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St. Nicholas Orthodox Church

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We welcome all of our friends and visitors, especially our first time visitors, to St. Nicholas. Please join us in the parish hall for fellowship at our coffee hour.

SUNDAY, MAY 13, 2012 5TH SUNDAY OF PASCHA — Tone 4. Samaritan Woman. Virgin Martyr Glyceria at Heraclea, and with her, Martyr Laodicius, Keeper of the Prison (ca. 177). Righteous Virgin Glykéria of Novgorod (1522). Translation of the Relics of Ven. Makáry, Archimandrite of Obruch (or Kanev—1678). Martyr Alexander of Rome (284-305). St Pausicacus, Bishop of Synnada (606). St George the Confessor, with his wife, Irene, and their children, of Constantinople (9th c.). St. Euthymius the New (1028), founder of Iveron Monastery, and his fellow Georgian Saints of Mt. Athos: his father, John, his cousin, George, and Gabriel. Monk Martyrs of Iveron (Mt. Athos).

FIRST ANTIPHON Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth! Sing of His name, give glory to His praise! **Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Savior save us!**

Say to God: How awesome are Thy deeds! So great is Thy power that Thy enemies cringe before Thee! **Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Savior save us!**

Let all the earth worship Thee and praise Thee! Let it praise Thy name, O Most High! **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 God be bountiful to us and bless us! Show the light of Thy countenance upon us and have mercy on us!

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

That we may know Thy way upon the earth, and Thy salvation among all nations!

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

Let the people give thanks to Thee, O God! Let all the people give thanks to Thee! **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 Let God arise, let His enemies be scattered; let those who hate Him flee from before His face. **Troparion:** Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death, and upon those in the tombs bestowing life.

As smoke vanishes so let them vanish; as wax melts before the fire.

Troparion: Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death, and upon those in the tombs bestowing life.

So the sinners will perish before the face of God; but let the righteous be glad.

Troparion: Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death, and upon those in the tombs bestowing life.

This is the day which the Lord has made! Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

Troparion: Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death, and upon those in the tombs bestowing life.

TROPARIA

(Tone 4) When the women Disciples of the Lord learned from the Angel the joyous message of the Resurrection, they cast away the ancestral curse and elatedly told the Apostles: “Death is overthrown! Christ God is risen, // granting the world great mercy!”

(Tone 8) In the middle of the feast, O Savior, fill my thirsting soul with the waters of godliness as Thou didst cry to all: “If anyone thirst, let him come to Me and drink!” // O Christ God, Fountain of our life, glory to Thee!

(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) Thou didst descend into the tomb, O Immortal; Thou didst destroy the power of Death. In victory didst Thou arise, O Christ God, proclaiming Rejoice!” to the myrrhbearing women, granting peace to Thy apostles, and bestowing resurrection on the fallen.

The Prokeimenon in the Third Tone: Sing praises to our God, sing praises! / Sing praises to our King, sing praises!

v: Clap your hands, all peoples! Shout to God with loud songs of joy!

THE READING FROM THE ACTS OF THE HOLY APOSTLES (11:19-26,29-30) *In those days,* those who were scattered because of the persecution that arose over Stephen traveled as far as Phoenicia and Cyprus and Antioch, speaking the word to none except Jews. But there were some of them, men of Cyprus and Cyrene, who on coming to Antioch spoke to the Greeks also, preaching the Lord Jesus. And the hand of the Lord was with them, and a great number that believed turned to the Lord. News of this came to the ears of the church in Jerusalem, and they sent Barnabas to Antioch. When he came and saw the grace of God, he was glad; and he exhorted them all to remain faithful to the Lord with steadfast purpose; for he was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and of faith. And a large company was added to the Lord. So Barnabas went to Tarsus to look for Saul; and when he had found him, he brought him to Antioch. For a whole year they met with the church, and taught a large company of people; and in Antioch the disciples were for the first time called Christians. And the disciples determined, every one according to his ability, to send relief to the brethren who lived in Judea; and they did so, sending it to the elders by the hand of Barnabas and Saul.

Alleluia, Tone 4

v: Go forth, prosper and reign, for the sake of meekness, righteousness and truth!

v: For You love righteousness, and hate iniquity.

THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO SAINT JOHN (4:5-42) At that time Jesus came to a city of Samaria, called Sychar, near the field that Jacob gave to his son Joseph. Jacob’s well was there, and so Jesus, wearied as he was with his journey, sat down beside the well. It was about the sixth hour. There came a woman of Samaria to draw water. Jesus said to her, “Give me a drink.” For his disciples had gone away into the city to buy food. The Samaritan woman said to him, “How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?” For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans. Jesus answered her, “If you

knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." The woman said to him, "Sir, you have nothing to draw with, and the well is deep; where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our father Jacob, who gave us the well, and drank from it himself, and his sons, and his cattle?" Jesus said to her, "Every one who drinks of this water will thirst again, but whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him will never thirst; the water that I shall give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life." The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, that I may not thirst, nor come here to draw." Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come here." The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband'; for you have had five husbands, and he whom you now have is not your husband; this you said truly." The woman said to him, "Sir, I perceive that you are a prophet. Our fathers worshiped on this mountain; and you say that in Jerusalem is the place where men ought to worship." Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem will you worship the Father. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for such the Father seeks to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth." The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is coming (he who is called Christ); when he comes, he will show us all things." Jesus said to her, "I who speak to you am he." Just then his disciples came. They marveled that he was talking with a woman, but none said, "What do you wish?" or, "Why are you talking with her?" So the woman left her water jar, and went away into the city, and said to the people, "Come, see a man who told me all that I ever did. Can this be the Christ?" They went out of the city and were coming to him. Meanwhile the disciples besought him, saying, "Rabbi, eat." But he said to them, "I have food to eat of which you do not know." So the disciples said to one another, "Has any one brought him food?" Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of him who sent me, and to accomplish his work. Do you not say, 'There are yet four months, then comes the harvest'? I tell you, lift up your eyes, and see how the fields are already white for harvest. He who reaps receives wages, and gathers fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. For here the saying holds true, 'One sows and another reaps.' I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor; others have labored, and you have entered into their labor." Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman's testimony, "He told me all that I ever did." So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there two days. And many more believed because of his word. They said to the woman, "It is no longer because of your words that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is indeed the Savior of the world."

THE HYMN TO THE THEOTOKOS

The Angel cried to the Lady full of grace: Rejoice, O Pure Virgin! Again I say: Rejoice! Your Son is risen from His three days in the tomb! With Himself He has raised all the dead! Rejoice, all ye people! Shine! Shine! O New Jerusalem! The Glory of the Lord has shone on you! Exult now and be glad, O Zion! Be radiant, O Pure Theotokos, in the Resurrection of your Son!

COMMUNION HYMN

Receive the Body of Christ; taste the fountain of immortality! Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

IN PLACE OF "WE HAVE SEEN THE TRUE LIGHT..."

Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death, and upon those in the tombs bestowing life.

SAINT NICHOLAS OF ZHICHA (MARCH 18) “the Serbian Chrysostom,” was born in Lelich in western Serbia on January 4, 1881 (December 23, 1880 O.S.) to Dragomir and Katherine Velimirovich. He studied abroad for many years and the future saint returned to Serbia in 1919, where he was consecrated as Bishop of Zhicha, and was later transferred to Ochrid. The new hierarch assisted those who were suffering from the ravages of war by establishing orphanages and helping the poor.

In 1921, Bishop Nicholas was invited to visit America again and spent two years as a missionary bishop. He gave more than a hundred talks in less than six months, raising funds for his orphanages. Over the next twenty years, he lectured in various churches and universities. When Germany invaded Yugoslavia on April 6, 1941, Bishop Nicholas, a fearless critic of the Nazis, was arrested and confined in Ljubostir Vojlovici Monastery. In 1944, he and Patriarch Gavriilo were sent to the death camp at Dachau. There he witnessed many atrocities and was tortured himself. When American troops liberated the prisoners in May 1945, the patriarch returned to Yugoslavia, but Bishop Nicholas went to England.

He taught at St Tikhon’s Seminary in Pennsylvania and also served as the seminary’s Dean and Rector. He was also a guest lecturer at St Vladimir’s Seminary in NY, and at Holy Trinity Monastery in Jordanville, NY.

