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**THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT — Tone 7. Repose
of St. Nikolai of Zhicha (1956). Veneration of
the Cross.**

Troparion (Tone 7)

By Your Cross You destroyed death. To
the thief You opened Paradise. For the
Myrrhbearers You changed weeping into
joy. And You commanded Your
disciples, O Christ God, to proclaim that
You are risen,//granting the world great
mercy.

Troparion (Tone 1)

O Lord, save Your people, and bless
Your inheritance! Grant victories to the
Orthodox Christians over their
adversaries; and by virtue of Your
Cross,//preserve Your habitation!

Kontakion (Tone 7)

Now the flaming sword no longer guards
the gates of Eden; it has been
mysteriously quenched by the wood of
the Cross. The sting of death and the
victory of hell have been vanquished; for
You, O my Savior, have come and cried
to those in hell://
“Enter again into Paradise!”

Prayers for the Faithful and Departed

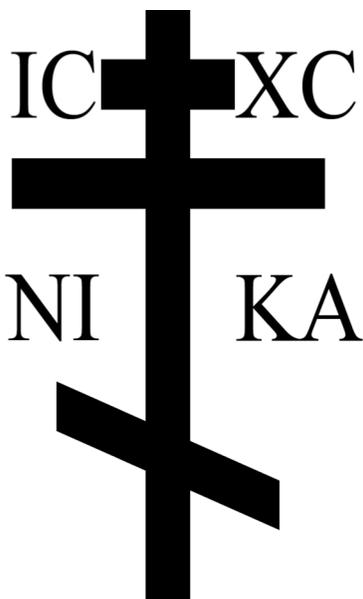
Living: Lena Robovitsky, Bobby, David,
Nina, Anna McCartney, Veronica McCafferty,
John Donohue, Neil and Sandra Hourahan,
John Herbert, Millie O’Shura, Ronnie
Kavalkovich, Ann Zuzulock, Pellack family,
Timothy and Daniel Riley, Rabik family and
friends, Jackson family, Emily Gerasimoff.
May God Grant Them Many Years!

Departed: Pellack family members, Rdr.
Leonty Macalush, Fred LeRoy, Joseph
Barolak. **May Their Memories Be
Eternal!**

**Flowers for the Cross have been given
in memory of Rdr. Leonty Macalush.**

Upcoming Services

Wed.	Presanctified Liturgy, 6:00 p.m.
Friday	Akathist, 6:00 p.m.
Saturday	Great Vespers, 5:00 p.m.
Sunday	Divine Liturgy, 10:00 a.m. <i>Fellowship and coffee hour follow the Divine Liturgy</i>



Hebrews 4:14-5:6

Seeing then that we have a great High Priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need. For every high priest taken from among men is appointed for men in things pertaining to God, that he may offer both gifts and sacrifices for sins. He can have compassion on those who are ignorant and going astray, since he himself is also subject to weakness. Because of this he is required as for the people, so also for himself, to offer sacrifices for sins. And no man takes this honor to himself, but he who is called by God, just as Aaron was. So also Christ did not glorify Himself to become High Priest, but it was He who said to Him: "You are My Son, Today I have begotten You." As He also says in another place: "You are a priest forever According to the order of Melchizedek."

Mark 8:34-9:1

When He had called the people to Himself, with His disciples also, He said to them, "Whoever desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me. For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake and the gospel's will save it. For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul? For whoever is ashamed of Me and My words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him the Son of Man also will be ashamed when He comes in the glory of His Father with the holy angels. And He said to them, "Assuredly, I say to you that there are some standing here who will not taste death till they see the kingdom of God present with power."

Announcements

Readers, Coffee Hour, and Church Cleaning

Please consider volunteering for any of the above. The church needs help especially with cleaning and coffee hour. Sign-up sheets are downstairs on the bulletin board.

Centennial Team

Please see Debbie Kavalkovich if you would like to serve on the team preparing for our centennial next year.

Lenten Calendars

Please note that the Lenten calendars are now available. These calendars will also be posted online on our website.

Special Collection Today

Fr. Adam Sexton, his wife Angie, and eight children lost their rectory in Nanticoke due to fire recently. As such, His Grace, Bishop Tikhon, has asked all parishes to provide a special collection today to assist Fr. Adam and family. Moreover, if you would like to give on an individual basis, note that a fund has been established. You can send your checks, made out to "St John the Baptist in Nanticoke Relief Fund," to the Diocesan Center, 144 St. Tikhon's Rd. Waymart, PA 18472.

Weekly Financial Statement (02.26.12)

Attendance: 36

Money In: \$1609.00

Money Out: -\$497.01

Net Total: \$1111.99

The Third Sunday of Lent is that of the Veneration of the Cross. The cross stands in the midst of the church in the middle of the lenten season not merely to remind men of Christ's redemption and to keep before them the goal of their efforts, but also to be venerated as that reality by which man must live to be saved. "He who does not take up his cross and follow me is not worthy of me" (Mt.10:38). For in the Cross of Christ Crucified lies both "the power of God and the wisdom of God" for those being saved (1 Cor.1:24).