

October 7, 2012

Bulletin

St. Nicholas Orthodox Church

Orthodox Church in America

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SUNDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2012 18TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST—Tone 1. Martyrs **Sergius and Bacchus in Syria (290-303)**. Ven. **Sergius the Obedient, of the Kiev Caves (Near Caves—ca. 13th c.)**. Ven. **Sergius, Abbot of Nurma (Vologdá—1412)**, disciple of Ven. **Sergius of Rádonezh**. **Uncovering of the relics of Ven. Martinian, Abbot of Belozérsk (1514)**. Martyrs **Julian the Presbyter and Cæsarius the Deacon, at Terracina (1st c.)**. **Virgin Martyr Pelagia of Tarsus (290)**. **Martyr Polychronius the Presbyter (4th c.)**.

TROPARIA

(**Tone 1**) When the stone had been sealed by the Jews, / while the soldiers were guarding Your most pure body, / You rose on the third day, O Savior, granting life to the world. / The powers of heaven therefore cried to You, O Giver of Life: / “Glory to Your Resurrection, O Christ! / Glory to Your Kingdom! // Glory to Your dispensation, O Lover of mankind!”

(**Tone 4**) Your holy martyrs **Sergius and Bacchus**, O Lord, through their sufferings have received incorruptible crowns from You, our God. For having Your strength, they laid low their adversaries, and shattered the powerless boldness of demons. // Through their intercessions, 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 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 READING FROM THE SECOND EPISTLE OF THE HOLY APOSTLE PAUL TO THE CORINTHIANS (3:8-15) Brethren: The point is this: he who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each one must do as he has made up his mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that you may always have enough of everything and may provide in abundance for every good work. As it is written, “He scatters abroad, he gives to the poor; his righteousness endures forever.” He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your resources and increase the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way for great generosity, which through us will produce thanksgiving to God.

Alleluia, Tone 1

v: God gives vengeance unto me, and subdues people under me.

v: He magnifies the salvation of the King and deals mercifully with David, His anointed, and his seed forever.

THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO SAINT LUKE (7:11-16) At that time Jesus went to a city called Na'in, 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!

On October 8 we read Luke 7: 36-50, a well-known story that the Gospel writer Luke may partially have borrowed from a similar one in Mark's Gospel.

These verses first tell us that Jesus has come as a dinner guest to the home of a Pharisee named Simon. We know from the accounts of His visits with friends Mary, Martha and Lazarus, and His attendance at the wedding in Cana, that Jesus enjoyed social occasions. Luke is describing here another time when Jesus socializes.

But the invitation is odd—the host, we will learn in the following verses, has neglected some of the attentions usually accorded an honored guest, such as having a servant wash the guest's feet, offering a hospitable kiss, and anointing the guest's head with oil. Has the Pharisee invited Jesus with the intention of figuring Him out, rather than courteously offering Him a pleasant meal?

This dinner was apparently a somewhat public event, and the house in which it took place was quite open. A prostitute with an alabaster jar of oil, intending to anoint Jesus, gets in easily. She may have planned to anoint Jesus' hair, but then becomes too self-conscious to do something so familiar with Him, so she begins to anoint and kiss His feet.

Jesus accepts her gesture as an appropriate one, but Simon does not: "When the Pharisee who had invited Him saw it, he said to himself, 'If this man were a prophet, he would have known who and what sort of woman this is who is touching him, for she is a sinner.' "

What Simon doesn't realize is that Jesus knows exactly who and what sort she is. This is why Jesus asks him, "Do you see this woman?" Jesus is aware of what Simon has been thinking, and He also understands that the Pharisee believes he knows the woman, when in fact all he knows is "what sort" she is. Jesus is the One who knows her as a person and loves her.

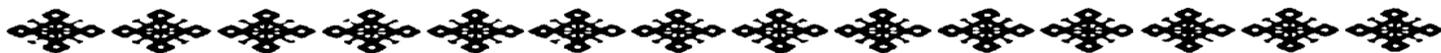
Jesus tells Simon a story about a creditor who forgives two debtors, one who owes a large debt and one whose debt is small. He asks Simon which of the two will love the creditor more, and Simon replies that he "supposes" it will be the one who has been forgiven more.

Jesus compares the woman to that debtor, because she had many sins which have been forgiven. She knows what it means to be forgiven; that is why she is showing such signs of deep, humble love to her Lord, the forgiving One.

What about the Pharisee? Jesus implies that Simon doesn't know how sinful he is and how much he, too, needs God's forgiveness. The danger is that he thinks he knows, believing he has far fewer sins than the woman and doesn't need much in the way of forgiveness.

How much do we know? How much do we only think we know? It's still a good question.

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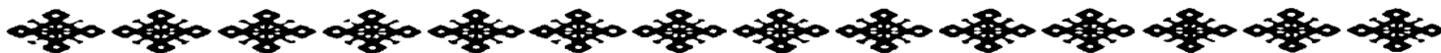


CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR THE HEALTH & BLESSINGS OF

