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Bulletin

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SUNDAY, JANUARY 24, 2016 34th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST — Tone 1. Ven. Xenia of Rome and her two female servants (5th c.). St. Gerásim, Bishop of Perm (1441). Martyr John of Kazan’ (1529). Martyrs Babylas (Vavíla) of Sicily, and his two disciples: Timothy and Agapius (3rd c.). St. Macedonius, Hermit, of Syria (ca. 420). Translation of the relics of St. Anastasius the Persian (7th c.). Ven. Dionysius of Olympus (16th c.). Ven. Philotheus, founder of Philotheou Monastery (Mt. Athos—10th c.). Bl. Xenia of St. Petersburg (19th c.).

TROPARIA

(Tone 1) When the stone had been sealed by the Jews, while the soldiers were guarding Thy most pure body, Thou didst rise on the third day, O Savior, granting life to the world. The powers of heaven therefore cried to Thee, O Giver of Life: “Glory to Thy Resurrection, O Christ! Glory to Thy Kingdom! // Glory to Thy dispensation, O Thou Who lovest mankind!”

(Tone 3) Living the life of a stranger in the world, you estranged yourself from every sin; you abandoned comforts and fleeting honors and betrothed yourself to your Immortal Bridegroom.// Glorious Xenia, entreat Christ our God to grant us His great mercy!

(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 First Tone: Let Thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us / as we have set our hope on Thee. v. Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous! Praise befits the just!

THE READING FROM THE FIRST EPISTLE OF THE HOLY APOSTLE PAUL TO TIMOTHY (1:15-17) *Timothy, my son:* The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. And I am the foremost of sinners; but I received mercy for this reason, that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display his perfect patience for an example to those who were to believe in him for eternal life. To the King of ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Alleluia, Tone 1

v. God gives vengeance to me, and subdues people under me.

v. He magnifies the salvation of the king, and deals mercifully with His Christ, with David and his seed forever.

THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO SAINT LUKE. (18:35-43)

At that time as Jesus drew near to Jericho, a blind man was sitting by the roadside begging; and hearing a multitude going by, he inquired what this meant. They told him, “Jesus of Nazareth is passing by.” And he cried, “Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!” And those who were in front rebuked him, telling him to be silent; but he cried out all the more, “Son of David, have mercy on me!” And Jesus stopped, and commanded him to be brought to him; and when he came near, he asked him, “What do you want me to do for you?” He said, “Lord, let me receive my sight.” And Jesus said to him, “Receive your sight; your faith has made you well.” And immediately he received his sight and followed him, glorifying God; and all the people, when they saw it, gave praise to God.

COMMUNION HYMN:

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

This Parish Health Inventory Model (PHIM) (continued)

- Parishes often ask for help with “stewardship.” No surprise. Budgets are tight. The economy is scary. Many parishes are in numerical decline and feel “squeezed.”
- Taking action to build stewardship—which in the parlance of most parishes means “increasing income through more and larger donations, offerings and pledges”—is a difficult task. Stewardship programs involve hard work. In many cases they do not produce incremental income immediately. And in some cases, these efforts produce undesirable side effects. And it is not uncommon to find that there are those people who may misinterpret the motivation for the request and effort.
- Often the root cause of the problem can be that too many of us have an incomplete or inaccurate understanding of Christian stewardship—incorrectly equating “stewardship” only with money. Often the way stewardship discussions are handled in parishes contributes to this misconception. Consequently, any discussion of what stewardship means in the Orthodox Christian context necessarily begins with a summary of good parish practices that can help plant a “stewardly mindset” in the parish.
- The first—and never-ending—step in strengthening stewardship in the parish is to help the community understand that stewardship involves making a fundamental commitment to work with God in every aspect of our lives. At the risk of over simplifying an important and very rich subject, let us consider the following key points.
- **Stewards and sojourners.** A steward is one who carefully and responsibly manages entrusted resources or delegated authority on behalf of the interests of another—the Master.
- A steward in the ancient world was an individual who acted in the master’s name and managed, or “stewarded,” the master’s affairs. But he wasn’t the master. To this day, the term “stewardship” basically means the careful, responsible management of something entrusted to one’s care... for greatest output/return... for a purpose. It refers to delegated authority to be practiced on behalf of the interests of another. Christian stewardship, then, is working with God to responsibly manage all of our God-given resources—our time, our talent and our treasure. It is about the way we live in relationship to God and the world. Stewardship is a complete lifestyle, a life of total accountability and responsibility acknowledging God as Creator and Owner of all.

