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SERVING SOUTH WINNIPEG

5th Sunday of the Great Fast. Ven. Mary of Egypt

St. Theophylactus, Bp. Of Nicomedia (842-845). Apostle Hermas of the Seventy (I). Hieromartyr Theodoretus of Antioch (361). St. Dometius, monk (363). St. Felix, Bp. Of Burgundy (c. 648).

ORDER OF SERVICE:

Troparion and Kontakion

Tone 8: You descended from on high, O Merciful One. / You accepted the three-day burial / to free us from our passions. // Our life and resurrection; O Lord, Glory to You.

Tone 1: O Lord, save Your People, / and bless Your inheritance! / Grant victory to Orthodox Christians / over their adversaries, / and by Your Cross // preserve Your Commonwealth.

Tone 8: The image of God was truly preserved in you, O Mother, / for you took up the Cross and followed Christ. / By so doing, you taught us to disregard the flesh, for it passes away, / but to care instead for the soul, since it is immortal. // Therefore, Holy Mother Mary, your spirit rejoices with the angels.

Glory...Both now...

Tone 3: You, who were once defiled by every type of fornication, / have today become a Bride of Christ through repentance. / Emulating the angelic life, / you cast down demons with the weapon of the Cross. // Therefore, O Glorious Mary, you were made a Bride in the Kingdom.

The Epistle

Reader: The Prokimenon in the **8th Tone:** Pray and give glory to the Lord our God.

Choir: Pray and give glory to the Lord our God.

Reader: In Judah God is known; His Name is great in Israel.

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Reader: The Reading is from St. Paul's Epistle to the Hebrews: [Hebrews 9:11-14]

Reader: Alleluia in the **8th Tone:** Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Choir: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Reader: Come let us rejoice in the Lord. Let us shout with joy to God our Saviour.

Choir: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Reader: Let us come before His face with thanksgiving, and with psalms let us shout with joy to Him.

Choir: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Gospel: [Mark 10:32-45]

Communion Verse: Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest. The righteous man shall be in everlasting remembrance. He shall not fear evil tidings. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Hebrews 9:11-14 (Sunday Epistle)

11. But when Christ came as a high priest of the good things that have come, he went through the greater and more perfect tabernacle that was not made by human hands and that is not a part of this creation.

12. Not with the blood of goats and calves, but with his own blood he went into the Holy of Holies once for all and secured our eternal redemption.

13. For if the blood of goats and bulls and the ashes of a heifer sprinkled on

those who are unclean purifies them with physical cleansing,

14. how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself unblemished to God, cleanse our consciences from dead works so that we may serve the living God!

Mark 10:32-45 (Sunday Gospel)

32. When evening came, after the sun had set, people started bringing to him all those who were sick or possessed by demons.

33. In fact, the whole city gathered at the door.

34. He healed many who were sick with various diseases and drove out many demons. However, he wouldn't allow the demons to speak because they knew who he was.

35. In the morning, while it was still very dark, Jesus got up and went to a deserted place and prayed there.

36. Simon and his companions searched diligently for him.

37. When they found him, they told him, "Everyone's looking for you."

38. He said to them, "Let's go to the neighboring towns so that I can preach there, too. For that is why I came out here."

39. So he went throughout Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and driving out demons.

40. Then a leper came to Jesus and began pleading with him. He fell on his knees and said to him, "If you want to, you can make me clean."

41. Moved with compassion, Jesus reached out his hand, touched him, and said to him, "I do want to. Be made clean!"

42. Instantly the leprosy left him, and he was clean.

43. Then Jesus sternly warned him and drove him away at once,

44. telling him, "See to it that you don't say anything to anyone. Instead, go and show yourself to the priest, and then offer for your cleansing what Moses commanded as proof to the authorities."

45. But when the man left, he began to proclaim it freely. He spread the word so widely that Jesus could no longer enter a town openly, but had to stay out in deserted places. Still, people kept coming to him from everywhere.

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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

VESPERS: Saturdays at 5:00 p.m.

DIVINE LITURGY:

March 7: Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m.
March 14: Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m.
March 21: Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m.
March 28: Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m. (Palm Sunday)

Please make every effort to participate in the services offered during this Great Lent.

Financial Report Feb. 10

Income	805.70
Expenses	1050.00
Net	-\$244.30

Building Fund

Goal —	\$25,000
Collected —	\$9092.76

Fund Raising

512 dozen perogies sold: \$2066.50 raised.

Prayer for Needs: Pamela, and Jeff, Lisa, Dustin, Lucinda, Sophia

Prayer for Sick: Georgina, , Dustin, Chuck, Frank

Prayer for the souls of those who have fallen asleep in the Lord:

GOD GRANT MANY YEARS: March

Birthdays: Liam (6),

Anniversaries:

OUR PARISH REQUIRES YOUR REGULAR DONATIONS FOR ITS ONGOING SUPPORT. ANY DONATION YOU CAN GIVE EITHER FOR THE OPERATION OR FOR THE BUILDING FUND WILL BE GRATEFULLY APPRECIATED.

