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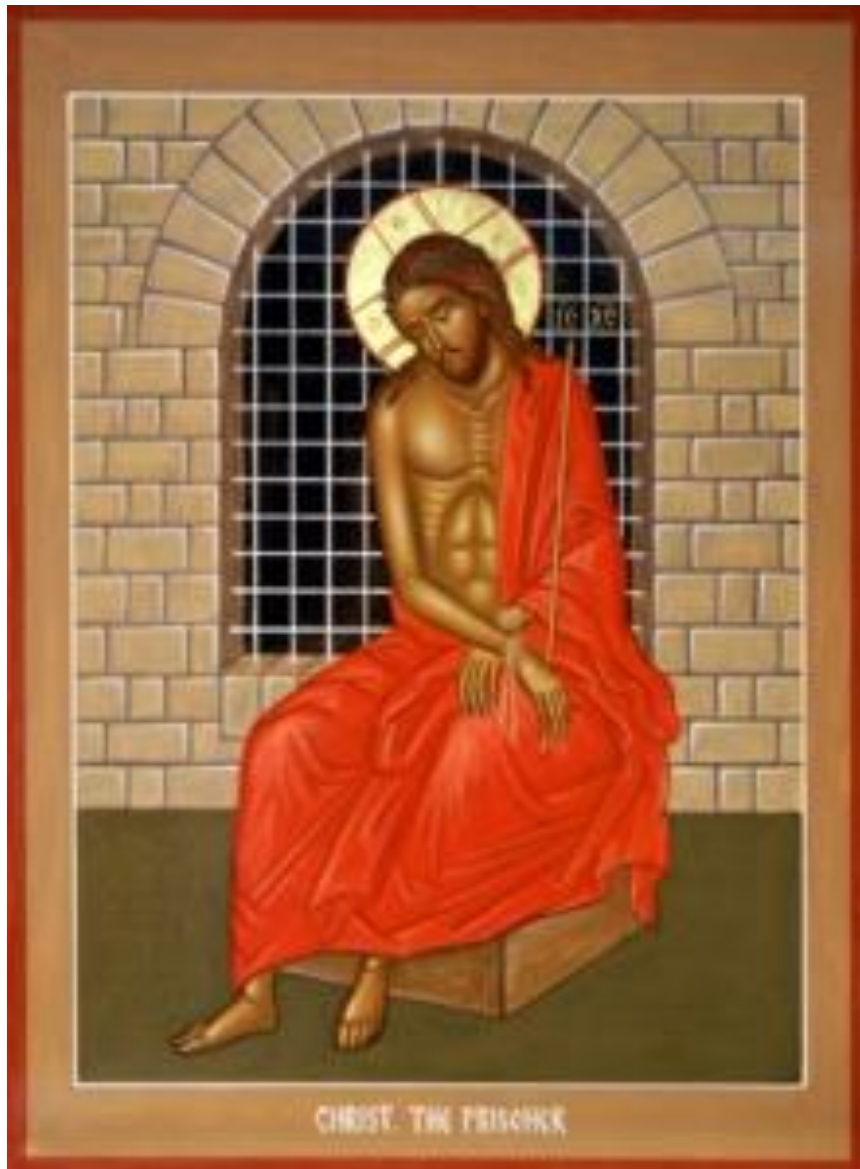
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SUNDAY, JUNE 12, 2016 7th SUNDAY OF PASCHA — Tone 6. The Three Hundred and Eighteen Holy Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council at Nicæa. Afterfeast of the Ascension. Ven. Onuphrius the Great (4th c.) and Ven. Peter of Mt. Athos (734). Finding of the Relics (1649) and the second glorification (1909) of Rt. Blv. Anna of Kashin. Ven. Arsenius, Abbot of Konevits (1447). Ven. Onuphry, Abbot of Mal'sk (Pskov—1492). Ven. Bassian and Jonah of Pertomsk (Solovétsky Monastery—1561). Ven. Onuphry and Auxenty of Vologdá (15th-16th c.). Ven. Stephen of Komel', Abbot of Ozérsk Monastery (Vologdá—1542). Ven. John, Andrew, Heraclemon, and Theophilus, Hermits, of Egypt (4th c.).

FIRST ANTIPHON

Clap your hands, all peoples! Shout to God with loud songs of joy. **Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Savior save us!**

For the Lord, the Most High is terrible! A great God over all the earth! **Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Savior save us!**

He subdued peoples under us, and nations under our feet! **Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Savior save us!**

God has gone up with a shout, the Lord with the sound of a trumpet! **Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Savior save us!**

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen. **Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Savior save us!**

SECOND ANTIPHON

Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised in the city of our God!
O Son of God who ascended in glory, save us who sing to Thee: Alleluia!

