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SUNDAY, MARCH 16, 2014 SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT — Tone 5. St. Gregory

Palamas. Synaxis of the Venerable Fathers of the Kiev Caves Lavra. Martyr Sabinas of Egypt (287). Martyr Papas of Lyconia (305-311). St. Serapion, Archbishop of Novgorod (1516). Apostle Aristobulus of the Seventy, Bishop of Britain (1st c.). Hieromartyr Alexander, Pope of Rome (119). Martyr Julian of Anazarbus (3rd c.). Hieromartyrs Trophimus and Thalus, of Laodicea (ca. 300).

TROPARIA (Tone 5) Let us, the faithful, praise and worship the Word, / co-eternal with the Father and the Spirit, / born for our salvation from the Virgin; / for He willed to be lifted up on the Cross in the flesh, / to endure death, / and to raise the dead // by His glorious Resurrection.

(Tone 8) O light of Orthodoxy, teacher of the Church, its confirmation, / O ideal of monks and invincible champion of theologians, / O wonderworking Gregory, glory of Thessalonica and preacher of grace, // always intercede before the Lord that our souls may be saved!

(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.

KONTAKIA (Tone 8) O victorious leader of triumphant hosts! We, your servants, delivered from evil, sing our grateful thanks to you, O Theotokos! As you possess invincible might set us free from ev'ry calamity so that we may sing: Rejoice, O unwedded Bride!

The Prokeimenon in the Fifth Tone: Thou, O Lord, shalt protect us // and preserve us from this generation forever.

v: Save me, O Lord, for there is no longer any that is godly!

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

HEBREWS (1:10-2:3) Brethren: And, “Thou, Lord, didst found the earth in the beginning, and the heavens are the work of thy hands; they will perish, but thou remainest; they will all grow old like a garment, like a mantle thou wilt roll them up, and they will be changed. But thou art the same, and thy years will never end.” But to what angel has he ever said, “Sit at my right hand, till I make thy enemies a stool for thy feet”? Are they not all ministering spirits sent forth to serve, for the sake of those who are to obtain salvation? Therefore we must pay the closer attention to what we have heard, lest we drift away from it. For if the message declared by angels was valid and every transgression or disobedience received a just retribution, how shall we escape if we neglect such a great salvation? It was declared at first by the Lord, and it was attested to us by those who heard him.

Alleluia, Tone 5

v. I will sing of Thy mercies, O Lord, forever; with my mouth I will proclaim Thy truth from generation to generation.

v. For Thou hast said: “Mercy will be established forever; My truth will be prepared in the heavens.”

THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO SAINT MARK (2:1-12) And when Jesus returned to Capernaum after some days, it was reported that he was at home. And many were gathered together, so that there was no longer room for them, not even about the door; and he was preaching the word to them. And they came, bringing to him a paralytic carried by four men. And when they could not get near him because of the crowd, they removed the roof above him; and when they had made an opening, they let down the pallet on which the paralytic lay. And when

Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, “My son, your sins are forgiven.” Now some of the scribes were sitting there, questioning in their hearts, “Why does this man speak thus? It is blasphemy! Who can forgive sins but God alone?” And immediately Jesus, perceiving in his spirit that they thus questioned within themselves, said to them, “Why do you question thus in your hearts? Which is easier, to say to the paralytic, ‘Your sins are forgiven,’ or to say, ‘Rise, take up your pallet and walk’? But that you may know that the Son of man has authority on earth to forgive sins” -- he said to the paralytic -- “I say to you, rise, take up your pallet and go home.” And he rose, and immediately took up the pallet and went out before them all; so that they were all amazed and glorified God, saying, “We never saw anything like this!”

Instead of “It is truly meet ...,” All of creation rejoices in you, O Full of Grace: the assembly of Angels and the race of men. O sanctified temple and spiritual paradise, the glory of virgins, from whom God was incarnate and became a Child, our God before the ages. He made your body into a throne, and your womb He made more spacious than the heavens. All of creation rejoices in you, O Full of Grace. Glory to you!

