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Bulletin

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SUNDAY, JULY 17, 2016 4th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST — Tone 3. Fathers of the 1st Six Ecumenical Councils. Greatmartyr Marina (Margaret) of Antioch in Pisidia (4th c.). Ven. Irenarchus, Abbot of Solovkésy Monastery (1628). Translation of the Relics of Ven. Lazarus of Mt. Galesius near Ephesus. Royal Passionbearers Tsar Nicholas (Nikolai), Tsaritsa Alexandra, Tsarevich Aleksy, Grand Duchesses Olga, Tatiana, Maria, Anastasia (1918—July 4th O.S.).

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) Your lamb Marina calls out to You, O Jesus, in a loud voice: “I love You, my Bridegroom and in seeking You, I endure suffering. In baptism I was crucified so that I might reign in You, and I died so that I might live with You. Accept me as a pure sacrifice, for I have offered myself in love!” Through her prayers save our souls, since You are merciful!

(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 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 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 SAINT 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!

Greatmartyr Marina (Margaret) of Antioch in Pisidia

The Holy Great Martyr Marina was born in Asia Minor, in the city of Antioch of Pisidia (southern Asia Minor), into the family of a pagan priest. In infancy she lost her mother, and her father gave her into the care of a nursemaid, who raised Marina in the Orthodox Faith. Upon learning that his daughter had become a Christian, the father angrily disowned her. During the time of the persecution against Christians under the emperor Diocletian (284-305), when she was fifteen years old, St Marina was arrested and locked up in prison. With firm trust in the will of God and His help, the young prisoner prepared for her impending fate.

The governor Olymbrios, charmed with the beautiful girl, tried to persuade her to renounce the Christian Faith and become his wife. But the saint, unswayed, refused his offers. The vexed governor gave the holy martyr over to torture. Having beaten her fiercely, they fastened the saint with nails to a board and tore at her body with tridents. The governor himself, unable to bear the horror of these tortures, hid his face in his hands. But the holy martyr remained unyielding. Thrown for the night into prison, she was granted heavenly aid and healed of her wounds. They stripped her and tied her to a tree, then burned the martyr with fire. Barely alive, the martyr prayed: “Lord, You have granted me to go through fire for Your Name, grant me also to go through the water of holy Baptism.”

Hearing the word “water”, the governor gave orders to drown the saint in a large cauldron. The martyr besought the Lord that this manner of execution should become for her holy Baptism. When they plunged her into the water, there suddenly shone a light, and a snow-white dove came down from Heaven, bearing in its beak a golden crown. The fetters put upon St Marina came apart by themselves. The martyr stood up in the fount of Baptism glorifying the Holy Trinity, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. St Marina emerged from the fount completely healed, without any trace of burns. Amazed at this miracle, the people glorified the True God, and many came to believe. This brought the governor into a rage, and he gave orders to kill anyone who might confess the Name of Christ. 15,000 Christians perished there, and the holy Martyr Marina was beheaded. The sufferings of the Great Martyr Marina were described by an eyewitness of the event, named Theotimos.

Up until the taking of Constantinople by Western crusaders in the year 1204, the relics of the Great Martyr Marina were in the Panteponteia monastery. According to other sources, they were located in Antioch until the year 908 and from there transferred to Italy. Now they are in Athens, in a church dedicated to the holy Virgin Martyr. Her venerable hand was transferred to Mount Athos, to the Batopedi monastery.



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CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR THE HEALTH AND BLESSINGS OF

Special Intention
Health & God's Blessings to Tom Branoff for a speedy recovery..... Angelo & Christine
Happy Birthday & God's Blessings Dorothy Goodman, July 19 Debbie, Ralph, Joe
& Sarah
Batzos & Georgopoulos families Tom & Marie Batzos
Special Intention Joe Tome
Birthday Blessings for Robert & Richard Elieff on their birthdays Nancy, Tom, Danny
& Megan

