

January 17, 2016

Bulletin

St. Nicholas Orthodox Church

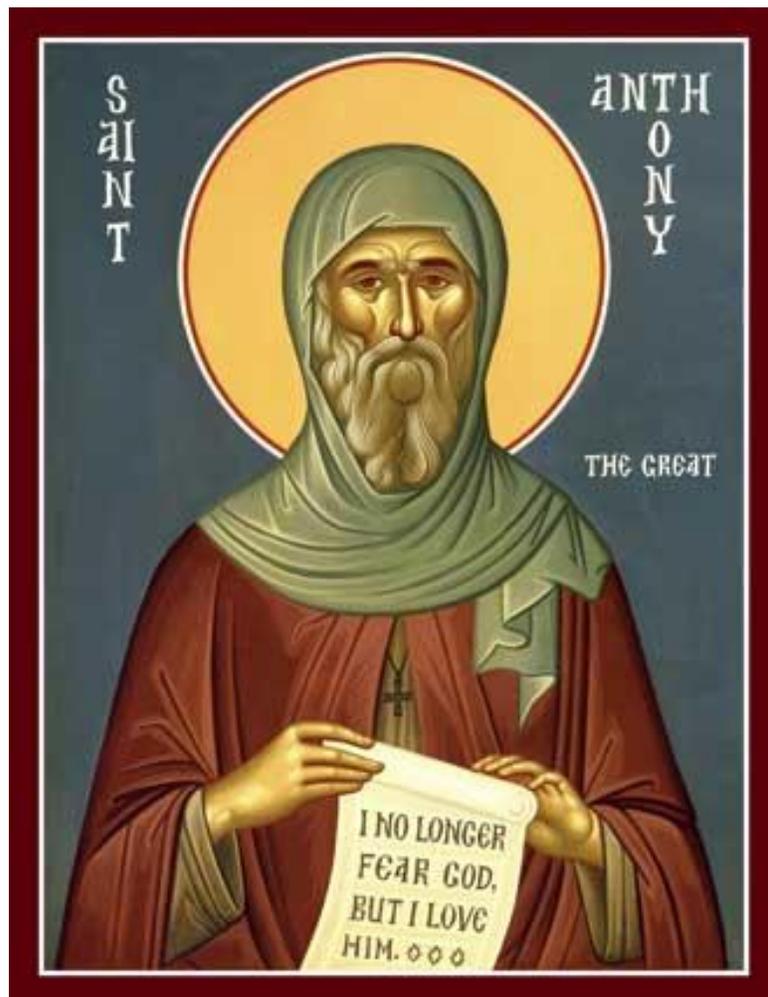
Orthodox Church in America

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**SUNDAY, JANUARY 17, 2016 33rd SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST — Tone 8. Venerable and Godbearing Father Anthony the Great (356). Ven. Anthony of Dymsk (Novgorod—ca. 1224). Ven. Anthony of Chernoezérsk (16th c.)**

**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)** You imitated the ways of zealous Elijah, and followed the straight path of John the Baptist. You became a desert dweller and strengthened the world by your prayers. Father Anthony, intercede with Christ God that our souls may be saved.

**(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 1)** By Thy Nativity Thou didst sanctify the Virgin's womb! And blessed Simeon's hands, O Christ God. Now Thou hast come and saved us through love. Grant peace to all Orthodox Christians, O only Lover of Man!

*The Prokeimenon in the Seventh Tone: Precious in the sight of the Lord / is the death of His saints.*

**v: What shall I render unto the Lord for all that He hath rendered unto me?**

**THE READING FROM THE EPISTLE OF THE HOLY APOSTLE PAUL TO THE HEBREWS (13:17-21)** Brethren: Obey those who rule over you, and be submissive, for they watch out for your souls, as those who must give account. Let them do so with joy and not with grief, for that would be unprofitable for you. Pray for us; for we are confident that we have a good conscience, in all things desiring to live honorably. But I especially urge you to do this, that I may be restored to you the sooner. Now may the God of peace who brought up our Lord Jesus from the dead, that great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you complete in every good work to do His will, working in you what is well pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.