Mount Zion, in the far north, the city of the great King! **O Son of God who ascended in glory, save us who sing to Thee: Alleluia!**

Within her citadels God is known when He defends her! **O Son of God who ascended in glory, save us who sing to Thee: Alleluia!**

For lo, the kings assembled; they came on together! **O Son of God who ascended in glory, save us who sing to Thee: Alleluia!**

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen. Only-begotten Son and immortal Word of God, Who for our salvation didst will to be incarnate of the holy Theotokos and ever-virgin Mary, Who without change became man and wast crucified, Who art one of the Holy Trinity, glorified with the Father and the Holy Spirit: O Christ our God, trampling down death by death, save us!

THIRD ANTIPHON

Hear this, all peoples! Give ear, all inhabitants of the world!

Troparion: O Christ our God, Thou hast ascended in glory, granting joy to Thy disciples by the promise of the Holy Spirit. Through the blessing they were assured that Thou art the Son of God, the Redeemer of the world!

The earth-born and the sons of men, rich and poor together!

Troparion: O Christ our God, Thou hast ascended in glory, granting joy to Thy disciples by the promise of the Holy Spirit. Through the blessing they were assured that Thou art the Son of God, the Redeemer of the world!

My mouth shall speak wisdom; the meditation of my heart shall be understanding.

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I will incline my ear to a proverb; I will solve my riddle in psalmody.

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TROPARIA

(Tone 6) The angelic powers were at Thy tomb the guards became as dead men. Mary stood by Thy grave, seeking Thy most pure Body. Thou didst capture hell, not being tempted by it. Thou didst come to the Virgin, granting life. O Lord who didst rise from the dead: glory to Thee!

(Tone 4) O Christ our God, Thou hast ascended in glory, granting joy to Thy disciples by the promise of the Holy Spirit. Through the blessing they were assured that Thou art the Son of God, the Redeemer of the world!

(Tone 8) Most glorious art Thou, O Christ our God! Thou hast established the Holy Fathers as light on the earth! Through them Thou hast guided us to the true faith! O greatly Compassionate One, glory to Thee!

(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 6) When Thou didst fulfill the Dispensation for our sake, and unite earth to heaven, Thou didst ascend in glory, O Christ our God, not being parted from those who love Thee, but remaining with them and crying: I am with you and no one will be against you!

The Prokeimenon in the Fourth Tone: Blessed art Thou, O Lord God of our Fathers / and praised and glorified is Thy name forever!

v. For Thou art just in all that Thou hast done for us!

THE READING FROM THE ACTS OF THE HOLY APOSTLES

(20:16-18, 28-36) *In those days:* Paul had decided to sail past Ephesus, so that he might not have to spend time in Asia; for he was hastening to be at Jerusalem, if possible, on the day of Pentecost. And from Miletus he sent to Ephesus and called to him the elders of the church. And when they came to him, he said to them: "You yourselves know how I lived among you all the time from the first day that I set foot in Asia. Take heed to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to care for the church of God which he obtained with the blood of his own Son. I know that after my departure fierce wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock; and from among your own selves will arise men speaking perverse things, to draw away the disciples after them. Therefore be alert, remembering that for three years I did not cease night or day to admonish every one with tears. And now I commend you to God and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all those who are sanctified. I coveted no one's silver or gold or apparel. You yourselves know that these hands ministered to my necessities, and to those who were with me. In all things I have shown you that by so toiling one must help the weak, remembering the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'" And when he had spoken thus, he knelt down and prayed with them all.

Alleluia, Tone 1

v. The Lord, the God of gods, speaks and summons the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.

v. Gather to Me, My venerable ones, who made a covenant with Me by sacrifice.

THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO SAINT JOHN (17:1-13)

When Jesus had spoken these words, he lifted up his eyes to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify thy Son that the Son may glorify thee, since thou hast given him power over all flesh, to give eternal life to all whom thou hast given him. And this is eternal life, that they know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom thou hast sent. I glorified thee on earth, having accomplished the work which thou gavest me to do; and now, Father, glorify thou me in thy own presence with the glory which I had with thee before the world was made. "I have manifested thy name to the men whom thou gavest me out of the world; thine they were, and thou gavest them to me, and they have kept thy word. Now they know that everything that thou hast given me is from thee; for I have given them the words which thou gavest me, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from thee; and they have believed that thou didst send me. I am praying for them; I am not praying for the world but for those whom thou hast given me, for they are thine; all mine are thine, and thine are mine, and I am glorified in them. And now I am no more in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to thee. Holy Father, keep them in thy name, which thou hast given me, that they may be one, even as we are one. While I was with them, I kept them in thy name, which thou hast given me; I have guarded them, and none of them is lost but the son of perdition, that the scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to thee; and these things I speak in the world, that they may have my joy fulfilled in themselves.

