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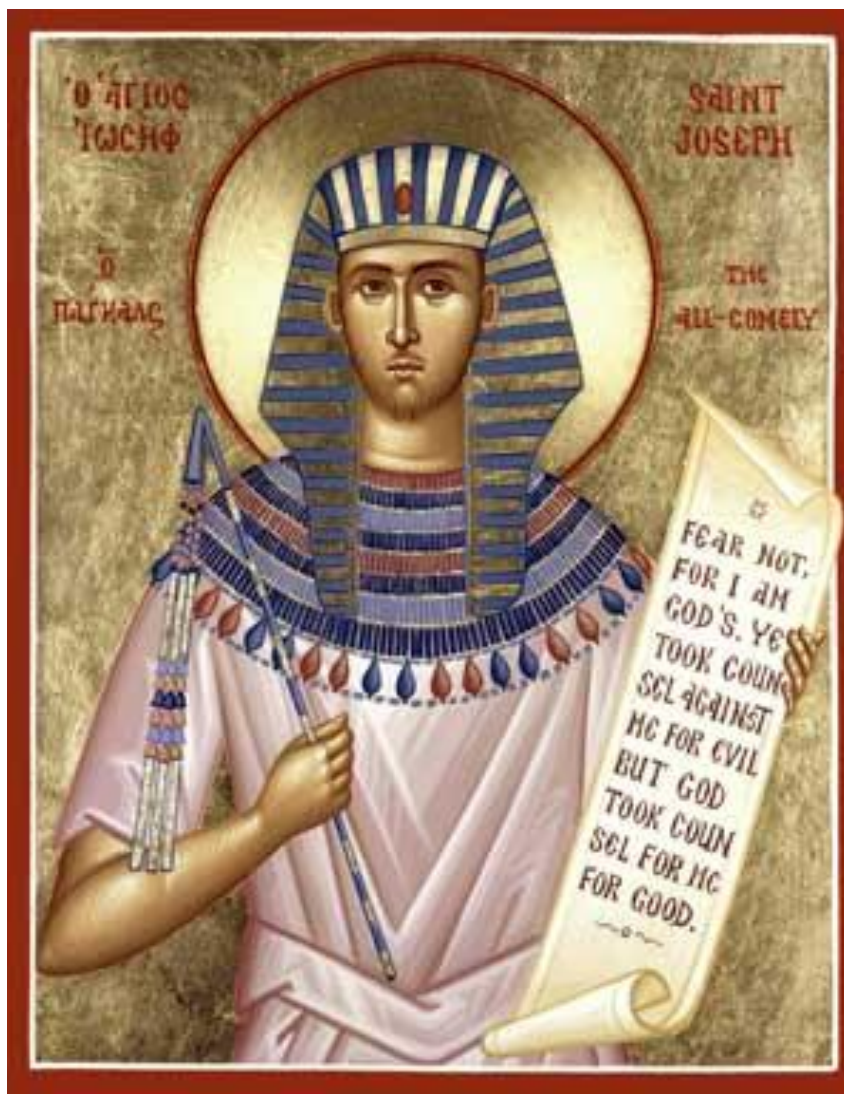
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SUNDAY, MARCH 29, 2015 FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT — Tone 1. St. Mary of Egypt. Hieromartyr Mark, Bishop of Arethusa, Martyr Cyril the Deacon, of Heliopolis, and others who suffered under Julian the Apostate (ca. 364). Ven. John, Anchorite, of Egypt (4th c.). St. Eustathius the Confessor, Bishop of Bithynia (9th c.).

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) The image of God was truly preserved in you, O Mother, / for you took up the Cross and followed Christ. / By so doing, you taught us to disregard the flesh for it passes away; / but to care instead for the soul, for it is immortal. // Therefore your spirit, O holy Mother Mary, rejoices with the angels.

(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, Mediatrix 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 EPISTLE OF THE HOLY APOSTLE PAUL TO THE HEBREWS (9:11-14) Brethren: Christ came as High Priest of the good things to come, with the greater and more perfect tabernacle not made with hands, that is, not of this creation. Not with the blood of goats and calves, but with His own blood He entered the Most Holy Place once for all, having obtained eternal redemption. For if the blood of bulls and goats and the ashes of a heifer, sprinkling the unclean, sanctifies for the purifying of the flesh, how much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without spot to God, cleanse your conscience from dead works to serve the living God.

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 MARK (10:32-45)

At that time, as the disciples were on the road, going up to Jerusalem, and Jesus was going before them; and they were amazed. And as they followed they were afraid. Then He took the twelve aside again and began to tell them the things that would happen to Him: Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be betrayed to the chief priests and to the scribes; and they will condemn Him to death and deliver Him to the Gentiles; and they will mock Him, and scourge Him, and spit on Him, and kill Him. And the third day He will rise again. Then James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came to Him, saying, “Teacher, we want You to do for us whatever we ask.” And He said to them, “What do you want Me to do for you?” They said to Him, “Grant us that we may sit, one on Your right hand and the other on Your left, in Your glory.” But Jesus said to them, “You do not know what you ask. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, and be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?” They said to Him, “We are able.” So Jesus said to them, “You will indeed drink the cup that I drink, and

with the baptism I am baptized with you will be baptized; but to sit on My right hand and on My left is not Mine to give, but it is for those for whom it is prepared. And when the ten heard it, they began to be greatly displeased with James and John. But Jesus called them to Himself and said to them, "You know that those who are considered rulers over the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them. Yet it shall not be so among you; but whoever desires to become great among you shall be your servant. And whoever of you desires to be first shall be slave of all. For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many.

