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SUNDAY, MAY 29, 2011 6TH SUNDAY OF PASCHA — Tone 5. Blind Man. Virgin Martyr Theodosia of Tyre (307-308). Repose of Bl. John of Ustiug, Fool-for-Christ (1494). Commemoration of the First Ecumenical Council (325). Virgin Martyr Theodosia, Nun, of Constantinople (726-730). Icon of the Most-holy Theotokos, “SURETY OF SINNERS.”

FIRST ANTIPHON

Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth! Sing of His name, give glory to His praise!
Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Savior save us!

Say to God: How awesome are Thy deeds! So great is Thy power that Thy enemies cringe before Thee!

Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Savior save us!

Let all the earth worship Thee and praise Thee! Let it praise Thy name, O Most High!

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

God be bountiful to us and bless us! Show the light of Thy countenance upon us and have mercy on us!

O Son of God who arose from the dead, save us who sing to Thee: Alleluia!

That we may know Thy way upon the earth, and Thy salvation among all nations!

O Son of God who arose from the dead, save us who sing to Thee: Alleluia!

Let the people give thanks to Thee, O God! Let all the people give thanks to Thee!

O Son of God who arose from the dead, 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

Let God arise, let His enemies be scattered; let those who hate Him flee from before His face.

Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death, and upon those in the tombs bestowing life.

As smoke vanishes so let them vanish; as wax melts before the fire.

Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death, and upon those in the tombs bestowing life.

So the sinners will perish before the face of God; but let the righteous be glad.

Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death, and upon those in the tombs bestowing life.

This is the day which the Lord has made! Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death, and upon those in the tombs bestowing life.

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.

KONTAKIA

(Tone 8) Thou didst descend into the tomb, O Immortal; Thou didst destroy the power of Death. In victory didst Thou arise, O Christ God, proclaiming Rejoice!” to the myrrhbearing women, granting peace to Thy apostles, and bestowing resurrection on the fallen.

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 ACTS OF THE HOLY APOSTLES (16:16-34)

In those days, as we were going to the place of prayer, we were met by a slave girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners much gain by soothsaying. She followed Paul and us, crying, “These men are servants of the Most High God, who proclaim to you the way of salvation.” And this she did for many days. But Paul was annoyed, and turned and said to the spirit, “I charge you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her.” And it came out that very hour. But when her owners saw that their hope of gain was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the market place before the rulers; and when they had brought them to the magistrates they said, “These men are Jews and they are disturbing our city. They advocate customs which it is not lawful for us Romans to accept or practice.” The crowd joined in attacking them; and the magistrates tore the garments off them and gave orders to beat them with rods. And when they had inflicted many blows upon them, they threw them into prison, charging the jailer to keep them safely. Having received this charge, he put them into the inner prison and fastened their feet in the stocks. But about midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them, and suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and every one’s fetters were unfastened. When the jailer woke and saw that the prison doors were open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, supposing that the prisoners had escaped. But Paul cried with a loud voice, “Do not harm yourself, for we are all here.” And he called for lights and rushed in, and trembling with fear he fell down before Paul and Silas, and brought them out and said, “Men, what must I do to be saved?” And they said, “Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household.” And they spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all that were in his house. And he took them the same hour of the night, and washed their wounds, and he was baptized at once, with all his family. Then he brought them up into his house, and set food before them; and he rejoiced with all his household that he had believed in God.

Alleluia, Tone 8

v. Look upon me and have mercy on me!

v. Direct my steps according to Your word!

THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO SAINT JOHN (9:1-38)

At that time, as Jesus passed by, he saw a man blind from his birth. And his disciples asked him, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?” Jesus answered, “It was not that this man sinned, or his parents, but that the works of God might be made manifest in him. We must work the works of him who sent me, while it is day; night

comes, when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.” As he said this, he spat on the ground and made clay of the spittle and anointed the man’s eyes with the clay, saying to him, “Go, wash in the pool of Siloam” (which means Sent). So he went and washed and came back seeing. The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar, said, “Is not this the man who used to sit and beg?” Some said, “It is he”; others said, “No, but he is like him.” He said, “I am the man.” They said to him, “Then how were your eyes opened?” He answered, “The man called Jesus made clay and anointed my eyes and said to me, ‘Go to Siloam and wash’; so I went and washed and received my sight.” They said to him, “Where is he?” He said, “I do not know.” They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. Now it was a sabbath day when Jesus made the clay and opened his eyes. The Pharisees again asked him how he had received his sight. And he said to them, “He put clay on my eyes, and I washed, and I see.” Some of the Pharisees said, “This man is not from God, for he does not keep the sabbath.” But others said, “How can a man who is a sinner do such signs?” There was a division among them. So they again said to the blind man, “What do you say about him, since he has opened your eyes?” He said, “He is a prophet.” The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight, until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight, and asked them, “Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?” His parents answered, “We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; but how he now sees we do not know, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age, he will speak for himself.” His parents said this because they feared the Jews, for the Jews had already agreed that if anyone should confess him to be Christ, he was to be put out of the synagogue. Therefore his parents said, “He is of age, ask him.” So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and said to him, “Give God the praise; we know that this man is a sinner.” He answered, “Whether he is a sinner, I do not know; one thing I know, that though I was blind, now I see.” They said to him, “What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?” He answered them, “I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you too want to become his disciples?” And they reviled him, saying, “You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from.” The man answered, “Why, this is a marvel! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners, but if anyone is a worshiper of God and does his will, God listens to him. Never since the world began has it been heard that any one opened the eyes of a man born blind. If this man were not from God, he could do nothing.” They answered him, “You were born in utter sin, and would you teach us?” And they cast him out. Jesus heard that they had cast him out, and having found him he said, “Do you believe in the Son of man?” He answered, “And who is he, sir, that I may believe in him?” Jesus said to him, “You have seen him,

