

*May 24, 2015 Bulletin*

**St. Nicholas Orthodox Church**

*Orthodox Church in America*

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*Saint Macrina the Elder*

**SUNDAY, MAY 24, 2015 7<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF PASCHA — Tone 6. The Three Hundred and Eighteen Holy Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council at Nicæa. Afterfeast of the Ascension. Ven. Simeon the Stylite (the Younger) of the Wonderful Mountain (596). Ven. Nikita the Stylite, Wonderworker of Pereyaslavl'—Zaleskii (786). Martyrs Meletius Stratelates, Stephen, John, and 1,218 soldiers, with women and children, including Serapion the Egyptian, Callinicus the Magician, Theodore, Faustus, the women: Marciana, Susanna, and Palladia, two children: Cyriacus and Christian, and twelve Tribunes—Faustus, Festus, Marcellus, Theodore, Meletius, Sergius, Marcellinus, Felix, Photinus, Theodoriscus, Mercurius, and Didymus, all of whom suffered in Galatia (138-161). St. Vincent of Lérins.**

**FIRST ANTIPHON**

Clap your hands, all peoples! Shout to God with loud songs of joy. **Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Savior save us!**

For the Lord, the Most High is terrible! A great God over all the earth! **Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Savior save us!**

He subdued peoples under us, and nations under our feet!  
**Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Savior save us!**

God has gone up with a shout, the Lord with the sound of a trumpet! **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**

Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised in the city of our God!  
**O Son of God who ascended in glory, save us who sing to Thee: Alleluia!**

Mount Zion, in the far north, the city of the great King!  
**O Son of God who ascended in glory, save us who sing to Thee: Alleluia!**

Within her citadels God is known when He defends her!  
**O Son of God who ascended in glory, save us who sing to Thee: Alleluia!**

For lo, the kings assembled; they came on together!  
**O Son of God who ascended in glory, 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**

Hear this, all peoples! Give ear, all inhabitants of the world!  
**Troparion:** O Christ our God, Thou hast ascended in glory, granting joy to Thy disciples by the promise of the Holy Spirit. Through the blessing they were assured that Thou art the Son of God, the Redeemer of the world!

The earth-born and the sons of men, rich and poor together!

**Troparion:** O Christ our God, Thou hast ascended in glory, granting joy to Thy disciples by the promise of the Holy Spirit. Through the blessing they were assured that Thou art the Son of God, the Redeemer of the world!

My mouth shall speak wisdom; the meditation of my heart shall be understanding.

**Troparion:** O Christ our God, Thou hast ascended in glory, granting joy to Thy disciples by the promise of the Holy Spirit. Through the blessing they were assured that Thou art the Son of God, the Redeemer of the world!

I will incline my ear to a proverb; I will solve my riddle in psalmody.

**Troparion:** O Christ our God, Thou hast ascended in glory, granting joy to Thy disciples by the promise of the Holy Spirit. Through the blessing they were assured that Thou art the Son of God, the Redeemer of the world!

### **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 4)** O Christ our God, Thou hast ascended in glory, granting joy to Thy disciples by the promise of the Holy Spirit. Through the blessing they were assured that Thou art the Son of God, the Redeemer of the world!

**(Tone 8)** Most glorious art Thou, O Christ our God! Thou hast established the Holy Fathers as light on the earth! Through them Thou hast guided us to the true faith! O greatly Compassionate One, 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 6)** When Thou didst fulfill the Dispensation for our sake, and unite earth to heaven, Thou didst ascend in glory, O Christ our God, not being parted from those who love Thee, but remaining with them and crying: I am with you and no one will be against you!

***The Prokeimenon in the Fourth Tone: Blessed art Thou, O Lord God of our Fathers / and praised and glorified is Thy name forever!***

**v. For Thou art just in all that Thou hast done for us!**

### **THE READING FROM THE ACTS OF THE HOLY APOSTLES**

**(20:16-18, 28-36)** *In those days:* Paul had decided to sail past Ephesus, so that he might not have to spend time in Asia; for he was hastening to be at Jerusalem, if possible, on the day of Pentecost. And from Miletus he sent to Ephesus and called to him the elders of the church. And when they came to him, he said to them: "You yourselves know how I lived among you all the time from the first day that I set foot in Asia. Take heed to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to care for the church of God which he obtained with the blood of his own Son. I know that after my departure fierce wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock; and from among your own selves will arise men speaking perverse things, to draw away the disciples after them. Therefore be alert, remembering that for three years I did not cease night or day to admonish every one with tears. And now I commend you to God and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all those who are sanctified. I coveted no one's silver or gold or apparel. You yourselves know that these hands ministered to my necessities, and to those who were with me. In all things I have shown you that by so toiling one must help the weak, remembering the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'" And when he had spoken thus, he knelt down and prayed with them all.

