judges cheat plaintiffs, and women enjoy getting drunk.

The people, predictably, don't want to hear Amos' prophecy of punishment. They want to believe that God is pleased with their observances of the liturgical seasons and the sacrifices they offer. But Amos gives them God's word about these things: "I hate, I despise your feasts, and I take no

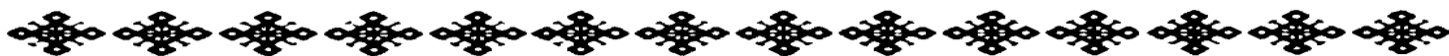
delight in your solemn assemblies...the peace offerings of your fatted beasts I will not look upon" (5:21-22).

Amos also warns them that the "day of the Lord," which they anticipate as a time when God will give them victory over their enemies, will instead be "darkness, and not light" (5:18b).

Amos is rudely told to go back to Judah and never preach in the north again. But his hopeful prophecy about God's restoration of David's kingdom and the glorious age to come is quoted in Acts 15:16-17 by the apostle James: "I will rebuild the dwelling of David, which has fallen...that the rest of men may seek the Lord." This prophet of the Old Testament had prophesied the universal promise that the apostles, those who like him had received a sudden call, would preach to the world.

Happy Father's Day

June 15, 2014



CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR THE HEALTH & BLESSINGS OF

Macy Lemmen.....	Gigi & Dedo
Special Intention	Joe Tome
Happy 36 th Anniversary & God's Blessings Michael & Susan Goodman	John & Rose Goodman
Health & Blessings Anna Branoff	Alex & Magda Popoff
His Grace Nikon, Fr. Ilya, Fr. Lawrence, Fr. Joe, Deacon Anthony, Bosa, Reggie, Evanka, Aretoula, Dorothy & Joe, Walt & Zina, Harold, Mira, John & Gloria, Peter & Olga, Elaine, Jeanette, Ted & Marlene, Fr. David, Gladys, My family & friends	Joe Tome

ETERNAL LIGHT

Feodosiy, Adelaida, Oleg, Irina, Galina, Nicholay.....	Irina Sivergina
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ETERNAL LIGHT at the ALTAR (June 8)

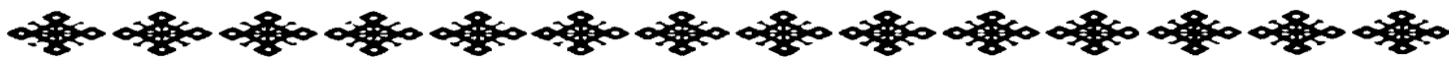
Milica, Rade, Nedeljka, Nedeljko, Janja	Janja Beslach
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CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR ALL THOSE IN BLESSED REPOSE

Peter Popoff-Memory Eternal	Alex & Magda Popoff
Daniel Karpelenia	Joe Tome

ETERNAL LIGHT at the ALTAR

Kosta Papalazarou & Kosta Nedanis	Lena Bakousidis
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We welcome all of our friends and visitors to St. Nicholas. Please join us for coffee & donuts in the parish hall.

Happy Father's Day to all our fathers, grandfathers, godfathers and uncles.

CONGRATULATIONS to Jeremy & Jami Fisher on the birth of their daughter Madi Lu, born on Monday, June 2. Congratulations to Madi's sister Myah and brother Remy along with grandparents Paul & Luba Yosheff and great grandmother Tronda Nicevski.

WAYS and MEANS we are looking for any interested parishioner that would be willing to co-chair the ways and means ministry with Gabe Paul. Contact the parish office if you are interested.

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

FOOD DRIVE Our next pick up is Monday, June 16. A list of food items is located next to the Hope in a Box.

LINE DANCE EXTRAVAGANZA will be held on Saturday, June 21 from 6-10 pm in the pavilion. Admission is \$10 per adult, children 12 and under free. Join us for a night of line dancing, polkas, slow dancing and more. See fliers in the parish hall for more information.

PROSPHORA BAKERS there are jars of yeast in the refrigerator (small kitchen) for you to take and use when baking Prospora for church. There are also freezer bags on the buffet table in the parish hall for your use.

FATHER MATTHEW ON VACATION June 13-21. In the event of a pastoral emergency please call one of the following priests: Fr. Joseph Abud 810-444-9108, Fr. Angelo Maggos 810-471-0316 or Fr. Paul Jannakos 810-845-9015

GREEK FESTIVAL will be held on the grounds of Assumption Greek Orthodox Church, 2245 E Baldwin Rd, Grand Blanc. Friday June 20 through Sunday, June 22.

Schedule of services and events for the Week of June 15:

Sunday, June 15

7:00 pm Line Dance Class

Monday, June 16

Apostles' Fast Begins
Macedonian Open

Saturday, June 21

4:30 pm Vespers

Sunday, June 22

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

Sunday Offerings for June 8, 2014

<i>Weekly Offering Envelope</i>	<i>\$ 1,375.00</i>
<i>Children's Offering</i>	<i>\$ 0.00</i>
<i>Cemetery Maintenance</i>	<i>\$ 0.00</i>
<i>Charity Envelope</i>	<i>\$ 0.00</i>
<i>Love Inc</i>	<i>\$ 3.00</i>
<i>Diocesan Support</i>	<i>\$ 0.00</i>
<i>OCA Envelope-Missions</i>	<i>\$ 0.00</i>
<i>Candle Fund</i>	<i>\$ 161.00</i>
<i>Coffee Hour</i>	<i>\$ 50.00</i>
<i>Seminarian Fund</i>	<i>\$ 0.00</i>
<i>Loose Offering</i>	<i>\$ 8.00</i>
<i>Kiosk</i>	<i>\$ 21.00</i>
<i>Total Sunday Income June 8, 2014</i>	<i>\$ 1,618.00</i>
<i>Estimated Average Weekly Expenses</i>	<i>\$ 3,629.13</i>

<i>Actual Income</i>	<i>\$ 91,044.61</i>
<i>Actual Expense</i>	<i>\$ 84,466.89</i>
<i>+/- to date</i>	<i>\$6,577.72</i>

*? people were in attendance on
Sunday, June 8, 2014.*