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

During the week of March 16 we remember two people who showed great courage. One was a young woman, and the other was an old man.

The young woman, commemorated on March 22, is Drosida (or Drosis), the daughter of the emperor Trajan. He was a cruel enemy of Christians, and enacted laws forbidding people to assemble secretly. These laws were aimed at Christian gatherings for worship, even though there was nothing subversive in their gatherings. His prisons and methods of punishment were known for their brutality, and many Christians met painful, humiliating deaths during his reign. After death their bodies were further degraded by being left unburied and visible to the public, as a warning to others who might think of following their way of life.

But the emperor's daughter Drosida had become friends with a group of young Christian women who undertook a dangerous and admirable ministry. Under cover of night they gathered the bodies of these martyrs and gave them a proper burial, first anointing them with oils and spices and then wrapping them in the customary shrouds. Drosida joined them in this furtive, courageous work. Though she had not yet been baptized, she lived as a Christian.

Their activity went unnoticed for a time, but finally became known. The young women were apprehended, interrogated, and finally—with the exception of Drosida—executed by being thrown into huge furnaces used for melting copper. She, at the order of the emperor, was held in the imperial chambers. Trajan hoped his child would give up her allegiance to this new faith.

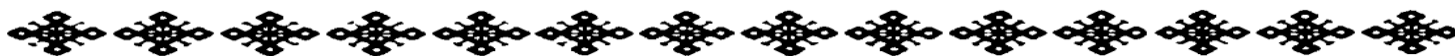
But she did no such thing. The courage of her friends had already convinced her to join them as a martyr for Christ. She baptized herself with oil and water so as to be worthy to meet the Lord. Then she made her escape, and approached the furnaces. She threw herself into one of them, and gave up her life.

During this week we read the seventh and eighth chapters of Genesis, which tell the story of Noah and the ark. We all know the familiar details of the story—the building of the vessel, the pairs of animals, the days on the water, and the dove bringing an olive leaf as a sign that the waters are finally subsiding.

But we don't think as often, perhaps, of the courage shown by this old man. He followed God's command to build the ark and assemble his family and the animals on it. But that was really the easy part. What must it have been like for Noah, watching as the waters rose up over the whole earth, even the mountains, and every living thing was blotted out? He needed great courage to face such momentous destruction.

Proverbs 10: 25 says that "when the tempest passes, the wicked is no more, but the righteous is established forever." The lives of Drosida and Noah became "tempestuous" in different ways, but their courage ensures that they are established forever.

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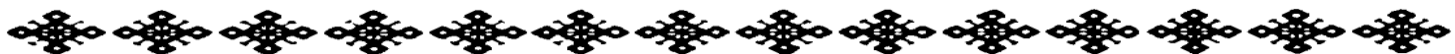


CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR THE HEALTH & BLESSINGS OF

Health & God's Blessings Macy Lemmen	Gigi & Dedo
Special Intention	Joe Tome
Kumovi Stojan & Mira Prusac with God's Blessings on their anniversary.....	Janja Beslach
Happy 57 th Anniversary & God's Blessings Stojan & Mira Prusac, God's Blessings John & Gloria Zelenko, Gladys Edwards, Tronda Nicevski, Tula Nastos	Rosemary Vuckovich
Health & Blessings Anna Branoff	Alex & Magda Popoff
Fr. Ilya, Fr. Lawrence, Fr. Joe, Deacon Anthony, Anna, Reggie, Evanka, Aretoula, Dorothy & Joe, Walt & Zina, Harold, Mira, Bosa, John & Gloria, Peter & Olga, Elaine, Rosemary, Jeanette, Ted & Marlene, Fr. David, Gladys, My family & friends	Joe Tome

CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR ALL THOSE IN BLESSED REPOSE

Blessed Repose and Memory Eternal for father, Joseph Sheets on his Birthday, March 9, son Charles Joseph Jernigan on his Birthday, March 12	Dennis & Sharon Jernigan
Peter Popoff –Memory Eternal	Alex & Magda Popoff
Kum Bogdan Beslach-Vechnaya Pamyat..... Prusac	Kumovi Stojan & Mira



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

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

FOOD DRIVE Our next pick up is Monday, March 17. A list of food items is located next to the Hope in a Box.

