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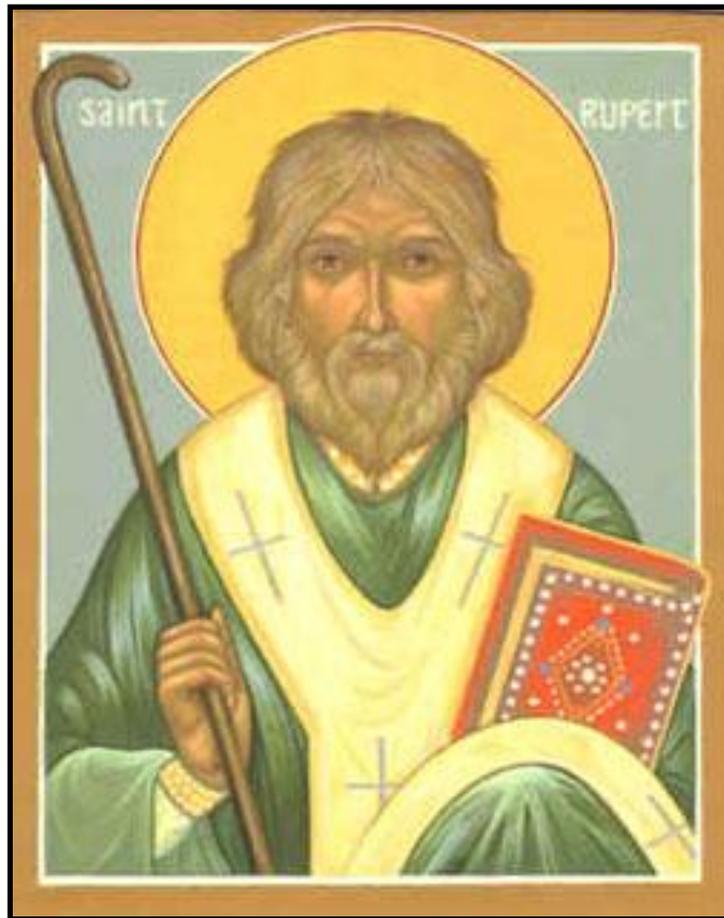
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Saint Rupert of Salzburg

SUNDAY, MARCH 23, 2014 THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT — Tone 6

Veneration of the Cross. Martyr Nikon and 199 disciples with him in Sicily (251). Ven. Nikon, Abbot of the Kiev Caves (1088). Martyrs Philetas the Senator, his wife, Lydia, their sons Macedon and Theoprepus, Chronides the Notary, and Amphilochius the Captain, in Illyria (117-138). Righteous Basil of Mangazea in Siberia (1600). Monk Martyr Luke of St. Anne's Skete (Mt. Athos—1802).

FIRST ANTIPHON

The light of Thy countenance, O Lord, hath been signed upon us.
Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us!

Thou hast given a sign unto them that fear Thee, that they may flee from before the face of the bow.

Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us!

Thou hast ascended on high, Thou didst lead captivity captive.

Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us!

Thou hast given an inheritance to them that fear Thy Name.

Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us!

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen. **Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us!**

SECOND ANTIPHON

All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

O Son of God who arose from the dead, save us who sing to Thee: Alleluia!

Let us worship at the place where his feet have stood.

O Son of God who arose from the dead, save us who sing to Thee: Alleluia!

The eyes of the Lord are upon them that fear Him, upon them that hope in His mercy.

O Son of God who arose from the dead, save us who sing to Thee: Alleluia!

God is our King before the ages, He hath wrought salvation in the midst of the earth.

O Son of God who arose from the dead, save us who sing to Thee: Alleluia!

High above all nations is the Lord; Thou art Lord Most High over all the earth.

O Son of God who arose from the dead, save us who sing to Thee: Alleluia!

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen. Only-begotten Son and immortal Word of God, Who for our salvation didst will to be incarnate of the holy Theotokos and ever-virgin Mary, Who without change became man and wast crucified, Who art one of the Holy Trinity, glorified with the Father and the Holy Spirit: O Christ our God, trampling down death by death, save us!

THIRD ANTIPHON

Exalt ye the Lord our God, and worship at the footstool of His feet.

(Tone 1) O Lord, save Thy people, / and bless Thine inheritance! / Grant victories to the Orthodox Christians / over their adversaries; / and by virtue of Thy Cross, // preserve Thy habitation!

O God, save Thy people and bless Thine inheritance.

(Tone 1) O Lord, save Thy people, / and bless Thine inheritance! / Grant victories to the Orthodox Christians / over their adversaries; / and by virtue of Thy Cross, // preserve Thy habitation!

Shepherd them and bear them up unto the ages.

(Tone 1) O Lord, save Thy people, / and bless Thine inheritance! / Grant victories to the Orthodox Christians / over their adversaries; / and by virtue of Thy Cross, // preserve Thy habitation!

TROPARIA

(Tone 6) The angelic powers were at Thy tomb the guards became as dead men.

