

# Ambo

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Eve Sundays & Feast Days

5:00 PM Confessions

6:00 PM Great Vespers

Sundays and Feast Days

8:40 AM 3rd and 6th Hour

9:00 AM Divine Liturgy

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EXPLUSION OF ADAM AND EVE  
FROM PARADISE  
VEN BENEDICT OF NURSIA



Repose of St. Nikolai of Zhicha (March 18)

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**Saint Nikolai of Zhicha**, “the Serbian Chrysostom,” was born in Lelich in western Serbia on January 4, 1881 (December 23, 1880 O.S.). His parents were Dragomir and Katherine Velimirovich, who lived on a farm where they raised a large family. His pious mother was a major influence on his spiritual development, teaching him by word and especially by example. As a small child, Nikolai often walked three miles to the Chelije Monastery with his mother to attend services there.

Sickly as a child, Nikolai was not physically strong as an adult. He failed his physical requirements when he applied to the military academy, but his excellent academic qualifications allowed him to enter the Saint Sava Seminary in Belgrade, even before he finished preparatory school.

After graduating from the seminary in 1905, he earned doctoral degrees from the University of Berne in 1908, and from King’s College, Oxford in 1909. When he returned home, he fell ill with dysentery. Vowing to serve God for the rest of his life if he recovered, he was tonsured at the Rakovica Monastery on December 20, 1909 and was also ordained to the holy priesthood.

In 1910 he went to study in Russia to prepare himself for a teaching position at the seminary in Belgrade. At the Theological Academy in Saint Petersburg, the Provost asked him why he had come. He replied, “I wanted to be a shepherd. As a child, I tended my father’s sheep. Now that I am a man, I wish to tend the rational flock of my heavenly Father. I believe that is the way that has been shown to me.” The Provost smiled, pleased by this response, then showed the young man to his quarters.

After completing his studies, he returned to Belgrade and taught philosophy, logic, history, and

foreign languages at the seminary. He spoke seven languages, and this ability proved very useful to him throughout his life.

Saint Nikolai was renowned for his sermons, which never lasted more than twenty minutes, and focused on just three main points. He taught people the theology of the Church in a language they could understand, and inspired them to repentance.

At the start of World War I, Archimandrite Nikolai was sent to England on a diplomatic mission to seek help in the struggle of the Serbs against Austria. His doctorate from Oxford gained him an invitation to speak at Westminster Abbey. He remained in England for three short months, but Saint Nikolai left a lasting impression on those who heard him. His writings “The Lord’s Commandments,” and “Meditations on the Lord’s Prayer” impressed many in the Church of England.

Archimandrite Nikolai left England and went to America, where he proved to be a good ambassador for his nation and his Church.

The future saint returned to Serbia in 1919, where he was consecrated as Bishop of Zhicha, and was later transferred to Ochrid. The new hierarch assisted those who were suffering from the ravages of war by establishing orphanages and helping the poor.

Bishop Nikolai took over as leader of Bogomljcki Pokret, a popular movement for spiritual revival which encouraged people to pray and read the Bible. Under the bishop’s direction, it also contributed to a renewal of monasticism. Monasteries were restored and reopened, and this in turn revitalized the spiritual life of the Serbian people.

In 1921, Bishop Nikolai was invited to visit America again and spent two years as a missionary bishop. He gave more than a hundred talks in less than six months, raising funds for his orphanages. Over the next twenty years, he lectured in various churches and universities.

When Germany invaded Yugoslavia on April 6, 1941, Bishop Nikolai, a fearless critic of the Nazis, was arrested and confined in Ljubostir Vojlovici Monastery. In 1944, he and Patriarch Gavrilo were sent to the death camp at Dachau. There he witnessed many atrocities and was tortured himself. When American troops liberated the prisoners in May 1945, the patriarch returned to Yugoslavia, but Bishop Nikolai went to England.

The Communist leader Tito was just coming to power in Yugoslavia, where he persecuted the Church and crushed those who opposed him. Therefore, Bishop Nikolai believed he could serve the Serbian people more effectively by remaining abroad. He went to America in 1946, following a hectic schedule in spite of his health problems which were exacerbated by his time in Dachau. He taught for three years at Saint Sava's Seminary in Libertyville, IL before he settled at Saint Tikhon's Monastery in South Canaan, PA in 1951.

He taught at Saint Tikhon's and also served as the seminary's Dean and Rector. He was also a guest lecturer at Saint Vladimir's Seminary in NY, and at Holy Trinity Monastery in Jordanville, NY.

