

*July 22, 2018*

*Bulletin*

*St. Nicholas Orthodox Church*

*Orthodox Church in America*

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**The Gospel according to Saint John**

**20:11-18 (8th Matins Gospel)**

But Mary stood outside by the tomb weeping, and as she wept she stooped down and looked into the tomb. And she saw two angels in white sitting, one at the head and the other at the feet, where the body of Jesus had lain. Then they said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping?” She said to them, “Because they have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid Him.” Now when she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, and did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you seeking?” She, supposing Him to be the gardener, said to Him, “Sir, if You have carried Him away, tell me where You have laid Him, and I will take Him away.” Jesus said to her, “Mary!” She turned and said to Him, “Rabboni!” (which is to say, Teacher). Jesus said to her, “Do not cling to Me, for I have not yet ascended to My Father; but go to My brethren and say to them, ‘I am ascending to My Father and your Father, and to My God and your God.’” Mary Magdalene came and told the disciples that she had seen the Lord, and that He had spoken these things to her.

**SUNDAY, JULY 22, 2018 8TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST — Tone 7. Holy Myrrhbearer and Equal-to-the-Apostles Mary Magdalene (1st c.). Translation of the Relics of Hieromartyr Phocas, Bishop of Sinope (403-404). Repose of Ven. Cornelius of Pereyaslavl’ (1693). Martyr Markella of Chios (14th c.).**

**TROPARIA**

**(Tone 7)** By Thy Cross, Thou didst destroy death! To the thief, Thou didst open Paradise! For the myrrhbearers, Thou didst change weeping into joy! And Thou didst command Thy disciples, O Christ God, to proclaim that Thou art risen, granting the world great mercy!

**(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 Seventh Tone: The Lord shall give strength to His people! / The Lord shall bless His people with peace!***

**v. Offer to the Lord, O ye sons of God! Offer young rams to the Lord!**

### **THE READING FROM THE FIRST EPISTLE OF PAUL TO THE CORINTHIANS (1:10-18)**

*Brethren:* I appeal to you by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree and that there be no dissensions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same judgment. For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there is quarreling among you, my brethren. What I mean is that each one of you says, "I belong to Paul," or "I belong to Apollos," or "I belong to Cephas," or "I belong to Christ." Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? I am thankful that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius; lest anyone should say that you were baptized in my name. (I did baptize also the household of Stephanas. Beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) For Christ did not send me to baptize but to preach the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, lest the cross of Christ be emptied of its power. For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

### ***Alleluia, Tone 7***

**v. It is good to give thanks to the Lord, to sing praises to Thy Name, O Most High!**

**v. To declare Thy mercy in the morning, and Thy truth by night.**

### **THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MATTHEW (14:14-22)**

At that time, as Jesus went ashore he saw a great throng; and he had compassion on them, and healed their sick. When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a lonely place, and the day is now over; send the crowds away to go into the villages and buy food for themselves." Jesus said, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." They said to him, "We have only five loaves here and two fish." And he said, "Bring them here to me." Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass; and taking the five loaves and the two fish he looked up to heaven, and blessed, and broke and gave the loaves to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And they all ate and were satisfied. And they took up twelve baskets full of the broken pieces left over. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children. Then he made the disciples get into the boat and go before him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds.