WE SING "IT IS TRULY MEET TO BLESS YOU, O THEOTOKOS..."

COMMUNION HYMN

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

IN PLACE OF "WE HAVE SEEN THE TRUE LIGHT..."

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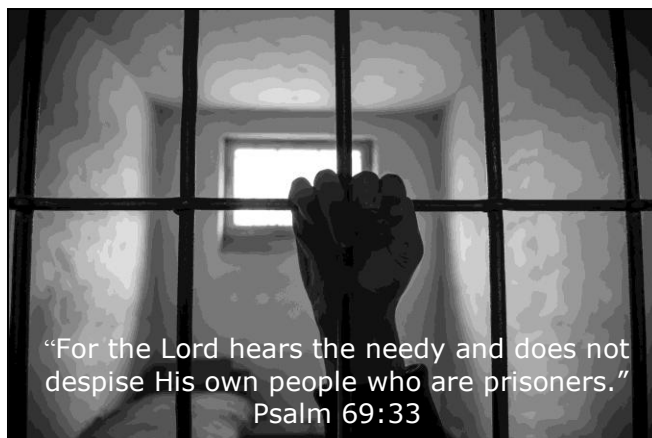
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CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR THE HEALTH AND BLESSINGS OF

Adelaida, Feodosiy, Oleg, Irina, Galina, Nickolay, Nickolay, Andzey, Vlada	Irina Sivergina
Special Intention	Joe Tome
Health & Blessings for Deacon Kerry and Kathy Gonser on June, 10 for their anniversary.....	Numko & Numka
Happy Birthday & God’s Blessings Adam & Eli George, Congratulation of your Graduation, wishing you all the best.....	Stojan & Mira Prusac
Happy birthday & God’s Blessings to Angelo Panoff on his birthday June, 10	Christine Panoff
Health & God’s Blessings Peter & Jo Sredich, Nik Evanenko, Bob Russell	Dorothy Goodman
Health & Blessings for our brother Ron and sister Elaine	Peggy & Bob Russell
Health & Blessings Bob & Peggy Russell	John & Rose Goodman
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Happy 38 th Anniversary & God’s Michael & Susan Goodman, June 10	John & Rose Goodman
Fr. Joe, Fr. Moses, Fr. Lavrenty, Deacon Anthony, Jo Ann, Gloria, Laurie, Walt & Zina, Dorothy, Jeanette, Reggie, Ruth, Stojan & Mira, Bosa, Joseph, Helen, Ted & Marlene, Gladys, my family & friends.....	Joe Tome
God’s Blessings Joe Neely on his graduation from Grand Blanc High School	Baba
Happy Birthday & God’s Blessings Helen Ethington and Angelo Panoff	Stojan & Mira Prusac

CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR ALL THOSE IN BLESSED REPOSE

Vasiliy, Andrey, Galina, Nickolay, Vitaliy.....	Irina Sivergina
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Welcome all of our friends and visitors to St. Nicholas! Please join us for fellowship, coffee and pastries in our parish hall. Volunteers are needed to serve coffee and donuts this morning.

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.

NORTH END SOUP KITCHEN We serve this Thursday, July 7 from 9 am to 1 pm.

SPECIAL MEETING will be held today Sunday, June 12 to elect the Lay Delegate for the Diocesan conference. Nominees are Reader Joseph Tome and Subdeacon Johnny Kantor.

DIOCESAN CONFERENCE & ORDINATION BANQUET will be held on Sunday, June 26 following the Divine Liturgy in our hall. Tickets for the banquet must be purchased in advance (we need to give a number to the caterer). Adults are \$15 and children 12 and under \$6. Debbie will be selling tickets on your way to coffee. The last day to purchase your ticket is next Sunday, June 19. Menu: roast sirloin of beef, chicken, cabbage rolls, triangles, mashed potatoes with gravy, corn, California blend. Beverages: coffee, milk, ice tea and punch. We will have an ordination cake for dessert. Volunteers are welcome to bake other sweets for dessert. Please contact the office if you can bake sweets.

MACEDONIAN OPEN IT'S NOT TOO LATE Just a reminder – All requests for signs for the Macedonian Open need to be turned in today Sunday June 12th. If you would like to join us for dinner, we will need to know today also. Please see Angelo Panoff or Linda Branoff after Church. Donations of gift cards, cash or prizes can be given to Angelo Panoff, Christine Panoff, Linda Branoff, George Branoff or Chris Nedanis or dropped off at the Church office by Wednesday June 15th at 3 pm.
Thank You! The Macedonian Open Committee

PARISHIONER UPDATE Lydia Keeler is at Medilodge of Mt. Morris for rehabilitation.

