

*April 14, 2019*

*St. Nicholas Orthodox Church*

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**The Holy Gospel according to Mark**

**16:1-8 (2nd Matins Gospel)**

Now when the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, that they might come and anoint Him. Very early in the morning, on the first day of the week, they came to the tomb when the sun had risen. And they said among themselves, “Who will roll away the stone from the door of the tomb for us?” But when they looked up, they saw that the stone had been rolled away – for it was very large. And entering the tomb, they saw a young man clothed in a long white robe sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. But he said to them, “Do not be alarmed. You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He is risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid Him. But go, tell His disciples – and Peter – that He is going before you into Galilee; there you will see Him, as He said to you. So they went out quickly and fled from the tomb, for they trembled and were amazed. And they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

**SUNDAY, APRIL 14, 2019 FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT — Tone 5. St. Mary of Egypt. St. Martin the Confessor, Pope of Rome (655). Martyrs Anthony, John and Eustathius of Vilnius (Lithuania—1347). Martyr Ardalion the Actor (4th c.). Martyr Azades the Eunuch and 1,000 Martyrs of Persia (ca. 341).**

**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 8)** The image of God was truly preserved in you, O Mother, / for you took up the Cross and followed Christ. / By so doing, you taught us to disregard the flesh for it passes away; / but to care instead for the soul, for it is immortal. // Therefore your spirit, O holy Mother Mary, rejoices with the angels.

**(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 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 READING IS FROM THE EPISTLE OF PAUL TO THE HEBREWS (9:11-14)** Brethren: Christ came as High Priest of the good things to come, with the greater and more perfect tabernacle not made with hands, that is, not of this creation. Not with the blood of goats and calves, but with His own blood He entered the Most Holy Place once for all, having obtained eternal redemption. For if the blood of bulls and goats and the ashes of a heifer, sprinkling the unclean, sanctifies for the purifying of the flesh, how much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without spot to God, cleanse your conscience from dead works to serve the living God.

***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: Thou hast said: Mercy will be established forever, and my truth will be prepared in the heavens.***

**THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MARK (10:32-45)**

At that time, as the disciples were on the road, going up to Jerusalem, and Jesus was going before them; and they were amazed. And as they followed they were afraid. Then He took the twelve aside again and began to tell them the things that would happen to Him: Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will

be betrayed to the chief priests and to the scribes; and they will condemn Him to death and deliver Him to the Gentiles; and they will mock Him, and scourge Him, and spit on Him, and kill Him. And the third day He will rise again. Then James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came to Him, saying, "Teacher, we want You to do for us whatever we ask." And He said to them, "What do you want Me to do for you?" They said to Him, "Grant us that we may sit, one on Your right hand and the other on Your left, in Your glory." But Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you ask. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, and be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?" They said to Him, "We are able." So Jesus said to them, "You will indeed drink the cup that I drink, and with the baptism I am baptized with you will be baptized; but to sit on My right hand and on My left is not Mine to give, but it is for those for whom it is prepared. And when the ten heard it, they began to be greatly displeased with James and John. But Jesus called them to Himself and said to them, "You know that those who are considered rulers over the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them. Yet it shall not be so among you; but whoever desires to become great among you shall be your servant. And whoever of you desires to be first shall be slave of all. For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many." **GO TO PG. 120 IN THE PEW BOOK.**

**Instead of "It is truly meet ,"** All of creation rejoices in you, O Full of Grace: the assembly of Angels and the race of men. O sanctified temple and spiritual paradise, the glory of virgins, from whom God was incarnate and became a Child, our God before the ages. He made your body into a throne, and your womb He made more spacious than the heavens. All of creation rejoices in you, O Full of Grace. Glory to you!

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

### **THE SIXTH WEEK OF LENT – THE WEEK OF PALMS**

This last week of Lent is called the Week of Palms or Palm Week because it leads us to Palm Sunday. During this week the hymns of the Church unfold for us the sickness of Lazarus and the journey of Jesus from Bethphage to Bethany to raise Lazarus from the dead. This miracle results in the triumphal entry of our Lord Jesus into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday. Below are a selection from the hymns of this week that will lead us to the festive days of Lazarus Saturday and Palm Sunday.

#### **MONDAY – Lazarus is fatally ill**

*Matins, Monday*

*Ode 7* Behold, Christ is in the city of Bethphage. Rejoice, O Bethany, home of Lazarus, for He will show you a miracle without equal, by raising Lazarus from the dead.