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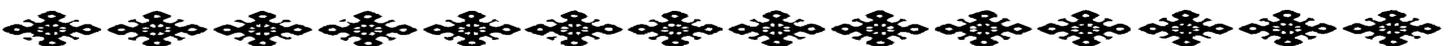


CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR THE HEALTH AND BLESSINGS OF

- Health & Blessings Anne Smith, Sam Panoff, Gloria Zelenko, Joe Tome, Fr. Angelo..... Dorothy Goodman
- Health & Blessings John & Rose Goodman, Dorothy Goodman, Debbie & family..... Stojan & Mira Prusac
- Health & Blessings Joe Tome, John Goodman, Sam Panoff, Anne Smith Anna Branoff
- Health & Blessings Ron Waskerwitz, Rose & John Goodman Bob & Peggy Russell
- Special Intention, Health & Blessings to all the Panoffs Angelo & Christine
- Health & Blessings Shann family..... Ford’s
- Jo Ann Havens, Gloria Zelenko, Anna Branoff, Linda Branoff, Anne Smith,
Walt & Zina Pyatenko, Dorothy Goodman, John & Rose Goodman Adams Family
- Health & Blessings Joe Tome..... Bosa Kantar

CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR ALL THOSE IN BLESSED REPOSE

- Tony Branoff-3yrs Blessed Repose-Memory Eternal His family
- Peter Popoff-Memory Eternal Alex & Magda Popoff
- Blessed Repose Wilma Skekloff..... Angelo & Christine



Welcome all of our friends and visitors to St. Nicholas! Please join us for fellowship in our parish hall.

ANNUAL MEETING The Annual Meeting of Saint Nicholas Parish will be held today 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.

PARISH COUNCIL OFFICERS at the January council meeting the following officers were elected; Sharon Jernigan-President, Catherine Steiner-Vice President, Tom Batzos-Treasurer, Linda Branoff –Secretary, Marla Houser was elected as a non-officer to the executive board. The following were elected as chairperson(s) of a committee: Sharon Jernigan & Lucy Hogg-Fundraising, Dennis Jernigan & Tom Batzos-Maintenance and Reggie Jehnsen-Cemetery. The chair people would appreciate any assistance from the parish.

100th 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.

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.**

4th 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 today.** An informational flier is included in your January bulletin. **Please see Deborah Gonser-Adams for more information and to make your reservation(s).**

100th 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.**

GREETINGS from Fr. David Przedwiecki who was our St. Nicholas for many years. He now lives in Milwaukee. In his Christmas card he writes: “In the beauty and hope of Christmas Season may the joy and love of the Christ Child live forever in your heart, My priestly blessings, Masses, prayers and Rosaries for my friends in Christ, Joyous in Christ! You will be, you and your family and the families of St. Nicholas, remembered in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass on Christmas Day in my room at St. Francis Hospital. You all are still in my love in Christ. A Joyous New Year of 2016. Fr. David Przedwiecki.” His address is 3786 So. 20 Place, Milwaukee, WI, 53221.

Seeking Life, Mercy, and Healing A Common Statement by Orthodox and Catholic Bishops on the 43rd Anniversary of Roe v. Wade

On January 22, Catholic and Orthodox Christians will once again stand in solidarity on the occasion of the 43rd anniversary of Roe v. Wade. As our communities firmly believe in the sanctity of life, the faithful—along with many people of other traditions and good will—lament the legal circumstances that facilitate abortion and the cultural phenomena that present abortion as the only choice for expectant mothers experiencing difficult conditions.

We recognize that the choice to abort an unborn child ultimately reflects the broken condition of humanity.

We remind the world of our common teaching that life begins at the earliest moments of conception and that life, at all stages of its development, is sacred. We denounce the termination of a life as a response to unwanted pregnancies or as a method of overcoming social and economic challenges. We embrace the mothers and the couples who, in spite of difficulties, choose to bring their pregnancy to term. At the same time, however, we invite those who may have undergone or facilitated an abortion to turn to Christ with contrite hearts, seeking to overcome their grief through His forgiveness, mercy and healing.

His Eminence Archbishop Demetrios of America, Chairman
 Assembly of Canonical Orthodox Bishops of the USA

Most Reverend Joseph E. Kurz
 Archbishop of Louisville, President,
 U.S. Catholic Conference of Bishops

Metropolitan Savas of Pittsburgh
 Chairman, Committee for Church and Society
 Assembly of Canonical Orthodox Bishops of the USA

Timothy Michael Cardinal Dolan
 Archbishop of New York
 Chairman, Committee of Pro-Life Activities
 U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops

Schedule of services and events for the week of January 24:

Tuesday, January 26

Fr. Matthew in Toledo

Wednesday, January 27

9:00 am Divine Liturgy
 11:00 am Adult Education

Thursday, January 28

5:30 -8:30 Pan Orthodox Winter Dinner @ St. George

Saturday, January 30

5:00 pm **Three Holy Hierarchs**
 Vespers
****Please Note the Time Change****

Sunday, January 31

9:30 am Third Hour
 10:00 am Divine Liturgy
 Church School

Offerings for the week January 17, 2013

<i>Weekly Offerings</i>	\$1,102.00
<i>Estimated Average Weekly Expenses</i>	\$5,255.62
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*93 people were in attendance on
 Sunday, January 17, 2016*

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