and it is he who speaks to you.” He said, “Lord, I believe”; and he worshiped him.

THE HYMN TO THE THEOTOKOS

The Angel cried to the Lady full of grace: Rejoice, O Pure Virgin! Again I say: Rejoice! Your Son is risen from His three days in the tomb! With Himself He has raised all the dead! Rejoice, all ye people! Shine! Shine! O New Jerusalem! The Glory of the Lord has shone on you! Exult now and be glad, O Zion! Be radiant, O Pure Theotokos, in the Resurrection of your Son!

COMMUNION HYMN

Receive the Body of Christ; taste the fountain of immortality! Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

IN PLACE OF “WE HAVE SEEN THE TRUE LIGHT...”

Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death, and upon those in the tombs bestowing life.

On June 1st we remember a great Church Father, the second-century saint Justin the Martyr.

Justin is sometimes called "The Philosopher" because he studied the great philosophies of his day (Stoicism and Plato's teachings, for example) with great care and seriousness. Only after this intense study, which showed him that Christianity was more complete and authentic than all philosophies, did he accept baptism and proclaim himself a Christian.

Justin spent the rest of his life writing to explain Christianity and to draw people to the faith. He also described the way Christians worshipped in those very early days of the Church—a description remarkably close to the order of the Orthodox Divine Liturgy.

A recent issue of "USA Today" carried a front-page story about people who choose to celebrate Easter in gatherings at home rather than attending a traditional church. They claim that their way of worship is "closer to the original"—the early Church described in the New Testament. One person is quoted as saying that "if you look at the Bible, the church we have today is nowhere to be found."

But what does the Bible say about the Church? What was the earliest Church like? First, we know that its form of worship was not spontaneous and free-form, as some people today assume. The Eucharist was central in the time of the apostles, and has remained central in all the centuries since.

The bread and wine of the Eucharist were understood to be truly the Body and Blood of Christ right from the Church's beginning, because Christ Himself said, "This is My Body" and "This is My Blood." So Saint Justin wrote that at each Liturgy "...the food which is blessed by the prayer of His word, and from which our blood and flesh by assimilation are nourished, is the flesh and blood of that Jesus who was made flesh." Because the Eucharist was understood in this way, worship was reverent and orderly, just as in the Orthodox Church today.

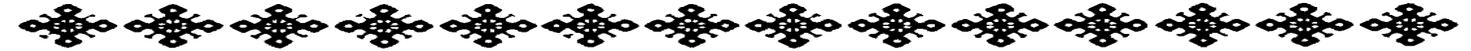
Another person quoted in the "USA Today" article claims that unlike the "modern, hierarchical" Church, her house church needs no "pastors and teachers who take over." Yet we know that the New Testament Church was hierarchical, and was led by pastors and teachers. Saint Paul outlines the duties of bishops and deacons--the hierarchical order--in I Timothy. Paul tells Timothy himself to

"command and teach these things."

We also know that the early Church was governed by the teaching of the apostles. Paul exhorts the believers to "stand fast and hold to the traditions which you were taught by us, either by word of mouth or by letter" (2 Thessalonians 2: 15).

Those who want to "find" the early Church would do well to study Saint Justin's writings. He notes each element of worship in the Divine Liturgy during the second century, based on the worship of the apostles, and carried on today in every Orthodox Church.

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CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR THE HEALTH & BLESSINGS OF

