

*September 7, 2014*

*Bulletin*

*St. Nicholas Orthodox Church*

*Orthodox Church in America*

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*Saint Kieran*

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2014 13<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST—Tone 4.**  
**Forefeast of the Nativity of the Most-Holy Theotokos. Sunday Before the Elevation of the Cross. Martyr Sozón of Cilicia (ca. 304). St. John, Archbishop and Wonderworker of Novgorod (1186). Ven. Serapion of Spaso-Eliazar Monastery (Pskov—1481). Martyrdom of St. Makáry, Archimandrite of Kanev (Pereyaslavl’—1678). Apostles Evodia (Euodias) and Onesiphorus of the Seventy (1<sup>st</sup> c.). Martyr Euppsychius of Cæsarea in Cappadocia (2<sup>nd</sup> c.). Ven. Luke, Abbot, near Constantinople (10<sup>th</sup> c.). Ven. Cloud (Clodoald), Abbot, founder of Nogent-sur-Seine near Paris.**

### **TROPARIA**

**(Tone 4)** When the women Disciples of the Lord learned from the Angel the joyous message of the Resurrection, they cast away the ancestral curse and elatedly told the Apostles: “Death is overthrown! Christ God is risen, granting the world great mercy!”  
**(Tone 4)** Today from the stem of Jesse and from the loins of David, / the handmaid of God Mary is being born for us. / Therefore all creation is renewed and rejoices. / Heaven and earth rejoice together. / Praise her, you families of nations, / for Joachim rejoices and Anna celebrates crying out: // “The barren one gives birth to the Theotokos the Nourisher of our life!”

**(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 3)** Today the Virgin Theotokos Mary, / the bridal chamber of the Heavenly Bridegroom, / by the will of the God is born of a barren woman, / being prepared as the chariot of God the Word. // She was foreordained for this, since she is the divine gate and the true Mother of Life.

***The Prokeimenon in the Sixth Tone: O Lord, save Thy people / and bless Thine inheritance!***

**v. To Thee, O Lord, will I call. O my God, be not silent to me!**

### **THE EPISTLE OF THE HOLY APOSTLE PAUL TO THE GALATIANS (6:11-18)**

**Brethren:** See with what large letters I am writing to you with my own hand. It is those who want to make a good showing in the flesh that would compel you to be circumcised, and only in order that they may not be persecuted for the cross of Christ. For even those who receive circumcision do not themselves keep the law, but they desire to have you

circumcised that they may glory in your flesh. But far be it from me to glory except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. For neither circumcision counts for anything, nor uncircumcision, but a new creation. Peace and mercy be upon all who walk by this rule, upon the Israel of God. Henceforth let no man trouble me; for I bear on my body the marks of Jesus. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brethren. Amen.

*Alleluia, Tone 1*

**v. I have exalted one chosen out of My people.**

**v. For My hand shall defend him and My arm shall strengthen him.**

**THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO SAINT JOHN (3:13-17)**

Jesus answered Nicodemus, saying: "No one has ascended into heaven but he who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God sent the Son into the world, not to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him."

**COMMUNION HYMN:**

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

**On September 9th the Church celebrates the memory of Saint Kieran of Clonmacnois in Ireland.**

Born in 512 in County Roscommon, Kieran was the grandchild of a poet and historian. He liked to think about the meaning of life, and found joy in nature's beauty. His own family lived simply, and he spent much of his childhood herding the family cattle. This gave him a special love of animals and a willingness to be compassionate with all creatures, including other people.

During these same years he was tutored at home by Justus, the same pious Christian who had baptized him, encouraging him to pray and to turn his thoughts often to the wonders of God.

When he got older, Kieran was sent to complete his education at the monastery at Clonard, under the direction of the great Saint Finnian. Here he met fellow students such as Columba, the future enlightener of Scotland. Columba said of his classmate, "He was a lamp, blazing with the light of wisdom."

