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Bulletin

St. Nicholas Orthodox Church

Orthodox Church in America

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The Gospel according to Saint Matthew 28:16-20 (1st Matins Gospel)

Then the eleven disciples went away into Galilee, to the mountain which Jesus had appointed for them. When they saw Him, they worshiped Him; but some doubted. And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, “All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age. Amen.

SUNDAY, JUNE 11, 2017 1ST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST - Tone 8. **All Saints. Holy Apostles Bartholomew and Barnabas (1st c.). Ven. Barnabas, Abbot of Vetluga (1445). Uncovering of the Relics of Ven. Ephraim, Abbot of Novotórgsk (1572). Commemoration of the appearance of the Archangel Gabriel to a monk on Mt. Athos, and the revelation of the hymn, “It is truly meet...” (Axion Estin). Icon of the Most-holy Theotokos, “IT IS TRULY MEET” (“AXION ESTIN”) (10th c.). (Note: The service for the Apostles is transferred to June 12.)**

TROPARIA

(Tone 8) Thou didst descend from on high, O Merciful One! Thou didst accept the three-day burial to free us from our sufferings! O Lord, our Life and Resurrection: glory to Thee!

(Tone 4) As with fine porphyry and royal purple, Thy Church has been adorned with Thy martyrs' bloodshed throughout all the world. She cries to Thee, O Christ God: Send down Thy bounties on Thy people, grant peace to Thy habitation, and great mercy to our souls.

(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 8) The universe offers Thee the God-bearing martyrs as the first-fruits of creation, O Lord and Creator. Through the Theotokos and their prayers establish Thy Church in peace.

The Prokeimenon in the Eighth Tone: Pray and make your vows / before the Lord our God!

v. In Judah God is known; His name is great in Israel.

THE READING FROM THE EPISTLE OF THE HOLY APOSTLE PAUL TO THE

HEBREWS (11:33-12:2) *Brethren:* all the saints through faith conquered kingdoms, enforced justice, received promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection. Some were tortured, refusing to accept release, that they might rise again to a better life. Others suffered mocking and scourging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned, they were sawn in two, they were killed with the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, afflicted, ill-treated - of whom the world was not worthy - wandering over deserts and mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth. And all these, though well attested by their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had foreseen something better for us, that apart from us they should not be made perfect. Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to the pioneer and perfecter of our faith - Jesus

Alleluia, Tone 4

v: The righteous called, and the Lord heard them.

v: Many are the afflictions of the righteous; but the Lord delivers them out of them all.

THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MATTHEW (10:32-33, 37-38; 19:27-30) At that time, Jesus said to His disciples: "So everyone who acknowledges me before men, I also will acknowledge before my Father who is in heaven; but whoever denies me before men, I also will deny before my Father who is in heaven. He who loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and he who loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and he who does not take his cross and follow me is not worthy of me." Then Peter said in reply, "Lo, we have left everything and followed you. What then shall we have?" Jesus said to them, "Truly, I say to you, in the new world, when the Son of man shall sit on his glorious throne, you who have followed me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. And every one who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or children or lands, for my name's sake, will receive a hundredfold, and inherit eternal life. But many that are first will be last, and the last first."

COMMUNION HYMN

Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous! Praise befits the just! Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

When People Don't Forgive - There are people who insist on holding on to resentment, often inventing situations in their minds that never happened, justifying their bad behavior, and putting the blame on others. They see themselves as the abused party, always quick to take offense. Rarely are they able to have healthy relationships, for they are in reality, the abusers. Their world centers around them, and any attempt by others to appease them, only contributes to the anti-social behavior. Such behavior betrays a deep spiritual and psychological illness, one that is not easily healed. Such people feel empowered by making other people uncomfortable, and normal attempts at rapprochement often end in failure, for such people are always looking for ways to continue their control over others. Their illness is difficult to heal, for their pride and deep seated sense of superiority makes repentance difficult, for they simply don't see themselves as having a problem.

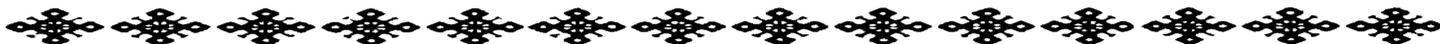
The cure for the illness of the soul is to be found in the life of the Church, where Her sacred mysteries (the sacraments), Her scriptures, and Her divine services, are the source for the healing that the heart so craves. Forgiveness Sunday Vespers is but one of the sources that can begin the process of healing, for it is during this service that the faithful, one by one, speak the words, "Please forgive me for any hurt or offense I have cause you in any way". The response, "God forgives. Please forgive me for any hurt or offense I have cause you in any way", exemplifies the Church's teaching that we can only forgive others if we have Christ in us, for it is Christ Who gives us the power to forgive. Since God forgives us, we, too, can forgive.

