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**The Gospel according to John
20:19-31 (9th Matins Gospel)**

Then, the same day at evening, being the first day of the week, when the doors were shut where the disciples were assembled, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in the midst, and said to them, "Peace be with you." When He had said this, He showed them His hands and His side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. So Jesus said to them again, "Peace to you! As the Father has sent Me, I also send you." And when He had said this, He breathed on them, and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained. Now Thomas, called the Twin, one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. The other disciples therefore said to him, "We have seen the Lord." So he said to them, "Unless I see in His hands the print of the nails, and put my finger into the print of the nails, and put my hand into His side, I will not believe." And after eight days His disciples were again inside, and Thomas with them. Jesus came, the doors being shut, and stood in the midst, and said, "Peace to you!" Then He said to Thomas, "Reach your finger here, and look at My hands; and reach your hand here, and put it into My side. Do not be unbelieving, but believing." And Thomas answered and said to Him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Thomas, because you have seen Me, you have believed. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed." And truly Jesus did many other signs in the presence of His disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His name.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 18, 2018 9th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST — Tone 8. Afterfeast of the Dormition. Repose of Ven. John, Abbot of Rila (946). Martyrs Florus and Laurus of Illyria (2nd c.). Martyrs Hermes, Serapion and Polyænus, of Rome (2nd c.). Hieromartyr Emilian and with him Martyrs Hilarion, Dionysius, and Hermippus (4th c.). Ss. John (674) and George (683), Patriarchs of Constantinople Ven. Macarius, Monk. Ven. Sophronius of St. Anne's Skete (Mt. Athos). Ven. Arsenios of Paros (1877).

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!

Give thanks to the Lord and call upon His name! // make known His deeds among the nations!

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

In the city of the Lord of hosts; // in the city of our God!

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

His sanctuary is in the city of peace, // and His dwelling in Zion!

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

The Lord loves the gates of Zion // more than all the dwellings of Jacob!
O Son of God, who arose from the dead, save us who sing to Thee! Alleluia!

Glorious things are spoken of you, // O City of our God!
O Son of God, who arose from the dead, save us who sing to Thee! Alleluia!

God has established her forever! // We have thought upon Thy mercy, O God, in the midst of Thy people!
O Son of God, who arose from the dead, save us who sing to Thee! Alleluia!

The Most High has sanctified // His tabernacle!
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, O Christ our God, trampling down death by death, Who art one of the Holy Trinity, glorified with the Father and the Holy Spirit: save us!

THIRD ANTIPHON

O God, my heart is ready, my heart is ready! I will sing and give praise to Thy glory!
(Tone 1) In giving birth you preserved your virginity. / In falling asleep you did not forsake the world, O Theotokos. / You were translated to life, O Mother of Life, // and by your prayers you deliver our souls from death.

What shall I render to the Lord for all His benefits toward me?

(Tone 1) In giving birth you preserved your virginity. / In falling asleep you did not forsake the world, O Theotokos. / You were translated to life, O Mother of Life, // and by your prayers you deliver our souls from death.

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 1) In giving birth you preserved your virginity. / In falling asleep you did not forsake the world, O Theotokos. / You were translated to life, O Mother of Life, // and by your prayers you deliver our souls from death.

(Tone 1) Your life was a foundation of repentance and a model of compunction, an image of consolation and spiritual perfection, equal to the angels, O venerable one. You persevered in prayer, fasting and tears, O Father John; // intercede with Christ God for 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 2) Neither the tomb, nor death, could hold the Theotokos, / who is constant in prayer and our firm hope in her intercessions. / For being the Mother of Life, // she was translated to life by the One Who dwelt in her virginal womb.

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 has rendered unto me?

THE EPISTLE OF 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 fulfil the law of Christ.

Alleluia, Tone 8

v. Come let us rejoice in the Lord! Let us make a joyful noise to God our Savior!

v. Let us come before His face with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise!

THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MATTHEW (14:22-34) At that time Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go before him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up on the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but the boat by this time was many furlongs distant from the land, beaten by the waves; for the wind was against them. And in the fourth watch of the night he came to them, walking on the sea. But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out for fear. But immediately he spoke to them, saying, "Take heart, it is I; have no fear." And Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, bid me come to you on the water." He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat and walked on the water and came to Jesus; but when he saw the wind, he was afraid, and beginning to sink he cried out, "Lord, save me." Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "O man of little faith, why did you doubt?" And when they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God." And when they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret.

COMMUNION HYMN

I will receive the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

OUR LADY OF IVERON (commemorated on February 12)

During the reign of Emperor Theophilus (829-842) the Byzantine Empire raged with the heresy of iconoclasm. In accordance with the emperor's command, thousands of soldiers pillaged the empire, searching every corner, city, and village for hidden icons. Near the city of Nicaea there lived a certain pious widow who had concealed an icon of the Most Holy Theotokos. Before long the soldiers discovered it, and one of them thrust his spear into the image.

But by God's grace his terrible deed was overshadowed by a miracle: blood flowed forth from the wound on the face of the Mother of God. The frightened soldiers quickly fled. The widow spent the whole night in vigil, praying before the icon of the Most Holy Theotokos. In the morning, according to God's will, she took the icon to the sea and cast it upon the water. The holy icon stood upright on the waves and began to sail westward.

Time passed, and one evening the monks of the Iveron Monastery on Mt. Athos beheld a pillar of light, shining upon the sea like the sun (ca. 1004). The miraculous image lasted several days, while the fathers of the Holy Mountain gathered together, marveling. Finally they descended to the edge of the sea, where they beheld the pillar of light standing above the icon of the Theotokos. But when they approached it, the icon moved farther out to sea.

