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The Gospel according to Saint Luke 24:12-35 (5th Matins Gospel)

But Peter arose and ran to the tomb; and stooping down, he saw the linen cloths lying by themselves; and he departed, marveling to himself at what had happened. Now behold, two of them were traveling that same day to a village called Emmaus, which was seven miles from Jerusalem. And they talked together of all these things which had happened. So it was, while they conversed and reasoned, that Jesus Himself drew near and went with them. But their eyes were restrained, so that they did not know Him. And He said to them, "What kind of conversation is this that you have with one another as you walk and are sad?" Then the one whose name was Cleopas answered and said to Him, "Are You the only stranger in Jerusalem, and have You not known the things which happened there in these days?" And He said to them, "What things?" So they said to Him, "The things concerning Jesus of Nazareth, who was a Prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how the chief priests and our rulers delivered Him to be condemned to death, and crucified Him. But we were hoping that it was He who was going to redeem Israel. Indeed, besides all this, today is the third day since these things happened. Yes, and certain women of our company, who arrived at the tomb early, astonished us. When they did not find His body, they came saying that they had also seen a vision of angels who said He was alive. And certain of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but Him they did not see. Then He said to them, "O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe in all that the prophets have spoken! Ought not the Christ to have suffered these things and to enter into His glory? And beginning at Moses and all the Prophets, He expounded to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning Himself. Then they drew near to the village where they were going, and He indicated that He would have gone farther. But they constrained Him, saying, "Abide with us, for it is toward evening, and the day is far spent." And He went in to stay with them. Now it came to pass, as He sat at the table with them, that He took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened and they knew Him; and He vanished from their sight. And they said to one another, "Did not our heart burn within us while He talked with us on the road, and while He opened the Scriptures to us?" So they rose up that very hour and returned to Jerusalem, and found the eleven and those who were with them gathered together, saying, "The Lord is risen indeed, and has appeared to Simon!" And they told about the things that had happened on the road, and how He was known to them in the breaking of bread.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2019 SUNDAY OF THE PUBLICAN AND THE PHARISEE. Tone 5. [Beginning of the Lenten Triodion]. Greatmartyr Theodore the Tyro ("the Recruit"—ca. 306). Hieromartyr Germogén (Hermogenes), Patriarch of Moscow and Wonderworker of All Russia (1612). Ven. Theodore the Silent, of the Kiev Caves (Far Caves—13th c.). St. Mariamne, sister of Apostle Philip (1st c.). Uncovering of the Relics of Martyr Menas of Alexandria (867-869). The weeping "TIKHVIN" Icon of the Most-holy Theotokos on Mt. Athos.

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) 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 4) Let us flee from the pride of the Pharisee! Let us learn humility from the Publican's tears! Let us cry to our Savior: “Have mercy on us, // O only merciful One!”

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 FROM THE SECOND EPISTLE OF THE HOLY APOSTLE PAUL TO TIMOTHY (3:10-15)

Timothy, my son, now you have observed my teaching, my conduct, my aim in life, my faith, my patience, my love, my steadfastness, my persecutions, my sufferings, what befell me at Antioch, at Iconium, and at Lystra, what persecutions I endured; yet from them all the Lord rescued me. Indeed all who desire to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted, while evil men and impostors will go on from bad to worse, deceivers and deceived. But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings which are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.

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 LUKE (18:9-14)

At that time Jesus spoke this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and despised others: “Two men went up into the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, ‘God, I thank thee that I am not like other men, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I get.’ But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, ‘God, be merciful to me the sinner!’ I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other; for everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but he who humbles himself will be exalted.”

COMMUNION HYMN

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

Greatmartyr Theodore the Tyro (“the Recruit”) – February 17

The Holy Great Martyr Theodore the Recruit (Tyro) was a soldier in the city of Alasium of the Pontine district (northeast province of Asia Minor, stretching along the coast of the Euxine, i.e. the Black Sea), under the command of a certain Brincus. They commanded him to offer sacrifice to idols. Saint Theodore firmly confessed his faith in Christ the Savior in a loud voice. The commander gave him several days to think it over, during which time Saint Theodore prayed.

They charged him with setting a pagan temple on fire, and threw him into prison to be starved to death. The Lord Jesus Christ appeared to him there, comforting and encouraging him. Brought to the governor, Saint Theodore boldly and fearlessly confessed his faith, for which he was subjected to new torments and condemned to burning. The martyr Theodore climbed onto the fire without hesitation, and with prayer and gave up his holy soul to God.

This occurred in about the year 306 under the Roman emperor Galerius (305-311). Unharmful by the fire, the body of Saint Theodore was buried in the city of Euchaita, not far from Amasium. His relics were afterwards transferred to Constantinople, to a church dedicated to him. His head is in Italy, in the city of Gaeto.

Later on, fifty years after the death of Saint Theodore, the emperor Julian the Apostate (361-363), wanting to commit an outrage upon the Christians, commanded the city-commander of Constantinople during the first week of Great Lent to sprinkle all the food provisions in the marketplaces with the blood offered to idols. Saint Theodore appeared in a dream to Archbishop Eudoxius, ordering him to inform all the Christians that no one should buy anything at the marketplaces, but rather to eat cooked wheat with honey (kolyva).

