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Bulletin

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SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2012 14th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
— **Tone 5. Afterfeast of the Nativity of the Theotokos. Uncovering of the Relics of St. Theodosius, Archbishop of Chernigov (1896). Sunday before Elevation. Holy and Righteous Ancestors of God, Joachim and Anna. Martyr Severian of Sebaste (320). Ven. Joseph, Abbot of Volótsk (1515). Ven. Theophanes the Confessor and Faster, of Mt. Diabenos (ca. 300). Martyrs Chariton and Straton. Bl. Nicetas the Hidden, of Constantinople (12th c.). Commemoration of the Third Ecumenical Council (431).**

FIRST ANTIPHON

O Lord, remember David // and all his meekness.

Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us!

Lo, we heard of it in Ephratha: // we found it in the woods! **Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us!**

Glorious things are spoken of you, // O City of God!

Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us!

God is in the midst of her, she shall not be moved; // God shall help her right early!

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

The Lord has sworn and oath to David // from which He shall not turn back!

**O Son of God, who arose from the dead, save us who sing to Thee!
Alleluia!**

Of the fruit of your body // I will set upon your throne!

O Son of God, who arose from the dead, save us who sing to Thee!

Alleluia!

There I will make the horn of David to flourish: // I have ordained a lamp for My anointed!

O Son of God, who arose from the dead, save us who sing to Thee!

Alleluia!

For the Lord has chosen Zion, // He has desired it for His habitation!

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

Here will I dwell for I have desired it!

(Tone 4) Your nativity, O Virgin, has proclaimed joy to the whole universe! The Sun of Righteousness, Christ our God, has shone from you, O Theotokos! By annulling the curse, He bestowed a blessing. By destroying death, He has granted us eternal life.

Your birth, O Theotokos, has brought joy!

(Tone 4) Your nativity, O Virgin, has proclaimed joy to the whole universe! The Sun of Righteousness, Christ our God, has shone from you, O Theotokos! By annulling the curse, He bestowed a blessing. By destroying death, He has granted us eternal life.

The Most High has sanctified His tabernacle!

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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.

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(Tone 1) Since you were righteous under the law of grace, O Joachim and Anna, you gave birth to the God-given infant for our sake. Therefore, the divine Church radiantly keeps feast today, Joyfully celebrating your honorable memory and giving glory to God, // Who has raised up a horn of salvation for the house of David.

(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) By your nativity, O most pure Virgin, Joachim and Anna are freed from barrenness; Adam and Eve from the corruption of death. And we, thy people, freed from the guilt of sin, celebrate and sing to you: the barren woman gives birth to the Theotokos, the Nourisher of our 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 READING FROM 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 GOSPEL ACCORDING TO ST JOHN (3:13-17)

At that time 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 we remember three saints of the Church who experienced great anguish in their lives, for different reasons. But the three also received the compassion, and comfort, that God gives.

Joachim and Anna were, of course, the parents of Mary the Mother of God. Joachim was descended from King David, and Anna was the daughter of a priest. They were devout, and offered much of their income to the Temple and for the relief of the poor. But before their child's birth, which happened late in their lives, they lived through long, lonely years of being without any children.

This was not only a source of sorrow, but also of humiliation and rejection. One time when they had traveled to Jerusalem to offer sacrifice in the Temple, the high priest said haughtily to Joachim, "You are unworthy to offer sacrifice with your childless hands." Others pushed Joachim aside, and he and Anna were forced to leave the Temple and make the journey home in deep sadness. So God's compassion, answering their fervent prayers with the birth of Mary, was especially sweet to this couple.

On this day we also remember the Blessed Nicetas, called "Man of God" and also "the Hidden." This latter name refers to his spiritual efforts, which were extraordinary but unseen and unknown by those around him. Even though he lived in the busy city of Constantinople and was surrounded by people all day, he found time for intense prayer and secret good works that brought him very close to God.

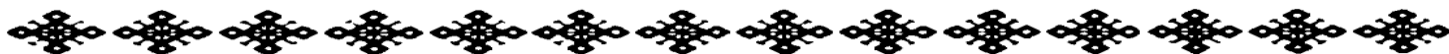
Among the blessings he received during his holy life, Nicetas was once able to ease another man's anguish and call down God's compassion on him. This other man, a deacon named Sozon, had quarreled with a priest. They never resolved their argument, and the priest died. Sozon was grief-stricken at having let the rift continue until it was too late.

