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Bulletin

St. Nicholas Orthodox Church

Orthodox Church in America

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**The Gospel according to Saint Luke**

**24:1-12 (4th Matins Gospel)**

Now on the first day of the week, very early in the morning, they, and certain other women with them, came to the tomb bringing the spices which they had prepared. But they found the stone rolled away from the tomb. Then they went in and did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. And it happened, as they were greatly perplexed about this, that behold, two men stood by them in shining garments. Then, as they were afraid and bowed their faces to the earth, they said to them, "Why do you seek the living among the dead? He is not here, but is risen! Remember how He spoke to you when He was still in Galilee, saying, 'The Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, and be crucified, and the third day rise again.' And they remembered His words. Then they returned from the tomb and told all these things to the eleven and to all the rest. It was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them, who told these things to the apostles. And their words seemed to them like idle tales, and they did not believe them. But Peter arose and ran to the tomb; and stooping down, he saw the linen cloths lying by themselves; and he departed, marveling to himself at what had happened.

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2016 15th SUNDAY AFTER PENTE-COST — Tone 6. Hieromartyr Cyprian, Virgin Martyr Justina, and Martyr Theoctistus, of Nicomedia (304). Bl. Andrew, Fool-for-Christ, at Constantinople (936). Repose of Rt. Blv. Princess Anna of Kashin (1338). Ven. Cassian of Uglich (1504). Martyrs David and Constantine, Princes of Georgia (740). Righteous Warrior Theodore Ushakov (1817).**

**TROPARIA**

**(Tone 6)** The angelic powers were at Thy tomb the guards became as dead men. Mary stood by Thy grave, seeking Thy most pure Body. Thou didst capture hell, not being tempted by it. Thou didst come to the Virgin, granting life. O Lord who didst rise from the dead: glory to Thee!

**(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, Mediatrix 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 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 SECOND EPISTLE OF THE HOLY APOSTLE PAUL TO THE**

**CORINTHIANS. (4:6-15)** Brethren: it is the God who commanded light to shine out of darkness, who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. But we have this treasure in earthen vessels that the excellence of the power may be of God and not of us. We are hard-pressed on every side, yet not crushed; we are perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed – always carrying about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus, that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our body. For we who live are always delivered to death for Jesus' sake, that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our mortal flesh. So then death is working in us, but life in you. And since we have the same spirit of faith, according to what is written, "I believed and therefore I spoke," we also believe and therefore speak, knowing that He who raised up the Lord Jesus will also raise us up with Jesus, and will present us with you. For all things are for your sakes, that grace, having spread through the many, may cause thanksgiving to abound to the glory of God.

***Alleluia, Tone 6***

**v:** He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will abide in the shadow of the heavenly God.

**v:** **He will say to the Lord: "My Protector and my Refuge; my God, in Whom I trust!"**

**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!**

## Virginmartyr Justina of Nicomedia

The holy Virgin Martyr Justina suffered for Christ in Nicomedia with the Hieromartyr Cyprian and the Martyr Theoctistus in 304.

At first St Cyprian was a pagan sorcerer, and tried to corrupt Juliana through his magic spells. The holy virgin Justina lived in Antioch. After turning her own father and mother away from pagan error and leading them to the true faith in Christ, she dedicated herself to the Heavenly Bridegroom and spent her time in fasting and prayer. When the youth Aglaides proposed marriage to her, the saint refused, for she wished to remain a virgin. Agalides sought Cyprian's help and asked for a magic spell to charm Justina into marriage. But no matter what Cyprian tried, he could accomplish nothing, since the saint overcame all the wiles of the devil through her prayers and fasting.

Cyrian sent demons to attack the holy virgin, trying to arouse fleshly passions in her, but she dispelled them by the power of the Sign of the Cross and by fervent prayer to the Lord.

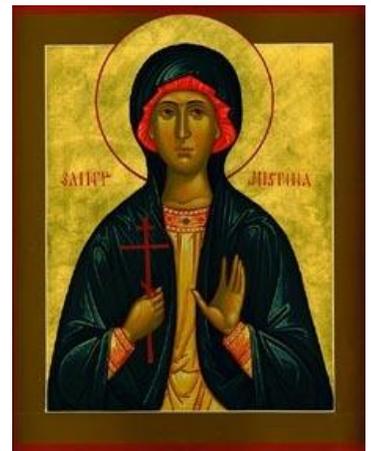
Even though one of the demonic princes and Cyprian himself, assumed various guises by the power of sorcery, they were not able to sway St Justina, who was guarded by her firm faith in Christ. All the spells dissipated, and the demons fled at the mere mention of the saint's name.

Cyprian, in a rage, sent down pestilence and plague upon Justina's family and upon all the city, but this was thwarted by her prayer. Cyprian's soul, corrupted by its domination over people and by his incantations, was shown in all the depth of his downfall, and also the abyss of nothingness of the evil that he served.

Once he realized the powerlessness of the demons, St Cyprian rejected them and became a Christian. He was baptized, and after a time, he was consecrated as a bishop. The Hieromartyr Cyprian converted so many pagans to Christ that in his diocese there was no one left to offer sacrifice to idols, and the pagan temples fell into disuse. St Justina withdrew to a monastery and was chosen Abbess.

