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Bulletin

St. Nicholas Orthodox Church

Orthodox Church in America

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**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2013 14TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST —Tone 5. Ven. Kyriakus the Hermit, of Palestine (556). Martyrs Dada, Gabdelas, and Casdoë (Casdoa) of Persia (4th c.). Ven. Theophanes the Merciful of Gaza.**

### **TROPARIA**

**(Tone 5)** Let us, the faithful, praise and worship the Word, co-eternal with the Father and the Spirit, born for our salvation from the Virgin; for He willed to be lifted up on the Cross in the flesh, to endure death, and to raise the dead// by His glorious Resurrection.

**(Tone 1)** Dweller of the desert and angel in the body, / You were shown to be a wonder-worker, our God-bearing Father Kyriakus. / You received heavenly gifts through fasting, vigil, and prayer; / healing the sick and the souls of those drawn to you by faith. / Glory to Him who gave your strength! / Glory to Him Who granted ↑you a crown! // Glory to Him Who through you grants healing to all!

**(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, Mediatress 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 Fifth Tone: Thou, O Lord, shalt protect us / and preserve us from this generation forever.***

**v: Save me, O Lord, for there is no longer any that is godly.**

### **THE SECOND EPISTLE OF THE HOLY APOSTLE PAUL TO THE**

**CORINTHIANS (1:21-2:4)** Brethren: He who establishes us with you in Christ and has anointed us is God, who also has sealed us and given us the Spirit in our hearts as a guarantee. Moreover I call God as witness against my soul, that to spare you I came no more to Corinth. Not that we have dominion over your faith, but are fellow workers for your joy; for by faith you stand. But I determined this within myself, that I would not come again to you in sorrow. For if I make you sorrowful, then who is he who makes me glad but the one who is made sorrowful by me? And I wrote this very thing to you, lest, when I came, I should have sorrow over those from whom I ought to have joy, having confidence in you all that my joy is the joy of you all. For out of much affliction and anguish of heart I wrote to you, with many tears, not that you should be grieved, but that you might know the love which I have so abundantly for you.

### ***Alleluia, Tone 5***

**v: I will sing of Thy mercies, O Lord, forever; with my mouth I will proclaim Thy truth from generation to generation.**

**v: For Thou hast said: Mercy will be established forever; Thy truth will be prepared in the heavens.**

### **THE READING FROM THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO SAINT LUKE**

**(6:31-36)** At that time, Jesus told His disciples, “As you wish that men would do to you, do so to them. If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. And if you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. But love your enemies, and do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return; and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the selfish. Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful.”

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

**Two Scripture readings for October 4th tell us that we need to decide, as people called to follow Christ, what we will do when the time to follow actually comes.**

The Gospel reading is Luke 7: 31-35. These are Jesus' words, comparing the people who reject Him to two groups of children who refuse to agree on how to play together. Each group insists that the game they play must be the one they have chosen. They can't adapt themselves to play the game chosen by the others.

The people of this generation, Christ goes on to say, are much like those children. When John the Baptist preached among them, they dismissed his self-discipline and fasting-- "neither eating bread nor drinking wine,"--as too severe. So, they said, it must be the work of a demon.

But when they saw another kind of living practiced by the Son of Man, they didn't like that either, for the opposite reason. Jesus "has come eating and drinking" and so they call Him a glutton and a drunkard. They add to this another charge that apparently strikes them as going right along with gluttony and drunkenness: He is a "friend of tax collectors and sinners."

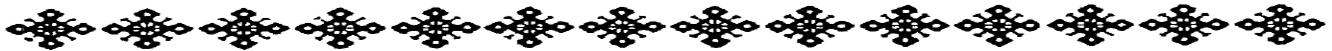
Jesus assures His listeners, though, that "wisdom is justified by all her children." No matter what criticisms people may dream up to reject John and the Son of Man, they both are doing God's work, and the fruits of that work will become evident. The faith will spread, the numbers of disciples will grow, and those who have made up their minds to follow Christ will know that He is the Truth.

An epistle reading for this day is Galatians 4: 8-21. Paul agonizes as he asks a question of the Galatians. Before they knew God, they were in "bondage to beings that by nature are no gods." But "...now that you have come to know God, or rather to be known by God, how can you turn back again to the weak and beggarly elemental spirits, whose slaves you want to be once more?"

