

**August 4, 2019**

**St. Nicholas Orthodox Church**

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**The Holy Gospel according to John**

**20:1-10 (7th Matins Gospel)**

Now on the first day of the week Mary Magdalene went to the tomb early, while it was still dark, and saw that the stone had been taken away from the tomb. Then she ran and came to Simon Peter, and to the other disciple, whom Jesus loved, and said to them, “They have taken away the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid Him.” Peter therefore went out, and the other disciple, and were going to the tomb. So they both ran together, and the other disciple outran Peter and came to the tomb first. And he, stooping down and looking in, saw the linen cloths lying there; yet he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb; and he saw the linen cloths lying there, and the handkerchief that had been around His head, not lying with the linen cloths, but folded together in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who came to the tomb first, went in also; and he saw and believed. For as yet they did not know the Scripture, that He must rise again from the dead. Then the disciples went away again to their own homes.

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 4, 2019 7th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST — Tone 6. Holy Seven Youths (“Seven Sleepers”) of Ephesus: Maximilian, Jamblicus, Martinian, John, Dionysius, Exacustodian (Constantine), and Antoninus (250). Martyr Eudoxia of Persia (362-364). Martyr Eleutherius of Constantinople (4th c.).**

**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)** 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 7)** On the mountain wast Thou transfigured, O Christ God, and Thy disciples beheld Thy glory as far as they could see it; so that when they would behold Thee crucified, they would understand that Thy suffering was voluntary, and would proclaim to the world that Thou art truly the radiance of the Father!

***The Prokeimenon in the Sixth Tone: O Lord, save Thy people / and bless Thine inheritance!***

**v. To Thee, O Lord, will I call. O my God, be not silent to me!**

**THE READING FROM THE EPISTLE OF PAUL TO THE ROMANS (15:1-7)** Brethren: we who are strong ought to bear with the scruples of the weak, and not please ourselves. Let each of us please his neighbor for his good, leading to edification. For even Christ did not please Himself; but as it is written, “The reproaches of those who

reproached You fell on Me.” For whatever things were written before were written for our learning, that we through the patience and comfort of the Scriptures might have hope. Now may the God of patience and comfort grant you to be like-minded toward one another, according to Christ Jesus, that you may with one mind and one mouth glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore receive one another, just as Christ also received us, to the glory of God.

### *Alleluia, Tone 6*

**v: He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will abide in the shadow of the heavenly God.**

**v: He will say to the Lord: “My Protector and my Refuge; my God, in Whom I trust!”**

### **THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MATTHEW (9:27-35)**

At that time, as Jesus passed on from there, two blind men followed him, crying aloud, “Have mercy on us, Son of David.” When he entered the house, the blind men came to him; and Jesus said to them, “Do you believe that I am able to do this?” They said to him, “Yes, Lord.” Then he touched their eyes, saying, “According to your faith be it done to you.” And their eyes were opened. And Jesus sternly charged them, “See that no one knows it.” But they went away and spread his fame through all that district. As they were going away, behold, a dumb demoniac was brought to him. And when the demon had been cast out, the dumb man spoke; and the crowds marveled, saying, “Never was anything like this seen in Israel.” But the Pharisees said, “He casts out demons by the prince of demons.” And Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every disease and every infirmity.

### **COMMUNION HYMN**

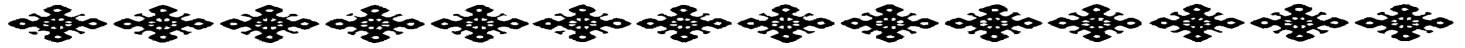
Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest! Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

## **THE TRANSFIGURATION**

### **OF OUR LORD GOD AND SAVIOUR JESUS CHRIST (August 6)**

In the third year of His preaching, the Lord Jesus often spoke to His disciples of His approaching passion but at the same time of His glory following His suffering on the Cross. So that His impending passion would not totally weaken His disciples and that no one would fall away from Him, He, the All-wise, wanted to partially show them His divine glory before His passion. For that reason, He took Peter, James and John with Him and, with them, went out at night to Mt. Tabor and there was transfigured before them: “And His face shone as the sun and His garments became white as snow” (St. Matthew 17:2). There appeared along side Him, Moses and Elijah, the great Old Testament prophets. And, seeing this, His disciples were amazed. Peter said: “Lord, it is good for us to be here: if You will, let us make here three tabernacles; one for You, one for Moses and one for Elijah” (St. Matthew 17:4). While Peter still spoke, Moses and Elijah departed and a bright cloud overshadowed the Lord and His disciples and there came a voice from the cloud saying: “This is my beloved Son in whom I am well pleased; hear Him” (St. Matthew 17:5). Hearing the voice, the disciples fell to the ground on their faces as though dead and remained that way, lying in fear, until the Lord came near to them and said: “Arise and be not afraid” (St. Matthew 17:7). Why did the Lord take only three disciples on Tabor and not all? Because Judas was not worthy to behold the divine glory of the Teacher, Whom he will betray and the Lord did not want to leave him [Judas] alone at the foot of the mountain so that the betrayer would not, by that, justify his betrayal. Why was our Lord transfigured on a mountain and not in a valley? So as to teach us two virtues: love of labor and godly-thoughts. For, climbing to the heights required labor and height represents the heights of our thoughts, i.e., godly-thoughts. Why was our Lord transfigured at night? Because, the night rather than the day is more suitable for prayer and godly-thoughts and because the night, by its darkness, conceals all the beauty of the earth and reveals the beauty of the starry heavens. Why did Moses and Elijah appear? In order to destroy the error of the Jews, as though Christ is one of the prophets; Elijah or Jeremiah or some other that is why He appears as a King above the prophets and that is why Moses and Elijah appear as His servants. Until then, our Lord manifested His divine power many times to the disciples but, on Mt. Tabor, He manifested His divine nature. This vision of His Divinity and the hearing of the heavenly witness about Him as the Son of God, should serve the disciples in the days of the Lord’s passion, in strengthening of an unwavering faith in Him and His final victory.

