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Bulletin

St. Nicholas Orthodox Church

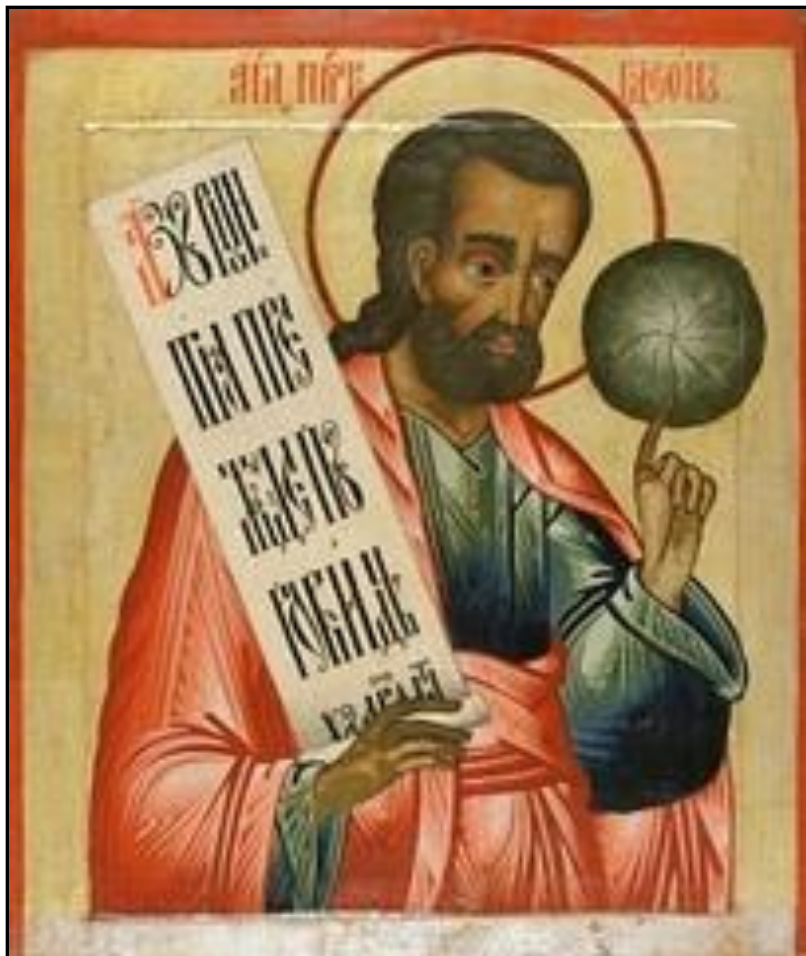
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Gideon

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2014 15th SUNDAY AFTER
PENTECOST — Tone 6. Leavetaking of the Elevation of the
Cross. Sunday after Elevation. Apostle Quadratus of the Seventy (ca.
130). Uncovering of the Relics of St. Dimitry, Metropolitan of Rostov
(1752). Ven. Daniel, Abbot of Shuzhgórsk (Novgorod—16th c.). Ven.
Joseph of Zaonikiev Monastery (Vologdá—1612). Hieromartyr
Hypatius, Bishop of Ephesus, and his Presbyter, Andrew (ca. 730-735).
St. Isaac (Isacius) and Meletius, Bishops of Cyprus. Martyr Eusebius of
Phœnicia. Martyr Priscus of Phrygia. Twenty-six Monk Martyrs of
Zographou (Mt. Athos—1285). Ven. Cosmas the Bulgarian of
Zographou (Mt. Athos—1323). Ss. John and George, Confessors
(Georgia, 20th c.—Sept. 8th O.S.).**

FIRST ANTIPHON

God, my God, attend to me! // Why hast Thou forsaken me? **Through the
prayers of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us!**

Why art Thou so far from helping me, // from the words of my groaning?
Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us!