Mary stood by Thy grave, seeking Thy most pure Body. Thou didst capture hell,

not being tempted by it. Thou didst come to the Virgin, granting life. O Lord

who didst rise from the dead: glory to Thee!

(Tone 1) O Lord, save Thy people, / and bless Thine inheritance! / Grant victories to the Orthodox Christians / over their adversaries; / and by virtue of Thy Cross, // preserve Thy habitation!

(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) 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!

IN PLACE OF THE TRISAGION, WE SING:

Before Thy Cross, we bow down in worship, O Master, and Thy holy Resurrection, we glorify.

The Prokeimenon in the Sixth Tone: O Lord, save Thy people / and bless Thine inheritance.

v: To Thee, O Lord, will I call. O my God, be not silent to me!

THE READING FROM THE EPISTLE OF THE HOLY APOSTLE PAUL TO THE HEBREWS (4:14-5:6)

Brethren: Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we have not a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. For every high priest chosen from among men is appointed to act on behalf of men in relation to God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. He can deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is beset with weakness. Because of this he is bound to offer sacrifice for his own sins as well as for those of the people. And one does not take the honor upon himself, but he is called by God, just as Aaron was. So also Christ did not exalt himself to be made a high priest, but was appointed by him who said to him, "Thou art my Son, today I have begotten thee"; as he says also in another place, "Thou art a priest forever, after the order of Melchizedek."

Alleluia, Tone 8

v. **Remember Thy congregation which Thou hast purchased of old.**

v. **God is our King before the ages: He hath wrought salvation in the midst of the earth.**

THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO SAINT MARK (8:34-9:1) At that time Jesus called to him the multitude with His disciples, and said to them, “If any man would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it; and whoever loses his life for my sake and the gospel’s will save it. For what does it profit a man, to gain the whole world and forfeit his life? For what can a man give in return for his life? For whoever is ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him will the Son of man also be ashamed, when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.” And he said to them, “Truly, I say to you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see that the kingdom of God has come with power.”

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 The light of Thy countenance is signed upon us, O Lord. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

INSTEAD OF “WE HAVE SEEN THE TRUE LIGHT”:

(Tone 1) O Lord, save Thy people, / and bless Thine inheritance! / Grant victories to the Orthodox Christians / over their adversaries; / and by virtue of Thy Cross, // preserve Thy habitation!

The Prayer of Saint Ephraim

O Lord and Master of my life! Take from me the spirit of sloth, despair, lust of power and idle talk.

But give rather the spirit of chastity, humility, patience and love to Thy servant.

Yea, O Lord and King! Grant me to see my own transgressions and not to judge my brother, for blessed art Thou, unto ages of ages. Amen.

Many people know Salzburg, Austria as the birthplace of Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, who was born there in 1756. But on March 27 we commemorate Saint Rupert of Salzburg, who lived there ten centuries earlier and did great work in spreading the Gospel and building up the Church.

Before his years in Salzburg, Rupert was bishop of the area around Frankfurt, Germany and was confessor to the Frankish king Childebert. Though he had himself been born into the proud Frankish nobility, Rupert believed humility and simplicity were the most important qualities for a Christian to cultivate. He used up his inherited money in caring for the poor, fasted strictly, and spent hours in prayer.

In his administrative duties as a bishop, Rupert became known for his willingness to hear all sides of a disagreement. He would then make decisions that were carefully and prayerfully thought out, and as fair as possible to everyone.

Like most priests, he especially loved to preach and teach about Jesus Christ and the Gospel. His sermons attracted listeners from far beyond the region he oversaw, and as a confessor he strengthened the faith of people who came to him. His reputation for giving wise advice, always based on the teachings of Christ, motivated political leaders from the vicinity and even from other countries to consult him.

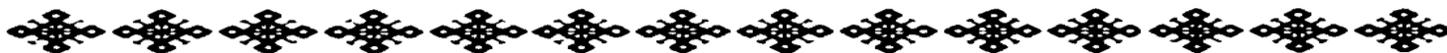
But Rupert's prominence inspired jealousy and resentment in some. The problem was compounded by the fact that powerful pagan influences were still at work among the people. Rupert's ability to advance Christianity was feared by the most superstitious among them. The growing feeling against Rupert finally led to his being beaten with rods and exiled.

The Duke of Bavaria had heard of Rupert's excellent work, and was appalled by the harshness with which his countrymen were treating the humble bishop, though he himself was still a worshipper of idols. He invited Rupert to come to Bavaria so that he and his people could be enlightened in the faith. Rupert accepted the invitation with joy and a bit of trepidation at the enormity of the task.

Once the Duke had received baptism and understood what a great, saving gift it was, he gave Rupert a ship and crew to sail down the Danube River. In the towns and villages along the way the bishop preached and taught, heard confessions, and baptized.

In time Rupert went to live in the ancient, now desolate city of Juvavia, and with financial backing from the Duke built an episcopal cathedral high in the remote mountains nearby. He added land and buildings, creating a center for spiritual learning from which trained priests went out to spread the faith. He built a women's monastery and encouraged women to take up the monastic life.