On Saturday March 17, 1956 Bishop Nikolai served his last Liturgy. After the service he went to the trapeza and gave a short talk. As he was leaving, he bowed low and said, "Forgive me, brothers." This was something unusual which he had not done before.

On March 18, 1956 Saint Nikolai fell asleep in the Lord Whom he had served throughout his life. He was found in his room kneeling in an attitude of

prayer. Though he was buried at Saint Sava's Monastery in Libertyville, IL, he had always expressed a desire to be buried in his homeland. In April of 1991 his relics were transferred to the Chetinje Monastery in Lelich. There he was buried next to his friend and disciple Father Justin Popovich (+ 1979).

English readers are familiar with Saint Nikolai's PROLOGUE FROM OCHRID, THE LIFE OF ST SAVA, A TREASURY OF SERBIAN SPIRITUALITY, and other writings which are of great benefit for the whole Church. He thought of his writings as silent sermons addressed to people who would never hear him preach. In his life and writings, the grace of the Holy Spirit shone forth for all to see, but in his humility he considered himself the least of men.

Though he was a native of Serbia, Saint Nikolai has a universal significance for Orthodox Christians in all countries. He was like a candle set upon a candlestick giving light to all (MT 5:15). A spiritual guide and teacher with a magnetic personality, he attracted many people to himself. He also loved them, seeing the image of God in each person he met. He had a special love for children, who hastened to receive his blessing whenever they saw him in the street.

He was a man of compunctionate prayer, and possessed the gift of tears which purify the soul (Saint John Climacus, LADDER, Step 7). He was a true pastor to his flock protecting them from spiritual wolves, and guiding them on the path to salvation. He has left behind many soul-profitting writings which proclaim the truth of Christ to modern man. In them he exhorts people to love God, and to live a life of virtue and holiness. May we also be found worthy of the Kingdom of Heaven through the prayers of Saint Nikolai, and by the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, to Whom be glory forever. Amen.

## Confession (Continued)

We continue discussion of the Mystery of Repentance (Confession), getting to the “nitty-gritty” of what sin consists. Once we have established what is sin, then we can move forward towards repentance, reconciliation, and confession.

*A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another. By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another” (John 13:34-35).*

This marvelous Scripture is vital to our understanding of our Christian life! These verses, in combination with verses from St. Paul’s First Epistle to the Corinthians, chapter 13, are set to Carpatho-Russian chant by His Eminence, Archbishop JOB (of thrice blessed memory), and have almost become the anthem of the Orthodox Church in America. These beautiful and meaningful verses impact our daily lives, if only we let them.

As Fr. Thomas Hopko writes: “This *new commandment* of Christ came to a world-without-God as something radically new. But it was not originally meant to be new at all! God wanted the world to be filled with His Love from the moment of creation. This was the original destiny of man: to live with God’s life and to fill all the ends of creation with His Divine Presence, which is Love Itself.” (cp 1 John 3 and 4)

All too often, we do not live up to this *New Commandment!* The Christian life to which we are called is not really a “state of being,” but rather can be un-

derstood as a “movement.” We are constantly moving towards Christ. Therefore it can be said that we are not completely human until we live completely in God’s love. This is eternal life!

Hence, we fail in this venture that as being Baptized, Christened Christians who have the Holy Spirit and Holy Communion with God in the Church, we hardly even realize this task, this high calling. We hardly pay attention to it, desire it, or work at it.

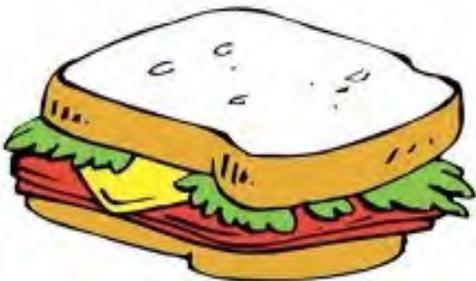
This is our sin! This sin is not even being aware of our “high calling,” and we constantly offend against it by our thoughts, words, and actions to the point of actually going in the opposite direction. And this “movement in the opposite direction” is the definition of sin! It then behooves us to repent, which is literally a call to change ourselves. This now demands we confess our sins.

We will delve into the nature of Confession itself, how to prepare for it, and what to say.

As we are going to be in the Great Fast in the next few hours, it will be an opportunity for us to come to confess our sins to God in Confession.

Fr. John will be available for confession beginning at 5:00pm on Wednesdays before Presanctified Liturgy, and Saturdays before Vespers. Be sure to avail yourselves of these opportunities to cleanse your soul, and “get right with God!”

