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Bulletin

St. Nicholas Orthodox Church

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SUNDAY, JUNE 22, 2014 2ND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST - Tone 1. ALL SAINTS OF AMERICA. Hieromartyr Eusebius, Bishop of Samosata (380). Martyrs Zeno and his servant, Zenas, of Philadelphia (304). Martyrs Galacteon, Juliana, and Saturninus, of Constantinople. St. Alban, Protomartyr of Britain (ca. 287). Hieromartyr Nicetas of Remesiana (414-420). Martyr Nicetas the Dacian (370-372). St. Grigorie Dascalu, Metropolitan of Wallachia (Romania).

TROPARIA

(Tone 1) When the stone had been sealed by the Jews, while the soldiers were guarding Thy most pure body, Thou didst rise on the third day, O Savior, granting life to the world. The powers of heaven therefore cried to Thee, O Giver of Life: “Glory to Thy Resurrection, O Christ! Glory to Thy Kingdom! // Glory to Thy dispensation, O Thou Who lovest mankind!”

(Tone 8) As the bountiful harvest of Your sowing of salvation, / the lands of North America offer to You, O Lord, all the saints who have shone in them. / By their prayers keep the Church and our land in abiding peace // through the Theotokos, O most Merciful One!

(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 First Tone: Let Thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us / as we have set our hope on Thee.

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

THE READING FROM THE EPISTLE OF THE HOLY APOSTLE PAUL TO THE ROMANS (2:10-16)

Brethren: glory and honor and peace for everyone who does good, the Jew first and also the Greek. For God shows no partiality. All who have sinned without the law will also perish without the law, and all who have sinned under the law will be judged by the law. For it is not the hearers of the law who are righteous before God, but the doers of the law who will be justified. When Gentiles who have not the law do by nature what the law requires, they are a law to themselves, even though they do not have the law. They show that what the law requires is written on their hearts, while their conscience also bears witness and their conflicting thoughts accuse or perhaps excuse them on that day when, according to my gospel, God judges the secrets of men by Christ Jesus.

Alleluia, Tone 1

v. God gives vengeance to me, and subdues people under me.

v. He magnifies the salvation of the king, and deals mercifully with His Christ, with David and his seed forever.

THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO SAINT MATTHEW (4:18-23)

At that time, as Jesus walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon who is called Peter and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea; for they were fishermen. And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men." Immediately they left their nets and followed him.

And going on from there he saw two other brothers, James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, in the boat with Zebedee their father, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him. And he went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and preaching the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every infirmity among the people.

COMMUNION HYMN

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

On June 27 the Church celebrates the memory of a man who, from birth, truly "had it all." He is Saint Sampson the Hospitable. In some accounts he is also given the title of Physician.

He was born in Rome in the 5th century to a wealthy, prominent family. The study of medicine particularly interested him, and his privileged position enabled him to pursue it fully, while also receiving an excellent and well-rounded education.

Sampson belongs to a group of saints known as "Unmercenaries." These saints cared for those who needed medicine or healing without asking for payment. When Sampson completed his medical studies, he willingly served as a physician to anyone who needed him. Along with medicine and physical care, he gave comfort and spiritual guidance, urging everyone he met to trust and serve Jesus Christ.

His loving care wasn't limited to those who were considered, in the stratified Roman society, to be his equals. When his parents died he freed all the slaves he had inherited as part of a vast fortune. His inherited money went to help the poor, and he made plans to live simply in the wilderness.

But he came to understand that he could serve God better living among people, so he moved to Constantinople. He took a small house and offered its shelter to homeless people, while continuing to serve as a physician and caring friend.

The Patriarch of Constantinople heard about Sampson's work, and called him to priestly ordination. More people got to know who he was after he was ordained, but his quiet ministry of healing didn't change at all.

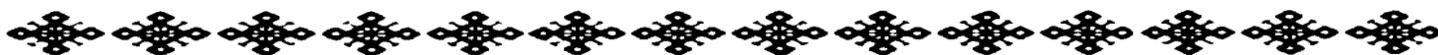
When Emperor Justinian became gravely ill and his doctors could find no cure, Sampson was sent for. His fervent prayer healed the emperor, who was so relieved and grateful that he wanted to bestow lavish gifts on the man who had cured him.

But Sampson had already had the kinds of things the emperor wanted to give him. He respectfully reminded the monarch of this, and said, "I left those things behind for the sake of Christ, so that I might find heavenly and eternal wealth." Perhaps only a person who has given up great riches is able to understand so well how little they mean in comparison to God's gifts. Sampson did receive a reward from the emperor. He requested that Justinian build a hospital to serve the people of Constantinople. His request was fulfilled, and the hospital became the largest free clinic in the empire.

One commentator remarked on the uniquely Christian character of the hospital:

"It should be noted that such institutions were unknown to the pagans. They built grandiose edifices, temples to their gods, palaces, theaters, circuses whose ruins amaze us even today by their enormous size. They spent huge amounts on luxury and pleasure, but nowhere do we see that they tried to ease the lot of the sick and the suffering." (From "Selected Lives of Saints", compiled by A.N. Bakhmeteva, Moscow 1872.)