Rupert promoted the mining of the abundant salt in the area as a means of supporting his missionary work. Some depictions of the saint show him holding a large container. It's filled with salt, appropriate for Saint Rupert, who is largely responsible for the fact that the city once known as Juvavia is now Salzburg.

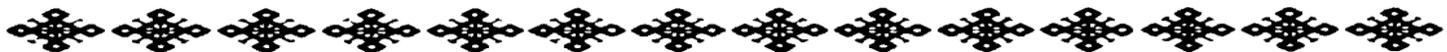


CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR THE HEALTH & BLESSINGS OF

Health & God's Blessings Macy Lemmen	Gigi & Dedo
Special Intention	Joe Tome
Health & God's Blessings Tula Nastos for a successful surgery.....	Sophie Stavridis & Family
58 th Birthday of Joe Oginsky on March, 19	Susan, Natasha, Joseph & Gregory
Health & Blessings Anna Branoff	Alex & Magda Popoff
Happy Birthday Blessings & Health to Kuma Allison and Rosemary.....	Sredich Family
Fr. Ilya, Fr. Lawrence, Fr. Joe, Deacon Anthony, Peter, 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
Happy Birthday Rosemary Vuckovich & God's Blessing for a successful surgery	Sophie Stavridis
Happy Birthday & God's Blessings Rosemary (Good Luck)	Bosa Kantar
Good health & God's Blessings, Kuma Daisy Marvosh, John & Gloria Zelenko, Gladys Edwards, Stojan & Mira Prusac, Bosa Kantar, Maria Papalazarou	Rosemary Vuckovich
Happy Birthday Rosemary Vuckovich & God's Blessing for a successful surgery	Tula & John Nastos
Happy Birthday & God's Blessings Allison Borkovich & Rosemary Vuckovich	Stojan & Mira Prusac
Blessings for another successful surgery and recovery for Rosemary, March 27th	Sredich Family

CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR ALL THOSE IN BLESSED REPOSE

Blessed Repose Karen Harrison.....	Bob & Peggy Russell
Anna Allen, Karen Harrison-Memory Eternal	Joe & Dorothy Goodman
Mary Lou Brayan-Memory Eternal	Paul Brayan
Peter Popoff-Memory Eternal	Alex & Magda Popoff
Blessed Repose Anna Allen	Rosemary Vuckovich



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

MEMORY ETERNAL to Metropolitan Philip, Archbishop of the Antiochian Orthodox Archdiocese, who fell asleep in the Lord on Wednesday, March 19. Memory eternal!

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

BISHOP ALEXANDER'S LECTURE today at 3 pm at Lourdes University in Sylvania, OH (approx. 1½ hrs from church). The topic is: Baptism in Ecumenical Relations. The talk is free and open to the public. Details which include driving directions are on sheets at the candle stand.

PHOTO DIRECTORY Lifetouch will be here in June 11, 12, 13 & 14 from 2pm until 9pm. 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 next Sunday, 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.

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.

HALL RENTAL SUPERVISOR We are in need of an individual 18 or over to help supervise during hall/pavilion rentals. The volunteer will be paid \$8.00 per hour. If you are interested or would like more information please see Debbie. We need someone to volunteer for Saturday, April 12.

THE KONEVETS QUARTET will be at our church on Friday, June 13. Please mark your calendars and invite friends and family to attend.

Schedule of services and events for the Week of March 23:

Monday, March 24

6:30 pm Great Compline @ St. George

Tuesday, March 25

6:00 pm **ANNUNCIATION**
Vespers Liturgy @ Assumption

Wednesday, March 26

9:00 am Lenten Hours
10:00 am Adult Education
6:00 pm Presanctified Divine Liturgy @ St. George followed by lenten potluck

Saturday, March 29

4:00 pm **Souls' Saturday**
Trisagion for Souls' Saturday with the reading of the names of the departed
4:30 pm Vespers followed by Confessions

Sunday, March 30

9:30 am **4th SUNDAY OF LENT – ST. JOHN CLIMACUS**
10:00 am Third Hour
Divine Liturgy
Church School

Sunday Offerings for March 16, 2014

<i>Weekly Offering Envelope</i>	\$1,920.00
<i>Children's Offering</i>	\$ 0.00
<i>Cemetery Maintenance</i>	\$ 10.00
<i>Charity Envelope</i>	\$ 40.00
<i>Love Inc</i>	\$ 0.00
<i>Diocesan Support</i>	\$ 0.00
<i>OCA Envelope-Charity</i>	\$ 0.00
<i>Candle Fund</i>	\$ 162.75
<i>Coffee Hour</i>	\$ 49.36
<i>Seminarian Fund</i>	\$ 0.00
<i>Loose Offering</i>	\$12.00
<i>Kiosk</i>	\$ 12.00
Total Sunday Income March 16, 2014	\$2,206.11
Estimated Average Weekly Expenses	\$ 3,629.13

<i>Actual Income</i>	\$ 36,985.70
<i>Actual Expense</i>	\$ 41,110.82
<i>+/- to date</i>	- \$4,125.12

96 people were in attendance on Sunday, March 16, 2014.