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!

April 3 is the feast day of Saint Nicetas the Confessor. He was born in the 8th century in Bithynia (Asia Minor) to a family of dedicated Christians.

His parents were devoted to one another. Nicetas' mother died when he was only a few days old. After that his father decided to enter a monastery, leaving his son to be raised by his grandmother. So even though his father was alive, Nicetas didn't have the chance to grow up with him at home.

One of the readings for this day is Genesis 49: 33 to 50: 26. These verses tell part of the story of Joseph, the favorite son of his father Jacob. Joseph also was deprived of the chance to be with his father. His jealous brothers sold him into slavery, and he wouldn't see Jacob again for many years. The absence of their fathers is one of several parallels between Nicetas and Joseph.

Nicetas' grandmother saw to it that he finished school, but after that he was determined to become a monk. He went to the monastery at Midikion, and spent the next years in prayer and spiritual effort. He made close friends and became an example of holiness to the other monks. Their admiration was so great that when their abbot Nicephorus died, Nicetas was the unanimous choice to be his successor.

Joseph's circumstances were very different from those in which Nicetas lived. But he too gained the respectful admiration of the people around him by being honorable and taking his work seriously. He was bought by an Egyptian named Potiphar, who recognized his ability and "put him in charge of all that he had."

Joseph refused the efforts of Potiphar's wife "day after day" to seduce him, refusing to betray his master and to "do this great wickedness, and sin against God." The result was that she made false accusations against him, and he was put in jail. But even there, he was so admired that the keeper committed all the prisoners to his care.

Saint Nicetas was also unjustly imprisoned, and persecuted for refusing to betray his faith. He would not support the iconoclasts or the corrupt patriarch appointed by the emperor. In prison, like Joseph he encouraged and kept up the spirits of other prisoners.

God gave Saint Nicetas wonderful gifts. He healed physical and mental illnesses, and delivered people from danger through his prayers. When he died, people received healing by touching his body.

Joseph was not a miracle worker. But he was given the gift of forgiveness, and the gift of vision to see God's plan for Israel's future. Reunited with his brothers, Joseph told them that though they had meant to do evil to him, God "meant it for good, to bring it about that many people should be kept alive, as they are today."

Saint Nicetas and Saint Joseph show us, through their similar experiences, which God continues to unfold His plan down through the centuries. Now we are the ones who can use His gifts to carry it forward for those people still to come.

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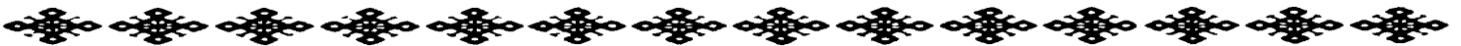


CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR THE HEALTH AND BLESSINGS OF

Health & God's Blessings John Goodman, John & Gloria Zelenko.....	Sredich Family
Health & God's Blessings for Evgeni.....	Natasha
Safe journey & blessings for Susie Trotter.....	Les Ford
Health & God's Blessings for Jackie	Marla Houser
Health & God's Blessings for our sick and homebound of St. Nicholas Church.....	Janja Beslach
Health & Blessings Oleg, Irina, Adelaida, Feodosiy, Nickolay.....	Irina Sivergina
Fr. Michael, Fr. Moses, Fr. Joe, Fr. Lavrenty, Deacon Anthony, John, John, Joseph, Laurie, Tula, Anne, Reggie, Stojan & Mira, Jo Ann, Evanka, Dorothy, Walt & Zina, Bosa, John & Gloria, Peter & Olga, Jeanette, Elaine, Helen, Ted & Marlene, Fr. David, Gladys, Stephanie, my family & friends	Joe Tome
Health & God's Blessings Anne Smith, John & Gloria Zelenko, Tula Nastos, Evanka Elieff.....	Dorothy Goodman
Health & God's Blessings for Kelly.....	Marla Houser
Our cousin, Emma and Babi and Jedo, for their speedy recovery.....	The George Kids
Special Intention	Joe Tome

CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR ALL THOSE IN BLESSED REPOSE

Joe Goodman-Memory of his 81 st birthday.....	Dorothy & Family
Peter Popoff-Memory Eternal	Teta Anna
+Protopresbyter Thomas Hopko	Dorothy Goodman
Galina, Vasiliy, Vitaliy.....	Irina Sivergina
Bogdan, Vaso, Ilinka	Janja Beslach
Peter Popoff	Angelo, Helen & Family
Matushka Melanya Sviridov.....	Joe Tome
Rosemary Vuckovich in memory of her birthday.....	Sredich Family
Peter Popoff, 3 yrs Blessed Repose-Memory Eternal	Teta Dorothy & Family



Welcome all of our friends and visitors to St. Nicholas. Please join us for fellowship, coffee and pastries in our parish hall.