On Saturday March 17, 1956 Bishop Nicholas served his last Liturgy. After the service he went to the trapeza and gave a short talk. As he was leaving, he bowed low and said, “Forgive me, brothers.” This was something unusual which he had not done before. On March 18, 1956 St Nicholas fell asleep in the Lord Whom he had served throughout his life. He was found in his room kneeling in an attitude of prayer. Though he was buried at St Sava’s Monastery in Libertyville, IL, he had always expressed a desire to be buried in his homeland. In April of 1991 his relics were transferred to the Chetinje Monastery in Lelich. There he was buried next to his friend and disciple Fr Justin Popovich (+ 1979).

English readers are familiar with St Nicholas’s *Prologue from Ochrid, The Life of St. Sava, A Treasury of Serbian Spirituality*, and other writings which are of great benefit for the whole Church. He thought of his writings as silent sermons addressed to people who would never hear him preach. In his life and writings, the grace of the Holy Spirit shone forth for all to see, but in his humility he considered himself the least of men.

Though he was a native of Serbia, St Nicholas has a universal significance for Orthodox Christians in all countries. He was like a candle set upon a candlestick giving light to all (Mt 5:15). A spiritual guide and teacher with a magnetic personality, he attracted many people to himself. He also loved them, seeing the image of God in each person he met. He had a special love for children, who hastened to receive his blessing whenever they saw him in the street. He was a man of compunctionate prayer, and possessed the gift of tears which purify the soul (St John Climacus). He was a true pastor to his flock protecting them from spiritual wolves, and guiding them on the path to salvation. He has left behind many soul-profitting writings which proclaim the truth of Christ to modern man. In them he exhorts people to love God, and to live a life of virtue and holiness. **On the next page is his Paschal poem that has been put to music and is sung during the Paschal season.**

<i>Људи ликујте</i>	<i>Ljudi likujte</i>	<i>Rejoice, O ye people</i>
Људи ликујте, народи чујте: Христос воскресе, радост донесе!	Ljudi likujte, narodi čujte: Hristos voskrse, radost donese!	Rejoice, O ye people; hear, O ye nations; Christ is risen! Let us rejoice!
Звезде играјте, горе певајте, Христос воскресе, радост донесе!	Zvezde igrajte, gore pevajte, Hristos voskrse, radost donese!	Dance all ye stars and sing all ye mountains: Christ is risen! Let us rejoice!
Шуме шумите, ветри брујите, Христос воскресе, радост донесе!	Šume šumite, vetri brujite, Hristos voskrse, radost donese!	Whisper ye woods and blow all ye winds: Christ is risen! Let us rejoice!
Мора гудите, звери ричите, Христос воскресе, радост донесе!	Mora gudite, zveri ričite, Hristos voskrse, radost donese!	O seas proclaim and roar all ye beasts: Christ is risen! Let us rejoice!
Пчеле се ројте, а птице појте Христос воскресе, радост донесе!	Pčele se rojte, a ptice pojte Hristos voskrse, radost donese!	Buzz all ye bees and sing all ye birds: Christ is risen! Let us rejoice!
Анђели стојте, песму утројте, Христос воскресе, радост донесе!	Anđeli stojte, pesmu utrojte, Hristos voskrse, radost donese!	Stand, O ye angels, triple your song: Christ is risen! Let us rejoice!
Небо се снизи, земљу узвиси, Христос воскресе, радост донесе!	Nebo se snizi, zemlju uzvisi, Hristos voskrse, radost donese!	Bow down, O heavens, rise up, O earth: Christ is risen! Let us rejoice!
Звона звоните, свима јавите, Христос воскресе, радост донесе!	Zvona zvonite, svima javite, Hristos voskrse, radost donese!	Ring, O ye bells, and announce to all: Christ is risen! Let us rejoice!
Слава ти Боже, све ти се може, Христос воскресе, радост донесе	Slava ti Bože, sve ti se može, Hristos voskrse, radost donese!	Glory to Thee, O God Almighty! Christ is risen! Let us rejoice!

On May 15 we read the final verses of the eighth chapter of John's Gospel. In these climactic verses, Jesus so disturbs His hearers by the things He says that they take up stones to throw at Him.

The verses leading up to this climax (8: 12-42) were read last week, and they record a conversation between Jesus and some Pharisees. This dialogue is an example of people seriously misunderstanding what Jesus is telling them. It happens because they and He are coming from two different places. While He speaks to them of heavenly realities as God's divine Son, their comprehension is limited by the thought patterns and realities of this world.

