

SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST —Tone 3. Martyrs Eulampius and Eulampia, at Nicomedia, and 200 Martyrs with them (303-311). St. Amphilókhy (Amphilochius), Bishop of Vladimir in Volyn' (1122). Synaxis of the Saints of Volyn': Ven. Job of Pochaev, Ss. Stephen and Amphilókhy, Bishops of Vladimir in Volyn'; Hieromartyr Makáry, Archimandrite of Kanev; St. Yaropolk, Prince of Vladimir in Volyn'; Ven. Theodore (in monasticism Theodosius), Prince of Ostrog; and St. Juliana Ol'shánskaya. Bl. Andrew of Tot'ma, Fool-for-Christ (1673). Martyr Theotecnus of Antioch (3rd-4th c.). St. Bassian of Constantinople (5th c.). St. Theophilus the Confessor of Bulgaria (8th c.). Ven. Amvrosy of Optina (1891). Hieromartyr Peter (Polianskii), Metropolitan of Krutitsy (1937—Sept 27th O.S.) The “AKATHIST” Icon of the Most-holy Theotokos at Zographou (Mt Athos).

TROPARIA

(Tone 3) Let the heavens rejoice! Let the earth be glad! For the Lord has shown strength with His arm. He has trampled down Death by death. He has become the first-born of the dead. He has delivered us from the depths of Hell, and has granted to the world great mercy.

(Tone 4) In truth you were revealed to you 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) Steadfast Protectress of Christians, Constant Advocate before the Creator; despise not the entreating cries of us sinners, but in your goodness come speedily to help us who call on you in faith. Hasten to hear our petition and to intercede for us, O Theotokos, for you always protect those who honor you!

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

v. Clap your hands, all ye people, shout to God with loud songs of joy.

THE EPISTLE OF SAINT PAUL TO THE GALATIANS (1:11-19) *Brethren:*
For I would have you know that the gospel which was preached by me is not man's gospel. For I did not receive it from man, nor was I taught it, but it came through a revelation of Jesus Christ. For you have heard of my former life in Judaism, how I persecuted the church of God violently and tried to destroy it; and I advanced in Judaism beyond many of my own age among my people, so extremely zealous was I for the traditions of my fathers. But when he who had set me apart before I was born, and had called me through his grace, was pleased to reveal his Son to me, in order that I might preach him among the Gentiles, I did not confer with flesh and blood, nor did I go up to Jerusalem to those who were apostles before me, but I went away into Arabia; and again I returned to Damascus. Then after three years I went up to Jerusalem to visit Cephas, and remained with him fifteen days. But I saw none of the other apostles except James the Lord's brother.

Alleluia, Tone 3

v. In Thee, O Lord, have I placed my hope; let me not be put to shame.
v. Be Thou a God of protection for me, a house of refuge in order to save me.

THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO SAINT LUKE (7:11-16) At that time Jesus went to a city called Nain, and his disciples and a great crowd went with him. As he drew near to the gate of the city, behold, a man who had died was being carried out, the only son of his mother, and she was a widow; and a large crowd from the city was with her. And when the Lord saw her, he had compassion on her and said to her, "Do not weep." And he

came and touched the bier, and the bearers stood still. And he said, “Young man, I say to you, arise.” And the dead man sat up, and began to speak. And he gave him to his mother. Fear seized them all; and they glorified God, saying, “A great prophet has arisen among us!” and “God has visited his people!”

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

*HANG-UPS AND COP-OUTS
(continued)*

2. I can't afford to give. This person is faced by an apparent dilemma. He may know that God directs him to give regularly, sacrificially and proportionately of all he possesses. On the other hand, his needs, as he discerns them, consume all, or perhaps more than all of his income. The Christian solution to this dilemma would be to re-evaluate his needs, and to discover if perhaps he hasn't overstated them. (Cigarettes, alcohol, second automobiles, and weekly visits to the beautician are rarely life and death matters).

If, in an unusual case, a person should find that he really has almost nothing left, after providing the necessities for himself and his family, then he should offer, like the widow of Mark 12:41, a token offering and trust that by God's grace he will “reap abundantly” (2 Cor. 9:6-7). Indeed, even the rare person who can make but a “seed” offering, if he has first given himself to the Lord, will find ways to contribute toward the Lord's work which are sometimes far more constructive than money. He can labor in the temple, work for the relief of the sick and finally offer his prayers as incense before the face of God for all mankind.