*Alleluia, Tone 1*

**v. The Lord, the God of gods, speaks and summons the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.**

**v. Gather to Me, My venerable ones, who made a covenant with Me by sacrifice.**

**THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO SAINT JOHN (17:1-13)**

When Jesus had spoken these words, he lifted up his eyes to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify thy Son that the Son may glorify thee, since thou hast given him power over all flesh, to give eternal life to all whom thou hast given him. And this is eternal life, that they know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom thou hast sent. I glorified thee on earth, having accomplished the work which thou gavest me to do; and now, Father, glorify thou me in thy own presence with the glory which I had with thee before the world was made. "I have manifested thy name to the men whom thou gavest me out of the world; thine they were, and thou gavest them to me, and they have kept thy word. Now they know that everything that thou hast given me is from thee; for I have given them the words which thou gavest me, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from thee; and they have believed that thou didst send me. I am praying for them; I am not praying for the world but for those whom thou hast given me, for they are thine; all mine are thine, and thine are mine, and I am glorified in them. And now I am no more in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to thee. Holy Father, keep them in thy name, which thou hast given me, that they may be one, even as we are one. While I was with them, I kept them in thy name, which thou hast given me; I have guarded them, and none of them is lost but the son of perdition, that the scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to thee; and these things I speak in the world, that they may have my joy fulfilled in themselves.

**WE SING "IT IS TRULY MEET TO BLESS YOU, O THEOTOKOS..."**

**COMMUNION HYMN**

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

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

O Christ our God, Thou hast ascended in glory, granting joy to Thy disciples by the promise of the Holy Spirit. Through the blessing they were assured that Thou art the Son of God, the Redeemer of the world!

**During the week of May 24, the Church commemorates two women who had reason to know about despondency.**

Saint Theodosia (May 29) is known for courageously approaching and standing with a large group of bound Christian prisoners. She encouraged them and kept them from falling into despondency as their martyrdom became imminent. Her own martyrdom followed, and she faced it with courage and good cheer.

Saint Macrina the Elder (May 30) was the grandmother of Saint Basil the Great. She lived during the persecutions of the emperor Diocletian. To avoid imprisonment and to protect their family from suffering on their behalf because they were prominent Christians, she and her husband Basil "disappeared." They spent years hiding in a forest, while everything they had owned was confiscated and despoiled. A life so different from the norm, and in isolation from her children and relatives, could easily have led to despondency. Yet Macrina and Basil died peacefully and grateful to God for the blessing of life.

"Despondency: The Spiritual Teaching of Evagrius Ponticus on Acedia" by Gabriel Bunge (St. Vladimir's Seminary Press, 2013) acknowledges that Christians, like everyone else, and whether lay or monastic, can be tempted by acedia, which the author translates as "despondency." The book is a collection of, and reflections on the subject in

the writings of Evagrius Ponticus, who lived in the fourth century.

One of the ways we become despondent, Evagrius writes, is by letting Satan stir up in us dissatisfaction with the place we're in and the thing we're doing. He gives an example that sounds painfully contemporary:

"If the despondent one reads, then he yawns a great deal...he rubs his eyes, and stretches out his hands, and while his eyes wander from the book, he stares at the wall, then he turns away again, and reads a little, and when he leafs through the book...he counts the pages, and determines the number of sheets, finds fault with the writing and design, and in the end he snaps the book shut."

Everyone, Evagrius notes, is assaulted by harmful thoughts, and their source is always love of self, which may take the forms of gluttony, avarice or vainglory. But even though these thoughts disturb the soul, we can refuse to consent to them.

The remedy to self-love is real love, Evagrius writes. That love can be expressed in work, because the devil loves idleness. Prayerful tears, as an expression of one's hard-heartedness and the need for God's salvation, are another remedy. So is a brief prayer, said consistently, as a kind of counter-statement to the devil's promptings.

Gabriel Bunge writes, "...the specific remedies which Evagrius prescribes are reduced basically to one: sheer persevering!" This is a conscious waiting for God, in inner silence and without distractions. It is not easy to reach that level of patient waiting, but it leads to our becoming like the Prodigal Son "on the way to his father, who then meets him, not in the father's house, but beyond expectation, while he is still on the way."