Jesus makes a startling claim: "I am the light of the world; he who follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life" (8: 12). The Pharisees don't really respond to His claim, grand and provocative as it is. Instead they raise an objection they've brought up previously: Jesus is bearing witness to Himself, and it takes the testimony of two men to make witness true.

Willing to accede to their insistence that two witnesses are needed, Jesus points out that "I bear witness to myself, and the Father who sent me bears witness." But once again, rather than asking what He means, they ask a mundane, even insulting, question: "Where is your Father?" The question implies either that He is illegitimate and doesn't know His Father, or that Joseph, the one they know as His father, is too unimportant a person for Him to be making such lofty claims. But Jesus still tries to raise their level of understanding. They would know the Father, He tells them, if they really knew Him.

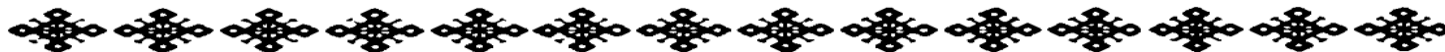
Then Jesus tells the Pharisees that "I go away, and you will seek me and die in your sin; where I am going you cannot come." Instead of taking this as a challenge to their sinful behavior, they fall back for the third time on a superficial understanding: they speculate that He must mean He is going to kill Himself.

The next verses show that Jesus doesn't simply consign the Pharisees to damnation. He says, "I told you that you would die in your sins, for you will die in your sins unless you believe that I am he." His hearers have every chance to know Him and gain salvation, and He gives them the means of doing so: by paying attention to "what I have told you from the beginning."

In the chapter's final verses, Jesus says that "if anyone keeps my word, he will never see death." The questioners indignantly challenge Him. They ask, "Are you greater than our father Abraham, who died?"

When He replies that "before Abraham was, I am" they take up those stones. Much easier to destroy Him with earthly questions and earthen stones than to follow Him and risk accepting that all He says about Himself is the plain, life-altering truth.

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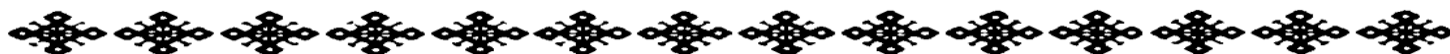
CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR THE HEALTH & BLESSINGS OF

Health & God's Blessings John & Gloria Zelenko.....	Rosemary Vuckovich
Happy 21 st Birthday & God's Blessings Danny Krigner.....	Baba
Health & Blessings, Happy Mother's Day to all our mothers, godmothers, grandmothers and Aunts	Sredich Family
Health & God's Blessings John & Gloria Zelenko, Rosemary Vuckovich, Peter Sredich.....	Bosa Kantar
Health & Blessing Matushka Kizenko-Name's Day, V. Rev John W. Govrusik & Matushka Olga, Carol & Jerry Smith, Don & Mary Ann Bronson, Families of Oginsky, Miculka & Kuptz, Evdokia Ponomarenko, Sick & shut-ins of St. Nicholas.....	Anne Smith
Health & God's Blessings for my Gloria	John Zelenko
Health & God's Blessings Gloria & John Zelenko.....	Adam, Eli & Kara
Happy Anniversary & God's Blessings Gloria Zelenko, Thank you for 20 wonderful years.....	John Zelenko
Happy Birthday & God's blessings Danny Krigner.....	Dad, Mom & Meagan
Health & God's Blessings Gloria Zelenko.....	Dennis, Sharon & Charlie Jernigan
Special Intention Diane, Arthur Zambito & Family, Nancy, Kenneth & Maggie Laycock, Pat Miculka, Fred Oginsky, Gloria & John Zelenko, Gladys Edwards, Brett w/cancer, Helen & Doug Phillips, Jeanette Hildreth, Anne Smith.....	Anne Smith

Happy Birthday & God's Blessings Anna Branoff, Happy Anniversary & God's Blessings Nancy & Ken Laycock- my daughter & son-in law,
Mike & Stephanie Stikovich, Tim & Hannah Seeley..... Anne Smith
God's Blessings & Health John & Gloria..... Peter & Jo
Health & Blessings for all mothers on Mother's Day..... Anna Branoff
Happy 15th Anniversary & God's Blessings Ralph & Debbie Neely..... Mom & Dad
ETERNAL LIGHT AT ALTAR
Health & Blessings Jeremy Hogg..... Lucy Hogg

CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR ALL THOSE IN BLESSED REPOSE

