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**The Gospel according to Saint Matthew
28:16-20 (1st Matins Gospel)**

Then the eleven disciples went away into Galilee, to the mountain which Jesus had appointed for them. When they saw Him, they worshiped Him; but some doubted. And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, “All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age. Amen.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 19, 2018 12th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST — Tone 3. Afterfeast of the Dormition. Martyr Andrew Stratelates and those with him (2593 soldiers) in Cilicia (4th c.). St. Pitirim, Bishop of Perm (1456). Martyrs Timothy, Agapius, and Thecla, of Palestine (304-306). Ven. Theophanes of Docheiariou (Mt. Athos—16th c.). The “DONSKAYA” Icon of the Most-holy Theotokos (in commemoration of the deliverance of Moscow from the Tatars in 1591).

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 3) Let the heavens rejoice! Let the earth be glad! For the Lord has shown strength with His arm. He has trampled down Death by death. He has become the first-born of the dead. He has delivered us from the depths of Hell, and has granted to the world great mercy.

(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 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 Third Tone: Sing praises to our God, sing praises; / Sing praises to our King, sing praises!

v. Clap your hands, all ye people, shout to God with loud songs of joy.

THE READING FROM THE FIRST EPISTLE OF PAUL TO THE CORINTHIANS (15:1-11)

Brethren: I declare to you the gospel which I preached to you, which also you received and in which you stand, by which also you are saved, if you hold fast that word which I preached to you – unless you believed in vain. For I delivered to you first of all that which I also received: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures, and that He was seen by Cephas, then by the twelve. After that He was seen by over five hundred brethren at once, of whom the greater part remain to the present, but some have fallen asleep. After that He was seen by James, then by all the apostles. Then last of all He was seen by me also, as by one born out of due time. For I am the least of the apostles, who am not worthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and His grace toward me was not in vain; but I labored more abundantly than they all, yet not I, but the grace of God which was with me. Therefore, whether it was I or they, so we preach and so you believed.

Alleluia, Tone 3

v. In Thee, O Lord, have I placed my hope; let me not be put to shame.

v. Be Thou a God of protection for me, a house of refuge in order to save me.

THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MATTHEW (19:16-26) And behold, one of the crowd came up to Jesus,

saying, “Teacher, what good deed must I do, to have eternal life?” And he said to him, “Why do you ask me about what is good? One there is who is good. If you would enter life, keep the commandments.” He said to him, “Which?” And Jesus said, “You shall not kill, You shall not commit adultery, You shall not steal, You shall not bear false witness, Honor your father and mother, and, You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” The young man said to him, “All these I have observed; what do I still lack?” Jesus said to him, “If you would be perfect, go, sell what you possess and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me.” When the young man heard this he went away sorrowful; for he had great possessions. And Jesus said to his disciples, “Truly, I say to you, it will be hard for a rich man to enter the kingdom of heaven. Again I tell you, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God.” When the

disciples heard this they were greatly astonished, saying, “Who then can be saved?” But Jesus looked at them and said to them, “With men this is impossible, but with God all things are possible.”

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 censing 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

Russell Harrison~in hospital, Rose~good health

Rose & John Goodman

Fr. Tom, Fr. Dimitrie, Fr. Anthony, Aaron, Rimi, Allen, Deborah, Anna, Dorothy,

JoAnn, Susan, Luba, Kosta, Laurie, David, Helen, Bosa, Jeanette, Christopher,

Marcia, Nicholas, Margaret, Joseph, Greg, Gladys, my family and friends

Joe Tome

Special Intention

Joe Tome

CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR BLESSED REPOSE

Goldie Johnson

Dorothy & family



WELCOME to all our friends and visitors. Please stay for our picnic (ćevaps & chicken) and desserts!

PARKING LOT RE-PAVING The proceeds from last year and this year's Macedonian Open will go towards the re-paving of the entire parking lot which will cost over \$100,000. With capital improvement funds and other funds on hand, that leaves a shortfall of \$35,000. If anyone would like to donate or dedicate a memorial fund or make an anonymous donation to the Capital Improvement Fund (formerly Parish Pride), please contact the office. To date \$1,300 has been donated to the project not including any funds from the Macedonian Open.

THE MACEDONIAN OPEN COMMITTEE thanks everyone who helped make this year's event a huge success. Whether you golfed, bought a sign, sold a sign, made a donation, joined us for dinner, or volunteered. Your contribution is greatly appreciated. We are happy and proud to announce that this year's event brought in the biggest profit EVER! \$20,566.28 which will be used for the re-paving of the parking lot. God Bless all of you, we could not have done it without you! - *The Macedonian Open Committee*

HOPE IN A BOX is collecting **Feminine Care Products, Razors & Shaving Cream** for the month of August. 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.

GARAGE SALE LEFTOVERS? Donate your rummage sale remains & gently used items to Catholic Charities Community Closet. They provide free clothing, bedding, towels, furniture, appliances, & household goods. For more information call 810-265-7025. Donations can be dropped off Mon-Fri at 812 Root St, Flint.

WORK READY ROOM Catholic Charities Work Ready Room wants your new & gently used career clothes to help individuals in need! i.e. Khakis, Scrubs, Shoes, Work Boots, Dress Pants & Collared Shirts. For more information call 810-265-7025. Donations can be dropped off Mon-Fri at 812 Root St, Flint.

MEMORY ETERNAL! CHRIST IS RISEN!

Helen Koski fell asleep in the Lord on Thursday, August 15. Her funeral arrangements are listed in the weekly schedule. God grant her rest among the saints and comfort to her family. Bog da prosti. Christ is risen!

Andrew Panoff fell asleep in the Lord on Saturday, August 18. He is the son of Tom & Kristy Panoff and grandson of Angelo & Christine Panoff. The Lord Jesus receive him into His kingdom and rest him among the saints. Christ is risen!

BAPTISM

of Mila Allison Miller took place on August 5. Parents are Arielle and Matthew Miller. Grandparents are Bruce & Vickie Borkovich; great-grandmother is Allison Borkovich.

of Anastasios Germanos and Isabella Todora Bakousidis took place August 18. Parents are Philip and Kelly Bakousidis and grandparents are Gerry and Lena Bakousidis. God grant them many years!

Weekly Schedule:

Monday, August 20

4 pm-8 pm Visitation at church for Helen Koski
7 pm Parastas

Tuesday, August 21

9 am Visitation at church
10 am Funeral followed by burial at White Chapel Cemetery, Troy
Mercy meal at the Ukrainian Cultural Center, Warren

Wednesday, Aug. 22 **NO LITURGY (please note this change of schedule)**
Fr. Matthew in Toledo

Saturday, Aug. 25

No Vespers

Sunday, Aug. 26

9:30 am Third Hour
10 am Divine Liturgy
40 day memorial for Jimmy Todorovsky

Offerings for the week August 12, 2018

<i>Weekly Offerings</i>	\$ 1,250.00
<i>Estimated Average Weekly Expenses</i>	\$ 4,034.03
	\$-2,784.03

*72 people were in attendance on
Sunday, August 12.*

“When your children are still small, you have to help them understand what is good. That is the deepest meaning of life.” **St. Paisios**