Usually, however, people who say “I can't afford to give” really mean, “...and also fulfill my own agenda.” Or they mean, “I am not willing to suffer the disruption to my plans and life-style which Christian giving

would involve". Like the seed cast among the thorns they may want to live the Faith but because they are unwilling to give themselves totally to the Lord, "they are choked with cares and riches and pleasures of this life, and bring no fruit to perfection" (Luke 8:14). With the rich young man, these people hearing Christ's invitation to abandon all and "follow me" go away full of sorrow. Some will honestly ask, "O.K., but what difference does my little offering make?" Our Lord showed us the answer to this when he took the five loaves sincerely offered by a poor boy and with them fed five thousand hungry people (Luke 9:10-17). He still feeds us with the Precious Mysteries of His Body and Blood through a few pennies worth of bread and wine. A small gift in the hand of the righteous is better than the offerings of princes. Who can say how many hungry mouths have been fed, how many cathedrals have been built and how many souls have come to Life through the devoutly offered pennies of the humble and blessed poor.

How much more, then, ought we, twenty-first-century Americans, almost all of whom live better than the Kings of our Lord's day, be grateful and distribute generously to the Lord from our substance.

3. I'll give later when I'm established. There was a popular religious song of the early sixties called "Use Me God. ..But Not Just Yet". This is the attitude expressed by many young and middle-aged people who are often best able to carry the burden of the Lord's work. For these folks, commitment is always something they plan to make in the future. Sadly, experience tells us that most of these people will go to their graves either procrastinating or no longer even bothering to make excuses. They live as though life in this world is the important thing, and life everlasting a mere afterthought. Like the men who told Jesus they'd follow Him tomorrow, these people say "Lord - just wait till I - Finish my schooling -Establish my family -Build my home -Raise my kids -Peak in my career -Send my kids through college -Provide for retirement -etc.,etc.,etc."

Our Lord told us about such a man who awoke ---in Hell, to the

realization that he had too long thought of his own comfort. But by then it was too late, for there was a “great gulf fixed” between himself and life (Luke 16: 19-31). Again, Jesus told of a man, like so many today, who devoted all of his energy and concern toward building security in this world. He found his life cut short at the very moment that he had attained his personal pinnacle of success. To him, God the Father says: “Thou fool, this night thy soul shall be required of thee,” and of him our Lord says “So is he that layeth up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God”. (Luke 12:13-21)

Questions for Reflection

4. Now that I’m already making payments on the house, the car, my kids’ education, etc., how can I possibly give to the Church’?
5. So I’m spending (wasting) money on one or two pleasant luxuries; does God expect me to live like a monk?
6. Jesus said that the lustful thought counts as fornication; doesn’t my intention to give when I can, count as really giving’?

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CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR THE HEALTH & BLESSINGS OF

Phillip Bakousidis.....	Mom, Dad & Angela
Happy Birthday & God’s blessings Sarah Neely on her 8 th Birthday (Oct. 9).....	Baba & Dedo
Health & God’s blessings Rod Mathis.....	Mom & Dad
Health & God’s blessings John & Gloria Zelenko, Mira Prusac, Anne Smith.....	Rosemary Vuckovich
Happy Birthday & God’s blessings Sarah Rose Neely on her 8 th Birthday.....	Mom, Dad & Joey
Health & God’s blessings John & Gloria Zelenko, Mira Prusac, Anne Smith.....	Mary King
Happy Birthday & God’s Helen Bibilikow, Stephanie Stikovich, Allen Adams, Happy Anniversary & God’s blessings David & Barb Vuckovich	Anne Smith
David Tome, Michael Berkey, Dick Phillips, Walter Sudia, Flossie Bayoff, Alex Ruggieri, Anna Branoff, John & Gloria Zelenko, Ted Weston, Fr. David,	

Gladys Edwards, My family & friends	J. Tome
Jo Sredich, Babi for health on your birthday.....	Sredich-George
Families	
Health & speedy recovery of Harry Price	Harold & Laurie Brock
Special Intention Olga Elasivich, Patricia Miculka, Fred Oginsky-speedy recovery after surgery.....	Anna Smith
Special Intention Diane, Art Zambito & Family, Nancy, Ken & Maggie Laycock, Gloria & John Zelenko, Gladys Edwards, Anne Smith	Anne Smith
Health & Blessings Olga Haw & Family, Families of Oginsky, Miculka, Kuptz, Helen & Doug Phillips, Julie Michalsky, Joseph Eckert, Walter Sudia, Bogdon Beslach & Family, Sick & shut-ins of St. Nicholas.....	Anne Smith
Special Intention	J. Tome

CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR ALL THOSE IN BLESSED REPOSE