REMEMBER THAT YOUR PARISH NEEDS YOUR PRAYERS AS WELL AS ANY FINANCIAL GIFT AND VOLUNTEER TIME YOU CAN GIVE. **THE COLLECTION BASKET FOR DONATIONS IS LOCATED ON THE BACK CORNER TABLE.**

MEETINGS and STUFF

Holy Cross Parish Council: Kitzul Residence:

March 2, 7:30 p.m.

Adult Ed. Class: Postponed

3rd Sunday of Month: Bring a canned good donation to Church.

WELCOME to all our guests who came to worship with us today IN THE FAITH OF THE APOSTLES THAT HAS BEEN PRESERVED UNCHANGED AND IS ETERNAL. May God save you for your prayers.

- Check out our Lending Library: **New Kid's album of Icon Cards are now available.**
- Let's not forget about our Food Bank Donations and 'Pennies from Heaven'.
- If you are working at your computer, turn on Ancient Faith Radio at:
<http://ancientfaith.com>
- **Parish is selling Prayer Ropes and Beeswax Candles** as a fundraiser. Great for your devotional needs. See Sandy

Hand your prayer request to Subdeacon Dennis or to one of the Acolytes before the service and he will bring it to the priest.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. **GRAPE JELLY for sale.** Only \$3.00 a jar. We are all sold out of the Honey. We still have grape jelly for sale. Please see Sylvia Kitzul if you are interested.
2. **Church Calendars: \$3.00 each. They will be available at the back of the chapel.** Please pay Dave.
3. **DIVINE LITURGY SERVICE BOOKS** are now available for sale. You can have your very own copy for \$10.00. Please see Sandy or Fr. Evan.
4. **Passia Service - Mar. 21, 6:00 p.m. St. Michael's**
5. **Holy Week Schedule of Services.**
Holy Wednesday (March 31)—Holy Unction. 7:00 p.m. at All-Saints.
Holy Thursday (April 1)— Reading of the 12 Gospels. 6:00 p.m. at Holy Cross.
Holy Friday (April 2)— Shroud Service. 3:00 p.m. at Holy Cross.
Holy Saturday (April 3)— Vesperal Liturgy. 11:00 a.m. at Holy Cross.
Holy Pascha (April 4)— Paschal Matins. 5:15 a.m., Divine Liturgy to follow.
6. **Great Vespers (March 20)** will be hosted by St. Ivan Suchavsky (939 Main St.) at 5:00 p.m.
7. **Holy Cross will be hosting the Akathist-Laudation of the Most Holy Theotokos at 6:00 p.m. on March 19.** Please make every effort to participate in this service as this our opportunity to be hosts to our brothers and sisters from our sister parishes.

Our Parish is housed at St. Andrew's College on the University of Manitoba Campus. Address: 29 Dysart Road.

St Theophylactus the Bishop of Nicomedia Commemorated on March 21

Saint Theophylactus lived at Constantinople in the eighth century during the time of the Iconoclast heresy. After the death of the iconoclast emperor Leo IV the Khazar (775-780), Emperor Constantine VI (780-797) ascended the throne. At the same time, the holy Patriarch Paul (August 30), not having the strength to continue guiding the flock in the face of iconoclasm, voluntarily resigned his office (784). St Tarasius (February 25) was chosen in his place. At that time, he was an eminent imperial counselor. Under the supervision of the new Patriarch the Seventh Ecumenical Council (787) was convened to condemn the Iconoclast heresy. A relatively peaceful time began for the Church, and monasteries again began to fill with monks.

St Theophylactus, a gifted disciple of St Tarasius, with the blessing of the Patriarch, went to a monastery on the coast of the Black Sea with St Michael (May 23). The zealous ascetics by their God-pleasing labors and intense prayer were granted the gift of wonderworking by God. During a drought, when the workers in the field were weakened by thirst, the saints prayed and an empty vessel became filled with enough water to last the entire day.

Heading the Church of Nicomedia, St Theophylactus cared for the flock entrusted to him. He built churches, hospices, homes for wanderers, he generously distributed alms, was the guardian of orphans, widows and the sick, and personally attended those afflicted with leprosy, not hesitating to wash their wounds.

When the iconoclast Leo the Armenian (813-820) came to the imperial throne, the terrible heresy burst forth with renewed strength.

But the iconoclast emperor was not able to influence St Nicephorus (June 2), the successor of Patriarch Tarasius, who with the other bishops vainly urged Leo not to destroy the peace of the Church. St Theophylactus was present at the negotiations of the emperor with the Patriarch. Denouncing the heretics, St Theophylactus predicted a speedy death for Leo the Armenian. For his bold prophecy the saint was sent into exile to the fortress Strobil (in Asia Minor). He languished for thirty years until his death, which took place around the year 845.

After the restoration of icon-veneration in the year 847 under the empress St Theodora (February 11) and her son Michael, the holy relics of St Theophylactus were returned to Nicomedia.

The true Orthodox way of thought has always been historical, has always included the past, but has never been enslaved by it. The strength of the Church is not in the past, present, or future, but in Christ.