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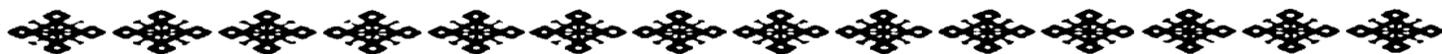
CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR THE HEALTH & BLESSINGS OF

Happy Birthday & God's Blessings Eileen Branoff-June 20,	
Dennis Goodman-June 21, Health & Blessings Benjamin, Joe & Dorothy.....	John & Rose Goodman
Angelo & Helen Popoff, Magda & Alex Popoff, Family & Friends, All Fathers.....	Anna Branoff
God's Blessings for good health for all our Fathers, Grandfathers, Godfathers & Uncles of our parish	St. Catherine's League
Special Intention	Joe Tome
Health & God's Blessings Dorothy & Joe Goodman	Peter & Jo Sredich
Health & Birthday Blessings Helen Ethington	Nik, Val & Taras Evanenko
God's Blessings & health to Angelo, Michael, Christopher, Thomas, Carl, Sam, Kerry, Paul, Steve, Phil, Keith & Scott	Christine Panoff
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

CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR ALL THOSE IN BLESSED REPOSE

All Fathers, Grandfathers, Godfathers & Uncles of our parish	St. Catherine's League
My father-Ivan Ponomarenko	Lucy Hogg

Chris, Lazo, Kirsto, Michael, Alexo, Stavro & John-Memory Eternal Christine Panoff
Vasil Branoff, Tony Branoff, Peter Popoff, Rosemary Vuckovich, Ann Jehnsen Anna Branoff



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

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, July 21. A list of food items is located next to the Hope in a Box.

FATHER MATTHEW at DIOCESAN CONFERENCE June 27-29. In the event of a pastoral emergency please call one of the following priests: Fr. Joseph Abud 810-444-9108 or Fr. Angelo Maggos 810-471-0316

LIFETOUCH if you didn't have a chance to have your pictures taken there are two churches in our area that Lifetouch will be at next week. They are going to be at First Union Baptist (7004 Fleming Rd. 787-2731) and Grace Community Fellowship (3707 Davison Rd. 600-4722) both of these churches have openings.

MEMORY ETERNAL +Archimandrite Theodor (Micka) of our diocesan monastery of the Holy Cross in Castro Valley, CA fell asleep in the Lord, Tuesday, June 17, 2014. Please pray for +Fr. Theodor's blessed repose and for the brotherhood of the monastery.

ANCIENT FAITH TODAY with Kevin Allen will host Dr. Paraskeve (Eve) Tibbs for a discussion of "What Might Have Been: The Early Lutherans (16th Century) Reach Out to the Orthodox Ecumenical Patriarch" this Sunday, June 22 at 8 pm Eastern. Listen live by pointing your internet browser to www.ancientfaith.com and clicking on the "talk" button.

Schedule of services and events for the Week of June 22:

<u>Monday, June 23</u>	Debbie will be out of the office from 11:30-12:30
<u>Tuesday, June 24</u> 9:00 am	<u>Nativity of St. John the Baptist</u> Divine Liturgy
<u>Wednesday, June 25</u> 10:00 am	Adult Education
Friday through Sunday	51 st Diocesan Conference – St. Elia Church, Akron, OH
<u>Saturday, June 28</u>	No Vespers
<u>Sunday, June 29</u> 9:30 am 10:00 am	<u>Ss. Peter and Paul</u> Third Hour Divine Liturgy

Sunday Offerings for June 15, 2014

<i>Weekly Offering Envelope</i>	<i>\$ 1,345.00</i>
<i>Children's Offering</i>	<i>\$ 0.00</i>
<i>Cemetery Maintenance</i>	<i>\$ 10.00</i>
<i>Charity Envelope</i>	<i>\$ 20.00</i>
<i>Love Inc</i>	<i>\$ 0.00</i>
<i>Diocesan Support</i>	<i>\$ 0.00</i>
<i>OCA Envelope-Missions</i>	<i>\$ 0.00</i>
<i>Candle Fund</i>	<i>\$ 130.00</i>
<i>Coffee Hour</i>	<i>\$ 0.00</i>
<i>Seminarian Fund</i>	<i>\$ 0.00</i>
<i>Loose Offering</i>	<i>\$ 2.00</i>
<i>Kiosk</i>	<i>\$ 28.00</i>
<i>Total Sunday Income June 15, 2014</i>	<i>\$ 1,535.00</i>
<i>Estimated Average Weekly Expenses</i>	<i>\$ 3,629.13</i>

<i>Actual Income</i>	<i>\$ 103,940.16</i>
<i>Actual Expense</i>	<i>\$ 91,784.65</i>
<i>+/- to date</i>	<i>\$112,155.51</i>

*68 people were in attendance on
Sunday, June 15, 2014.*