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

In honor of Aaron Prusac and his parents

Mira & Stojan Prusac

God grant many healthy & happy years to newly baptized Aaron Prusac & Great

Grandparents Stojan & Mira and families.

Connie Maxim

Good health for all our grandchildren & their parents

Angelo & Christine

Good health to Tom & Linda Branoff

Angelo & Christine

Mary, Anna, Tomka & Patsy

Alex & Magda Popoff

Fr. Tom, Fr. Paul, Fr. Joe, Fr. Dimitrie, Fr. Anthony, Matushka Rose Marie, Angelo,

Christine, Tommy, Reggie, Alex, Irene, Rimi, Allen, Deborah, Susan, Luba, Kosta,

Stojan, Mira, Bosa, Christopher, Jeanette, Nicholas, Margaret, Joseph, Ted, Marlene,

Gladys, my family and friends

Joe Tome

Special Intention

Joe Tome

Jeffery Hovey

Baba Bosa

**CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR BLESSED REPOSE**

Michael Goodman

Joe Tome

Our sweet grandson Andrew & Mike Goodman

Angelo & Christine

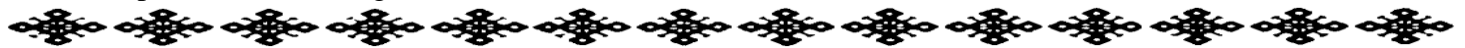
Peter Popoff

Alex & Magda Popoff

**ETERNAL LIGHT AT THE ALTAR**

Blessed Repose Charles Jernigan

Dennis, Sharon & Charlie



**WELCOME** to all our friends and visitors. Please join us in our fellowship hall.



**COFFEE & DONUTS** are provided today by Mira & Stojan Prusac in honor to Aaron Prusac's baptism.

**WE HOST THE PAN-ORTHODOX LITURGY** for the Transfiguration of our Lord on Monday, August 5 at 6 pm.

Please fast from after your lunch to receive Holy Communion.

**RUMMAGE SALE** August 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup>. If you haven't already brought in items to donate, you can still do so, leaving them in the foyer at the side door of the parish hall until August 8<sup>th</sup>. If you want to donate large items call Dennis Jernigan to arrange a drop off or pick up time. Please make sure they are clean, gently used & in good working order. **We need lots of volunteers to help make this event successful.**



There is a sign-up sheet in the parish hall.

**\*Please take some fliers which are next to the sign-up sheet & post them in your community.**

**CHURCH SCHOOL PLANNING MEETING** will take place Sunday, August 11th, following the Divine Liturgy.

Anyone interested in helping out with this year's Church School Program (teachers, aides, substitutes, etc.) are encouraged to attend as we begin our initial preparations for the year.

**DORMITION MONASTERY PILGRIMAGE** August 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup>. See the flyers in the parish hall for the schedule.

**Dormition of the Theotokos** will also be celebrated at Assumption Greek Orthodox Church Wednesday, August 14<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm with Vespers followed by Lenten snacks and Thursday, August 15<sup>th</sup> Divine Liturgy at 10 am.

**SHRINE FEAST/PICNIC** Sunday, August 18 – outdoor Liturgy followed by lamb picnic (freewill offering).

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

## 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.

**PAN-ORTHODOX SOFTBALL GAME** Our parish won the game played on July 14 at St. Pius X baseball field. We were ahead 8 to 4 going into the bottom of the last inning when the combined team of St. Mary Magdalene/St. George had a late surge, scoring three runs to make the final score 8 to 7, St. Nicholas parish winning. Congratulations! And God bless those who turned out to play and cheer on the teams.



**BINGO** Sunday, September 8<sup>th</sup> after Divine Liturgy

**KONEVETS QUARTET** Tuesday, September 17<sup>th</sup> 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**

12:30 pm Moleben to the Theotokos (Shrine)

#### **Monday, Aug 5**

6pm **Pan-Orthodox Divine Liturgy at St. Nicholas with the blessing of fruit (please bring fruit to be blessed)**

#### **Wednesday, Aug 7**

No Divine Liturgy  
No adult education

#### **Thursday, August 8**

10 am Fr. Matthew in Toledo  
Set up for Rummage Sale

#### **Friday, August 9**

10 am-5 pm Communion Calls to Bay City and Caro  
Rummage Sale

#### **Saturday, August 10**

10 am-3 pm Rummage Sale  
5 pm Vespers

#### **Sunday, August 11**

9:30 am Hours  
10 am Divine Liturgy followed by the blessing of fruit (please bring fruit to bless)  
12:30 pm Moleben to the Theotokos (Shrine)  
Church School planning meeting

### **Offerings for the week July 28<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

<i>Weekly Offerings</i>	\$ 1,432.00
<i>Estimated Average Weekly Expenses</i>	\$ 3,236.00
	<b>\$-1,804.00</b>

*80 people were in attendance on Sunday, July 28<sup>th</sup>.*

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