

July 30, 2017

St. Nicholas Orthodox Church

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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 30, 2017 8TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST — Tone 7. Apostles Silas and Silvanus of the Seventy, and those with them: Crescens, Epenetus, and Andronicus (1st c.). Martyr John the soldier at Constantinople. Uncovering of the Relics of Ven. Herman of Solovétsky Monastery (1484). Hieromartyr Polychronius, Bishop of Babylon, and Martyrs Parmenius, Helimenas, and Chrysotelus—Presbyters, Luke and Moscius—Deacons, and Abdon, Sennen, Maximus and Olympius (ca. 251). Hieromartyr Valentine, Bishop of Interamna (Terni) in Italy, and Martyrs Proculus, Ephebus, Apollonius and Abundius, youths (ca. 273)

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 7) On the mountain wast Thou transfigured, O Christ God, and Thy disciples beheld Thy glory as far as they could see it; so that when they would behold Thee crucified, they would understand that Thy suffering was voluntary, and would proclaim to the world that Thou art truly the radiance of the Father!

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 THE HOLY APOSTLE 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 SAINT 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 Apostles of the Seventy Silas, Silvanus, Crescens, Epenetus and Andronicus (July 30) were disciples of the Savior.

Saint Silas was a respected figure in the original Church at Jerusalem, one of the “chief men among the brethren” (Acts 15:22). The Council of the Apostles was convened at Jerusalem in the year 51 to deal with the question of whether Gentile Christian converts should be required to observe the Mosaic Law. The Apostles sent a message with Paul and Barnabas to the Christians of Antioch, giving the decision of the Council that Christians of Gentile origin did not have to observe the prescriptions of the Mosaic Law. Nonetheless, they were told that they must refrain from partaking of foods offered to idols, from things strangled and from blood, to refrain from fornication (Acts 15:20-29). Together with Saints Paul and Barnabas, the Council of the Apostles sent Saints Silas and Jude to explain the message in greater detail, since they both were filled with the grace of the Holy Spirit. Saint Jude was later sent back to Jerusalem, but Saint Silas remained at Antioch and zealously assisted Saint Paul, the Apostle to the Gentiles, on his missionary journeys preaching the Gospel. They visited Syria, Cilicia, Macedonia.

In the city of Philippi they were accused of inciting unrest among the people, and for this they were arrested, beaten with rods, and then thrown into prison. At midnight, when the saints were at prayer, suddenly there was a strong earthquake, their chains fell off from them and the doors of the prison opened. The prison guard, supposing that the prisoners had fled, wanted to kill himself, but was stopped by the Apostle Paul. Then, he fell down trembling at the feet of the saints, and with faith accepted their preaching about Christ. He then led them out of the prison and took them to his own home, where he washed their wounds, and was baptized together with all his household.

From Philippi Saints Paul and Silas proceeded on to the cities of Amphipolis, Apollonia and Thessalonica. In each city they made new converts to Christ and built up the Church. At Corinth the holy Apostle Silas was consecrated as bishop, and worked many miracles and signs, and there he finished his life. www.oca.org

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CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR THE HEALTH AND BLESSINGS OF

Happy Birthday Dorothy Goodman and Calvin Conrad. God bless you both and may God grant you many healthy, happy years!

Feodosiy, Adelaida, Oleg, Galina, Irina, Nikolay, Nikolay & Audrey
Special Intentions

Health & blessings to all the Panoffs & a safe trip
Vladimir, Vladimir, Pavel, Tatiana & Valentina

Thanksgiving for the safe homecoming (from Kuwait) of our nephew
Jake Kusluski

Anna Branoff, Reggie Jehnson, Allen Adams, Kate, Cameron & Alexa Stevens,
Alyson Wilhelm & Adam George

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

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

Adams family

Irina Sivergina

Angelo & Christine

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Vladimir Plagov

Adams family

Adams family

Joe Tome

Special Intention
Health & blessings for Magda Popoff, Helen Popoff & Anna Branoff
Ted for blessing & a speedy recovery

Joe Tome
Anna
Helen

CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR ALL THOSE IN BLESSED REPOSE

Charles Jernigan (6 yrs.)
Ivan Ponomarenko & Evdokia Ponomarenko
Vasiliy, Andrey, Galina, Nikolay & Vitaliy
Mary, Mary & Dimitri
George Nikola Brown (50 yrs.) Blessed Repose Memory Eternal

Dennis, Sharon & Charlie Jernigan
Lucy Hogg
Irina Sivergina
Vladimir Plagov
Dorothy Goodman & family



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

COFFEE HOUR Volunteers are needed to help serve & donate for August.

THANK YOU to an anonymous donor who is donating the cost for an audio-visual upgrade for our entire complex: webcam in church for services, television in the hall, new speakers in the church and additional speakers elsewhere. God bless you for your generosity!

OLD TABLES AND CHAIRS IN THE GARAGE At the July 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.

NORTH END SOUP KITCHEN Please come on Thursday, August 3 (9:00 to 1:00) to minister to Christ with our brothers and sisters. Sign up on the form in the narthex.

HOPE IN A BOX is collecting **Feminine Care Products/Razors & Shaving Cream** for the month of August. 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.

Weekly Schedule:

Tuesday, Aug. 1 **Fr. Matthew in Toledo**

Wednesday, Aug. 2

9 am Divine Liturgy
11 am Adult Education – “Wounded by Love” by St. Porphyrios

Thursday, Aug. 3

9 am North End Soup Kitchen

Saturday, Aug. 5

5 pm Vespers with Litya

Sunday, Aug. 6

9:30 am Third Hour
10 am Divine Liturgy
12:30 pm Moleben to the Theotokos (Shrine)

Offerings for the week July 23, 2017

<i>Weekly Offerings</i>	\$1994.00
<i>Estimated Average Weekly Expenses</i>	\$4,034.03
	\$-2040.03

*92 people were in attendance on
Sunday, July 23, 2017*

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