*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 READING FROM THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO SAINT LUKE (17:12-19)** At that time, as Jesus entered a village, he was met by ten lepers, who stood at a distance and lifted up their voices and said, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us." When he saw them he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went they were cleansed. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice; and he fell on his face at Jesus' feet, giving him thanks. Now he was a Samaritan. Then said Jesus, "Were not ten cleansed? Where are the nine? Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" And he said to him, "Rise and go your way; your faith has made you well."

**COMMUNION HYMN**

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

**This Parish Health Inventory Model (PHIM) is especially useful to**

healthy parishes who wish to review and assess their strengths and weaknesses and to identify and focus on areas that may need improvement.

plateaued parishes that are neither growing, nor diminishing, but find the need to propel forward. The PHIM can help discern what such parishes "could be" by stimulating ideas and renewing commitment.

parishes in early decline in which some members see the need for change even though the symptoms of decline are not readily noticed. The PHIM attempts to describe one version of a stronger future.  
 parishes in peril, stuck in “yesterday” without a vision of tomorrow or existing in a state of denial, may experience a useful “nudge” by simply discussing one or two portions of the PHIM, allowing the parish to face facts and to develop a sense of urgency about its future.  
 parishes in transition—that is, parishes awaiting the arrival of a new pastor that wish to assess their current situation, where they wish to go, and how to share their vision with newly assigned clergy.

A word of caution.

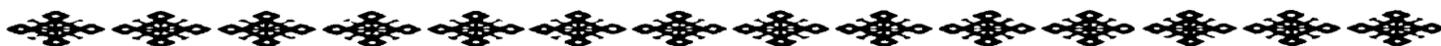
While many Orthodox Christian parishes have used the PHIM as a framework for discussions on renewal and expanding their mission, it is critical to keep in mind that the Model is not a catechism. While the Model has formative value for parish leaders, parishioners and clergy, it is not designed to teach the Orthodox faith. It is a collection of good practices and principles that have worked well in many parishes.

one model, not the model. Disagreeing with or rethinking the contents can be useful and healthy. On the other hand, we caution users not focus solely on disproving the contents, as there is abundant evidence that most ideas are effective when properly contextualized.

a point of access to a broader view of good practice. The PHIM was developed with the input of a dozen rectors from growing parishes. As a result, the items in the Inventory provide a partial view into the life of a number of vibrant parishes—a resource not readily available to most clergy and laity.

not the next “big thing.” There are those who reject using any resource simply because it appears to be “oversold” or “hyped.” Heed well. The Inventory is not a “silver bullet.” It is a tool that, when used well, can help accelerate action, build consensus and raise the quality of the discussion. Ultimately, you must still “do the work!”

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

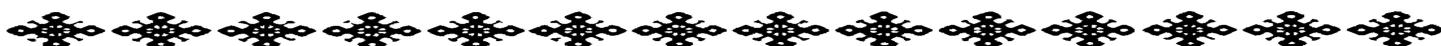
Fr. Joe, Fr. Moses, Fr. Lavrenty, Deacon Anthony, Aaron, John, Gloria, Laurie, Anne, Anna, Walt & Zina, Dorothy, Jeanette, Reggie, Stojan & Mira, Bosa, Joseph, Helen, Ted & Marlene, Fr. David, Gladys, my family & friends .....	Joe Tome
Gloria Zelenko, Anne Smith, Anna Branoff, Walt & Zina Pyatenko, Dorothy Goodman, John & Rose Goodman .....	Adams Family
Health & God’s Blessings to Sam Panoff, Health & God’s Blessings to Wilma Skekloff .....	Angelo & Christine
Special Intention .....	Joe Tome
Thanksgiving to God for His many blessings to our family! .....	Adams Family

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

Peter Popoff .....	Alex & Magda Popoff
Evdokia Naumoff-1yr Blessed Repose-memory Eternal.....	Dorothy & Family

**ETERNAL LIGHT AT THE ALTAR**

Mildred Bladecki in memory of her birthday.....	Diane Broadfoot
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Welcome all of our friends and visitors to St. Nicholas! Please join us for fellowship, coffee and donuts in our parish hall.