May 24, 2015



**CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR THE HEALTH AND BLESSINGS OF**

God's Blessings for Les & Sue Ford on their marriage.....	Dorothy Goodman
Health & God's Blessings for all the Panoff's .....	Angelo & Christine
Milica, Nikolina, Joshua, Alicia, Payton, Bogdan, Rade, Jacob, Nedeljka, Malina, Ilija, Brian, Nedeljko, Janja, Mara, Kum Milan .....	Janja Beslach
God's Blessings for the Zelenko family.....	Les & Susie Ford
Special Intention .....	Joe Tome
Fr. Joe, Fr. Lavrenty, Fr. Moses, Deacon Anthony, John, John, John, Laurie, Anne, Anna, Joseph, Reggie, Stojan & Mira, Bosa, Jo Ann, Dorothy, Walt & Zina, Gloria, Peter & Olga, Jeanette, Elaine, Helen, Ted & Marlene, Fr. David, Stephanie, My family & friends .....	Joe Tome
Health & Blessings Shirley Lamb, Beloved Aunt .....	Deborah Gonser-Adams
God's Blessings for Fr. Matthew on his 20 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary of his ordination .....	Dorothy Goodman

**ETERNAL LIGHT AT THE ALTAR-May 17**

Axios! Kum Fr. Matthew-20 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary of his ordination .....	Esteban, Amanda, Sebastian Vázquez
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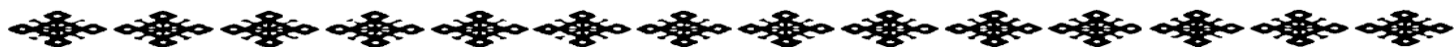
**ETERNAL LIGHT AT THE ALTAR-May 24**

Amanda-6 <sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary, Many Years! .....	Esteban Julio Vázquez
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**CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR ALL THOSE IN BLESSED REPOSE**

John Zelenko-Memory Eternal .....	Kris & David George & Family
Evgeniy, Olga, Taniya, Nina, Stepan, Anna, Alexander, Lepa.....	Natasha
Bogdan, Milutin, Milan, Anka, Pavle, Vaso, Ilinka.....	Janja Beslach

John Zelenko-Memory Eternal .....	Dorothy & Family
John Zelenko-Memory Eternal .....	Pete & Jo Sredich
John Zelenko-Memory Eternal .....	Adams Family
Evanka Elieff-Memory Eternal .....	Dorothy & Family
Evanka Elieff-Memory Eternal .....	Sredich Family
John Zelenko-Memory Eternal .....	Les & Susie Ford
Newly Departed – John Zelenko .....	Joe Tome
Joe, Helen & John, Lewi, Victor .....	Dorothy Goodman
Rosemary & Marko Vuckovich.....	Bosa Kantor
Eva Elieff-Memory Eternal .....	Adams Family
<b><u>ETERNAL LIGHT</u></b>	
Evanka Elieff-Memory Eternal .....	Nancy & Family, Robert & Richard



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

There will be at 40 day Parastas for the repose of +Tula Nastos following the veneration of the cross. Coffee and pastries are being donated today in +Tula’s memory by her family.

**CHARITY MINISTRIES**

**HOPE IN A BOX** for the month of May is Soap: bar and hand. 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** A list of food items is located next to the Hope in a Box.

**NORTH END SOUP KITCHEN** as a parish we will be serving our brothers and sisters in need a hot meal on the first Thursday of the month from 9 am to 1 pm. Our next day is Thursday, June 4. The soup kitchen is located at 735 E. Stewart Ave, Flint.

**SPRING BUS TRIP TO DORMITION MONASTERY** on Saturday, May 30. We will have a tour of the Monastery and lunch with the community. The cost for the bus trip is \$30 per person. There is a sign-up sheet in the vestibule. There are still seats available. Make checks payable to: Holy Cross Society

**GRADUATIONS** It’s that time of year again. If you have anyone in your family that will be graduating from High School or College please let us know so that we may put their name in our June bulletin. We will need the following information no later than today. 1) Name of Graduate 2) School they are graduating from 3) If they are graduating with honors 4) Name of the parents and grandparents and 5) Where they will be attending in the fall if they are a high school graduate.

**GRADUATION OPEN HOUSE** for Noah Gonser will be held in our pavilion on Saturday, June 6 from 4-7 pm. Everyone is invited to join in the celebration to honor Noah on his Graduation from Grand Blanc High School.

**ST. CATHERINE’S DINNER OUT** will be at the Redwood (Lodge) Steakhouse on Thursday, June 4 at 6pm. Please call Lucy Hogg at 695-3110 for your reservation, by May 27. Redwood (Lodge) Steakhouse is located off of Hill Rd and US 23 in the Gateway Center.