Fr. Joe, Fr. Moses, Fr. Lavrenty, Deacon Anthony, Aaron, Efrem, Jo Ann, Nikolai,
Gloria, Laurie, Walt & Zina, Dorothy, Jeanette, Reggie, Ruth, Stojan & Mira,
Bosa, Joseph, Helen, Ted & Marlene, Gladys, my family & friends Joe Tome

CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR ALL THOSE IN BLESSED REPOSE

Newly Departed Lydia Keeler, Karl Paul Blessed Repose-Memory Eternal Stojan & Mira Prusac

ETERNAL LIGHT AT THE ALTAR

Vasil Samaras Blessed Repose Helen & family



Welcome all of our friends and visitors to St. Nicholas! Please join us for fellowship, coffee and donuts in our parish hall. Volunteers are needed to serve this morning.

SAVE THE DATE Saturday, October 15. We will celebrate our parish's 100th Anniversary. Every parishioner and friend of the parish on our mailing list will receive a Save the Date postcard with more information. If you would like to send a postcard to family, friends, neighbors or lost sheep of our parish, there will extra postcards in the parish hall for you to mail to them. (The postage is cheaper for a postcard then a first class letter.)

PLACE YOUR AD IN OUR 100TH ANNIVERSARY COMMEMORATIVE BOOK Please check out the display in the hall with all the information and ad sponsorship forms. We would like to have all the ads in by July 31. Don't miss out, fill out a form and submit it today!

PAN-ORTHODOX VACATION CHURCH SCHOOL will be held at St. Mary Magdalene, August 10-13, Wednesday-Friday 6-8:30 and Saturday 1:30-6 followed by vespers.. If you would like to volunteer to help, please call Meghan Durand at 810-610-3693. Registration forms are located in the parish hall.

CHARITY MINISTRIES

HOPE IN A BOX is collecting Diapers 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.

NORTH END SOUP KITCHEN We serve **Thursday, August 4 from 9 am to 1 pm.**

Father Matthew will be on vacation July 11 – July 30. In case of a pastoral emergency you may reach Fr. Gabriel Bilas 330-285-1740, Fr. Angelo Maggos 810-471-0316 or Fr. Robert Royer 810-919-9485.

JACKPOT FUNDRAISER Fliers for this race and walk are available in the hall. To register for the walk, run or scavenger hunt go to jackpotevent.com. The 2 mile walk is not competitive, not timed, just a fun walk in a beautiful park. The walk is handicap accessible and dogs are welcome. We rented the largest pavilion for the day so feel free to stick around with your family and friends. The park offers a small beach, paddle boats, fishing, bike trails, volleyball, horseshoes and several play gym areas. All participants are included in prize drawings after the race. Several volunteers will be needed for the event. There will be a sign up sheet with detailed jobs just like our church picnic. Items needed: monetary donation, Amazon gift cards, I Tunes gift cards and/or an inexpensive fit-bit. If anyone has a radio station contacts for advertisement please see Kristin Hart. Contact Kristin Hart kristinhart@outlook.com 810-965-4750 to volunteer or for more information.

PAN ORTHODOX SOFTBALL GAME will be held on Sunday, September 4 at St. John Catholic School in Fenton. Everyone is welcome to play. There will be a picnic with hot dogs and hamburgers following the game. Everyone is invited to attend! A signup sheet is in the parish hall, also a flier with more information.

PROSHORA BAKERS we are in need of Proshora. If you are able to make Proshora, please make 4 loaves at a time. You may bring the loaves to church during office hours or on Sunday mornings.

Schedule of services and events for the week of July 17, 2016:

<u>Thursday, July 21</u> 6:30 pm	Eve of the Feast of St. Mary Magdalene Vespers at St. Mary Magdalene
<u>Saturday, July 23</u> 5:00 pm	Vespers
<u>Sunday, July 24</u> 9:30 am 10:00 am	Third Hour Divine Liturgy

Offerings for the week July 3, 2016

<i>Weekly Offerings</i>	\$1,973.00
<i>Estimated Average Weekly Expenses</i>	\$5,255.62
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*85 people were in attendance on
Sunday, July 10, 2016*

“If you cannot see Christ in the beggar at the church door, you will not find Him in the chalice.”
St. John Chrysostom