

September 27, 2015

Bulletin

St. Nicholas Orthodox Church

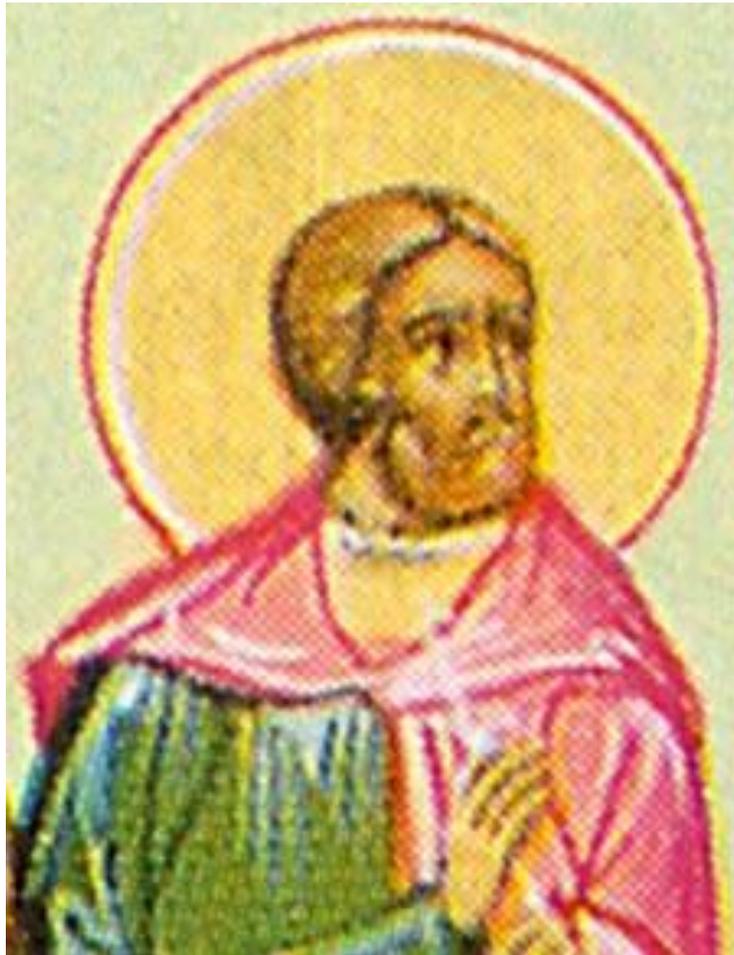
Orthodox Church in America

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SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2015 17th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST — Tone 8. Martyrs Callistratus and his company (49 Martyrs—ca. 304). Ven. Savvatii (Sabbatius), Wonderworker of Solovétsky Monastery (1435). Apostles Mark, Aristarchus, and Zenas, of the Seventy (1st c.). Martyr Epicharis of Rome (3rd c.). Ven. Ignatius, Abbot in Asia Minor (963-975).

TROPARIA

(Tone 8) Thou didst descend from on high, O Merciful One! Thou didst accept the three day burial to free us from our sufferings! O Lord, our Life and Resurrection: 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) 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 Eighth Tone: Pray and make your vows / before the Lord our God!

v. In Judah God is known; His name is great in Israel.

THE SECOND EPISTLE OF THE HOLY APOSTLE PAUL TO THE CORINTHIANS (9:6-11) Brethren: this I say: He who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. So let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound toward you, that you, always having all sufficiency in all things, may have an abundance for every good work. As it is written: “He has dispersed abroad, He has given to the poor; His righteousness endures forever.” Now may He who supplies seed to the sower, and bread for food, supply and multiply the seed you have sown and increase the fruits of your righteousness, while you are enriched in everything for all liberality, which causes thanksgiving through us to God.

Alleluia, Tone 8

v. Come let us rejoice in the Lord! Let us make a joyful noise to God our Savior!

v. Let us come before His face with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise!

THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO SAINT LUKE (5:1-11)

At that time, while the people pressed upon Jesus to hear the word of God, he was standing by the lake of Gennesaret. And he saw two boats by the lake; but the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. Getting into one of the boats, which was Simon’s, he asked him to put out a little from the land. And he sat down and taught the people from the boat. And when he had ceased speaking, he said to Simon, “Put out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch.” And Simon answered, “Master, we toiled all night and took nothing! But at your word I will let down the nets.” And when they had done this, they enclosed a great shoal of fish; and as their nets were breaking, they beckoned to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both the boats, so that they began to sink. But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus’ knees, saying, “Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord.” For he was astonished, and all that were with him, at the catch of fish which they had taken; and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. And Jesus said to Simon, “Do not be afraid; henceforth you will be catching men.” And when they had brought their boats to land, they left everything and followed him.

COMMUNION HYMN:

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

“Facing Forward” Part 1: Practical Principles of Orthodox Evangelization

(continued from last week)

3. Evangelization is not “optional.” Ultimately, Christ’s death and resurrection were public events, *publicly* proclaimed. We cannot separate the personal Christ from His resurrection – and we cannot separate our faith in and experience of the risen Christ from our calling to proclaim His resurrection “to the ends of the earth.” Faith in the risen Christ is reduced to a mere *intellectual exercise* if we fail to share it with those who have yet to discover and experience it. The Good News is not “our little secret.” If one actually has a personal experience of the beauty and goodness of God, he or she will *want* to share it.

4. Evangelism requires collective and personal effort and commitment. Evangelization is not something that a parish “does.” It is most effective when each Christian embraces his or her part in responding to God’s desire to bring all to salvation. Likewise, without the concerted effort by the parish community as a whole, the effectiveness of personal efforts surely will be diminished. It takes both dimensions to work in tandem for Orthodox Christian evangelization to become effective.

5. Our parish is not a closed community. Each parish is a local Church of God. Too often we see the parish as a closed community that keeps to itself and does not actively seek or welcome new members. The Church is not just for “our people,” but “for all mankind.”

6. Evangelization is more than planning. Just as the Church is not a “business,” evangelization is not a “marketing strategy” complete with “targets” and endless “good plans.” **Unless everyone involved is committed to personal growth in Christ—and seriously accepts his or her responsibility for bringing the Gospel to others—there is no chance that they will succeed in helping a parish to grow. And if the understanding of evangelization is merely to “bring in new people” to help “increase income” or pay for the new hall, it is wrong-spirited and surely will not succeed.**

7. Finding those who’ve moved to the suburbs is not evangelization. Mission parishes sometimes form without pursuing a real mission, other than to serve current Orthodox Christians who have moved to another area. Many parishes claim to grow when, in reality, they are merely enrolling transferees from other communities. Important as it is to serve those who already belong to the Church but who may not be in a position to do so due to distance or related factors, evangelization primarily aims at reaching the unchurched and those who have fallen away.

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CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR THE HEALTH AND BLESSINGS OF

Special Intention	Peter & Jo Sredich
Health & Blessings Zina, John, Gloria and Dorothy.....	Sredich Family
Happy 91 st Birthday & God’s Blessings John Goodman.....	Dorothy & Family
Health & Blessings John Goodman, Dorothy Goodman	Helen Ethington
Health & God’s Blessings to Godson Noah Gonser on his birthday Sept. 20, Health & God’s Blessings to John Goodman, Dorothy Goodman, Gloria Zelenko.....	Angelo & Christine
Fr. Joe, Fr. Moses, Fr. Lavrenty, Deacon Anthony, Aaron, John, Gloria, Laurie, Anne, Walt & Zina, Dorothy, Joseph, Jeanette, Reggie, Stojan & Mira, Bosa, Helen, Ted & Marlene, Fr. David, Gladys, my family & friends.....	Joe Tome
Health & Blessings Anna Branoff	Alex & Magda Popoff
Health & Blessings for successful brain surgery for Skylar Montague	Les & Susie Ford

Happy Birthday & God's Blessings John Goodman.....	Pete & Jo Sredich
Dorothy Goodman, John Goodman, Gloria Zelenko, Anne Smith	Jo Ann Havens & Johnny Kantor
Victoria Batzos.....	
Janja, Milica, Nikolina, Joshua, Bogdan, Rade, Jacob, Nedeljka, Malina, Dominic, Brian, Nedeljko, Allyssa, Payton	Janja Beslach
Special Intention	Joe Tome

CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR ALL THOSE IN BLESSED REPOSE