Paul makes a specific complaint: "You observe days, and months, and seasons, and years." He is addressing Christians still young in the faith. They are being urged by certain teachers to go back to the Old Testament calendar, and to observe the Jewish laws that go with it. Paul wants them to remember, instead, how joyfully they responded when he preached the Gospel to them. They received him "as an angel of God, as Christ Jesus."

But now, cajoled by false teachers, they are hostile to him. "What has become of the satisfaction you felt?" he asks in bewilderment. What has become of the faithfulness to the Gospel they once made up their minds to live by?

Jesus wants His hearers not to manufacture reasons to reject the truth. Paul wants his hearers not to turn back from the faith he preached. It's time for all of them, and all of us, to make up our minds and follow.



**CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR THE HEALTH & BLESSINGS OF**

Health & God's Blessings Gloria & John Zelenko, Mary Anne & Peter Brayan, Anne Smith, Dorothy & Joe Goodman .....	Jo Ann Havens
Health & God's Blessings Macy Lemmen.....	Gigi & Dedo
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
Health & God's Blessings Gloria & John Zelenko, Gladys Edwards, Mira & Stojan Prusac, Bosa Kantar .....	Sredich Family
Special Intentions .....	Joe Tome
Safe trip & return for my family.....	Anna Branoff
Health & God's Blessings for Noah Gonser on his 17 <sup>th</sup> Birthday.....	Numko & Numka
Health & God's Blessings Macy Lemmen.....	Teta Dorothy & Uncle Joe
Happy Birthday & God's Blessings Jo Sredich, John Zelenko, John Goodman .....	Stojan & Mira Prusac
Health & God's Blessings Alex Popoff.....	Sredich Family
Health & Blessings Tom & Nancy Krigner on their 25 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary.....	Teta Dorothy, Uncle Joe & Family
Health & God's Blessings on Angela Panoff's 5 <sup>th</sup> Birthday, Sept. 29.....	Baba & Dedo
Happy Birthday & God's Blessings Great grandson, Luke Zambito-1yr, Jo Sredich, John Goodman, Robert Yanosky, Happy Anniversary Christine & Jerry Brucksch.....	Anne Smith
Fr. Ilya, Fr. Lawrence, Fr. Joe, Deacon Anthony, Anna, Reggie, Evanka, Anne, Joe & Dorothy, Harold, Mira, Bosa, John & Gloria, Peter & Olga, Helen, Rosemary, Diane, Jimmy, Ted & Marlene, Fr. David, Gladys, My family & friends .....	Joe Tome
Health & God's Blessings Bill Hartner .....	Ralph, Debbie, Joe & Sarah
Happy Birthday health and God's Blessing Jo Sredich, Health & God's Blessings John & Gloria Zelenko, Gladys Edwards, Stojan & Mira Prusac, Bosa Kantar .....	Rosemary Vuckovich
Health & Blessings Piper Family, Fr. John & Matushka Olga Govrusik, Bill Haw, Anna Branoff, Jerry & Carol Smith, Helen Bibilikow, Evanka Elieff, Dorothy & Joe Goodman, Arlene Timma, Fred Oginsky, God's Blessings to all the sick & shut-ins of St. Nicholas and all the sick of American House North .....	Anne Smith
<b><u>ETERNAL LIGHT</u></b>	
Nikolas & Evangelia Bakousidis.....	Lena Bakousidis

**CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR ALL THOSE IN BLESSED REPOSE**

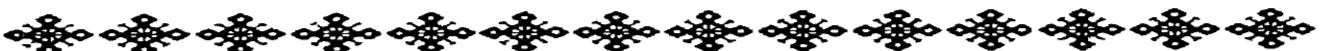
Blessed Repose David Tome-Memory Eternal.....	Jo Ann Havens
Blessed Repose Sonja Todorovich-Memory Eternal .....	Anna Branoff
Themyana Brown, Julia Goodman, Fr. Bill Kalakos-Memory Eternal .....	Joe, Dorothy & Family
Emil Harrison 1yr Blessed Repose, David Tome-40day Blessed Repose .....	Joe & Dorothy Goodman
Emil & Mary Harrison, David Tome, Boris Tchokreff-Memory Eternal.....	Stojan & Mira Prusac
Blessed Repose for David Tome-40days .....	Angelo & Christine Panoff
Newly Departed Delio Barletta-Memory Eternal.....	Ralph, Debbie, Joe & Sarah
Carl Smith, our son & Families, Claribel Rak, Donna Hammes, Dolores Piper, Olga Elasivich, Olga Haw, Marie Eckert, Greg Oginsky, Jr.-Memory Eternal, Themyana & George Brown, Susie & Jack Laycock .....	Anne Smith

**ETERNAL LIGHT**

Theodora & Kosta Papalazarou, Kosta, Eleni & Philip.....	Lena Bakousidis
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**ETERNAL LIGHT AT THE ALTAR (Hanging Oil Candle)**

David Tome- Blessed Repose & Memory Eternal .....	St. Nicholas Board
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We welcome all of our friends and visitors to St. Nicholas. Please join us for coffee and donuts in the parish hall.