## Sandwiches for St. Herman’s



While we have not been able to continue serving lunch, or making sandwiches in the Parish Hall for St. Herman's, there have been several families that have been making and delivering sandwiches through this pandemic (thank you to Brad & Victoria Foran, Tom & Laverne Jacobson and Lauren Eppele and her boys).

With Great Lent at the door, are you looking for a way to offer your time and alms? If you would be willing and able to buy supplies and make ~150 simple sandwiches (\$80-\$90), St. Herman's would welcome your gift. You can team up with others, if it sounds daunting. Please see Dan Morris, and I will

try to line up a convenient date for you to deliver sandwiches.

This appeal will run through early April, so if you would like to help, let me know as soon as possible. Thank you.

# LENT 2021

Confession available at 5:00 PM on each Presanctified Liturgy on Wednesdays and each Great Vespers on Saturdays

Sunday	MONDAY	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
March 14 9AM Divine Liturgy Forgiveness Vespers immediately after	March 15  6PM Canon of St. Andrew	March 16	March 17  5:35PM Hours 6PM Presanctified Liturgy	March 18	March 19	March 20  6PM Great Vespers
March 21 9AM Divine Liturgy	March 22	March 23	March 24  5:35PM Hours 6PM Presanctified Liturgy	March 25  6PM Vespers Divine Liturgy (Annunciation)	March 26	March 27  6PM Great Vespers
March 28 9AM Divine Liturgy	March 29	March 30	March 31  5:35PM Hours 6PM Presanctified Liturgy	April 1	April 2	April 3  6PM Great Vespers
April 4 9AM Divine Liturgy	April 5	April 6	April 7  5:35PM Hours 6PM Presanctified Liturgy	April 8	April 9	April 10  6PM Great Vespers
April 11 9AM Divine Liturgy	April 12	April 13	April 14  5:35PM Hours 6PM Presanctified Liturgy	April 15	April 16	April 17  6PM Great Vespers
April 18 9AM Divine Liturgy	April 19	April 20	April 21  5:35PM Hours 6PM Presanctified Liturgy	April 22	April 23	April 24 9AM Lazarus Saturday Divine Liturgy 6PM Vigil for Palm Sunday
April 25 9AM Palm Sunday Divine Liturgy	<b>Holy Week – Schedule TBA</b>					

## Student Outreach

St. Theodosius is looking to reach out to young adults in high school and in college to send Pascha greetings. Please email the office at [StTheodosiusCathedral@protonmail.com](mailto:StTheodosiusCathedral@protonmail.com) with students' name and address.

Due to the pandemic, and our financial position last year, we suspended the Food Pantry bags for **Merrick House** (20 bags of groceries for their Moms First program). Now, things are looking up, and we will restart the monthly program in March.

There are envelopes in the foyer specifically for this, or you can earmark a special offering envelope for the Merrick House Food Pantry. Please consider 'sponsoring a bag' for \$10. Thank you for your consideration. - Dan Morris