**MULCH** We are asking for monetary donations to go towards cedar mulch for the courtyard and hall entrance. If you would like to make a donation, please see Debbie Neely.

**PROSPHORA BAKERS** We are in need of Prospora. I would appreciate if our Prospora bakers could make some loaves to be used at the Divine Liturgy. Fr. Matthew

**CEMETERY CLEAN-UP** will be held on Monday, June 1 at 8 am. Bring your work tools and gloves. See Reggie Jehnsen if you have any questions.

**2015 MACEDONIAN OPEN** due to unforeseen circumstances, the venue and start time for the Macedonian Open Golf Scramble has changed. The date will remain the same, Monday, June 22<sup>nd</sup> which is the day after Father's Day. The new venue for this year's outing will be Davison Country Club and the new start time will be a 12 noon shotgun start. There are updated flyers with the new location and start time available in the Church Hall. Please feel free to take a copy after today's service. If you have already circulated the old flyer to anyone; please let them know about the changes and get them a new flyer. We are asking for everyone's help to spread the word of the changes. Whether it's by word of mouth, passing out the new flyers, social media, or another creative way. We need everyone's help in order to make this year's outing our most successful outing to date. **To sponsor a sign or make a donation, please contact Angelo or Christine Panoff, Linda Branoff, George Branoff or Chris Nedanis. No signs have been donated yet.** If you have any questions about the changes please see the committee members.

**MEMORY ETERNAL** +John Zelenko fell asleep in the Lord on Saturday, May 16. +John is the husband of Gloria Zelenko and the father of William, John, Anita and Sue Zelenko and step-son William Tadrack. +John was buried from church on Friday, May 22 and interred at Evergreen Cemetery. Memory eternal!

+Evanka Elieff fell asleep in the Lord on Tuesday, May 19. +Evanka is the mother of Robert and Richard Elieff and Nancy Krigner and is the sister of Dorothy Goodman and Phil Brown. The arrangements are as follows:

**Sunday, May 24**

4-8 Visitation at Swartz Funeral Home

**Monday, May 25**

4-8 Visitation at Swartz Funeral Home

7 pm Parastas

**Tuesday, May 26**

10 Viewing in Church

11 am Funeral followed by interment at Evergreen Cemetery

***Schedule of services and events for the week of May 24:***

Today

3:00 pm

St. Nicholas Cemetery – blessing of graves

4-8 pm

+Evanka Elieff visitation at Swartz Funeral Home

Monday, May 25

Memorial Day

Office Closed

4 to 8 pm

+Evanka Elieff visitation at Swartz Funeral Home

7 pm

Parastas

Tuesday, May 26

10:00 am

+Evanka Elieff viewing at church

11:00 am

Funeral followed by interment at Evergreen Cemetery

Wednesday, May 27

9:00 am Divine Liturgy  
11:00 am Adult Education

Thursday, May 28

11 am – 3 pm Middle Eastern Luncheon & Bake Sale @ St. George  
Informational flier in the parish hall

Friday, May 29

Debbie will be out of the office

Saturday, May 30

5:00 pm Bus Trip to Monastery  
Vespers

Sunday, May 31

9:30 am **Pentecost**  
10:00 am Third Hour  
Divine Liturgy  
Church School  
1 yr Parastas +Rosemary Vuckovich

**Sunday Offerings for May 17, 2015**

<i>Weekly Offering Envelope</i>	<i>\$1,170.00</i>
<i>Children's Offering</i>	<i>\$0.00</i>
<i>Cemetery Maintenance</i>	<i>\$15.00</i>
<i>Charity Envelope</i>	<i>\$50.00</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>\$207.00</i>
<i>Coffee Hour</i>	<i>\$34.00</i>
<i>Seminarian Fund</i>	<i>\$0.00</i>
<i>Loose Offering</i>	<i>\$7.00</i>
<i>Kiosk</i>	<i>\$4.00</i>
<i>Pascha Offering</i>	<i>\$5.00</i>
<b>Total Sunday Income May 17, 2015</b>	<b><i>\$1,502.00</i></b>
<i>Estimated Average Weekly Expenses</i>	<b><i>\$3,634.49</i></b>

<i>Actual Income</i>	<i>\$70,808.16</i>
<i>Actual Expense</i>	<i>\$71,357.06</i>
<i>+/- to date</i>	<b><i>-\$548.90</i></b>

*86 people were in attendance on  
Sunday, May 17, 2015*