Blessed Repose Lewis Elieff Evanka & Family
Carl Smith & our son, Helen Polonic-Memory of Birthday, Helen & Nick Polonic-
Memory of Anniversary, Olga Elasiwich, John Oginsky, Maud Andri – Memory
of Birthday & Costan, Joey Michalsky-Memory of Birthday, Chris Aleksoff-
Memory of Birthday & Mildred..... Anne Smith
Memory Eternal-Bog da Prosti Peter Popoff Teta Anna
All our deceased mothers, godmothers, grandmothers and Aunts..... Sredich Family
Happy Mother's Day-Memory Eternal Todora Branoff & All deceased mothers of
St. Nicholas..... Anna Branoff



ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY to all our Mothers, Grandmothers and Godmothers.

COFFEE & PASTRIES are being donated today in memory of +Peter Popoff (40 days) by his family.

PARISH COUNCIL the parish council will meet tomorrow May, 14 at 6:45 pm. Please call the parish office if you are unable to attend this meeting.

FR. JOE'S 25TH ANNIVERSARY Banquet reservations must be made by May, 18. The banquet will be held on May, 26 following the 5pm Vesper service. Please call the St. George parish office at 732-0720 to make your reservation.

FOOD VAN for our monthly food drive: Saturday, May 19 from 2 to 5 pm. Sunday, May 20 from 9 am to 1 pm.

Hope in a Box for May: Hand Soap both bar and liquid soap is needed. Please see your monthly bulletin or the fliers on the tables in the parish hall for more information. You may bring the soap and drop it off at the food van.

RUMMAGE SALE there will be NO spring rummage sale. You may bring your donations in for the fall rummage sale during office hours, before and after Saturday Vespers and Sunday Divine Liturgy. Please place your donations in the back classroom. If you need assistance please ask. The fall rummage sale will be held on September, 13 and 14. Set-up will be on September, 12 at 10am.

ST. CATHERINE'S LEAGUE DINNER OUT will be on Wednesday, June 6 at 5:30 pm at the Bavarian Inn in Frankenmuth. To make your reservations please see Roseanne Bagale or Rosemary Vuckovich. ALL ladies of the parish are welcome!

MACEDONIAN OPEN will be held on Monday, June 18, 2012 at the Flint Elks Club. An informational flier will be in your May bulletin. **The Macedonian Open committee is also looking for sign sponsors whether it is a company, individuals or families. If you sponsored one for the festival previously, please sponsor one for**

the Macedonian Open because we are taking a one year hiatus from the festival. This is a great opportunity to support OUR PARISH (proceeds from the Open will benefit St. Nicholas). For more information please see Chris Nedanis, Linda Branoff, George Branoff or Angelo Panoff.

Schedule of services and events for the week of May 13, 2012

Monday, May 14

9:00 am

6:45 pm

St. Isidore

Divine Liturgy

Parish Council

Saturday, May 19

4:30 pm

5:30 pm

2-5 pm

Great Vespers

Choir Practice

Catholic Charities Food Van

Sunday, May 20

9:30 am

10:00 am

9 am – 1pm

6th Sunday of Pascha – Blind Man

Third Hour

Divine Liturgy

40 day Parastas +John Bibilikow

Catholic Charities Food Van

Sunday Offerings for May 6, 2012

<i>Weekly Income</i>	
<i>Weekly Offering Envelope</i>	<i>\$ 475.00</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>Diocesan Support</i>	<i>\$ 0.00</i>
<i>OCA Envelope Missions</i>	<i>\$ 0.00</i>
<i>Candle Fund</i>	<i>\$ 74.00</i>
<i>Kitchen/Coffee</i>	<i>\$ 42.00</i>
<i>Seminarian Fund</i>	<i>\$ 0.00</i>
<i>Loose Offering</i>	<i>\$ 44.00</i>
<i>Kiosk</i>	<i>\$ 0.00</i>
<i>Total Income</i>	<i>\$ 635.00</i>
<i>Avg. Weekly Budget</i>	<i>\$3,798.56</i>
<i>+/- Budget</i>	<i>- \$3,163.56</i>

<i>Income to date</i>	<i>\$67,590.67</i>
<i>Expense to date</i>	<i>\$64,125.95</i>
<i>+/- to date</i>	<i>\$3,464.72</i>

43 People were in attendance on
Sunday May 6, 2012.