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Bulletin

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Martyrs Acindynus, Pegasus, Aphthonius, Elpidephorus and Anempodistus, of Persia

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2014 21st SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST — Tone 4.

Martyrs Acindynus, Pegasus, Aphthonius, Elpidephorus and Anempodistus, of Persia (ca. 341-345). St. Marcian of Cyprus (381-391).

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 2) Blessed is the earth that received your blood, O passion-bearers of the Lord, and holy is the dwelling place which received your spirits. You triumphed over the enemy in the stadium, and you preached Christ with boldness.// Since He is good, we pray that you beseech Him to save our souls.

(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 Fourth Tone: O Lord, how manifold are Thy works! / In wisdom hast Thou made them all!

v: Bless the Lord, O my soul! O Lord my God, Thou art very great!

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

GALATIANS (2:16-20) Brethren: We ourselves who know that a man is not justified by works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Christ Jesus, in order to be justified by faith in Christ, and not by works of the law, because by works of the law shall no one be justified. But if, in our endeavor to be justified in Christ, we ourselves were found to be sinners, is Christ then an agent of sin? Certainly not! But if I build up again those things which I tore down, then I prove myself a transgressor. For I through the law died to the law, that I might live to God. I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me; and the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

Alleluia, Tone 4

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

v: For Thou lovest righteousness, and doth hate iniquity.

THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO SAINT LUKE (16:19-31) At that time Jesus said to His disciples: "There was a rich man, who was clothed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, full of sores, who desired to be fed with what fell from the rich man's table; moreover the dogs came and licked his sores. The poor man died and was carried by the angels to Abraham's bosom. The rich man also died and was buried; and in Hades, being in torment, he lifted up his eyes, and saw Abraham far off and Lazarus in his bosom. And he called out, 'Father Abraham, have mercy upon me, and send Lazarus to dip the end of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in anguish in this flame.' But Abraham said, 'Son, remember that you in your lifetime received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in anguish. And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been fixed, in order that those who would pass from here to you may not be able, and none may cross from there to us.' And he said, 'Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father's house, for I have five brothers, so that he may warn them, lest they also come into this place of torment.' But Abraham said, 'They have Moses and the prophets; let them hear them.' And he said, 'No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.' He said to him, 'If they do not hear Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced if someone should rise from the dead.'"

COMMUNION HYMN

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

On November 2nd the Church remembers Saint Marcian the Hermit and Confessor of Cyrus (or Cyrrhus) in Syria. He lived in the fourth century.

As the child of a wealthy father who held several important government posts, Marcian lived the sumptuous life of the royal court from his earliest years. This gave him the benefit of an excellent education, but it also impressed on him the shallowness of court life. It seemed to Marcian that the more worldly possessions and successes people had, the unhappier they were. Why else would those in high positions constantly be seeking some novel pastime to fill their days? Why else would so many seem almost desperate in their quest for some kind of contentment?

Marcian didn't want a life full of ceremony and constant interaction with other people. What he did want was to be alone with God, and so he decided to "forget and be forgotten by" the world. Telling none of his friends, he left his old life behind and went to a secluded part of the Syrian desert, near the border of Arabia. There he built a small, narrow cell to live in.

We often read of desert monks who fasted for days at a time. Marcian chose a different way. He ate just enough every day to be sure he would have strength to carry on his simple life of prayer, reading, singing psalms and making small items to trade for bread.

Marcian's strongest desire was always to live with only God for company, but his life changed after some years of solitude. His holiness had become known, and two disciples approached him

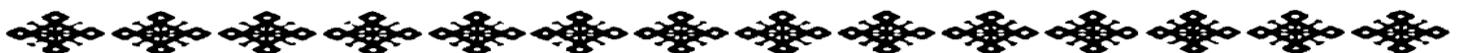
and begged to join him. Marcian, giving up his own preference, humbly accepted them, though he continued to live alone in his cell. The two disciples, Eusebius and Agapetus, built a cell near his. They sang psalms with him, and gratefully listened to his answers to their spiritual questions. They said later that even when reading at night, Marcian never had to use a candle—there was a supernatural light providing illumination of his cell, just as his prayerful communication with God illuminated his soul.

Growing numbers of men wanted to become Marcian's disciples. He was finally persuaded to let a monastery be built near his cell, and appointed Eusebius abbot. Monks could then come to speak with him. But when some Syrian bishops suggested he be ordained a priest, he was so distressed, protesting his unworthiness, that they abandoned the idea.

As Marcian's life neared its end, his distress increased. His reputation for miracle-working holiness had encouraged some people to build chapels near his cell, hoping to be given his body to bury in them when he died. Fearing such "fame," he ordered his disciples to bury him secretly in a remote place.

Marcian didn't see fame as a measure of success. He was so close to Christ that he could say, in words we read on this day, that "it is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me" (Galatians 2: 20a).