# PRAYER REQUESTS



## Departed:

**Archpriest** John Tkachuk

**Louis** Klinar (*father of Bob Klinar*)

**Bert** Nielsen (*Paul Pangrace's brother-in-law*)

**Edward** Selavko (*former Parish Council President*)

## Special Intentions:

**Deacon Paul** Mitchell (*Tom Mitchell's father*)

**Subdeacon Theodore** Lentz

**Reader Paul** Pangrace

**Reader Haralambos** Steingass

**Arlene** Czajkowski

**Child Mary Kate** Zweidunger

**Child Vivian** Sherer

**Melissa** (*cousin of Mary Ann Kovach*)

**Elizabeth (Betty)** Balasz

**Marie** Borland

**Horia** Dascalescu

**Debra** Ellis

**Gregory** Galan

**Aleksei** Green

**Virginia** Haupt (*Lisa Theodore's mother*)

**Don** Hinkl

**Matthew** Hunly (*Phyllis Gindlesperger's brother-in-law*)

**Diane** Kearsey (*Janice Tkacz's sister*)

**Annamarie** Luvison (*Daughter of Kaite Ellis-Luvison*)

**Chris** Magee (*Erin Zawolowycz's brother*)

**Paul** Mihal

**Natalya** Miller (*Arlene Neale's great-niece*)

**Andrew** Mytrohovich

**Debra** Parhamovich (*Karen Felon's sister*)

**Grace** Parhamovich (*Karen Felon's mother*)

**Jim** Paulitzky (*Jerry Czajkowski's son-in-law*)

**James** Peter Petkac

**Susan** Reese (*friend of Jerry & Arlene Czajkowski and Betty Balasz*)

**Elena** Rich (*Jerry Czajkowski's daughter*)

**Andrew** Sykaluk

**Elaine** Sudnick (*Joy Pfeiffer's mother*)

**Tony** Sykaluk (*friend of Lydia Mytrohovich*)

**Janice** Tkacz

**Gayle** Vidovitch

**Eleanor** Wachovec (*friend of Karen Felon*)

**Robert** Walsh (*friend of the Felons*)

**Colleen** Walsh (*friend of the Felons*)

**Erin** Zawolowycz

**Kristin** Robinson

**Janet** Budko (*sister-in-law of Arlene Neale*)

**Laurie** Budko (*niece of Arlene Neale*)

**Mary Kay** Weber

**Mirta** Szewczyk (*friend of Tatiana*)

**Mickey** O'Brien (*friend of Arlene*)

**Kelly** Buehner

**Anna** Sykaluk (*friend of Tatiana*)

**Edward** Zewczyk (*friend of Tatiana*)

**Joe** Czajkowski (*son of Jerry*)

**Patrick** Gallagher

**Elliott** Udell (*grandson of Michael Udell*)

**Constance** Zimmerman (*Cindy's cousin*)

**William** Nasi (*brother-in-law of Kenneth Kovach*)

**Jonathan** Maas (*friend of Eric Seddon*)

**Michelle** Frampton (*cousin of Fr. Zdinak*)

**Jeanne** Charles (*friend of Arlene Neal/Czajkowski*)

**Carol** Nielsen (*Paul Pangrace's sister*)

**Dennis** Kovach (*Kenneth Kovach's brother*)

**Millie** Koberling (*friend of Arlene*)

**Jimmy** Koberling (*friend of Arlene*)

## BIBLE READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF March 14

### Mar 14

John 20:1-10  
Rom 13:11-14:4  
Matt 6:14-21

### Mar 16

Isa 1:19-2:4  
Gen 1:14-23  
Prov 1:20-33

### Mar 18

Isa 2:11-21  
Gen 2:4-19  
Prov 3:1-18

### Mar 20

2 Tim 2:1-10  
John 15:17-16:2  
Heb 1:1-12  
Mark 2:23-3:5

### Mar 15

Isa 1:1-20  
Gen 1:1-13  
Prov 1:1-20

### Mar 17

Isa 2:3-11  
Gen 1:24-2:3  
Prov 2:1-22

### Mar 19

Isa 3:1-15  
Gen 2:20-3:20  
Prov 3:19-34

### Mar 21

John 20:11-18  
Heb 11:24-26, 32-12:2  
John 1:43-51

### ST. THEodosius IS NOW A SUBSCRIBER TO TITHE.LY

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Special thanks to Council Vice President Cathy Weber and our Webmaster Kate Zolikoff for making this happen.



## FAITH ENRICHMENT HAS CONCLUDED

Stay tuned for more information & future announcements!

Please contact Subdeacon Leon Felon at (440) 666-7601 if you have any questions.

### Sunday, Mar 14

The Expulsion of Adam and Eve from Paradise  
Ven. Benedict of Nursia  
3rd and 6th Hours read at 8:40 AM  
Liturgy Begins 9:00 AM  
Forgiveness Vespers after Liturgy & break

### Monday, Mar 15

Hieromartyr Alexander of Side in Pamphylia  
Canon of St. Andrew 6:00 PM

### Tuesday, Mar 16

Martyr Sabinas of Egypt

### Wednesday, Mar 17

Ven. Alexsy the Man of God  
Presanctified Liturgy 6:00 PM  
Hours begin at 5:35 PM  
Modified potluck to follow

## WEEKLY SCHEDULE

2021

*Lent Begins*

### Thursday, Mar 18

Repose of St. Nikolai of Zhicha

### Friday, Mar 19

Martyrs Chrysanthus and Daria and those with them at Rome

### Saturday, Mar 20

First Saturday of Great Lent  
Commemoration of St. Theodore and the Miracle of the Boiled Wheat  
Confessions 5:00 PM  
Great Vespers 6:00 PM

### Sunday, Mar 21

Sunday of Orthodoxy  
St. James the Confessor, Bishop of Catania  
3rd and 6th Hours read at 8:40 AM  
Liturgy Begins 9:00 AM