PHOTO DIRECTORY Due to the snowstorm last Wednesday, we had to cancel the photo sessions scheduled for that day. We will be adding more dates in June. There are still times available for June 11 & 12. The new dates will be announced as soon as they are made available. You can make your portrait appointment in three convenient ways:

- 1- Schedule an appointment online at www.saintnicholasburton.org
- 2- Use the sign-up sheet in the hall to make your appointment
- 3- Call the church office at 810-744-0070 on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays or Fridays from 9 am to 3 pm (The office is closed on Thursdays).

PALM SUNDAY BAKE SALE order forms were sent out in your March bulletin. **ALL orders are due March 30.** Proceeds from the bake sale will go toward the purchase of a new refrigerator to replace the one that broke down the day of our last festival.

LENTEN RETREATS

Diocesan Teen Retreat at Dormition Monastery March 21-23 (Teens 12-18). This year's theme is Keeping Christ In Your Life At School. The cost for the retreat is \$60.00 for the weekend and \$25 for Saturday ONLY. For more information see the fliers on the tables in the parish.

Teen Retreat at St. George April 4 & 5 (Teens 13-19). The focus of this retreat is the importance of Holy Communion; including its history, meaning and how we should prepare to receive Holy Communion. For more information see the flier on the tables in the parish hall. Registration deadline is March 27.

MEMORY ETERNAL +Anna (Smirnoff) Allen fell asleep in the Lord on Thursday, March 13. Please keep in your prayers Anna's sister-in-law Pauletta and her nieces and nephews. The arrangements are as follows:

Tuesday, March 18

at Swartz Funeral Home
12 to 8 pm Viewing
7 pm Parastas

Wednesday, March 19

at church
10 am Viewing
11 am Funeral
Interment at White Chapel Cemetery in Troy, MI

Schedule of services and events for the Week of March 16:

Monday, March 17

6:30 pm Great Compline at St. George

Wednesday, March 19

10:00 am Viewing
11:00 am Funeral Service for +Anna Allen
6:00 pm Presanctified Divine Liturgy @ St. Nicholas followed by lenten potluck
** This is NOT a combined service**

Friday, March 21

6:00 pm Diocesan Teen Retreat @ Dormition Monastery

Saturday, March 22

9:00 am Souls' Saturday
4:00 pm Diocesan Teen Retreat @ Dormition Monastery
4:30 pm Trisagion for Souls' Saturday with the reading of the names of the departed
Vespers followed by Confessions

Sunday, March 23

8:30 am

10:00 am

10:00 am

3rd SUNDAY OF LENT – SUNDAY OF THE CROSS

Matins

Divine Liturgy

Diocesan Teen Retreat @ Dormition Monastery

Church School

Sunday Offerings for March 9, 2014

<i>Weekly Offering Envelope</i>	<i>\$1,711.00</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-Charity</i>	<i>\$ 0.00</i>
<i>Candle Fund</i>	<i>\$ 226.31</i>
<i>Coffee Hour</i>	<i>\$ 55.15</i>
<i>Seminarian Fund</i>	<i>\$ 0.00</i>
<i>Loose Offering</i>	<i>\$31.00</i>
<i>Kiosk</i>	<i>\$ 0.00</i>
<i>Total Sunday Income March 9, 2014</i>	<i>\$2,053.46</i>
<i>Estimated Average Weekly Expenses</i>	<i>\$ 3,629.13</i>

<i>Actual Income</i>	<i>\$ 31,105.09</i>
<i>Actual Expense</i>	<i>\$ 40,402.90</i>
<i>+/- to date</i>	<i>- \$9,297.81</i>

*91 people were in attendance on
Sunday, March 10, 2014.*