**100<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE** meeting has been rescheduled. The committee will meet on Wednesday, January 20 at 5:45 pm.

**PARISH COUNCIL** meeting has been rescheduled. The council will meet on Wednesday, January 20 at 6:45 pm. Please remember to pick your packets up if you haven't already.

**ANNUAL MEETING** The Annual Meeting of Saint Nicholas Parish will be held on Sunday, January 24, 2016 beginning with a short prayer service after the Divine Liturgy. The Meeting will then reconvene in the Parish Hall. All parish organizations must prepare a report, oral or written, to be given at this meeting. A sub sandwich lunch will be held. Financial reports are ready to be picked up to be looked over for next week.

**100<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY PILGRIM ICON** There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex for parishioners to take the icon to their homes a week at a time. There is a special carrying case for the icon and a card with prayers you can offer before the image of the Mother of God.

**THEOPHANY HOUSE BLESSINGS** have begun. If you would like Fr. Matthew to bless your home, return a completed Theophany House Blessings form to the parish office. The forms were included in the January bulletin; extras are also available at the candle stand.

### **CHARITY MINISTRIES**

**HOPE IN A BOX** is collecting Toilet Paper for January. Place the items in the Blue Box in the hall. Catholic Charities Community Closet will distribute the items.

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

**NORTH END SOUP KITCHEN** We next serve **Thursday, February 4 from 9 am to 1 pm.**

**ST. CATHERINE'S DINNER OUT** will be held on Tuesday, January 19 at Italia Gardens in Davison at 6:30 pm. All of the ladies of the parish are invited to join us. Please see Stephanie Stikovitch or Lucy Hogg to make your reservation we will need to know today if you are going to join us.

**4<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL PAN ORTHODOX WINTER DINNER** to support the Dormition Monastery in Rives Junction will be held on Thursday, January 28 at St. George. Reservations need to be made not later than Sunday, January 24. An informational flier is included in your January bulletin. You may also see Deborah Gonser-Adams for more information and to make your reservation(s).

**100<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY FUNDRAISER** Saturday, September 17, 2016, a 5K run, 2 mile walk, scavenger hunt for kids at Independence Oak Park in Clarkston. Flyers are in the hall. We need sponsors and participants so please, take some flyers, and ask for sponsors and spread the word at work and school. **Please see Kristin Hart about any questions.**

**OLD PHOTOS** We are looking for some old photos from past Theophany's. We are in need of photos of Fr. Raphael blessing the water and the men holding the guns. If you have any photos, please let Debbie know A.S.A.P.

### ***Schedule of services and events for the week of January 17:***

**Monday, January 18**

6-8 pm

Book Club @ St. George

Tuesday, January 19

6:30 pm

St Catherine's Ladies Night Out @ Italia Gardens in Davison

Wednesday, January 20

9:00 am

Divine Liturgy

11:00 am

Adult Education

5:45 pm

100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee

6:45 pm

Parish Council

Saturday, January 23

5:00 pm

Vespers

**\*\*Please Note the Time Change\*\***

Sunday, January 24

9:30 am

Third Hour

10:00 am

Divine Liturgy

Church School

Annual Meeting

**Offerings for the week January 3, 2013**

<i>Weekly Offerings</i>	\$1,630.00
<i>Estimated Average Weekly Expenses</i>	\$5,255.62
	<b>-\$3,625.62</b>

*104 people were in attendance on  
Sunday, January 10, 2016*

“If you cannot see Christ in the beggar at the church door, you will not find Him in the chalice.”

**St. John Chrysostom**