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St. Nicholas Orthodox Church

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The Gospel according to Saint Luke 24:36-53 (6th Matins Gospel)

Now as they said these things, Jesus Himself stood in the midst of them, and said to them, "Peace to you." But they were terrified and frightened, and supposed they had seen a spirit. And He said to them, "Why are you troubled? And why do doubts arise in your hearts? Behold My hands and My feet, that it is I Myself. Handle Me and see, for a spirit does not have flesh and bones as you see I have. When He had said this, He showed them His hands and His feet. But while they still did not believe for joy, and marveled, He said to them, "Have you any food here?" So they gave Him a piece of a broiled fish and some honeycomb. And He took it and ate in their presence. Then He said to them, "These are the words which I spoke to you while I was still with you, that all things must be fulfilled which were written in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms concerning Me." And He opened their understanding, that they might comprehend the Scriptures. Then He said to them, "Thus it is written, and thus it was necessary for the Christ to suffer and to rise from the dead the third day, and that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in His name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. And you are witnesses of these things. Behold, I send the Promise of My Father upon you; but tarry in the city of Jerusalem until you are endued with power from on high. And He led them out as far as Bethany, and He lifted up His hands and blessed them. Now it came to pass, while He blessed them, that He was parted from them and carried up into heaven. And they worshiped Him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy, and were continually in the temple praising and blessing God. Amen.

SUNDAY, JULY 16, 2017 6th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST — Tone 5. Fathers of the 1st Six Ecumenical Councils. Hieromartyr Athenogenes, Bishop of Heracleopolis, and his ten disciples (ca. 311). Martyrs Paul and two sisters, Chionia (Thea) and Alevtina (Valentina), at Cæsarea in Palestine (308). Martyr Antiochus, Physician, of Sebaste (4th c.). Virgin Martyr Julia of Carthage (ca. 440 or 613).

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 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 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 EPISTLE OF THE HOLY APOSTLE 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 5

v: I will sing of Thy mercies, O Lord, forever; with my mouth I will proclaim Thy truth from generation to generation.

v: For Thou hast said: Mercy will be established forever; Thy truth will be prepared in the heavens.

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. John Chrysostom on Matthew 8:28-9:1 (last Sunday's Gospel)

"Now, should any one say, 'And why did Christ fulfill the devils' request, allowing them to depart into the herd of swine?' this would be our reply, that He did so, not as yielding to them, but as providing for many objectives thereby. One, to teach those who are delivered from those wicked tyrants how great the malice of their insidious enemies. Another, that all might learn how not even against swine are the demons bold, except that He (Christ) allow them. Third, that they (the demons) would have treated those men more grievously than the swine, unless even in their calamity they had enjoyed much of God's providential care. For that the demons hate us more than the brutes is surely evident to every man. So then the demons who did not spare the swine, but in one moment of time cast them all down the precipice, much more would the demons have done so to the men whom they possessed, leading them towards the desert, and carrying them away, unless even in the demons' very tyranny the guardian care of God had abounded, to curb and check the excess of their violence. Whence it is manifest that there is no one, who does not enjoy the benefit of God's providence. And if not all alike, nor after one manner, this is itself a very great instance of providence; in that according to each man's profit, the work also of providence is displayed.

For these reasons then Christ allowed the demons to depart into the herd of swine, so that they also who dwelt in those places should learn Christ's power. For where His name was great, He did not greatly display Himself: but where no one knew Him, but they were still in an insensible condition, He made His miracles to shine out, so as to bring them over to the knowledge of His Godhead. For it is evident from the event that the inhabitants of that city were a sort of senseless people; for when they ought to have adored and marveled at His power, they sent Him away, and 'besought Him that He would depart out of their coasts.'

And mark also Christ's meekness together with His power. For when the inhabitants of that country, after having received such benefits, were driving Him away, He resisted not, but retired, and left those who had shown themselves unworthy of His teaching, having given them for teachers the

men who had been freed from the demons, and the swine-herds, that they might learn from them all that had happened. . . And from many quarters were wafted sounds, proclaiming the strangeness of the miracle; from the cured, and from the drowned, from the owners of the swine, from the men that were feeding them.” *Homily XXVIII on the Gospel of St. Matthew*

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CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR THE HEALTH AND BLESSINGS OF

Nadja, Sean, Auden, Berneche, Teri, Jeremy, Hayden Hogg, Heather, Chris & Raegan Hogg

Lucy Hogg

Fr. Joe, Fr. Tom, Deacon Anthony, Aaron, Reggie, Allen, Deborah, Jo Ann, Luba, Jimmy, Kosta, Laurie, Anna, Walt, Zina

Dorothy, Michael, Allison, Stojan, Mira, Bosa, Jeanette, Ted, Marlene, Joseph, Nicholas, Margaret, Gladys, my family and friends

Joe Tome

Special Intention

Joe Tome

Father Gabriel

Debbie, Sarah, Joe & Ralph

CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR ALL THOSE IN BLESSED REPOSE

Vasil Samaras (July 22nd 35 yrs.) Blessed Repose and Memory Eternal-
Love Helen & family

Helen & family



WELCOME all of our friends and visitors to St. Nicholas! Please join us for fellowship in our parish hall.

