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St. Nicholas Orthodox Church

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The Gospel according to Saint Luke

24:1-12 (4th Matins Gospel)

Now on the first day of the week, very early in the morning, they, and certain other women with them, came to the tomb bringing the spices which they had prepared. But they found the stone rolled away from the tomb. Then they went in and did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. And it happened, as they were greatly perplexed about this, that behold, two men stood by them in shining garments. Then, as they were afraid and bowed their faces to the earth, they said to them, “Why do you seek the living among the dead? He is not here, but is risen! Remember how He spoke to you when He was still in Galilee, saying, ‘The Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, and be crucified, and the third day rise again.’ And they remembered His words. Then they returned from the tomb and told all these things to the eleven and to all the rest. It was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them, who told these things to the apostles. And their words seemed to them like idle tales, and they did not believe them. 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.

SUNDAY, JULY 14, 2019 4th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST — Tone 3. Fathers of the 1st Six Ecumenical Councils. Apostle Aquila of the Seventy (1st c.). Ven. Stephen, Abbot of Mákhreshche (Vologdá—1406). Martyr Justus at Rome (1st c.). Ven. Eulalius (Hellius), of Egypt (4th c.). Ven. Onesimus of Magnesia (4th c.). Repose of Ven. Nicodemus the Hagiorite (1809).

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 8) Most glorious are You, O Christ our God! You have established the Holy Fathers as lights on the earth! Through them you have guided us to the true faith! O greatly Compassionate One, glory to you!

(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 Fourth Tone: Blessed art Thou, O Lord, God of our Fathers / and praised and glorified is Thy name forever!

v. For Thou art just in all that Thou hast done for us.

THE READING FROM THE EPISTLE OF PAUL TO TITUS (3:8-15) Titus, my son: The saying is sure. I desire you to insist on these things, so that those who have believed in God may be careful to apply themselves to good deeds; these are excellent and profitable to men. But avoid stupid controversies, genealogies, dissensions, and quarrels over the law, for they are unprofitable and futile. As for a man who is factious, after admonishing him once or twice, have nothing more to do with him, knowing that such a person is perverted and sinful; he is self-condemned. When I send Artemas or Tych'icus to you, do your best to come to me at Nicop'olis, for I have decided to spend the winter there. Do your best to speed Zenas the lawyer and Apol'los on their way; see that they lack nothing. And let our people learn to apply themselves to good deeds, so as to help cases of urgent need, and not to be unfruitful. All who are with me send greetings to you. Greet those who love us in the faith. Grace be with you all.

Alleluia, Tone 1

v. The Lord, the God of gods, speaks and summons the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.
v. Gather to Me, My venerable ones, who made a covenant with Me by sacrifice.

THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MATTHEW (5:14-19) At that time, Jesus taught his disciples saying: "You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hid. Nor do men light a lamp and put it under a bushel, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven. Think not that I have come to abolish the law and the prophets; I have come not to abolish them but to fulfill them. For truly, I say to you, till heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. Whoever then relaxes one of the least of these commandments and teaches men so shall be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but he who does them and teaches them shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven."

COMMUNION HYMN

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

The Commemoration of the Holy Fathers of the First Six Ecumenical Councils.

An Ecumenical Council is comprised of archpastors and pastors of the Church, and representatives of all the local Churches, from every land of the "oikumene" (i.e. from all the whole inhabited world). The Orthodox Church acknowledges Seven Holy Ecumenical Councils:

The First Ecumenical Council (Nicea I) (May 29, and also on seventh Sunday after Pascha) was convened in the year 325 against the heresy of Arius, in the city of Nicea in Bithynia under Saint Constantine the Great, Equal of the Apostles.

The Second Ecumenical Council (Constantinople I) (May 22) was convened in the year 381 against the heresy of Macedonias, by the emperor Theodosius the Great.

The Third Ecumenical Council (Ephesus) (September 9) was convened in the year 431 against the heresy of Nestorius, in the city of Ephesus by the emperor Theodosius the Younger.

The Fourth Ecumenical Council (Chalcedon) (July 16) was convened in the year 451, against the Monophysite heresy, in the city of Chalcedon under the emperor Marcian.

The Fifth Ecumenical Council (Constantinople II) (July 25) "Concerning the Three Chapters," was convened in the year 553, under the emperor Justinian the Great.

The Sixth Ecumenical Council (Constantinople III) (January 23) met during the years 680-681, to fight the Monothelite heresy, under the emperor Constantine Pogonatos.

The fact that the Seventh Ecumenical Council (Nicea II) is not commemorated today testifies to the antiquity of today's celebration. The Seventh Council, commemorated on the Sunday nearest to October 11, was convened at Nicea in the year 787 against the Iconoclast heresy, under the emperor Constantine and his mother Irene.