Special Intention	J. Tome
Health & Blessing Susan Oginsky.....	Joe Oginsky & Family
Special Intention Diane, Art Zambito & Family, Nancy, Ken & Maggie Laycock, Gloria & John Zelenko, Helen & Doug Phillips, Patricia Miculka, Gladys Edwards, Jeanette Hildreth, Brett w/Cancer, Linda Branoff, Anne Smith.....	Anne Smith
God's Blessings & continued good health and speedy recovery for Evanka Elieff	Love, Her Family
Fr. James, Fr. Lawrence, Deacon Anthony, David, Anna, Helen, Reggie, Bosa, Allen & Deborah, Diane, Christine, Elaine, Walter, John & Gloria, Evdokia, Evanka, Jeanette, Michael, Ted & Marlene, Fr. David, Gladys, My family & friends	J. Tome
Happy 10 th Birthday & God's Blessings Sarah Neely, Oct. 9.....	Dad, Mom & Joe
Health & God's Blessings Evanka Elieff, V. Rev. John W. Govrusik & Matushka Olga, Pam (Baker) Caszatt, Jerry & Carol Smith, Peter Sredich, Arlene Timma, Sick & shut-ins of St. Nicholas, Families of Oginsky, Miculka, Lyon & Kuptz	Anne Smith
Evdokia Ponomarenko, Nick, Nadja & Sean Berneche, Teri & Jeremy Hogg, Heather, Raegan & Chris Hogg, George & Kathy Suhaj.....	Lucy Hogg
Happy Birthday Terri (Oginsky) Centala, Olga Samaras, Sarah Neely, Congratulations & God's Blessings to Mark & Annie Zambito on the birth of Lucas James, my second great grandchild.....	Anne Smith
Happy Birthday & God's Blessings Sarah Neely.....	Baba & Dedo
Health & Blessings Evanka Elieff.....	Johnny Kantor & Jo Ann Havens
Health & God's Blessings Linda Branoff, Gloria Zelenko, Peter Sredich, Evanka Elieff....	Anna Branoff
Health & God's Blessings Gloria Zelenko.....	Dennis, Sharon & Charlie
Health & God's Blessings Gloria Zelenko, Linda Branoff, Evanka Elieff, Rosemary Vuckovich	Sredich Family
Health & God's Blessings Gloria Zelenko, Linda Branoff, Anne Smith, Evanka Elieff, Helen Bibilikow, Goldie Johnson	Joe & Dorothy Goodman

CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR ALL THOSE IN BLESSED REPOSE

Memory Eternal Peter Popoff, Emil Harrison	Joe & Dorothy Goodman
Carl Smith & our son, Olga Elasivich, Larry Most, Robert Bulman, Lorraine Oginsky, Olga Haw, Lorraine Wheeler, Violet Chizewsky, Mary Eckert, Mildred Marko, Emil Harrison-Memory Eternal	Anne Smith
Blessed Repose Peter Popoff, Emil Harrison-Memory Eternal	Anna Branoff
Memory Eternal Emil Harrison.....	Sredich Family
John Bibilikow-6 months Blessed Repose-Memory Eternal	Joe, Dorothy, David & Ashley & Family, Debbie & Ralph & Family



ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Volunteers are needed to serve coffee and donuts this morning.

PARISH COUNCIL will meet on Monday, October 8 at 6:45pm. Please call the parish office if you are unable to attend this meeting.

ORTHODOX BOOK CLUB will meet on Monday, October 8 from 6-8 at St. George. Our topic is WORSHIP and we will ultimately be reading "Commentary on the Divine Liturgy by St. Nicholas Cabasilas".

ALL-AMERICAN COUNCIL The All-American Council to elect a new Metropolitan will be held at Holy Trinity Church in Parma, OH on Tuesday, November 13. Each parish will be represented by its parish priest and an elected lay delegate. Fr. Matthew will attend as our parish priest and Julio Vazquez will attend as our elected lay delegate.

OCTOBER HOPE IN A BOX toothbrushes and toothpaste are the items needed for the month of October. The toothbrushes and toothpaste will be distributed by the Catholic Charities Community Closet. They are still in need of toiletry items and laundry soap. We now have a large blue box for Hope in a Box items located in the parish hall. Catholic Charities are also in need of empty water bottles and clean (folded) plastic grocery bags. You may put these items into the blue Hope in a Box container.

IOCC KITS St. George's Teen SOYO group is collecting individual items for victims of disasters. The items collected will be distributed through the IOCC (International Orthodox Christian Charities). For more information, see the flier in the parish hall next to the collection box.

ELECTION OF PARISH COUNCIL, AUDITORS AND NOMINATING COMMITTEE

As of October 7, 2012, the nominees are:

Parish Council Nominees:

Amir Abu-Aita
Eugene Akkerman
Tom Batzos
David Houser
Joe Oginsky
Christine Panoff
Tim Seeley

Auditor Nominees:

Helen Ethington
Arlene Timma

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 Fr. Matthew or 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 on October 28, 2012*****

Schedule of services and events for the week of October 8, 2012

Monday, October 8

6:00 pm Book Club @ St. George
6:45 pm Parish Council Meeting

Tuesday, October 9 **Holy Apostle James, son of Alphaeus**

9:00 am Divine Liturgy

Saturday, October 13

4:30 pm

Vespers followed by Confessions

Sunday, October 14

9:30 am

Third Hour

10:00 am

Divine Liturgy

Church School

3 yr Parastas +Lewis Elieff

Sunday Offerings for September 23, 2012

<i>Weekly Offering Envelope</i>	<i>\$ 1630.00</i>
<i>Children's Offering</i>	<i>\$ 3.00</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>\$ 150.00</i>
<i>Coffee Hour</i>	<i>\$ 0.00</i>
<i>Seminarian Fund</i>	<i>\$ 0.00</i>
<i>Loose Offering</i>	<i>\$ 188.00</i>
<i>Kiosk</i>	<i>\$ 0.00</i>
<i>Total Income</i>	<i>\$ 1,971.00</i>
<i>Avg. Weekly Budget</i>	<i>\$3,798.56</i>
<i>+/- Budget</i>	<i>-\$1,827.56</i>

<i>Actual Income</i>	<i>\$171,668.49</i>
<i>Actual Expense</i>	<i>\$143,426.78</i>
<i>+/- to date</i>	<i>\$28,241.71</i>

*110 People were in attendance on Sunday
September 30, 2012.*