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Bulletin

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The Gospel according to Saint John

20:11-18 (8th Matins Gospel)

But Mary stood outside by the tomb weeping, and as she wept she stooped down and looked into the tomb. And she saw two angels in white sitting, one at the head and the other at the feet, where the body of Jesus had lain. Then they said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping?” She said to them, “Because they have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid Him.” Now when she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, and did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you seeking?” She, supposing Him to be the gardener, said to Him, “Sir, if You have carried Him away, tell me where You have laid Him, and I will take Him away.” Jesus said to her, “Mary!” She turned and said to Him, “Rabboni!” (which is to say, Teacher). Jesus said to her, “Do not cling to Me, for I have not yet ascended to My Father; but go to My brethren and say to them, ‘I am ascending to My Father and your Father, and to My God and your God.’” Mary Magdalene came and told the disciples that she had seen the Lord, and that He had spoken these things to her.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 15, 2017 30TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST —Tone 5. Ven. Paul of Thebes (341) and John Calabytes (“the Hut-dweller”—5th c.). Ven. Pansophius of Alexandria, Martyr (ca. 249-251). Ven. Prochorus, Abbot, in the Vranski desert on the River Pshina in Bulgaria (10th c.). Ven. Gabriel, founder of Lesnovo Monastery in Bulgaria (11th c.).

TROPARIA

(Tone 5) Let us, the faithful, praise and worship the Word, co-eternal with the Father and the Spirit, born for our salvation from the Virgin; for He willed to be lifted up on the Cross in the flesh, to endure death, and to raise the dead// by His glorious Resurrection.

(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 Fifth Tone: Thou, O Lord, shalt protect us / and preserve us from this generation forever.

v: Save me, O Lord, for there is no longer any that is godly.

THE EPISTLE OF THE HOLY APOSTLE PAUL TO THE COLOSSIANS (3:4-11) Brethren: When Christ who is our life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory. Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. On account of these the wrath of God is coming. In these you once walked, when you lived in them. But now put them all away: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and foul talk from your mouth. Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old nature with its practices and have put on the new nature, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator. Here there cannot be Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scyth'ian, slave, free man, but Christ is all, and in all.

Alleluia, Tone 5

v: I will sing of Thy mercies, O Lord, forever; with my mouth I will proclaim Thy truth from generation to generation.

v: For Thou hast said: Mercy will be established forever; Thy truth will be prepared in the heavens.

THE READING FROM THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO SAINT LUKE (17:12-19) At that time, as Jesus entered a village, he was met by ten lepers, who stood at a distance and lifted up their voices and said, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us." When he saw them he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went they were cleansed. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice; and he fell on his face at Jesus' feet, giving him thanks. Now he was a Samaritan. Then said Jesus, "Were not ten cleansed? Where are the nine? Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" And he said to him, "Rise and go your way; your faith has made you well."

COMMUNION HYMN

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

Venerable Paul of Thebes

Saint Paul of Thebes was born in Egypt around 227 in the Thebaid of Egypt. Left orphaned, he suffered many things from a greedy relative over his inheritance. During the persecution against Christians under the emperor Decius (249-251), Saint Paul learned of his brother-in-law's insidious plan to deliver him into the hands of the persecutors, and so he fled the city and fled into the wilderness.

Settling into a mountain cave, Saint Paul dwelt there for ninety-one years, praying incessantly to God both day and night. He sustained himself on dates and bread, which a raven brought him, and he clothed himself with palm leaves.

Saint Anthony the Great (January 17), who also lived as an ascetic in the Thebaid desert, had a revelation from God concerning Saint Paul. Saint Anthony thought that there was no other desert dweller such as he. Then God said to him, "Anthony, there is a servant of God more excellent than you, and you should go and see him."

Anthony went into the desert and came to Saint Paul's cave. Falling to the ground before the entrance to the cave, he asked to be admitted. The Elders introduced themselves, and then embraced one another. They conversed through the night, and Saint Anthony revealed how he had been led there by God. Saint Paul disclosed to Saint Anthony that for sixty years a bird had brought him half a loaf of bread each day. Now the Lord had sent a double portion in honor of Saint Paul's visit. The next morning, Saint Paul spoke to Anthony of his approaching death, and instructed him to bury him. He also asked Saint Anthony to return to his monastery and bring back the cloak he had received from Saint Athanasius. He did not really need a garment, but wished to depart from his body while Saint Anthony was absent.