One of the Desert Fathers tells us of a young monk who came to his elder, complaining that he'd been wronged by one of his brothers, and following the holy tradition of the desert, had gone to the one who had wronged him, asking for forgiveness. The erring brother refused, so the wronged brother wanted to know what he should do in response. The elder told the young monk that he had walked away justified in the eyes of God, and that there was nothing left for him to do, except to pray for his erring brother. This true story from the Desert Fathers makes clear that we must always be quick to forgive others, even if they were at fault, not remembering the wrong done to us, nor depend on the other cooperating in the reconciliation. Their repentance is not required, for we will be held accountable only for our own response. Before God, we will be justified.

When another person refuses to accept our heartfelt apology, we must be willing to let it be, and walk away, knowing that we've done our part. Abusive people such as these, can, if we let them, prevent us from living our own life in Christ, for they keep our focus away from the forgiveness that comes from Christ. When we walk away from such negative people, we walk away having forgiven them, and we commit ourselves to praying for their repentance. There is nothing more we can do.

Keeping our focus on Christ, we do not react, do not resent, and do not lose our inner peace. The sickness that is at the basis of controlling, abusive people, must not be allowed to take away from the inner joy and peace that comes from our personal relationship with Christ. For your own soul's sake, and for the soul of the abuser, continue to pray for them, but go your own way, "And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus." (Phil. 4:7) *Fr. Tryphon, Abbot, All-Merciful Savior Monastery, Vashon Island, WA*

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CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR THE HEALTH AND BLESSINGS OF

Our son Paul for surgery & husband Nick for comfort

Special Intentions

Feodosiy, Adelaida, Oleg, Irina, Nikolay & Galina

Fr. Joe, Fr. Tom, Deacon Anthony, Aaron, Reggie, Allen, Deborah, Noah,

Dušan, JoAnn, Nicolai, Luba, Kosta, Jimmy, Laurie, Anna, Walt, Zina,

Dorothy, Michael, Allison, Stojan, Mira, Bosa, Jeanette, Ted, Marlene,

Nicholas, Margaret, Gladys, my family and friends

Special Intention

Connie Maxim

Angelo & Christine Panoff

Irina Sivergina

Joe Tome

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CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR ALL THOSE IN BLESSED REPOSE

Theresa Karayanis
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Aspasia Stathopoulos (40 days June 7th)
Vasily, Andrey, Galina, Nikolay & Vitaliy

Nick & Marika Karayanis
Alex Karayanis & family
Angelo & Christine Panoff
Irina Sivergina



WELCOME all of our friends and visitors to St. Nicholas! Please join us for fellowship in our parish hall.

COFFEE & DONUTS are donated by Deacon Kerry & Kathy Gonser in memory of Aspasia Stathopoulos. We need volunteers to help with coffee & donuts for the months of June, July & August.

CHARITY MINISTRIES

HOPE IN A BOX is collecting **Laundry Soap** for the month of June. 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.

ST NICHOLAS FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT! Thanks to everyone who helped and everyone who came to have fun watching “Matilda. Our next Family Movie Night is Friday, July 14.

GRADUATION Stacy Jean Binelli graduated from Kettering University with a Masters in Business Administration. She is the daughter of James & Vivian Binelli, granddaughter of the late Nick Nicoloff and Lydia Nicoloff.

MACEDONIAN OPEN GOLF SCRAMBLE is just 2 weeks away. It will be held this year on Monday, June 19th at the Flint Elks Golf Club. Once again that is the Monday after Father’s Day and would make a great Father’s Day gift. Everyone is encouraged to help out in any way they can. There are many sponsorship opportunities for Families and individuals who would like to support the event, from signs wishing “good luck” to signs “in memory” of a loved one. **Please turn in your requests for golfing, signs, dinner or donations as soon as possible.** A sign sponsorship is a great advertising opportunity for any business. Whether it’s for your business or one that you frequent, we encourage everyone to participate in getting new sign sponsors this year. The Macedonian Open raised over \$16,400 for the Church last year and is hopeful for an even bigger and better turnout this year. If you have any questions or know of someone who would like to help, please contact Angelo Panoff (angelo.panoff@wfadvisors.com or 810-423-6020), Christine Panoff (capanoff@umflint.edu or 810-232-4868), Linda Branoff (branoff721@aol.com or 810-964-3654), George Branoff (george.branoff27@frontier.com or 810-252-5395) or Chris Nedanis (cned77@gmail.com or 810-877-0889).

NEW ADDRESS Mary Anne Brayan is now at Western Hills Living, 6500 Hickory Hollow Ct., Flint 48532. Phone # 810-820-8180.

Weekly Schedule:

Monday, June 12 Father Matthew in Toledo

Tuesday, June 13 Father Matthew on Communion Calls
6:30 pm Parish Council Meeting

Please pick up your info packets in the hall. Please contact the office if you are unable to attend.

Wednesday, June 14

9 am Divine Liturgy
11 am Adult Education – beginning the book “Wounded by Love” by St. Porphyrios

Saturday, June 17

5 pm Vespers

Sunday, June 18 **ALL SAINTS OF NORTH AMERICA**

9:30 am Third Hour
10 am Divine Liturgy

Offerings for the week June 4, 2017

<i>Weekly Offerings</i>	\$2,000.00
<i>Estimated Average Weekly Expenses</i>	\$4,034.03
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*76 people were in attendance on
Sunday, June 4, 2017*

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