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Bulletin

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The Gospel according to Saint Mark

16: 9-20 (3rd Matins Gospel)

Now when Jesus rose early on the first day of the week, He appeared first to Mary Magdalene, out of whom He had cast seven demons. She went and told those who had been with Him, as they mourned and wept. And when they heard that He was alive and had been seen by her, they did not believe. After that, He appeared in another form to two of them as they walked and went into the country. And they went and told it to the rest, but they did not believe them either. Later He appeared to the eleven as they sat at the table; and He rebuked their unbelief and hardness of heart, because they did not believe those who had seen Him after He had risen. And He said to them, “Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned. And these signs will follow those who believe: In My name they will cast out demons; they will speak with new tongues; they will take up serpents; and if they drink anything deadly, it will by no means hurt them; they will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover. So then, after the Lord had spoken to them, He was received up into heaven, and sat down at the right hand of God. And they went out and preached everywhere, the Lord working with them and confirming the word through the accompanying signs. Amen.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2016 14th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST — Tone 5. Repose of Ven. Sergius (Sérgii), Abbot and Wonderworker of Rádonezh (1392). Ven. Euphrosyne of Alexandria (5th c.). Ven. Euphrosyne of Suzdal' (1250). Translation of the Relics of St. Herman, Archbishop of Kazan' (1595). Martyr Paphnutius and 546 companions in Egypt (3rd 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) A zealot of good deeds / and a true warrior of Christ our God, / you struggled greatly against the passions in this passing life; / in songs and vigils and fasting you were an image and example to your disciples, / thus the most Holy Spirit lived within you, / and you were made beautiful by His working. / Since you have great boldness before the Holy Trinity, / remember the flock which you have wisely gathered, / and do not forget to visit your children as you promised, venerable Sergius our father!

(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) Protection of Christians never failing, Mediatrix before the Creator, ever constant. Do not despise the voice of prayer of sinners, but in your goodness come to help us who faithfully call upon you. Hasten to entreat, hurry to pray, O Theotokos, interceding always for those honor you.

The Prokeimenon in the Seventh Tone: Precious in the sight of the Lord / is the death of His saints.
v: What shall I render unto the Lord for all that He hath rendered unto me?

THE EPISTLE OF SAINT PAUL TO THE GALATIANS, (5:22-6:2) Brethren: the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such there is no law. And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. If we live by the Spirit, let us also walk by the Spirit. Let us have no self-conceit, no provoking of one another, no envy of one another. Brethren, if a man is overtaken in any trespass, you who are spiritual should restore him in a spirit of gentleness. Look to yourself, lest you too be tempted. Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.

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 MATTHEW (22:2-14) The Lord said to those who came to Him: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a marriage feast for his son, and sent his servants to call those who were invited to the marriage feast; but they would not come. Again he sent other servants, saying, 'Tell those who are invited, Behold, I have made ready my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves are killed, and everything is ready; come to the marriage feast.' But they made light of it and went off, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his servants, treated them shamefully, and killed them. The king was angry, and he sent his troops and destroyed those murderers and burned their city. Then he said to his servants, 'The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore to the thoroughfares, and invite to the marriage feast as many as you find.' And those servants went out into the streets

and gathered all whom they found, both bad and good; so the wedding hall was filled with guests. “But when the king came in to look at the guests, he saw there a man who had no wedding garment; and he said to him, ‘Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding garment?’ And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, ‘Bind him hand and foot, and cast him into the outer darkness; there men will weep and gnash their teeth.’ For many are called, but few are chosen.”

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

Venerable Euphrosyne of Suzdal

Saint Euphrosyne, Princess of Suzdal, was born in the year 1212. In holy Baptism she was given the name Theodoulia and she was the eldest daughter of the holy Martyr Michael, Great-prince of Chernigov (September 20). Prince Michael and his wife Theophania did not have children and they often visited the Kiev Caves monastery, where they prayed the Lord to grant them children. Princess Euphrosyne was their first daughter, sent from God in answer to their prayer. Three times the Most Holy Theotokos appeared to them and said that their prayer had been heard and that the Lord would grant them a daughter.

Theodulia was raised in deep faith and piety. The educated noble Theodore (September 20) had a large influence on her upbringing. The education and uncommon beauty of the princess attracted many.

The princess was betrothed to holy Prince Theodore (June 5), a brother of St Alexander Nevsky, but he died on the very day of his wedding. The princess withdrew to the Suzdal women’s monastery named in honor of the Placing of the Robe of the Mother of God, where she was tonsured with the name Euphrosyne, in honor of St Euphrosyne of Alexandria.

While still a young nun she fulfilled the monastic rule of life with an amazing zeal, and she remarkably surpassed the other residents of the monastery in her firmness of reason, spiritual insight and extreme abstinence. The Lord Himself visited the ascetic, commanding her to be vigilant and positive in her efforts. St Euphrosyne, to the very end of her life, kept the commandments of the Savior, and overcame countless temptations.

The extraordinary ascetic life of St Euphrosyne became known at Suzdal and beyond its borders. A multitude of people visited the monastery, in order to listen to the instructions of the nun Euphrosyne concerning love, prayer, obedience and humility.

Often after such talks, many accepted the monastic schema and began a more zealous service to God. The abbess of the monastery herself had recourse to the counsels of the nun. At the request of the ascetic, the sisters of the monastery were divided into two halves: virgins and widows. This facilitated the spiritual growth and strengthening of the sisters of the monastery in purity. After the death of the abbess, St Euphrosyne became Superior of the monastery.