During the persecution against Christians under the emperor Diocletian, Bishop Cyprian and Abbess Justina were arrested and brought to Nicomedia, where after fierce tortures they were beheaded with the sword. St Cyprian, fearful that the holy virgin's courage might falter if she saw him put to death, asked for time to pray. St Justina joyfully inclined her neck and was beheaded first.

The soldier Theoctistus, seeing the guiltless sufferings of St Justina, fell at Cyprian's feet and declared himself a Christian, and was beheaded with them.



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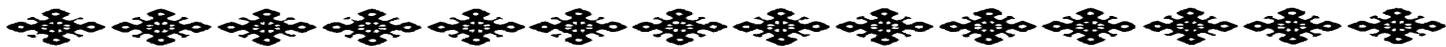
### **CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR THE HEALTH AND BLESSINGS OF**

Adelaida, Feodosiy, Oleg, Irina, Galina, Nickolay, Nickolay, Andrey, Vlada .....	Irina Sivergina
Health & God's Blessings to Pat Stathopoulos on her birthday Sept. 26 .....	Angelo & Christine
Health & God's Blessings Susan Goodman, Peter Sutak, Ron Waskerwitz .....	Rose & John Goodman
Health & blessings for Chick .....	Jo Ann Havens
Special Intention .....	Joe Tome
Health & God's Blessings to Peter Sredich for s speedy recovery .....	Angelo & Christine

Health & God's Blessings Tommy Johnson, Goldie Johnson, Bill Sullivan..... Dorothy & family  
 Fr. Andrew, Fr. Joe, Fr. Moses, Deacon Anthony, Aaron, Jo Ann, Nicolai,  
 Gloria, Laurie, Walt & Zina, Dorothy, Jeanette, Reggie, Ruth & Calvin, Anna,  
 Stojan & Mira, Bosa, Joseph, Helen, Ted & Marlene, Nicholas & Margaret,  
 Gladys, my family & friends ..... Joe Tome  
 Congratulations and Thanksgiving for Bob Edwards on his Chrismation yesterday,  
 October 1<sup>st</sup> welcome to our parish, Jake Kusluski, Gloria Zelenko..... Adams Family

**CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR THOSE IN BLESSED REPOSE**

Vasiliy, Andrey, Galina, Nickolay, Vitaliy ..... Irina Sivergina  
 Blessed Repose Sophie Stavridis-1yr ..... Angelo & Christine



Welcome all of our friends and visitors to St. Nicholas! Please join us for fellowship, coffee and donuts in our parish hall. Volunteers are needed to serve on Sunday's, please see the sign-up sheet next to the kitchen window to volunteer.

**NEW PARISHIONERS**

Robert John Edwards  
 Michael Chevalier  
 Jessica Colbert, Julius, James and Dante

**ST. CATHERINES'S LEAGUE** will meet on Wednesday, October 5 at 6:30 pm. New members are always welcome.

**ANNIVERSARY BOOK** We are looking for volunteers to assist with the Anniversary Book (contacting people for ads, help format the book, etc.) Please call the office 744-0070 or email [stnicholas1916@att.net](mailto:stnicholas1916@att.net)

**CHARITY MINISTRIES**

**HOPE IN A BOX** is collecting Toothbrushes and Toothpaste for the month of October. 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 serve Thursday, October 6 from 9 am to 1 pm.

**100<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY BANQUET** The banquet will be held on Saturday, October 15 at 1pm at the Davison Country Club with music from Boys from Bouf. **This is the last Sunday that tickets will be sold, no tickets will be sold after October 5.** Tickets are \$30 per adult, \$15 children 12 to 4 yrs and children 3 and under are free.

**ORTHODOX BOOK CLUB** meeting schedule for current book (The Meaning of Suffering): We will then take a week or two break before beginning a new book! All meetings will be held at St. George from 6pm to 8pm. WE HAVE EXTRA BOOKS - INVITE A FRIEND!!!

- TUESDAY 10/04 - Read through Page 30
- TUESDAY 10/11 - Read through page 62
- TUESDAY 10/25 - Finish the book

**PARISH MEETING FOR ELECTIONS-November 6, 2016**

**The nominees are:**

**Parish Council Nominees (3 will be elected)**

Paul Brayan (term ending)  
Marla Houser (term ending)  
Dennis Jernigan (term ending)  
Sharon Jernigan (term ending)  
Catherine Steiner (term ending)  
Bob Steiner

**Auditors Nominees (2 need to be elected)**

Deborah Gonser-Adams  
Mike Stikovich (term ending)

***Schedule of services and events for the week of October 2, 2016:***

**Monday, October 3**

5:30 pm Anniversary Committee Meeting

**Tuesday, October 4**

6:30 pm Communion Calls in Bay City and Caro  
Pan-Orthodox meeting with **FOCUS** at St. Nicholas

**Wednesday, October 5**

9:00 am Divine Liturgy  
11:00 am Adult Education  
6:30 pm St. Catherine's League meeting

**Saturday, October 8**

5:00 pm Vespers

**Sunday, October 9**

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

**Offerings for the week September 25, 2016**

<i>Weekly Offerings</i>	\$715.00
<i>Estimated Average Weekly Expenses</i>	\$5,255.62
	<b>-\$4,540.62</b>

*100 people were in attendance on  
Sunday, September 25, 2016*

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

**St. John Chrysostom**