In memory of this occurrence, the Orthodox Church annually celebrates the holy Great Martyr Theodore the Recruit on the first Saturday of Great Lent. On Friday evening, at the Divine Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts following the prayer at the ambo, the Canon to the holy Great Martyr Theodore, composed by Saint John of Damascus, is sung. After this, kolyva is blessed and distributed to the faithful. The celebration of the Great Martyr Theodore on the first Saturday of Great Lent was set by the Patriarch Nectarius of Constantinople (381-397).

The Troparion to Saint Theodore is quite similar to the Troparion for the Prophet Daniel and the Three Holy Youths (December 17, Sunday Before Nativity). The Kontakion to Saint Theodore, who suffered martyrdom by fire, reminds us that he also had faith as his breastplate (see I Thessalonians 5:8).

We pray to Saint Theodore for the recovery of stolen articles. www.oca.org

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CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR THE HEALTH AND BLESSINGS OF

Happy 95th Birthday Rose Goodman (Feb. 22), good health John, Rose, Mike &

Dorothy Goodman, good health Pete Sredich

Dennis & Eileen

Helen Ethington, Calvin Conrad, Anna Branoff, John & Rose Goodman &

Christine & Angelo

Angelo & Christine

Fr. Tom, Fr. Dimitrie, Fr. Anthony, Angelo, Aaron, Reggie, John, Alex, Irene, Rimi,

Allen, Deborah, JoAnn, Susan, Luba, Kosta, David, Anna, Helen, Walt, Calvin,

Vladimir, Dorothy, John, Allison, Stojan, Mira, Bosa, Jeanette, Christopher, Ted,

Marlene, Joseph, Nicholas, Margaret, Gladys, my family and friends

Joe Tome

Special Intention

Joe Tome

Mary, Alex & Anna

Alex & Magda Popoff

Feodosiy, Oleg, Nickolay, Galina, Nickolay & Irina

Irina Sivergina

Chris, Soto, Mitra & Nancy

Alex & Menka Nedanis

CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR BLESSED REPOSE

Our sweet grandson Andrew (6 mos.), goddaughter Kay (40 days)

& Mitra Tsotsos (1 yr. Feb 12)

Angelo & Christine

Peter Popoff

Alex & Magda Popoff

Adelaida, Vasiliy, Andrey, Galina, Nickolay & Vitaliy

Irina Sivergina



WELCOME to all our friends and visitors.



COFFEE & DONUTS are provided today by Angelo & Christine Panoff in memory of Andrew Panoff (6 mo.) & Mitra Tsotsos (1 yr.). Volunteers are needed February & March. Please see the sign-up sheet outside the kitchen.

PROSFORA Please, if you are able, bake some loaves of prosfora (litouryia) for the Divine Liturgy and drop them off at the office or bring them to church at service.

DIOCESAN ASSESSMENT You will find in your box of offering envelopes one marked "Diocesan Assessment." Each parish in the Diocese is assessed \$35 per pledging adult. We have been paying this directly out of our Sunday offerings, presently \$5,320 per year. If every adult will make the \$35 assessment above and beyond their regular pledge, our parish will save \$5,320 per year.

CALENDARS are still available at the candle stand.

HOPE IN A BOX is collecting **shampoo, conditioner & lotion** for the month of February. 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.

Exploring Our Faith Our next meeting will be on **Tuesday 2/19** at St. George from 6 pm to 8 pm.
Change is because Fr. Dc. Michael will be out of town on the 26th.

- Small Compline with Akathist of Thanksgiving
- Fellowship and eats
- A discussion on Preparing to Receive Holy Communion

Weekly Schedule:

Today Noisy Offering

Tuesday, Feb 19

6 pm Exploring our Faith at St. George
Small Compline with Akathist of Thanksgiving
Fellowship and eats
A discussion on Preparing to Receive Holy Communion

Wednesday, Feb 20

No Divine Liturgy
No Adult Ed. Class

Friday, Feb 22

7 pm OCF meeting at St. George. All college age students are welcome.

Saturday, Feb 23

2 pm Crowning of Mia Jonascu & Seth Hillaker
No Vespers

Sunday, Feb 24

9:30 am Hours
10 am Divine Liturgy
Church School

Fr. Matthew will be visiting his parents in Pennsylvania this week. For any pastoral emergencies please call Fr Joe (810-444-9108) or Fr. Gabriel (330-285-1740).

Offerings for the week February 10, 2019

Weekly Offerings	\$ 2,445.00
Estimated Average Weekly Expenses	\$ 3,236.00
	\$ -791.00

73 people were in attendance on Sunday, February 10th.

**Here's the shortest and easiest path to salvation: Be obedient, restrained, don't judge, and guard your heart and mind against wicked thoughts. Think well of everyone and bear in mind that the Lord loves them. Because of these humble thoughts, the grace of the Holy Spirit will dwell in your heart and you'll say: 'The Lord is merciful'.
- *St Silouan the Athonite***