Congratulations & Best wishes Stojan & Mira Prusac on the birth of their first great-grandchild.....	Rosemary Vuckovich
Health for Christopher & Krista Panoff on their Anniversary May 25 th	Mom & Dad
Happy Anniversary & God's blessings Christine & Angelo Panoff, Joe & Susan Oginsky-28yrs, Joe & Dorothy Goodman, Brian & Tammy Arnes-15yrs, Deacon Kerry & Kathy Gonser, Happy Birthday & God's blessings Dennis Jernigan, Elli Barnhart-3yrs.....	Anne Smith
Thank you Gloria for 19 wonderful years.....	John Zelenko
Health of Cameron Stevens.....	Gonser Family
Health & Blessings Olga Haw & Family, Families of Oginsky (Fred, Paul & Joe), Kuptz, Olga Elavich, Miculka, Helen & Doug Phillips, Jo Ann Havens, Those in nursing homes, sick & shut-in.....	Anne Smith
Special Intention.....	J. Tome
Health & Blessings Todora Papalazarou, Jo Ann Havens, Peter Branoff.....	Anna Branoff
Special Intention Diane and Art Zambito & Family, Mark, Anne & Vinny Zambito, Nancy, Ken & Maggie Laycock, Patricia Miculka, Gloria & John Zelenko, Gladys Edwards, Anne Smith.....	Anne Smith
Health & God's blessings Betty Dimich, Jo Ann Havens, Diane Todorovsky, Anne Smith.....	Rosemary Vuckovich
David Tome, Dora Lee, Allen & Deborah Adams, Ted Weston, John & Gloria Zelenko, Mary Abu-Aita, Anna Branoff, Alex Ruggieri, Michael Berkey, Fr. David, Gladys Edwards, My family & friends.....	J. Tome
Congratulations to my grandson Nick Zambito and Lisa Hammond who will be joined in wedlock in Chicago, IL on Saturday June 4, 2011. Nick is the son of Arthur & Diane Zambito.....	Anne Smith
Health & God's blessings Betty Dimich, Jo Ann Havens, Diane Todorovsky.....	Mary King

CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR ALL THOSE IN BLESSED REPOSE

Kevin Campbell.....	Deborah Gonser-Adams
Carl Smith-memory of Birthday & our son, Rt. Rev Raphael Biernacki-memory of Birthday, Anna Biernacki-memory of Birthday, Jerry Benes, Leo Keating, Gus Christich, Louis Gejoff, Peter Fusi, Jim Isom	Anne Smith
Lewis Elieff in memory of Wedding Anniversary.....	Evanka Elieff

ETERNAL LIGHT AT THE ALTAR

In loving memory of Teofilia Rakocza, Marion & Maria Sztaba.....	Lydia & Alfred Keeler
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

We welcome all of our friends and visitors to St. Nicholas. Please join us for fellowship in the parish hall following the veneration of the cross.

The parish office will be closed Memorial Day and will be open on Thursday, June 2.

EPISCOPAL NOMINEE CANDIDATE INTERVIEWS are now available online at www.stgeorgerosford.org for those who do not have internet access; there is a DVD of the interviews available for you to watch at home. Please see Debbie about picking up the DVD.

FATHER PAUL GASSIOS, the other of our two episcopal nominee candidates, will be visiting the Flint area on Sunday, June 5. He will serve the Divine Liturgy at St. Mary Magdalene in Fenton at 10:00 AM and visit with their parishioners on that date. He will then visit our parish of St. Nicholas at 5:00 PM. We will have a coffee & tea social with pastries and fruit. He will be available for questions and answers at this visit. Please plan on attending and, if you are able, please bake some pastries to share.

FESTIVAL MEETINGS SCHEDULED:

Sunday, June 5 immediately after the Divine Liturgy for **everyone**

FESTIVAL SIGN-UP SHEET is in the hall. We have also sent the sign-up sheet via email. Please take the time to volunteer and sign up now!

FESTIVAL ADMISSION TICKETS every family will be given 10 advance admission tickets, at the cost of \$1.00 per ticket (\$10.00 per packet of 10). These are yours to sell or to give to those individuals that may not otherwise attend our Festival. You must pay for these tickets in advance. Please see Cathy Steiner, Debbie or Shari Nicoloff for your tickets.

Schedule of services and events for the week of May 29, 2011

Sunday, May 29

2:00 pm St. Nicholas Cemetery blessing of graves

Saturday, June 4

1:00 pm Baptism of Sophia Treloar and Kamden George Buggs

4:30 pm Great Vespers

5:30 pm Choir Practice

Sunday, June 5

9:30 am Third Hour

10:00 am Divine Liturgy

11:30 am Festival Meeting

5:00 pm Q&A session w/coffee & tea reception
with Episcopal candidate Fr. Paul Gasios

Sunday Offerings for May 22, 2011

Weekly Income	
<i>Weekly Offering Envelope</i>	<i>\$1,401.00</i>
<i>Children's Offering</i>	<i>\$ 0.00</i>
<i>Cemetery Maintenance</i>	<i>\$ 1.00</i>
<i>Charity Envelope</i>	<i>\$ 1.00</i>
<i>Diocesan Support</i>	<i>\$ 1.00</i>
<i>OCA Envelope</i>	<i>\$ 0.00</i>
<i>Candle Fund</i>	<i>\$ 186.00</i>
<i>Kitchen/Coffee</i>	<i>\$ 0.00</i>
<i>Seminarian Fund</i>	<i>\$ 1.00</i>
<i>Loose Offering</i>	<i>\$ 15.00</i>
<i>Kiosk</i>	<i>\$ 0.00</i>
<i>Total Income</i>	<i>\$1,606.00</i>
<i>Avg. Weekly Budget</i>	<i>\$3,753.03</i>
<i>+/- Budget</i>	<i>-\$2,147.03</i>

<i>Income to date</i>	<i>\$ 79,575.17</i>
<i>Expense to date</i>	<i>\$ 78,279.70</i>
<i>+/- to date</i>	<i>\$ 1,295.47</i>

103 People were in attendance on Sunday.