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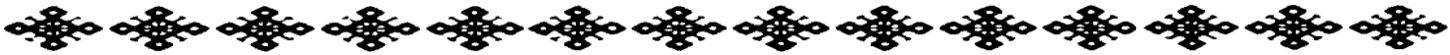


CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR THE HEALTH & BLESSINGS OF

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| Health & God's Blessings for Vladimir Pyatenko on his 90 th birthday, Oct. 31 | His Family |
| Happy Birthday & God's Blessings to Taras Evanenko, Oct. 27..... | Mom & Dad |
| Fr. Ilya, Fr. Moses, Fr. Lawrence, Fr. Joe, Deacon Anthony, Deacon Basil, John, Joseph, Tula, Reggie, Stojan & Mira, Evanka, Dorothy, Walter & Zina, Harold, Evdokia, John & Gloria, Peter & Olga, Elaine, Jeanette, Ted & Marlene, Fr. David, Gladys, My family & friends | Joe Tome |
| Health & God's Blessings Helen, Evanka, Harold, Macy, Evdokia & Stojan | Dorothy Goodman |
| Health & God's Blessings and speedy recovery for Niki Panos..... | Helen & Angelo Papadopoulos & Family |
| Health & God's Blessings Helen, Evanka, Harold, Stojan, Danny, Anne Smith, Happy Birthday & God's Blessings Mira Prusac | Sredich Family |
| Health & God's Blessings to Michael Panoff on his birthday, Oct. 9..... | Mom & Dad |
| Health & God's Blessings Evanka Elieff | Her Family |
| Special Intention | Joe Tome |
| Happy Birthday & God's Blessings Kuma Mira | Kuma Bosa |
| Happy Birthday & God's Blessings Debbie Neely | Mom |
| Happy Birthday & God's Blessings Victor Dorohov | Lydia Dorohov |

CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR ALL THOSE IN BLESSED REPOSE

Anthony Dorohov in memory of his birthday, Nov. 3 Lydia Dorohov



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

PARISH HEALTH SEMINAR Our Diocese is sponsoring Mr. Joe Kormos, a consultant on Orthodox parish health, to visit our church on Saturday, November 8. The day will begin with lunch at 11:30 am followed by the seminar. Parish council members, officers of parish organizations, subdeacons and readers and everyone interested in the future of our parish is requested to attend.

THANK YOU to everyone who took the time and effort to fill out the survey for the Parish Health Seminar. 50 usable surveys were submitted.

ELECTION OF PARISH COUNCIL, AUDITORS AND NOMINATING COMMITTEE will be held today following the Divine Liturgy. The nominees are:

Parish Council Nominees: Vote for Three (3)

Linda Branoff

Lucy Hogg

Reggie Jehnsen (term ended)

Shari Nicoloff

Auditor Nominees: Vote for Two (2)

Christine Panoff (term ended)

ST. CATHERINE'S LEAGUE will meet on Wednesday, November 5 at 6:30 pm. New members are welcome. The Cookie Walk will be held on Saturday, December 13, your baked goods are greatly appreciated.

THANK YOU to everyone who signed up for serving coffee and donuts. The following Sundays in November and December are still available, November 23 & 30 and December 28. Please sign up on the sheet by the kitchen window. Consider pairing up with another family, if you have a smaller household.

HOPE IN A BOX for the month of November is Dish Soap. Please place the items in the blue Hope in a Box container located in the parish hall. The dish soap will be distributed by Catholic Charities Community Closet.

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

TRAVLING ICON Visitation for the Wonderworking Icon of St. Anna will be at Dormition Monastery November 20 – 22. The schedule of services for the Feast of the Entry of the Theotokos into the Temple: Thursday, November 20: Vigil at 8:00 pm, Divine Holy Liturgy at Midnight. Friday, November 21: Akathist at 10 am, Lunch at 11 am, Vespers & Moleben to St. Anna 6 pm. Saturday, November 22: Matins 6:30 am, Liturgy 9 am, Lunch at 11 am. The icon will leave after lunch on Saturday. Fliers are available in the parish hall.

PARISH DIRECTORY If you did not have your picture taken for the upcoming parish directory, there is still time to get one submitted. There is a \$10 fee with Lifetouch to submit photos, but you will then receive a copy of the directory when it is printed. Please see Matushka Lisa for full details.

PARISH WEBSITE Check out our revamped website. It's Smartphone friendly. The site is a work in progress. Our web address is www.saintnicholasburton.org

Schedule of services and events for the Week of November 2:

Tuesday, November 4

Election Day

Father's day off

Wednesday, November 5

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| 9:00 am | Divine Liturgy |
| 11:00 am | Adult Education |
| 6:30 pm | St. Catherine's League Meeting |

Thursday, November 6

Father in Toledo

Saturday, November 8

Parish Health Seminar

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| 11:30am | Lunch |
| 12-4 pm | Seminar |
| 4:30 pm | Vespers |

Sunday, November 9

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| 9:30 am | Third Hour |
| 10:00 am | Divine Liturgy |
| | Parastas +Domna (Batzos) Panagiotopoulos |
| 4:00 pm | Baptism of Kelly Kaake |

Sunday Offerings for October 26, 2014

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| <i>Weekly Offering Envelope</i> | \$1,265.00 |
| <i>Children's Offering</i> | \$ 0.00 |
| <i>Cemetery Maintenance</i> | \$ 5.00 |
| <i>Charity Envelope</i> | \$25.00 |
| <i>Love Inc</i> | \$ 0.00 |
| <i>Diocesan Support</i> | \$ 10.00 |
| <i>OCA Envelope</i> | \$ 0.00 |
| <i>Candle Fund</i> | \$ 114.00 |
| <i>Coffee Hour</i> | \$ 0.00 |
| <i>Seminarian Fund</i> | \$ 0.00 |
| <i>Loose Offering</i> | \$ 23.00 |
| <i>Kiosk</i> | \$ 10.00 |
| Total Sunday Income Oct. 26, 2014 | \$1,452.00 |
| <i>Estimated Average Weekly Expenses</i> | \$ 3,629.13 |

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| <i>Actual Income</i> | \$170,474.98 |
| <i>Actual Expense</i> | \$157,061.86 |
| <i>+/- to date</i> | \$13,413.12 |

*104 people were in attendance on
Sunday, October 26, 2014.*