A brief summary of the dogmatic theology of the First Six Ecumenical Councils is formulated and contained in the First Canon of the Council of Trullo (also known as Quinisext), held in the year 692. The 318 Holy Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council are spoken of in this Canon I of Trullo as having: "with unanimity of faith revealed and declared to us the consubstantiality of the three Persons of the Divine nature and, ... instructing the faithful to adore the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit with one worship, they cast down and dispelled the false teaching about different degrees of Divinity."

The 150 Holy Fathers of the Second Ecumenical Council left their mark on the theology of the Church concerning the Holy Spirit, "repudiating the teaching of Macedonius, as one who wished to divide the inseparable Unity, so that there might be no perfect mystery of our hope."

The 200 God-bearing Fathers of the Third Ecumenical Council expounded the teaching that “Christ, the Incarnate Son of God is One.” They also confessed that “she who bore Him without seed was the spotless Ever-Virgin, glorifying her as truly the Mother of God.

The 630 Holy Fathers of the Fourth Ecumenical Council decreed that “the One Christ, the Son of God... must be glorified in two natures.”

The 165 God-bearing Holy Fathers of the Fifth Ecumenical Council “in synod anathematized and repudiated Theodore of Mopsuestia (the teacher of Nestorius), and Origen, and Didymus, and Evagrius, renovators of the Hellenic teaching about the transmigration of souls and the transmutation of bodies and the impieties they raised against the resurrection of the dead.”

The 170 Holy Fathers of the Sixth Ecumenical Council “taught that we ought to confess two natural volitions, or two wills [trans. note: one divine, and the other human], and two natural operations (energies) in Him Who was incarnate for our salvation, Jesus Christ, our true God.” www.oca.org

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CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR THE HEALTH AND BLESSINGS OF

Health for the Bakousidis family

Mary, Anna & Patsy

Health & blessings for Tom Branoff

God’s blessings for all of our grand-kids & their parents

Good health to Tom Branoff & his family

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

Reggie, Alex, Irene, Rimi, Allen, Deborah, Susan, Luba, David, Anna, Walt,

Calvin, Vladimir, Dorothy, Rose, David, Allison, Stojan, Mira, Bosa, Christopher,

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

Special Intention

Oleg, Feodosiy, Irina, Nikolay, Galina, Nikolay & Alexander

Gerry & Lena Bakousidis

Alex & Magda Popoff

Eileen & Dennis

Angelo & Christine

Angelo & Christine

Joe Tome

Joe Tome

Irina Sivergina

CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR BLESSED REPOSE

Nikolaos Bakousidis (40 Days)

Adelaida, Vitaliy, Vasiliy, Andrey, Galina & Nikolay

Blessed Repose to our sweet grandson Andrew

Kostantinos Damolidis, Nikolas & Evangelia Bakousidis

Kosta & Theodora Papalazarou

Irene Batcos

Irina Sivergina

Angelo & Christine

Lena & Gerry Bakousidis

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ETERNAL LIGHT AT THE ALTAR

Blessed Repose Adelaida Sivergina (1 yr.)

Irina Sivergina & Oleg Dashevsky



WELCOME Fr. Philip Drennen & his Matushka.

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

COFFEE & DONUTS are provided today by Ruth & Calvin Conrad in honor of their 50th wedding anniversary.

OUR CHARITY MINISTRIES

HOPE IN A BOX is collecting toilet paper/travel size toiletries for the month of July. 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 July 26. In the event of an emergency please call first Fr. Gabriel Bilas (330-285-1740) or Fr. Robert Royer (810-919-9485). If neither Fr. Gabriel nor Fr. Robert are available, call Fr. Joe Abud (810-444-9108).

QUARTERLY STATEMENTS are ready to be picked up in the parish hall. Due to a new software program your statement looks quite different. If you turned in a pledge for the year, that amount is listed in the “Original Amount” column (on the rows that have “Weekly Offering” as the item). Please call Marcia in the office if you have any questions at (810-744-0070).



RUMMAGE SALE August 9th & 10th. You can start bringing in items to donate now, leaving them in the foyer at the side door of the parish hall. 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.

SHRINE FEAST/PICNIC Sunday, August 18 – outdoor Liturgy followed by lamb picnic.

Weekly Schedule:

Today
3 pm

Pan-Orthodox Softball Game at St Pius. Come & join in the fun.



Wednesday, July 17

No Divine Liturgy or Adult Ed

Saturday, July 20

11 am
5 pm

Parastas for Jimmy Todorovsky
Vespers
Parastas for Adelaida Sivergina after Vespers

Sunday, July 21

9:30 am
10 am

Hours
Divine Liturgy

Offerings for the week July 7, 2019

Weekly Offerings	\$ 2,925.00
Estimated Average Weekly Expenses	\$ 3,236.00
	\$ -311.00

75 people were in attendance on Sunday, July 7th.

Heavenly king, comforter, Spirit of the Truth, Who are everywhere present and fill all things; treasury of good things, and giver of life, come and tabernacle in us, and cleanse us from every impurity, and save our souls, O Good One.