O my God, I cry by day, but Thou dost not answer; // and by night, but find
no rest. **Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us!**

Thou dwellest in the sanctuary, // the praise of Israel. **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

O God, why dost Thou cast us off forever? **O Son of God, who arose from
the dead, save us who sing to Thee! Alleluia!**

Remember Thy congregation, // which Thou hast gotten of old. **O Son of God, who arose from the dead, save us who sing to Thee! Alleluia!**

Remember Mount Zion, // where Thou hast dwelt. **O Son of God, who arose from the dead, save us who sing to Thee! Alleluia!**

God is our King before the ages; // He has worked salvation in the midst of the earth. **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

The Lord reigns; let the peoples tremble!

(Tone 1) O Lord, save Thy people and bless Thine inheritance! Grant victories to the Orthodox Christians over their adversaries and by virtue of Thy Cross preserve Thy habitation!

The Lord reigns; let the peoples tremble! He sits enthroned upon the Cherubim; let the earth quake!

(Tone 1) O Lord, save Thy people and bless Thine inheritance! Grant victories to the Orthodox Christians over their adversaries and by virtue of Thy Cross preserve Thy habitation!

The Lord is great in Zion; He is exalted over all peoples!

(Tone 1) O Lord, save Thy people and bless Thine inheritance! Grant

victories to the Orthodox Christians over their adversaries and by virtue of Thy Cross preserve Thy habitation!

Bow down in worship to the Lord in His holy court.

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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 1) O Lord, save Thy people and bless Thine inheritance! Grant victories to the Orthodox Christians over their adversaries and by virtue of Thy Cross preserve Thy habitation!

(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 4) As Thou wast voluntarily crucified for our sake, grant mercy to those who are called by Thy name; make all Orthodox Christians glad by Thy power, granting them victories over their adversaries, by bestowing on them the invincible trophy, Thy weapon of peace.

INSTEAD OF “HOLY GOD...”

Before Thy Cross, we bow down in worship, O Master, and Thy holy Resurrection, we glorify!

The Prokeimenon in the Seventh Tone: Extol the Lord our God; / worship at His footstool for it is holy!

v. The Lord reigns; let the people tremble!

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 1

v: Remember Thy congregation which Thou hast purchased of old.

v: God is our King before the ages; He hath wrought salvation in the midst of the earth.

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO ST MARK (8:34-9:1)

And Jesus called to Him the multitude with His disciples, and said to them, “If any man would come after Me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow Me. For whoever would save his life will lose it; and whoever loses his life for My sake and the gospel’s will save it. For what does it profit a man to gain the whole world and forfeit his life? For what can a man give in return for his life? For whoever is ashamed of Me and My words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him the Son of Man

also will be ashamed when He comes in the glory of His Father with the holy angels.” And He said to them, “Assuredly, I say to you that there are some standing here who will not taste death till they see the kingdom of God present with power.”

HYMN TO THE THEOTOKOS

Magnify, O my soul, the most precious Cross of the Lord. Today the death that came to mankind through eating of the tree, is made of no effect through the Cross. For the curse of our mother Eve that fell on all mankind is destroyed by the fruit of the Pure Mother of God whom all the powers of heaven magnify.

COMMUNION HYMN

The light of Thy countenance has shone on us, O Lord! Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

INSTEAD OF “WE HAVE SEEN THE TRUE LIGHT...”

(Tone 1) O Lord, save Thy people and bless Thine inheritance! Grant victories to the Orthodox Christians over their adversaries and by virtue of Thy Cross preserve Thy habitation!

Removal [внесение] of the Cross. After the veneration of the Cross following the Holy Liturgy of the Apodosis of the Feast the Holy Cross is removed from the middle of the Church after the following order: The priest, still vested, censes the Holy Cross on the stand on which it rests, and then takes it up together with tray and places it upon his head. Preceded by the deacon bearing a candle and the censer, he enters into the Holy Altar through the Royal Doors and places the tray on the Holy Table. While this is taking place, the cantors sing *O Lord, save Your people...* The priest then censes the Holy Cross once again, kisses it, and brings back it to the place where it is kept the rest of the year.

September 26th is the feast day of Gideon, an Old Testament hero who is named and praised in Hebrews 11.