Sozon's guilty conscience led him, eventually, to Nicetas, who was able to call the priest back from the dead so that he and Sozon could be reconciled. The miracle took place at night, in the church of the Blachernae Mother of God in Constantinople. After Sozon and the priest embraced each other, Nicetas disappeared from his sight; once again he became "Nicetas the Hidden." For the rest of his life, Sozon was free of the anguish of an unresolved quarrel.

In 2 Corinthians 1:21-2:4, a reading for this day, Saint Paul also speaks about being in anguish. He had already had one painful visit to the Corinthian church, and was reluctant to make another, so he had instead written a rather harsh letter: "For I wrote you out of much affliction and anguish of heart and with many tears, not to cause you pain but to let you know the abundant love that I have for you."

Paul, too, was grateful for God's compassion which eased his anguish. He writes in 7:4, "[Even] with all our affliction, I am overjoyed."

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CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR THE HEALTH & BLESSINGS OF

Health & Blessings Pam, Gloria, Todora Janja Beslac
Happy Birthday & God's Blessings Paul Oginsky, Gregory Oginsky, Marc Ethington,
Anastasia Butrie, Roseanne Bagale, Spasia Stathopoulos, Joseph Neely, Happy
Anniversary & God's Blessings George & Sherry Brown, Tom & Nancy Krigner..... Anne Smith

Health & God's Blessings Dennis Jernigan	John & Gloria
Health & God's Blessings George Martin, Jerry & Carol Smith, Karen Harrison, Goldie Johnson, V. Rev. John W. Govrusik & Matushka Olga, Families of Oginsky, Miculka, Lyon & Kuptz, Sick & shut-ins of St. Nicholas.....	Anne Smith
Milica, Nikolina, Joshua, Bogdan, Rade, Jacob, Nedeljka, Malina, Dominic, Nedeljko, Janja	Janja Beslac
Fr. James, Fr. Lawrence, Deacon Anthony, David, Anna, Diane, Helen, Reggie, Bosa, Allen & Deborah, Christine, Elaine, Walter, John & Gloria, Jeanette, Michael, Ted & Marlene, Linda, Fr. David, Gladys, My family & friends.....	J. Tome
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 & Blessings Mary Anne Brayan	John & Gloria Zelenko
Special Intention	J. Tome
Special Intention Daisy Marvosh, Daisy Karkoski, John & Gloria Zelenko, Goldie Johnson, Linda Branoff	Rosemary Vuckovich

CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR ALL THOSE IN BLESSED REPOSE

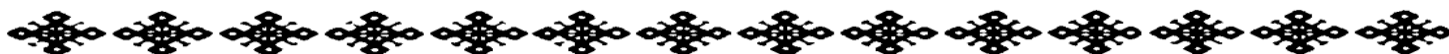
Marko Vuckovich-Memory Eternal.....	Bosa Kantar
Blessed Repose Bogdan Beslac-Memory Eternal.....	Sredich Family
Carl Smith & our son, Olga Elasiwich, Claribel Rak, Mary & Joseph Eckert, Arthur Zambito, Sr., Mitered Archpriest Alexander Znamensky, Mary Ferchak, Ivan Ponomarenko, Marko Vuckovich, Sophie Ignotov, Lenne Kosman, Howard Burene, Mike Elasiwich.....	Anne Smith
Marko Vuckovich-Memory Eternal.....	Sredich Family
Memory Eternal-Većnaja Pamjat-Kum Bogdan Beslac (6 months), Marko Vuckovich (10 yrs).....	Stojan & Mira Prusac
Bogdan, Ilinka, Vaso.....	Janja Beslac
Marko Vuckovich-Memory Eternal.....	Helen Ethington

ETERNAL LIGHT

Peter Popoff.....	Alex & Magda Popoff
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ETERNAL LIGHT AT THE ALTAR

Marko Vuckovich-Memory Eternal (10 yrs).....	Rosemary Vuckovich
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We welcome all of our friends and visitors to St. Nicholas. Please join us in the parish hall for coffee hour.

COFFEE & PACZKI are being donated today in memory of +Marko Vuckovich (10yrs Blessed Repose), by Rosemary Vuckovich and John & Gloria Zelenko.

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

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.