As he was returning with the cloak, Saint Anthony beheld the soul of Saint Paul surrounded by angels, prophets, and apostles, shining like the sun and ascending to God. He entered the cave and found Abba Paul on his knees with his arms outstretched. Saint Anthony mourned for him, and wrapped him in the cloak. He wondered how he would bury the body, for he had not remembered to bring a shovel. Two lions came running from the wilderness and dug a grave with their claws.

Saint Anthony buried the holy Elder, and took his garment of palm leaves, then he returned to his own monastery. Saint Anthony kept this garb as a precious inheritance, and wore it only twice a year, on Pascha and Pentecost.

Saint Paul of Thebes died in the year 341, when he was 113 years old. He did not establish a single monastery, but soon after his end there were many imitators of his life, and they filled the desert with monasteries. Saint Paul is honored as the first desert-dweller and hermit.

In the twelfth century Saint Paul's relics were transferred to Constantinople and placed in the Peribleptos monastery of the Mother of God, on orders of the emperor Manuel (1143-1180). Later, they were taken to Venice, and finally to Hungary, at Ofa. Part of his head is in Rome.

Saint Paul of Thebes, whose Life was written by Saint Jerome, is not to be confused with Saint Paul the Simple (October 4).

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CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR THE HEALTH AND BLESSINGS OF

Health & Blessings Anna Branoff, Helen Popoff Alex & Magda Popoff
Special Intention Joe Tome
Our best wishes and God's Blessings for Dennis & Sharon and family for the
New Year Nick & Connie Maxim
Health & Blessings for Chick Jo Ann & Johnny
Health & Blessings Anna Branoff, Gloria Zelenko, Nik Evanenko, Kate Stevens,
Alyson Wilhelm, Jake Kusluski Adams Family
Fr. Joe, Fr. Andrew, Deacon Anthony, Aaron, Jo Ann, Nikolai, Kosta, Jimmy,
Laurie, Walt & Zina, Dorothy, Helen, Joseph, Jeanette, Gloria, Reggie,
Calvin & Ruth, Taras, Anna, Stojan & Mira, Bosa, Ted & Marlene, Nicholas
& Margaret, Gladys, my family & friends Joe Tome

CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR ALL THOSE IN BLESSED REPOSE

Blessed Repose Peter Popoff, John Naum Alex & Magda Popoff
Nancy McDonald..... Adams Family



Welcome all of our friends and visitors to St. Nicholas!

ANNUAL MEETING The Annual Meeting of Saint Nicholas Parish will be held following the Divine Liturgy. A pizza lunch will be served, \$5 for adults, \$2.50 for children. There will be a \$100 cash raffle at the end of the meeting. **YOU MUST BE IN ATTENDANCE TO WIN!**

PARISH COUNCIL OFFICERS at the January council meeting the parish council members elected Shari Nicoloff to fill the remainder of the term for Tom Batzos. The following officers were elected; Sharon Jernigan-President, Catherine Steiner-Vice President, Bob Steiner-Treasurer and Kathy Gonser –Secretary. Dennis Jernigan was elected as a non-officer to the executive board. The following were elected as chairperson(s) of the following ministries: Shari Nicoloff-Fundraising, Dennis Jernigan-Maintenance. The chair people would appreciate assistance from you in their work.

CHARITY MINISTRIES

HOPE IN A BOX is collecting toilet paper for the month of 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 serve Thursday, February 2 from 9 am to 1 pm.

5TH ANNUAL PAN-ORTHODOX WINTER DINNER to support the Dormition Monastery in Rives Junction will be held this Thursday, January 19 at St. George. If you have any questions or would like to donate see Calvin & Ruth Conrad or call them at 810-793-0101.

SAVE THE DATE Friday, February 3, 2017 Soup Per Bowl at the Center for Hope Soup Kitchen, lower level of St. Michaels Church. Handcrafted bowls will be made available. For more information call 810-785-6911.

Schedule of services and events for the week of January 15:

<u>Tuesday, January 17</u>	ST. ANTHONY THE GREAT
6-8 pm	Father in Toledo Book Club @ St. George
<u>Wednesday, January 18</u>	
9 am	Divine Liturgy
11 am	Adult Education
<u>Thursday, January 19</u>	
5:30 pm	Winter Dinner Fundraiser @ St. George
<u>Saturday, January 21</u>	
5 pm	Vespers
<u>Sunday, January 22</u>	
9:30 am	Third Hour
10 am	Divine Liturgy Church School

Offerings for the week January 8, 2017

<i>Weekly Offerings</i>	\$1,505.00
<i>Estimated Average Weekly Expenses</i>	\$4,034.03
	- \$2,529.03

*75 people were in attendance on
Sunday, January 8, 2017*