*Ode 9* Today the illness of Lazarus is made known to Christ, Who is lingering beyond the Jordan; however, in His foreknowledge, He declares: This sickness does not lead to death.

#### **TUESDAY – Lazarus is fatally ill**

*Matins, Tuesday*

*Sessional Hymn 3* Yesterday and today Lazarus suffers from his illness; his sisters send word to Christ about him. Prepare yourself, O Bethany, to receive your Master and King in joy and to sing with us: O Lord, glory to you!

#### **WEDNESDAY – Lazarus dies & is buried – 1<sup>st</sup> day in the tomb**

*Matins, Wednesday*

*Ode 3* Today Lazarus dies, but this death does not escape the divine eye of Jesus. Therefore, He spoke to His disciples and said: "My friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I shall go and raise him."

*Ode 9* The sisters of Lazarus weep over the tomb of their brother today, seeing him buried beneath the stone; you have said clearly to your apostles, O Christ: "I rejoice for you that I was not there, so that you may believe."

#### **THURSDAY – 2<sup>nd</sup> day in the tomb**

*Matins, Thursday*

*Sessional Hymn 3* Lazarus is in the tomb for two days, and his two sisters, Martha and Mary, grieve deeply as they look sadly at the rock covering the tomb. With his disciples, the Creator comes to despoil Death and give us life. Therefore, we cry out: "O Lord, glory to you!"

#### **FRIDAY – 3<sup>rd</sup> day in the tomb**

*Matins, Friday*

*Sessional Hymn 3* On this day two disciples are sent to look for the colt of a donkey for the Master of the universe Who is seated upon the hosts of Cherubim. Death, the great devourer of the human race, begins to tremble, for Christ first carried away Lazarus; and soon He will take with Him all humanity.

*Ode 8* The sound of your steps resounds in Bethphage, and they were sensed by Hades who was enraged; and It entreated Lazarus, saying: "If He Who is Life calls you, hasten to leave, for I know that my end is near."

#### **LAZARUS SATURDAY – 4<sup>th</sup> day in the tomb**

*Vespers & Matins, Saturday*

*Vespers, sticheron* The kingdom of Hades was demolished at the sound of your voice, O Lord; your powerful word awakened from the tomb one who had been dead four days. Lazarus becomes a saving prelude of our regeneration. Nothing is impossible for the King of the universe; O Lord, grant to your servants forgiveness and great mercy!

*Matins, at the Praises* Even though Lazarus had been dead four days, you raised him from Hades, O Christ; before your own death, you destroyed the power of Death; you freed one of your friends from the tomb to announce the resurrection of all. Therefore, we bow before your sovereign power and cry out: Blessed art you, O Savior, have mercy on us!

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**CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR THE HEALTH AND BLESSINGS OF**

Calvin Conrad

Bosa Kantar

Fr. Tom, Fr. Roman, Fr. Dimitrie, Fr. Anthony, Matushka Rose Marie, Angelo, Christine, Aaron, Reggie, John, Alex, Irene, Rimi, Allen, Deborah, JoAnn, Susan, Luba, David, Anna, Walt, Calvin, Vladimir, Dorothy, John, Rose, Allison, Stojan, Mira, Bosa, Jeanette, Ted, Marlene, Joseph, Nicholas, Margaret, Gladys, my family and friends

Joe Tome

Special Intention

Joe Tome

Mary, Anna, Patsy & Alex

Alex & Magda Popoff

Feodosiy, Irina, Oleg, Galina & Nikolay

Irina Sivergina

**CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR BLESSED REPOSE**

Helen & John Bibilikow. Blessed Repose~Memory Eternal

Christine, Jerry, Josh & Jenn

John & Helen Bibilikow. Memory Eternal~ Blessed Repose

Dorothy Goodman

Zina Pyatenko (1 yr.). Blessed Repose~Memory Eternal

Dorothy Goodman

Adelaida, Galina, Vitaliy, Nikolay, Vasiliy & Andrey

Irina Sivergina

**ETERNAL LIGHT AT THE ALTAR**

Ilinka Treskavica~Blessed Repose

Janja Beslach & family



**WELCOME** to all our friends and visitors.



**COFFEE & BAGELS** are served in the parish hall after Liturgy. Everyone is welcome to join us for a time of fellowship. If you would like to volunteer to help serve or sponsor the coffee & bagels there is a signup sheet next to the kitchen window. Help is always appreciated!

**ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN WOMEN OF MICHIGAN (OCW)** is delighted to welcome the Very Rev. Andrew Yavornitzky who will be speaking on the subject of "A Christian Ending to Our Lives" on Monday, April 15 at 7 p.m.

The presentation will take place at St. Mary the Protectress Ukrainian Orthodox Cathedral, 21931 Evergreen Road, Southfield, MI, 48075. The event is free of charge and open to all. Canned goods will be collected. Refreshments will be served.

**VIGIL AT THE TOMB** It is traditional to keep a vigil at the Tomb of our Lord from Great Friday evening until the Great Saturday's Liturgy and then until the midnight service. The Vigil is from Friday, April 26 at 9 pm until Saturday, April 27 at 10 am and then from 1 pm until 10:30 pm. If you are interested, please email [stnicholasburtonmi@gmail.com](mailto:stnicholasburtonmi@gmail.com), call the office at 744-0070 or sign your name to the sign-up sheet in the hall.

**ANNUAL EGG HUNT** is scheduled for Thomas Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup>. We are in need of someone to coordinate the event, as well as monetary donations for items. Please call the office by April 15<sup>th</sup> if you are willing to help.

**SWEET BREADS FOR PASCHA** to order, please use the sign-up sheet in the hall. Loaves are \$12 each.

**COIN BOXES** have been placed on the tables in the church hall to help support the Orthodox Christian Mission Center (OCMC) supporting missions around the world. Please be generous.

**QUARTERLY STATEMENTS** are available in the parish hall for you to pick up.



**PRAY FOR YOUR PRAYER PARTNER** throughout Lent especially. At Pascha you may want to let them know you were praying for them with a card or note.

**HOPE IN A BOX** is collecting **deodorant** for the month of April. Place the items in the blue box in the Parish 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 will be holding a rummage sale again this spring. You can leave items in foyer at the parish hall door. Please make sure everything is clean & in good working order.
- Spring is here and that can only mean one thing, the Macedonian Open is right around the corner. There are a number of ways to get involved. If you can sponsor a sign it is highly encouraged. Donating a gift card or cash is also helpful to our committee.  
This year's outing will be held on Monday, June 17th at the Flint Elks Golf Club. As has been our tradition, that is the Monday after Father's Day.  
We encourage everyone to participate in some way. Please contact one our committee members if you have any questions. Angelo Panoff, Christine Panoff, Linda Branoff, George Branoff or Chris Nedanis.

**Weekly Schedule:**

**Monday, Apr 15**

6:30 pm Great Compline at St. George  
 7:00 pm "A Christian Ending to Our Lives" talk by Fr. Andrew Yavornitzky  
 St. Mary the Proctress Ukranian Orthodox Cathedral  
 21931 Evergreen Road, Southfield, MI 48075

**Tuesday, Apr 16**

Fr. Matthew in Toledo

**Wednesday, Apr 17**

10 am Lenten Hours  
 11:15 to 12:15 Adult Education  
 6 pm Pan-Orthodox Presanctified at St. Nicholas followed by a Lenten potluck (bring a lenten dish to pass)

**Thursday, Apr 18**

Office open until 1 pm.  
 10 am Assemble palms & pussy willows

**Friday, Apr 19**

**Office closed**  
 6:30 pm Vespers at St. Mary Magdalene

**Saturday, Apr 20**

**Lazarus Saturday**  
 9:30 am Pan-Orthodox Divine Liturgy at St. George, followed by Lenten Breakfast  
 5 pm Great Vespers with Litiya followed by confessions

**Sunday, Apr 21**

**PALM SUNDAY – fish permitted**  
 9:30 am Third Hour/Blessing of palms & pussy willows  
 10 am Divine Liturgy followed Procession and Church School  
 Noisy Offering

**Offerings for the week April 7, 2019**

Weekly Offerings	\$ 4,238.00
Estimated Average Weekly Expenses	\$ 3,236.00
	<b>\$ 1,002.00</b>

*91 people were in attendance on Sunday, April 7<sup>th</sup>.*

**Meekness and patience have greater power than anger and stubbornness. You can't put out a fire with fire, but with water. In the same way, anger isn't conquered by anger, but by meekness and a great deal of patience. It's better to put a stop to your irritation with a smile than to attack like a wild animal.**

**- St Arsenius Boca**