SPECIAL PARISH MEETING on Sunday, September 23. The sole item on the agenda is the election of our parish's lay delegate to the All-American Council in November. Anyone interested in being a nominee for lay delegate, please contact the office as soon as possible. Only those members in good standing regarding their

stewardship and sacramental life are eligible to be a nominee or vote at this meeting. The nominees so far are: Reginald Jehnsen, Subdeacon Johnny Kantor, Joseph Tome and Julio Vázquez. All nominations must be made by Sunday September, 16. Absentee ballots will be available in the parish office beginning Monday September, 17 following the Divine Liturgy. If you interested in going as an observer please let the office know A.S.A.P. Note, an observer cannot vote.

SEPTEMBER HOPE IN A BOX Soap; hand or bar soap is the item needed for the month of September. The soap will be distributed by the Catholic Charities Community Closet. They are still in need of toiletry items and laundry soap.

CHANGING CANDLES & ALTAR CLOTHS Your help is needed, Tuesday, September 11 following the 9 am Divine Liturgy to change the candles and altar cloths for the feast of the Elevation of the Cross.

ST. CATHERINE'S LEAGUE Congratulations to the newly elected officers; President-Stephanie Stikovich, Vice President-Helen Ethington, Secretary-Lucy Hogg and Treasurer-Christine Panoff.

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.

BISHOP ALEXANDER'S VISIT will be Saturday and Sunday, September 15 and 16, 2012. We had a great turnout for Vespers when he visited as a candidate in 2011. It would be wonderful to have a good crowd to welcome him as our Bishop at the 4:30 Vespers on September 15 and at the 10 am Divine Liturgy on September 16.

PARISH DINNER TO WELCOME BISHOP ALEXANDER will be held on Sunday, September 16 following the Divine Liturgy. The menu consists of; Sausage & Sauerkraut, Ham, Mashed Potatoes, Green Bean Casserole, Salad, Bread & Butter and Dessert. The cost of the meal is \$10 per adult meal and \$5 per child meal (12 and under). All are invited to stay and join in the fellowship.

GREETING THE BISHOP In our modern culture, we greet one another with a handshake. We do not shake a Bishop's hand; we kiss it with reverence and ask for a blessing. The proper way to do this is to approach the Bishop with our right hand over our left, palms facing up, and then bow while saying, "Master, bless" to the Bishop. When he places his hand in your while blessing you, this is an appropriate time to kiss his hand. We kiss his hand because we are honoring Christ whom the Bishop represents.

Schedule of services and events for the week of September 9, 2012

Monday, September 10

6:00 pm Book Club @ St. George

6:45 pm Parish Council Meeting

Tuesday, September 11

9:00 am St. Euphrosynos
Divine Liturgy

10:00 am Changing of Altar Cloths and Candles

Wednesday, September 12

10:00 am Rummage Sale Set-Up

Thursday, September 13

9:30 am – 4:00 pm Rummage Sale

6:00 pm Vespers Divine Liturgy for the Cross @ St. George

Friday, September 14

9:30 am - 3:30 pm **Exaltation of the Holy Cross**
Rummage Sale

Saturday, September 15

2-5 pm
4:30 pm

Catholic Charities Food Van
Vespers followed by Confessions

Sunday, September 16

9:30 am
10:00 am

Greeting Bishop Alexander and vesting of the Bishop followed by Hours
Hierarchal Divine Liturgy (Please be on time)

Parish Dinner

9 am-1 pm

Catholic Charities Food Van

Sunday Offerings for September 2, 2012

<i>Weekly Offering Envelope</i>	\$ 2,090.00
<i>Children's Offering</i>	\$ 0.00
<i>Cemetery Maintenance</i>	\$ 85.00
<i>Charity Envelope</i>	\$ 0.00
<i>Diocesan Support</i>	\$ 0.00
<i>OCA Envelope Missions</i>	\$ 0.00
<i>Candle Fund</i>	\$ 215.25
<i>Kitchen/Coffee</i>	\$ 53.25
<i>Seminarian Fund</i>	\$ 0.00
<i>Loose Offering</i>	\$ 7.00
<i>Kiosk</i>	\$ 3.25
<i>Total Income</i>	\$ 2,453.75
<i>Avg. Weekly Budget</i>	\$3,798.56
<i>+/- Budget</i>	-\$1,344.81

<i>Actual Income</i>	\$156,367.90
<i>Actual Expense</i>	\$130,302.35
<i>+/- to date</i>	\$26,065.55

85 People were in attendance on Sunday
September 2, 2012.