There will be a 1yr Parastas for the repose of Emil Harrison and 40 days for David Tome, following the veneration of the cross. Coffee and donuts are being donated in memory of Emil Harrison by his family.

**PROSPHORA BAKERS** We are in need of Prospora. If you are able to bake 3 or 4 loaves each it would be greatly appreciated. You may bring them to church during office hours or on Sunday mornings.

**HOPE IN A BOX** for the month of September is hand soap; bar and liquid. Please place the soap in the blue Hope in a Box container located in the parish hall. The soap will be distributed by Catholic Charities Community Closet.

**HOLY DORMITION MONASTERY** trip has been scheduled for Thursday, October 24 at the cost of \$20 per person. An informational flyer/registration form was sent in our October bulletin (extra fliers are available in the parish hall).

**ELECTION OF PARISH COUNCIL, AUDITORS AND NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

**As of September 27, 2013, the nominees are:**

<b><u>Parish Council Nominees:</u></b>		<b><u>Auditor Nominees:</u></b>
Marla Houser (finishing term)	Sharon Jernigan	Rosemary Vuckovich (finishing term)
Cathy Steiner (finishing term)	Dennis Jernigan	John Popoff
Paul Brayan	Shari Nicoloff	
Kathy Gonser		

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, Peggy Russell, Jo Sredich, or Rosemary Vuckovich.

\*\*\*Absentee Ballots will be made available in the parish office beginning October 20\*\*\*

*Schedule of services and events for the Week of September 29*

**Monday, September 30**

7:00 pm Vespers with Litiya

**Tuesday, October 1**

9:00 am **PROTECTION OF THE THEOTOKOS**  
Divine Liturgy

6:30 pm St. Catherine's League Meeting

**Friday October 4 & 5**

Orthodox Women in Healing Ministries Retreat  
@ Dormition Monetary see your September bulletin for  
More information

**Saturday, October 5**

2:30 pm Wedding of Kraig Houser & Stephanie Humes  
NO VESPERS

**Sunday, October 6**

9:30 am Third Hour  
10:00 am Divine Liturgy  
Church School  
6:00 pm Open House – Bring a Friend  
Church tours will be given

**Sunday Offerings for September 22, 2013**

<i>Weekly Offering Envelope</i>	<i>\$1,380.00</i>
<i>Children's Offering</i>	<i>\$ 0.00</i>
<i>Cemetery Maintenance</i>	<i>\$ 5.00</i>
<i>Charity Envelope</i>	<i>\$ 0.00</i>
<b><i>Love Inc</i></b>	<b><i>\$ 0.00</i></b>
<i>Diocesan Support</i>	<i>\$ 0.00</i>
<i>OCA Envelope</i>	<i>\$ 0.00</i>
<i>Candle Fund</i>	<i>\$ 185.81</i>
<i>Coffee Hour</i>	<i>\$ 51.75</i>
<i>Seminarian Fund</i>	<i>\$ 0.00</i>
<i>Loose Offering</i>	<i>\$ 35.00</i>
<i>Kiosk</i>	<i>\$ 0.00</i>
<b><i>Total Sunday Income Sept. 22, 2013</i></b>	<b><i>\$ 1,657.56</i></b>
<b><i>Estimated Average Weekly Expenses</i></b>	<b><i>\$ 3,496.10</i></b>

<i>Actual Income</i>	<i>\$ 161,927.90</i>
<i>Actual Expense</i>	<i>\$ 145,908.67</i>
<i>+/- to date</i>	<i>\$ 16,019.23</i>

*112 people were in attendance on  
Sunday September 22, 2013.*

For further details, on actual  
Income/Expenses please refer to the latest St.  
Nicholas treasures report posted on the  
bulletin board, next to the conference room in  
the church hall.