Having completed his studies with Saint Finnian, Kieran left Clonard and went to a monastery in the Aran Isles. Its abbot was another saint, Enda, who had a vision that he shared with his student. Enda saw a tall tree with a massive trunk. The tree spread its sheltering branches, heavy with fragrant fruit, over the whole land of Ireland. Some of the fruit was carried off by birds to places beyond the island country itself.

Saint Enda told Kieran, "You yourself are the tree in this vision." He said that all of Ireland would find shelter under Kieran's grace, and that many, in Ireland and places past its borders, would be nourished by his prayer and fasting. He directed Kieran to go to the center of the country and to build a church on the banks of a stream.

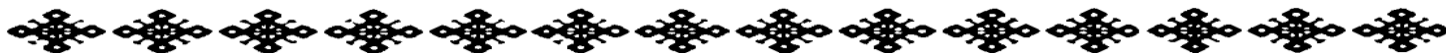
The monastery of Clonmacnois was established by Kieran and a few other monks on the banks of the River Shannon. This famous Christian center trained priests, scholars and missionaries for a thousand years, even though Kieran died of the plague in 544, just seven months after it opened.

In the time in between Saint Enda's directive and the establishment of Clonmacnois, Kieran visited a smaller island monastery. His stay was brief, because the monks soon asked him to leave. Perhaps they were jealous of his fame, but what they said was that he was giving so much to the poor that there wasn't enough left for them. Kieran was just too generous.

What is generosity? Mother Teresa wrote that if love is to be real it must cost, must hurt, must empty us of self. Saint Basil the Great urged Christians to give "splendidly" to the poor. He said that if you're the target of many beggars you should feel grateful and honored that you don't have to make a nuisance of yourself at other people's doors, but other people come and bother you at your own!"

What would Saint Kieran say if we could ask him, "Is it possible to be just too generous?"

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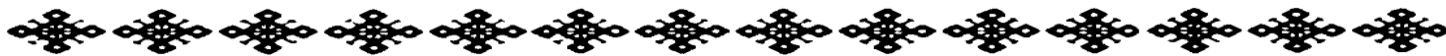


**CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR THE HEALTH & BLESSINGS OF**

- Health & God's Blessings Macy Lemmen ..... Gigi & Dedo
- Health & God's Blessings Danny Prusac ..... Allison Borkovich
- Health and God's blessings to all the Panoffs ..... Mom and Dad
- Health and special intentions ..... Anonymous
- Joe Goodman, Evanka Elieff, Macy Lemmen, Tula Nastos, Anne Smith ..... Deborah & Allen Adams
- Janja, Milica, Nikolina, Joshua, Bogdan, Rade, Jacob, Nedeljka, Malina,  
Dominic, Nedeljko, Danny, Stojan, Mara, Bosa, Mara, Mira ..... Janja Beslach

Birthday blessings and good health – Roseanne Bagale..... Evanka and Family  
 Anniversary blessings and good health – Nancy and Tom Krigner  
 on their 26<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary..... Love, Mom  
 Joe, Danny, Stojan & Mira, Macy..... Helen Ethington  
 Special Intention..... Joe Tome  
 Fr. Ilya, Fr. Moses, Fr. Lawrence, Fr. Joe, Deacon Anthony, Deacon Basil, John,  
 Joseph, Tula, Bosa, Reggie, Stojan, Mira, Evanka, Dorothy, Joseph, Walter, Zina,  
 Harold, Evdokia, John, Gloria, Peter, Olga, Elaine, Jeanette, Ted, Marlene, Fr. David,  
 Gladys, my family and friends..... Joe Tome  
 Eleni Servenis, Helen & Angelo and Magda & Alex Popoff..... Anna Branoff  
 Special Intention..... Anna Branoff

**CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR THOSE IN BLESSED REPOSE** Marko Vuckovich-12yrs Blessed Repose,  
 Rosemary Vuckovich-Memory Eternal..... Bosa Kantar  
 Norma Salim-Lazar – Eternal Memory..... Joe & Dorothy Goodman  
 Fr. Raphael – Eternal Memory..... Deborah & Allen Adams  
 Ivan Ponomarenko..... Lucy Hogg  
 Bogdan, Vaso, Ilinka, Pavle, Milan, Anka, Nikola, Milutin..... Janja Beslach  
 Lewis Elieff – Eternal Memory..... Evanka and Family  
 Blessed Repose – Norma Salim-Lazar..... Anna Branoff  
 Memory Eternal, Tronda Nicevski- 40 Days..... Anna Branoff



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

There will be a 40 day Parastas for the repose of +Tronda Nicevski following the veneration of the cross. Coffee and donuts are being donated today in Tronda’s memory by her family.

**CHURCH SCHOOL TEACHERS** there will be a meeting today after the Parastas.

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

**ST. CATHERINE’S LEAGUE** will meet on Wednesday, September 10 at 6:30 pm. New members are always welcome.

**THANK YOU** to everyone who signed up for serving coffee and donuts. All Sundays in October are taken, with the exception of October 5<sup>th</sup> and 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.

**WAYS and MEANS** we are looking for any interested parishioner that would be willing to co-chair the ways and means ministry. Contact the parish office if you are interested or would like more information.

**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, September 15. A list of food items is located next to the Hope in a Box.

**SPECIAL PARISH MEETING** will be held on Sunday, September 21 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.

**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.

**THE RUMMAGE SALE** will take place in two weeks. If you have any items to donate, please bring them by during office hours. Items that are clean and in good repair are always welcome!

**BISHOP ALEXANDER TO SPEAK** on Thursday, September 25<sup>th</sup>. 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.

**MIDDLE EASTERN LUNCHEON AND BAKE SALE** will take place on Thursday, September 11 from 11 am to 3 pm at St. George Orthodox Church on Lennon Rd. Meals are \$10 each and there are vegetarian options available.

*Schedule of services and events for the Week of September 7:*

<u>Monday, September 8</u>	<b>Nativity of the Theotokos</b>
9:00 am	Divine Liturgy
6:45 pm	Parish Council Meeting
6-8 pm	Book Club @ St. George
<u>Tuesday, September 9</u>	Fr. Matthew – Day Off
<u>Wednesday, September 10</u>	
9:00 am	Divine Liturgy
10:30 am	Adult Education
6:30 pm	St. Catherine’s Meeting
<u>Thursday, September 11</u>	Fr. Matthew – Toledo
<u>Friday, September 12</u>	Fr. Matthew in office
12:30 pm	Changing of altar candles

Saturday, September 13

4:30 pm

Great Vespers / No Confessions

Sunday, September 14

8:00 am

**The Elevation of the Cross of our Lord**

10:00 am

Matins

Divine Liturgy

**Sunday Offerings for August 31, 2014**

<i>Weekly Offering Envelope</i>	<i>\$ 1,060.00</i>
<i>Children's Offering</i>	<i>\$ 0.00</i>
<i>Cemetery Maintenance</i>	<i>\$ 5.00</i>
<i>Charity Envelope</i>	<i>\$ 20.00</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>\$ 166.00</i>
<i>Coffee Hour</i>	<i>\$ 0.00</i>
<i>Seminarian Fund</i>	<i>\$ 0.00</i>
<i>Loose Offering</i>	<i>\$ 8.00</i>
<i>Kiosk</i>	<i>\$ 0.00</i>
<b><i>Total Sunday Income August 31, 2014</i></b>	<b><i>\$1,259.00</i></b>
<b><i>Estimated Average Weekly Expenses</i></b>	<b><i>\$ 3,629.13</i></b>

<i>Actual Income</i>	<i>\$141,651.43</i>
<i>Actual Expense</i>	<i>\$128,994.19</i>
<i>+/- to date</i>	<b><i>\$12,657.24</i></b>

*80 people were in attendance on  
Sunday, August 31, 2014.*