At that time a Georgian monk named Gabriel was laboring at the Iveron Monastery. The Theotokos appeared to the fathers of the Holy Mountain and told them that Gabriel alone was worthy to retrieve the holy icon from the sea. At the same time, she appeared to Gabriel and told him, "Enter the sea, and walk out upon the waves with faith, and all will witness my love and mercy for your monastery."

The monks of Mt. Athos found Gabriel at the Georgian monastery and led him down to the sea, chanting hymns, and censuring with holy incense. Gabriel walked out upon the water as though upon dry land, took the icon in his arms, and obediently carried it back to shore. This miracle occurred on Bright Tuesday.

While the monks were celebrating a paraklesis of thanksgiving, a cold, sweet spring miraculously gushed forth from the ground where the icon stood. Afterwards they took the icon to a church and set it down in the sanctuary with great reverence.

But the next morning one of the monks came to light a lamp and discovered that the icon was no longer where they had left it; now it was hanging on a wall near the entrance gate. The disbelieving monks took it down and returned it to the sanctuary, but the next day the icon was again found at the monastery gate. This miracle recurred several times, until the Most Holy Virgin appeared to Gabriel, saying, "Announce to the brothers that from this day they should not carry me away. For what I desire is not to be protected by you; rather I will overshadow you, both in this life and in the

age to come. As long as you see my icon in the monastery, the grace and mercy of my Son shall never be lacking!"

Filled with exceeding joy, the monks erected a small church near the monastery gate to glorify the Most Holy Theotokos and placed the wonder-working icon inside. The holy icon came to be known as the "Iveron Mother of God" and, in Greek, Portaitissa. By the grace of the miraculous Iveron Icon of the Theotokos, many miracles have taken place and continue to take place throughout the world.

The icon is special to our parish because, like the icon, many of the founders of the parish crossed the seas to come to a new home. Fr. Raphael Biernacki of blessed memory commissioned Fr. Theodore Jurewicz to paint the icon of our Lady of Iveron which is now in the shrine which was constructed in 1981. The Sunday after Dormition was established by the late Archbishop Kyrill as the shrine feast when we celebrate the outdoor Liturgy.

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CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR THE HEALTH AND BLESSINGS OF

Dennis, Eileen, Rose, Steve & Ben	Dorothy Goodman
Fr. Tom, Fr. Paul, Fr. Joe, Fr. Dimitrie, Fr. Anthony, Matushka Rose Marie, Joan, Angelo, Christine, Dorothy, Tommy, Peter, Reggie, Alex, Irene, Rimi, Allen, Deborah, Susan, Luba, Kosta, Stojan, Mira, Bosa, Christopher, Allison, Jeanette, Nicholas, Margaret, Joseph, Ted, Marlene, Gladys, my family and friends	Joe Tome
Special Intention	Joe Tome

CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR BLESSED REPOSE

Tom Branoff	Angelo & Helen Popoff
Thomas Branoff	Branoff family
Blessed Repose for our grandson Andrew Thomas Panoff	Baba & Dedo
Tom Branoff	Angelo & Christine
Tom Branoff Blessed Repose~Memory Eternal	Dorothy Goodman



WELCOME to all our friends and visitors. Please join us for our picnic. A free-will offering is being accepted to cover the cost of the lambs (\$400).

MEMORY ETERNAL Tom Branoff, father of Linda & Peter (wife Marilyn) fell asleep in the Lord August 11, 2019. The funeral service was held Friday, August 16, 2019 with burial in Evergreen Cemetery. Bog da prosti! Memory eternal! Christ is risen!

FOOD/WATER GIVEAWAY Catholic Charities is giving food & water to the families in the parishes that help them. All are welcome! August 22nd from 11 am-1 pm in the parking lot of the Center for Hope at 812 Root St.

MACEDONIAN OPEN had the best year yet, bringing in over \$20,000. Thank you to the committee, participants & sponsors for making it such a great success.

OUR CHARITY MINISTRIES

HOPE IN A BOX is collecting razors, shaving cream/lotion for the month of August. 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.

Father Matthew will be out of town until August 23rd. In the event of an emergency please call Fr. Gabriel Bilas at 330-285-1740.



BINGO Sunday, September 8th after Divine Liturgy. *We need prizes and volunteers!*

COMMUNITY PET BLESSING September 10th at 6:30 at Adopt-A-Pet in Fenton. St. Mary provides a pet blessing in conjunction with adopt-a-pet.

KONEVETS QUARTET Tuesday, September 17th at 6:30 pm. Please spread the word! If you would like to host the quartet overnight that evening following the concert, please see Fr. Matthew.

Weekly Schedule:

Today Picnic after Divine Liturgy. Volunteers are needed to break-down the pavilion after Liturgy

Wednesday, Aug 21 Office closes at 12 pm (no Liturgy, no adult education)

Friday, August 23 Office Closed

Saturday, August 24 No Vespers

Sunday, August 25

9:30 am Hours
10 am Divine Liturgy
Parastas for Helen Ethington (6 mo.)
Parastas for Andrew Panoff (1 yr.)

Offerings for the week August 11th, 2019

Weekly Offerings	\$ 1,462.00
Estimated Average Weekly Expenses	\$ 3,236.00
	\$-1,774.00

75 people were in attendance on Sunday, August 11th.

The Birthgiver of God, unsleeping in intercessions and in protections unwavering hope, tomb and death did not rule for as Mother of Life He who dwelt in her ever-virgin womb moved her into life. – Kontakion of the Dormiton