But Gideon's story is not altogether heroic. He first appears in Judges 6, which begins with a melancholy description. God has delivered faithless Israel into the hands of her enemies. Now, whenever the Israelites plant seed, the Midianites "encamp against them and destroy the produce of the land as far as the neighborhood of Gaza, and leave no sustenance in Israel, and no sheep or ox or ass" (6: 4). The Israelites have cried out to God to deliver them from the Midianites' ravages.

Gideon is humbly beating out wheat—doing it in the wine press to hide it from the Midianites—when the angel of the Lord appears to him and says, "The Lord is with you, you mighty man of valor."

Gideon isn't feeling valorous. He answers, "Pray, sir, if the Lord is with us, why then has all this befallen us? And where are all His wonderful deeds which our fathers recounted to us...?" When the angel tells Gideon that he will be the one to deliver Israel from Midian, Gideon replies doubtfully that he is the least of his small clan.

Yet when the angel asks Gideon to destroy his pagan family's idol and build an altar to the Lord, he readily does so, an indication that there is courage in him. He does it by night, however, fearing his family and the townsmen.

Gideon's hesitation continues. He asks God (named in 6: 36) to produce dew on a fleece, leaving the ground around it dry, as proof that He has chosen Gideon to deliver Israel. Then he asks God to leave the fleece dry while wetting the surrounding ground. Father Eugen Pentiuc writes in "The Old Testament in Eastern Orthodox Tradition" (Oxford University Press 2014), that Gideon is "...redundant and almost ridiculous in his request." Even so, God is patiently compassionate: "Instead of being indignant at Gideon's nagging tests, God responds without hesitation."

As Gideon's confidence grows, God requires him to act with greater faith. He radically reduces the size of Gideon's army (using some tests of His own to determine which soldiers are fit for battle) so that Israel must depend on

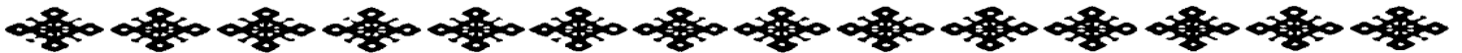
Him and won't be able to boast that "my own hand has delivered me" (7:2).

God supports His successful warrior, whose stature becomes so great that the men of Israel ask him to become their king, because he has saved them from Midian. But Gideon's faith in God has also increased, and he tells them, "I will not rule over you, and my son will not rule over you; the Lord will rule over you" (8: 23).

But Gideon, like many Biblical heroes, succumbs to temptation, described in 8: 24-27. After he dies, the people again turn to pagan worship, forget God, and fail to show kindness to Gideon's family.

Israel will continue to test God's patience, and Gideon, like all the Old Testament personages listed in Hebrews 11, will have to wait for God to send salvation so that they can be "made perfect."

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CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR THE HEALTH & BLESSINGS OF

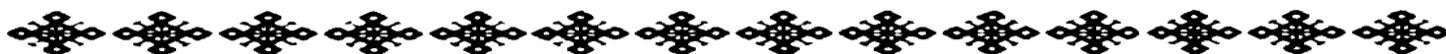
Health for Godson, Noah Gonser, on his birthday (Sept. 20).....	Angelo & Christine
Ted Lafay, Gerold Foy, Ann Hall, Annie Roberts	Jo Ann Havens
For the health of Nadja Berneche	Lucy Hogg
Special Intention	J. Tome
Health & Birthday Blessings John Zelenko (18 th), John Goodman (26 th).....	Sredich Family
Anna Branoff, Macy Lemmen, Tula Nastos, Anne Smith, Alyson Wilhelm, Kate Stevens, Stojan & Danny Prusac	Adams Family
Dorothy Goodman, Ann Smith, John & Gloria Zelenko, Stojan & Mira Prusac, Joe Oginsky.....	Johnny Kantor & Jo Ann Havens
Fr. Ilya, Fr. Moses, Fr. Lawrence, Fr. Joe, Deacon Anthony, Deacon Basil, John, Tula, Bosa, Reggie, Stojan & Mira, Evanka, Dorothy, Walter & Zina, Harold, Evdokia, John & Gloria, Peter & Olga, Elaine, Jeanette, Ted & Marlene, Fr. David, Gladys, my family and friends	J. Tome
Happy 90 th Birthday & God's Blessings John Goodman	Dorothy & Family
Health & God's Blessings Dorothy Goodman, Ralph, Debbie, Joey & Sarah Neely, John & Rose Goodman	Walt & Zina Pyatenko
Safe trip for Stephen Goodman, Health & God's Blessings Mike, Sue & Benjamin Goodman	John & Rose Goodman

CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR THOSE IN BLESSED REPOSE

Blessed Repose Joseph Goodman	Angelo & Christine Panoff
Blessed Repose and Eternal Memory for Joseph Goodman	Dennis & Sharon Jernigan
Blessed Repose and Eternal Memory for Sarah Cyr, mother of Paul Hildreth	Dennis & Sharon Jernigan
Evdokia Ponomarenko and Ivan Ponomarenko	Lucy Hogg
Joe, we will miss you. You are in the Good Hands of the Lord	John and Gloria
Joseph Goodman	J. Tome
Joseph H. Goodman	Stojan & Mira Prusac
Blessed Repose Joe Goodman-Memory Eternal	Walt & Zina Pyatenko

ETERNAL LIGHT

Joe Goodman, Laurie Cram, Norma Lazar	Adams Family
Joseph Goodman-Memory Eternal	Dorothy & Family



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

CHURCH SCHOOL begins today.

SPECIAL PARISH MEETING will be held today following the Divine Liturgy. The sole purpose of this meeting is to vote on reducing the current number of Parish Council members from 15 to 9. A Sloppy Joe luncheon will be served.

THANK YOU to everyone who signed up for serving coffee and donuts. All Sundays in November and December are still available. 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 September is Soap: both bar and hand. Please place the items in the blue Hope in a Box container located in the parish hall. The soap will be distributed by Catholic Charities Community Closet.

FOOD DRIVE Our next pick up is Monday, October 20. A list of food items is located next to the Hope in a Box.

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.

BISHOP ALEXANDER TO SPEAK on Thursday, September 25th. The Pan-Orthodox talk, titled: "Orthodoxy & Nationalism: The Good, The Bad and the Ugly" will be held at St. George Orthodox Church at 7:00 pm, with refreshments following.

Schedule of services and events for the Week of September 21:

Tuesday, September 23 Fr. Matthew in Toledo

Wednesday, September 24

9:00 am Divine Liturgy
10:30 am Adult Education

Thursday, September 25

7 pm Bishop Alexander at St. George: "Orthodoxy and Nationalism"

Saturday, September 27

4:30 pm Great Vespers

Sunday, September 28

9:30 am Third Hour
10:00 am Divine Liturgy

Sunday Offerings for September 14, 2014

<i>Weekly Offering Envelope</i>	<i>\$1,325.00</i>
<i>Children's Offering</i>	<i>\$ 0.00</i>
<i>Cemetery Maintenance</i>	<i>\$ 50.00</i>
<i>Charity Envelope</i>	<i>\$ 0.00</i>
<i>Love Inc</i>	<i>\$ 20.00</i>
<i>Diocesan Support</i>	<i>\$ 0.00</i>
<i>OCA Envelope</i>	<i>\$ 0.00</i>
<i>Candle Fund</i>	<i>\$ 175.00</i>
<i>Coffee Hour</i>	<i>\$ 0.00</i>
<i>Seminarian Fund</i>	<i>\$ 0.00</i>
<i>Loose Offering</i>	<i>\$ 44.00</i>
<i>Kiosk</i>	<i>\$ 18.00</i>
<i>Total Sunday Income Sept. 14, 2014</i>	<i>\$1,632.00</i>
<i>Estimated Average Weekly Expenses</i>	<i>\$ 3,629.13</i>

<i>Actual Income</i>	<i>\$151,799.36</i>
<i>Actual Expense</i>	<i>\$135,465.84</i>
<i>+/- to date</i>	<i>\$16,333.52</i>

? people were in attendance on
Sunday, September 14, 2014.