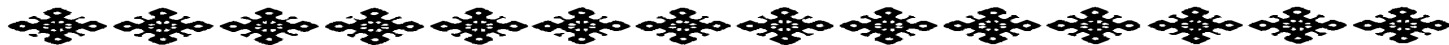
### **COMMUNION HYMN**

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

## **The Holy Myrrhbearer and Equal of the Apostles Mary Magdalene (July 22)**

Mary Magdalene was one of the myrrh-bearing women and “equal to the apostles.” She was born in the town of Magdala along the shore of Lake Gennesaret and was from the tribe of Issachar. She was tormented by seven evil spirits from which the Lord Jesus freed her and made her whole. She was a faithful follower and servant of the Lord during His earthly life. Mary Magdalene stood beneath the Cross on Golgotha and grieved bitterly and mourned with the All-Holy Birth-giver of God. After the death of the Lord she visited His sepulchre three times. When the Lord resurrected she saw Him on two occasions: once alone and the other time with the other myrrh-bearing women. She traveled to Rome and appeared before Tiberias Caesar and presenting him with a red colored egg, greeted him with the words: "Christ is Risen!" At the same time, she accused Pilate before Caesar for his unjust condemnation of the Lord Jesus. Caesar accepted her accusation and transferred Pilate from Jerusalem to Gaul where, this unjust judge, in disfavor with the emperor, died of a dread disease. After that, Mary Magdalene returned from Rome to Ephesus to St. John the Theologian whom she assisted in the work of preaching the Gospel. With great love toward the resurrected Lord, and with great zeal, she proclaimed the Holy Gospel to the world as a true apostle of Christ. She died peacefully in Ephesus and, according to tradition, was buried in the same cave in which seven youths were miraculously put to sleep for hundreds of years and, after that, were brought to life and then died (August 4). The relics of St. Mary Magdalene were later transferred to Constantinople. There is a Russian Orthodox convent dedicated to St. Mary Magdalene near the Garden of Gethsemane. *The Prologue from Ochrid*

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

Fr. Tom, Fr. Anthony, Aaron, Rimi, Allen, Deborah, JoAnn, Susan,  
Luba, Kosta, Jimmy, Laurie, David, Helen, Anna, Walt, Vladimir,  
Dorothy, Michael, Allison, Stojan, Mira, Bosa, Jeanette, Christopher, Nicholas,  
Margaret, Joseph, Greg, Gladys, my family and friends

Special Intention

Alex & Eleni

Birthday blessings for Alexander, Christian, Rimi and Charles

Paul Hildreth, Marty Piechowski

Mitra Pagonis

Joe Tome

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Alex & Magda Popoff

The Gonsers

Ralph, Debbie, Joe, Sarah,  
& Dorothy

Mira & Stojan Prusac

### **CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR BLESSED REPOSE**

Peter Popoff & John Naum

Alex & Magda Popoff

### **ETERNAL LIGHT AT THE ALTAR**

Vasil Samaras – blessed repose

Helen Ethington & family

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



**COFFEE & DONUTS** are being sponsored today by the Yosheff and Nedanis Families, in memory of Mitre & Tronda Nicevski. Memory Eternal!

Volunteers are needed for the months of July & August. Please see the sign-up sheet outside of the kitchen. Call or email the parish office as well as signing up if you'd like to sponsor the donuts and/or coffee.

**VACATION CHURCH SCHOOL** will be held August 6<sup>th</sup> through the 9<sup>th</sup> at St. George. Registration deadline is today, July 22<sup>nd</sup>. Please see Matushka Lisa if you would like to attend or if you are able to assist at all during those days. More information is available in the church hall.

**KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS** Jimmy Todorovsky who is in ICU at McLaren Hospital. And our parish secretary, Marcia, who was released from the hospital on Friday and will not return to the parish office until Monday, July 30.

### **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:**

**Tuesday, July 24**      **Communion Calls in Bay City & Caro**

### **Wednesday, July 25**

9:30 am      Liturgy  
\*No adult class until September

**Friday, July 27**      Office Closed

### **Saturday, July 28**

5 pm      **Vespers**

### **Sunday, July 29**

9:30 am      Third Hour  
10 am      Divine Liturgy

**Father Matthew will be on vacation July 27<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup>** . In case of a pastoral emergency you may reach Fr. Gabriel Bilas 330-285-1740, Fr. Joseph Abud 810-444-9108 or Fr. Robert Royer 810-919-9485.

### **Offerings for the week July 15, 2018**

<i>Weekly Offerings</i>	\$ 1,313.00
<i>Estimated Average Weekly Expenses</i>	\$ 4,034.03
	<b>-\$ 2721.03</b>

*70 people were in attendance on Sunday, July 15.*

“When your children are still small, you have to help them understand what is good. That is the deepest meaning of life.” **St. Paisios**