The Lord foretold to the holy abbess her father’s martyrdom, and also the Mongol-Tatar invasion of Rus. In the year 1238, vast Tatar-Mongol hordes did actually descend upon the Russian realm. Destroying everything in their path, they came to Suzdal. The city was completely devastated and burned by them, and only the monastery of St Euphrosyne was spared through her prayers.

St Euphrosyne fell asleep in the Lord on September 25, 1250. At her grave believers were healed of various maladies. On September 18, 1698, with the blessing of Patriarch Adrian, Metropolitan Hilarion of Suzdal glorified the nun Euphrosyne as a saint.

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CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR THE HEALTH AND BLESSINGS OF

Happy Birthday & God's Blessings John Goodman on his 92 nd birthday Sept. 26	Children & grandson
Health & God's Blessings Goldie Johnson	Dorothy & family
Larry Bladecki, Anna Branoff, Linda Branoff, Jo Ann Havens, Bill Haw, Goldie Johnson, Macy Lemmen, Helen Iwanoff, Nick & Mary Karayanis, Fred Oginsky, Pete & Olga Samaras, Aunt Patsy Stathopoulos, Thomka Brayanis, Gloria Zelenko and for any sick and suffering of our parish especially Helen Popoff, Jake Kusluski and Marge Butrie	Adams Family
Health & Blessings on their birthdays Peggy Russell (Sept. 18) and John Goodman (Set. 26)	Bob & Peggy Russell
Fr. Andrew, Fr. Joe, Fr. Moses, Deacon Anthony, Aaron, Jo Ann, Nicolai, Gloria, Laurie, Walt & Zina, Dorothy, Jeanette, Reggie, Ruth & Calvin, Anna, Stojan & Mira Bosa, Joseph, Helen, Ted & Marlene, Nicholas & Margaret, Gladys, my family and friends	Joe Tome
Health & God's Blessings to Grandson Andrew on his second birthday Sept. 25 and Granddaughter Angela on her 8 th birthday on Sept. 29.....	Baba & Dedo
Health & Blessings for Chick	Jo Ann Havens
Health & Birthday blessings for Taras Butrie, Peter Economou & Noah Gonser on September, 20	Dcn. Kerry & Kathy
Special Intention	Joe Tome
Happy Birthday & God's Blessings Jo Sredich	Stojan & Mira Prusac
Happy Birthday & God's Blessings John Goodman	Dorothy & family

CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR THOSE IN BLESSED REPOSE

Eleni & Kosta Nedanis	Lena Bakousidis
Kotsi Nedanis	Lena Bakousidis
Themyana Brown -23yrs Blessed Repose, Memory Eternal.....	Dorothy & family
Evangelia Bakousidis	Lena Bakousidis
Themis & Elias Nedanis	Lena Bakousidis

ETERNAL LIGHT

Sophie Stavridis-1yr Blessed Repose, Memory Eternal	Adams Family
Peter Popoff	Alex & Magda Popoff
Theodora & Kosta Papalazarou	Lena Bakousidis

ETERNAL LIGHT AT THE ALTAR

Ivan Ponomarenko in memory of his birthday (Sept. 14)	Lucy Hogg
Maria Samaras-Memory Eternal (Sept. 28).....	Helen & family



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 on Sunday's, please see the sign-up sheet next to the kitchen window to volunteer.

There will a one year Parastas for the repose of +Sophie Stavridis following the veneration of the cross. Coffee and pastries are being donated today in Sophie's memory by her family.

ANNIVERSARY BOOK We are looking for volunteers to assist with the Anniversary Book (contacting people for ads, help format the book, etc.) Please call the office 744-0070 or email stnicholas1916@att.net

CHARITY MINISTRIES

HOPE IN A BOX is collecting Toothbrushes and Toothpaste for the month of October. 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, October 6 from 9 am to 1 pm.**

100TH ANNIVERSARY BANQUET The banquet will be held on Saturday, October 15 at 1pm at the Davison Country Club. The buffet will consist of chicken, salmon and prime rib. Tickets are \$30 per adult, \$15 children 12 to 4 yrs and children 3 and under are free. **Tickets must be purchased by October, 5.** Call the parish office at 744-0070, email stnicholas1916@att.net or see Debbie to purchase your ticket(s) or make your reservations. Tickets will be sold in the parish hall following the Divine Liturgy.

ORTHODOX BOOK CLUB will meet Tuesday, September 26 at 6 pm at St. George. Our book for the fall will be "The Meaning of Suffering and Strife and Reconciliation" by Archimandrite Seraphim Aleksiev.

MIDDLE EASTERN LUCHEON and Bake Sale will be held at St. George on Thursday, September 29 from 11 am – 2:30 pm. Flyers are available in the parish hall with more information.

ST. CATHERINES’S LEAGUE will meet on Wednesday, October 5 at 6:30 pm. New members are always welcome.

Schedule of services and events for the week of September 25, 2016:

Monday, September 26

6:00 pm – 8:00 pm Book Club at St. George

Tuesday, September 27

Father in Toledo

Wednesday, September 28

9:00 am Divine Liturgy
11:00 am Adult Education

Saturday, October 1

10:00 am Divine Liturgy
5:00 pm Vespers

Sunday, October 2

9:30 am **PROTECTION OF THE THEOTOKOS**
10:00 am Third Hour
 Divine Liturgy
 Church School

Offerings for the week September 18, 2016

<i>Weekly Offerings</i>	\$1,085.00
<i>Estimated Average Weekly Expenses</i>	\$5,255.62
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? people were in attendance on Sunday, September 18, 2016

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