Schedule of services and events for the week of June, 12:

Monday, June 13

6-8 pm Book Club @ St. George

Wednesday, June 15

9:00 am Divine Liturgy for the Leave-taking of Pascha
11:00 am Adult Education

Saturday, June 18

1:00 pm Baptism of Everett Batzos
5:45 pm Trisagion for all the departed
6:00 pm Vespers

Sunday, June 19

9:30 am **PENTECOST –8TH SUNDAY OF PASCHA/FATHER'S DAY**
10:00 am Third Hour
Divine Liturgy
1yr Parastas +Jim Brown

Offerings for the week June 5, 2016

<i>Weekly Offerings</i>	\$1,723.50
<i>Estimated Average Weekly Expenses</i>	\$5,255.62
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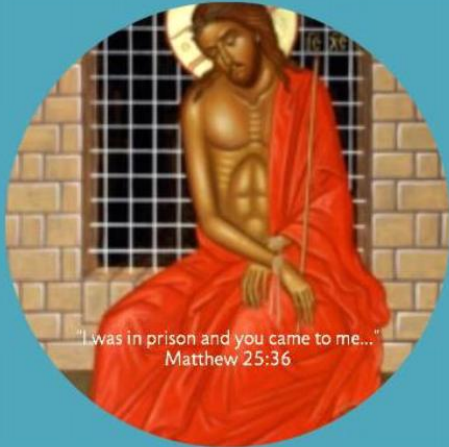
*? people were in attendance on Sunday,
June 5, 2016*

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

Orthodox Christian Prison Ministry



An Agency of the Assembly of Bishops



"I was in prison and you came to me..."
Matthew 25:36

Our Mission

To bring the love of Christ to those who are in prison by providing encouragement, material support, transition and reintegration services, Christian education, spiritual guidance, and the sacramental life of the church.

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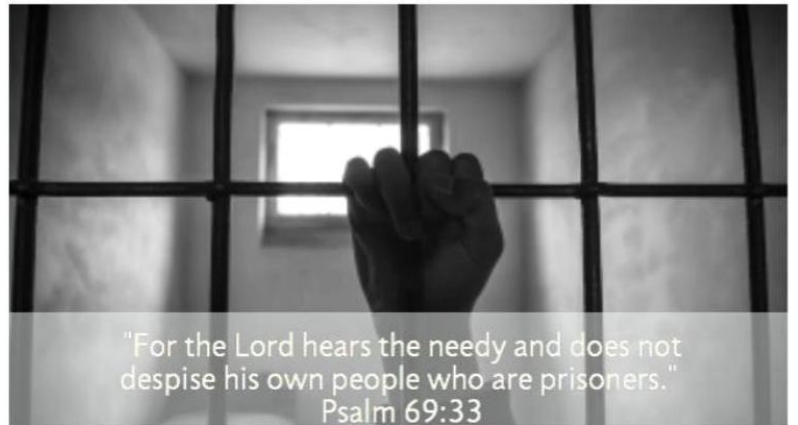
Our Programs and Services

In-Prison Ministry

- Provide Orthodox Publications and resources
- Link prisoners to Orthodox priests
- Provide spiritual guidance to families of those incarcerated

Church Outreach & Training

Educate, train, and provide ongoing guidance to clergy and laity on prison ministry.



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ASSEMBLY OF CANONICAL
ORTHODOX BISHOPS
OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

**“...Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God,
and the prisoners were listening to them...” Acts 16:25**

June 12, 2016

Prison Ministry Awareness Sunday

Beloved Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

Christ is risen!

We, the Hierarchs of The Assembly of Canonical Orthodox Bishops of the United States of America, by the grace of God, have been blessed to designate the sixth Sunday of Pascha, Sunday, June 12th of this year, to be Prison Ministry Awareness Sunday in all Orthodox parishes in the U.S.A.

“Never confuse the person, formed in the image of God, with the evil that is in him: because evil is but a chance misfortune, an illness, a devilish reverie. But the very essence of the person is the image of God, and this remains in him despite every disfigurement” (St. John of Kronstadt).

No matter how far someone has fallen, the image of God remains in them. We should see people not as they are, but as they could become through the Holy Orthodox Faith. The Church, through OCPM, offers those in prisons and jails across our country the Life that gives meaning to all life and that Life is able to bring healing to a broken humanity.

By assisting Orthodox Christian Prison Ministry each of us is able to visit Jesus in prison. Please remember “these the least of my brethren” by assisting OCPM with this vital ministry. We ask you to please pass a second offering tray on Prison Ministry Awareness Sunday, June 12th and send these gifts to:

**OCPM
Post Office Box 1597
New York, NY 10025**

With blessings and love in our Risen Lord,

+Archbishop Mark of Philadelphia and Eastern Pennsylvania

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