There will be a three year Parastas for the repose of +Peter Popoff following the veneration of the cross. Coffee and pastries are being donated today in Peter's memory by his family.

DONATIONS FOR LENT, HOLY WEEK & PASCHA there are still items available for donation. Available are: Eggs for Pascha. See, Debbie if you are interested in donating the eggs for Pascha.

PALM SUNDAY BAKE SALE orders are due today. There are order forms in the parish hall if needed.

PALMS AND PUSSYWILLOWS We will be assembling the palms and pussywillows on Friday, April 3 at 10 am. The more help we have the faster we will get done. Your help would be greatly appreciated.

CHARITY MINISTRIES

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

FOOD DRIVE Our next pick up is Monday, April 20. A list of food items is located next to the Hope in a Box.

FAMILY OF +FR. MATTHEW BAKER +Fr. Matthew Baker was the newly installed priest at Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church in Norwich, Connecticut. +Fr. Matthew was tragically killed in an automobile accident on March, 1. He was traveling home with his six children following Sunday of Orthodoxy Vespers when the accident occurred. The children were not hurt in the accident. Thanks be to God! +Fr. Matthew leaves behind his wife, Presvytera Katherine, and six children ranging in age from 12 to 2. Our Charity Ministry will be giving \$2,000 for the support of Presvytera Katherine and her children. We would like to have parishioners make donations to match that amount so that we can offer \$4,000 total to +Fr. Matthew Baker's family. The envelopes will be at the front of the church after the veneration of cross they are designated for this purpose. Please be generous with your donations. **We have raised \$1,795 so far.**

VIGIL AT THE TOMB OF THE LORD It is traditional to keep a vigil at the Tomb of our Lord from Great Friday evening until the Great Saturday's Liturgy and then until the midnight service. The Vigil is from Friday, April 10 at 10:00 pm until Saturday, April 11 at 10:00 am and then from 1:00 pm until 10:30 pm. If you are interested, please email stnicholas1916@att.net, call the office at 744-0070 or sign your name to the sign-up sheet in the hall.

PASCHAL VESPERS It is customary at this service to read the Gospel in various languages. If anyone would like to read the Gospel in a language other than English at this service, please contact the office as soon as possible.

EASTER EGG HUNT we are in need of wrapped candies for our Easter Egg Hunt. All money donations and candy can be dropped off at the church office by Wednesday, April 15. Any and all donations are appreciated.

PARISHIONER UPDATE Jo Sredich is now at a rehab facility for physical therapy. If you would like, you can send a card to: Jo Sredich, HealthSouth, 1921 W. Hospital Drive, Tucson, AZ 85704. Room 126B. Please use their home address as your return address. 4623 Holly Rose Dr., Green Valley, AZ 85622. This way, if she is out of rehab, the card will be returned to her home instead of being returned to you.

Schedule of services and events for the week of March 29;

Tuesday, March 31

Father in Toledo

Wednesday, April 1

9:00 am

Lenten Hours

10:00 am

Adult Education

5:30 pm

Pan Orthodox Choir Rehearsal

6:00 pm

Presanctified @ St. George

Followed by Lenten Potluck - please bring a dish to share

(No meat, eggs or dairy products)

Friday, April 3

10:00 am

Assembling of the Palms and Pussywillows

Saturday, April 4

9:30 am

Lazarus Saturday

Pan Orthodox liturgy & Lenten Breakfast @ St. George

5:00 pm

Vespers followed by Confessions

Sunday, April 5

10:00 am

Palm Sunday – visit of Bishop Alexander

Divine Liturgy

Church School

7:00 pm

Bridegroom Matins

Sunday Offerings for March 22, 2015

<i>Weekly Offering Envelope</i>	<i>\$1,280.00</i>
<i>Children's Offering</i>	<i>\$0.00</i>
<i>Cemetery Maintenance</i>	<i>\$0.00</i>
<i>Charity Envelope</i>	<i>\$60.00</i>
<i>Love Inc</i>	<i>\$0.00</i>
<i>Diocesan Support</i>	<i>\$0.00</i>
<i>OCA Envelope</i>	
<i>Charities</i>	<i>\$0.00</i>
<i>Missions</i>	<i>\$0.00</i>
<i>Candle Fund</i>	<i>\$120.87</i>
<i>Coffee Hour</i>	<i>\$39.00</i>
<i>Seminarian Fund</i>	<i>\$20.00</i>
<i>Loose Offering</i>	<i>\$7.00</i>
<i>Kiosk</i>	<i>\$0.00</i>
Total Sunday Income March 22, 2015	<i>\$1,501.87</i>
<i>Estimated Average Weekly Expenses</i>	<i>\$3,634.49</i>

<i>Actual Income</i>	<i>\$50,536.59</i>
<i>Actual Expense</i>	<i>\$46,763.04</i>
<i>+/- to date</i>	<i>\$3,773.56</i>

*99 people were in attendance
on Sunday, March 22, 2015*