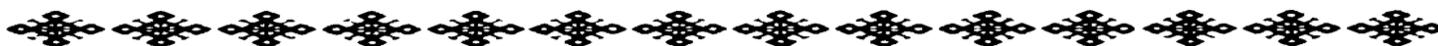
Peter Popoff-Memory Eternal	Alex & Magda Popoff
Dear friend, Sophie	Pete & Jo Sredich
Bogdan, Vaso, Ilinka	Janja Beslach
Blessed Repose Sophie Stavridis-Memory Eternal	Dorothy & Family
Blessed Repose Sophie Stavridis-Memory Eternal	Dennis & Sharon

ETERNAL LIGHT

Blessed Repose Shirley Tsandelis	Angelo & Christine
Blessed Repose Sophie Stavridis.....	Helen Ethington

ETERNAL LIGHT AT THE ALTAR

Maria Samaras-Memory Eternal	Helen Ethington
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Welcome all of our friends and visitors to St. Nicholas! Please join us for fellowship, coffee and donuts in our fellowship hall. Volunteers are needed to serve coffee and donuts this morning.

CHARITY MINISTRIES

HOPE IN A BOX Bar & Hand Soap for September. Place the soap in the Blue Hope In a Box in the hall. Catholic Charities Community Closet will distribute the items.

FOOD DRIVE Place non-perishable food items in the blue box in the hall.

NORTH END SOUP KITCHEN We serve **Thursday, October 1 from 9 am to 1 pm. Even if you can spare only 30 minutes, your volunteering serves our brothers and sisters in Christ who are in need. Please use the sign-up sheet at the candle stand to volunteer.** The soup kitchen is located at 735 E. Stewart Ave, Flint.

PARISH DINNER Sunday, October 11: Fresh Lake Superior White Fish Dinner including; Cole slaw, potatoes, bread, dessert and drinks. All tickets must be purchased in advance; deadline is Sunday, Oct. 6. Tickets are \$12 for adults and \$6 for children 10 and under. The dinner will be canceled if not enough tickets are sold; your money will be refunded to you. To purchase your ticket see Sharon Jernigan. If you would like to help with and/or make a dessert for the dinner please call or see Sharon Jernigan 810-877-1766

ELECTION OF PARISH COUNCIL, AUDITORS & NOMINATING COMMITTEE the nominees are:

Parish Council Nominees (3 will be elected)

Tom Batzos (term ending)	Dennis Goodman
Dave Houser (term ending)	Bob Steiner
Jacob Abu-Aita	Esteban Vázquez
Eileen Branoff	
Kathy Gonser	

Auditors Nominees (3 need to be elected)

Helen Ethington
Arlene Timma
Joe Tome

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: Allison Borkovich, Anna Branoff, Christine Panoff, Peggy Russell or Jo Sredich. The annual elections will be taken on Sunday, November 8.

Absentee Ballots will be made available in the parish office beginning October 25

MEMORY ETERNAL +Sophie Stavridis fell asleep in the Lord on Friday, September 25. +Sophie is the mother of Tomas and Teddy, wife of the late +Angelo Stavridis, sister of Alex Karatza and the late +Tula Nastos, brother-in-law John Nastos and the daughter of Vasilka Karatza. The arrangements are as follows:

Today

2-8 Visitation at Swartz Funeral Home
7 pm Parastas

Monday, September 28

10 Viewing in Church
11 am Funeral followed by interment at Evergreen Cemetery

Schedule of services and events for the week of September 27:

Monday, September 28

10:00 am Visitation for +Sophie Stavridis
11:00 am Funeral followed by interment at Evergreen Cemetery

Tuesday, September 29

Fr. Matthew out of the office

Wednesday, September 30

9:00 am Divine Liturgy
11:00 am Adult Education
7:00 pm Vespers for the Protection of the Theotokos

Thursday, October 1

9:00 am – 1 pm *Fr. Matthew in Toledo*
North End Soup Kitchen

Saturday, October 3

4:30 pm Vespers

Sunday, October 4

9:30 am Third Hour
10:00 am Divine Liturgy
1 yr Parastas +Martha Bradley
Church School

Offerings for the week September 20, 2015

Weekly Offerings	\$1,280.00
Estimated Average Weekly Expenses	\$3,634.49
	-\$2,354.49

*89 people were in attendance on
Sunday, September 20, 2015*