COFFEE HOUR We need volunteers to help with coffee & donuts today & the month of August.

RESULTS OF OUR 2ND ANNUAL PAN-ORTHODOX SOFTBALL GAME The two teams were: Saint Mary Magdalene vs. St. Nicholas/St. George. St. Nicholas/St. George pulled out a come from behind win in the bottom of the final inning with four runs. The final score was St. Mary Magdalene 9 and St. Nicholas/St. George 10. To see more photos, please click this link and request to become a member of the Pan-Orthodox Churches of Greater Flint Michigan: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/444244152431440/>

Next year our church is responsible for organizing the game which will be played at St. Pius X Church in Flint on Sunday, July 15: picnic at 4 pm, game at 4:45 pm. **We need a volunteer to coordinate the picnic and game.** Please contact the office 810-744-0070 or stnicholas1916@att.net

OLD TABLES AND CHAIRS IN THE GARAGE At last week's parish council meeting it was decided to get rid of the old tables and chairs in the garage. If you are interested in having any, please see Dennis Jernigan. Any tables and chairs not taken by parishioners will be left out for others to take.

CHARITY MINISTRIES

Our parish raised \$115 from special collections to assist the over 100 people displaced by the fire at Burton Arms. We will take up another collection today in the hopes of bringing that total to \$500. When we do so, the Diocese will offer a matching grant of \$500 so that we can offer \$1,000 in charitable assistance from our parish to those who lost all their belongings in the fire. Please, help our sisters and brothers who are in need.

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.

PAN-ORTHODOX VACATION CHURCH SCHOOL Again, our four Orthodox Churches in Genesee County are having a combined **Pan-Orthodox Vacation Church School** hosted by the Assumption Church in Grand Blanc. The Flier and Registration Form is in the July/August newsletter and posted on the bulletin board in the hall. The VCS will be offered for 3 days August 7th to August 9th, from 6 to 8:30 pm.

Ages are 3 (potty trained) up through 12 The cost of registration is \$15 per child. Checks made out to AGOC-RE. We want as many of our children to participate as possible, so if there is ANY financial need, families can contact Fr. Matthew and we'll work something out. All registration forms can be emailed to Lori Photiou at loriphotiou@gmail.com or faxed to the Assumption church office at 810-771-4586.

We also want to have t-shirts made up for each of the kids, but need to know ASAP who has or will be registering with the age of the children so the shirts can be ordered and ready before the VCS start.

Last, but not least, we are in need of volunteers to help out during VCS. Two persons have already offered to help but we need more!

Please contact our parish coordinator, Matushka Lisa (matushka13xi@gmail.com) to tell her you are registering your children with the ages or to volunteer.

WE NEED VOLUNTEERS to water the flowers & do some weeding in the courtyard. Whether you can come one time or each week your help will be greatly appreciated. Call Lucy Hogg for more information 810-695-3110.

Weekly Schedule:

Monday, July 17 Fr. Matthew on Communion Calls in Bay City/Caro

Tuesday, July 18

PAN-ORTHODOX CEDAR POINT TRIP Tuesday, July 18. Cost \$67 for two tickets (buy your own online). Plan is for the parishes to meet at the park. Includes: St. Mary Magdalene, our Diocesan cathedral of St. George in Toledo, our parish, St. George, Assumption and St. Paul in Dearborn Heights. If you would like to go please call or email Matushka Lisa (810-695-2023 or matushka13xi@gmail.com) Currently we have six people from our parish going.

Wednesday, July 19

- 9 am Divine Liturgy
- 11 am Adult Education – “Wounded by Love” by St. Porphyrios
- 5:30 pm VCS Planning Meeting at Assumption

Saturday, July 22

ST. MARY MAGDALENE

- 10 am Combined Divine Liturgy at St. Mary Magdalene for their feastday
- 5 pm Vespers followed by Confessions

Sunday, July 23

- 9:30 am Third Hour
- 10 am Divine Liturgy

Offerings for the week July 9, 2017

<i>Weekly Offerings</i>	\$1,157.00
<i>Estimated Average Weekly Expenses</i>	\$4,034.03
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65 people were in attendance on Sunday, July 9, 2017

“Remember, Lord, those who remember the poor...” (St. John Chrysostom’s Liturgy)



2ND Annual Pan-Orthodox Softball Game Teams

