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### **The Gospel according to Saint 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, JULY 15, 2018 7th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST — Tone 6. Fathers of the 1st Six Ecumenical Councils. Holy Equal-to-the-Apostles Great Prince Vladimir (in Baptism Basil), Enlightener of Rus’ (1015). Martyr Cyricus (Quiricus) and his mother, Julitta, of Tarsus (ca. 305). Martyr Abudimus of the Isle of Tenedos (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 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)** Holy Prince Vladimir, / you were like a merchant in search of fine pearls. / By sending servants to Constantinople for the Orthodox Faith, you found Christ, the priceless pearl. / He appointed you to be another Paul, / washing away in baptism your physical and spiritual blindness. / We celebrate your memory, / asking you to pray for all Orthodox Christians and for us, your spiritual children.

**(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!

**St. Vladimir (July 15)** At baptism Vladimir was called Basil and was the son of Prince Svyatoslav, and the grandson of Igor and Olga. In the beginning Vladimir was a total pagan both in his belief and in his lifestyle. Learning that other faiths exist, he carefully began to inquire as to which of them was the very best. For this reason he sent emissaries to Constantinople. When the emissaries returned they informed the prince that they attended a service in the Orthodox Church of the Divine Wisdom and that they were “outside themselves, not knowing whether they were on earth or in heaven.” This inspired Vladimir to be baptized and to baptize his people. The main idol, Perun, was removed from the hill of Kiev and hurled into the Dnieper river. After embracing the Christian Faith, Vladimir completely changed his life and exerted all of his efforts to correctly fulfill all the rules of this Faith. In place of the destroyed idols, Vladimir ordered churches to be built throughout his state and he built a beautiful church to the All-Holy Mother of God in Kiev. This church was built on the same spot where St. Theodore and his son, John, earlier suffered martyrdom for Christ (July 12). With that same irresistible effort with which Vladimir earlier protected idolatry, he now spread Christianity. He found repose in the Lord in the year 1015 A.D. **From *The Prologue***

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

Paul Hildreth, Marty Piechowski	Ralph, Debbie, Joe, Sarah, & Dorothy
Fr. Tom, Fr. Anthony, Aaron, Rimi, Allen, Deborah,	
JoAnn, Susan, Luba, Kosta, Jimmy, Laurie, David, Helen, Walt, Vladimir,	
Dorothy, Michael, Allison, Stojan, Mira, Bosa, Jeanette, Christopher, Nicholas,	
Margaret, Joseph, Greg, Gladys, my family and friends	Joe Tome
Special Intention	Joe Tome



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

**COFFEE & CAKE** donated today by Dennis and Sharon Jernigan for their grandson Charlie’s 16<sup>th</sup> birthday.

**3<sup>rd</sup> ANNUAL PAN-ORTHODOX SOFTBALL GAME** today at St. Pius X baseball field, 3139 Hogarth Ave., Flint. Picnic at 4 pm; softball game starts at 4:45. All ages & abilities are welcome! Even if you can’t play, join us to support our teams! Contact Protodeacon Kerry Gonsler for more information or if you can help in any way at 810-694-9001 or email [kgonser1@yahoo.com](mailto:kgonser1@yahoo.com). Signup sheet is in the parish hall.

**OUR CHARITY MINISTRIES**

**HOPE IN A BOX** is collecting **Toilet Paper** 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.

**Weekly Schedule:**

Today 4 pm                      Picnic and Softball Game at St Pius X School baseball field

**Wednesday, July 18**

9:30 am                      Divine Liturgy (No Adult Education class)

**Saturday, July 21**

5 pm                      Pan-Orthodox Vespers with Litiya at St Mary Magdalene for their parish feast day.  
No Vespers at St. Nicholas.

**Sunday, July 22**

9:30 am                      Third Hour  
10 am                      Divine Liturgy

**Offerings for the week July 8, 2018**

Weekly Offerings	\$ 803.00
Estimated Average Weekly Expenses	\$ 4,034.03
	<b>-\$ 3,231.03</b>

*56 people were in attendance on Sunday, July 8.*

**“Let no one fear death for the death of our Savior has set us free.”**