Kum Nikola Ljiljak-Blessed Repose-Memory Eternal-27yrs.....	Stojan & Mira Prusac
Newly Departed Millie Bladecki.....	J. Tome
Nicholas Brock, George Naumoff	Brock Family
Carl Smith & our baby, Mildred Bladecki-Memory Eternal, Lewis Elieff	Anne Smith
Carl Smith & our son, Nick & Helen Polonic, Mary & Harold Smith, Larry Most, Robert Bulman, Mildred Marko, Lorraine Oginsky	Anne Smith
Blessed Repose Millie Bladecki	Rosemary Vuckovich
Mildred Bladecki-Blessed Repose-Memory Eternal Goodman	Joseph & Dorothy

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We welcome all of our friends and visitors to St. Nicholas. Please join us for coffee and donuts in the parish hall following the veneration of the cross. We are in need of volunteers to serve coffee this morning.

The **parish council** will meet on Monday, October 11 at 6:45pm. Please call the parish office if you are unable to attend this meeting.

A special parish meeting will be held on Sunday, October 24, 2010 with the dual purpose of: 1- amending the parish bylaws to allow for elections in November and the annual meeting in January; 2- the election of two (2) lay delegates to the Diocesan Congress-Sobor. Absentee ballots will be made available for the purpose of voting for the lay delegates ONLY.

On Sunday October 31 the children of the parish will be dressing as their patron saint. The children will be trick or treating at the table in the parish hall during coffee hour, with you wish please bring in a healthy snack to pass out to the children.

DIOCESAN CONGRESS-SOBOR – NOV. 12-13, 2010 AT ST. GEORGE CATHEDRAL, ROSSFORD, OH

HOTEL ACCOMODATIONS

Hotel accommodations for **clergy, lay delegates and observers** have been made for the upcoming Special Sobor at St. George Orthodox Cathedral in Rossford, OH on November 12th/13th. A block of rooms for one night has been reserved under the name “Bulgarian Diocese” at: La Quinta Inn 1154 Professional Drive Perrysburg, OH

43551-2579 phone: (419) 872-2000. The cost for the room will be \$40.00 plus tax (single or double occupancy) for the overnight stay. Please make your reservations by calling La Quinta at the above listed number. The deadline for reservations is Friday, October 29th. We had a very good experience with this hotel when we used it for Archbishop Kyrill's funeral in 2007.

CONGRESS-SOBOR BRUNCH

For the purposes of the brunch after Liturgy, St. George Cathedral will need to have an idea of how many people need to be fed. They will have a count of the clergy and lay delegates based on the registration information. However they don't know how many observers will be in attendance. If you plan on attending as an observer, please contact the office as soon as possible (no later than November 5) so the proper count can be relayed to the cathedral.

A Holy Land Pilgrimage Presentation will be held at St. George Church on Thursday, October 21 at 7:00 pm.

ELECTION OF PARISH COUNCIL, AUDITORS AND NOMINATING COMMITTEE

As of October 9, 2010, the nominees are:

Parish Council Nominees:

Linda Branoff
Dennis Goodman
Marla Houser
Reggie Jehnsen
Sharon Jernigan
Bob Steiner
Cathy Steiner
Julio Vázquez

Auditor Nominees:

If your name is listed above and you do not wish to run for the parish council or auditor, please call the parish office at 810-744-0070.

If you wish to nominate a candidate for parish council or auditor please see a member of the Nominating Committee: Anna Branoff, Allison Borkovich, Susan Oginsky, Peggy Russell, Jo Sredich, or Rosemary Vuckovich.

Absentee Ballots will be made available in the parish office beginning October 18

Schedule of services for the week of October, 3

Saturday, October 16

4:30 pm

Vespers followed by Confessions

Sunday, October 17

9:30 am

21th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

10:00 am

Third Hour

Divine Liturgy

Church School

1 year Parastas for the repose of +Lewis Elieff

Sunday Offerings for October 3, 2010

Weekly Income	
Weekly Offering Envelope*	\$ 1,511.00
Children's Envelopes	\$ 0.00
Cemetery Maintenance	\$ 52.00
Charity Plate	\$ 0.00
Charity Envelope	\$ 1.00
Diocesan Support	\$ 1.00
OCA Envelope	\$ 0.00
Candle Fund	\$ 155.50
Kitchen/Coffee	\$ 42.00
Seminarian Fund	\$ 1.00
Loose Offering	\$ 21.00
Kiosk	\$ 0.00
Total Income	\$1,784.50
Avg. Weekly Budget	\$3,743.49
+/- Budget	-\$1,958.99

Income to date	\$144,461.96
Expense to date	\$163,218.22
+/- to date	- \$18,756.26

73 people were in attendance.