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**The Gospel according to Saint Mark
16: 9-20 (3rd Matins Gospel)**

Now when Jesus rose early on the first day of the week, He appeared first to Mary Magdalene, out of whom He had cast seven demons. She went and told those who had been with Him, as they mourned and wept. And when they heard that He was alive and had been seen by her, they did not believe. After that, He appeared in another form to two of them as they walked and went into the country. And they went and told it to the rest, but they did not believe them either. Later He appeared to the eleven as they sat at the table; and He rebuked their unbelief and hardness of heart, because they did not believe those who had seen Him after He had risen. And He said to them, “Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned. And these signs will follow those who believe: In My name they will cast out demons; they will speak with new tongues; they will take up serpents; and if they drink anything deadly, it will by no means hurt them; they will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover. So then, after the Lord had spoken to them, He was received up into heaven, and sat down at the right hand of God. And they went out and preached everywhere, the Lord working with them and confirming the word through the accompanying signs. Amen.

**SUNDAY, JULY 7, 2019 3RD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST - Tone 2. 3rd SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST —
Tone 2. Greatmartyr Kyriake (Nedelya) of Nicomedia (4th c.). Ven. Thomas of Mt. Maleon (10th c.). Ven. Acacius of Sinai, who is mentioned in The Ladder (6th c.). Ven. Eudoxia, in monasticism Euphrosyne, Grand Duchess of Moscow (1407). Martyrs Peregrinus, Lucian, Ompeius, Hesychius, Papius, Saturninus, and Germanus, of Dyrrachium in Macedonia (2nd c.). Martyr Evangelus, Bishop of Tomi (Constanța) in Romania (3rd-4th c.).**

TROPARIA

(Tone 2) When Thou didst descend to death, O Life Immortal, Thou didst slay hell with the splendor of Thy Godhead! And when from the depths Thou didst raise the dead, all the powers of heaven cried out: O Giver of Life! Christ our God! Glory to Thee!

(Tone 3) With your wondrous victory, you have vanquished the demonic powers to the end, most glorious Kyriake: for by the radiance of the precious Cross, you have banished into darkness the worship of idols. Pure virgin, intercede with Christ God that he grant us 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 Fourth Tone: God is wondrous in His saints / the God of Israel.

v: Bless God from the churches; the Lord, from the fountain of Israel.

THE READING FROM THE EPISTLE OF PAUL TO THE GALATIANS (3:23-4:5) Brethren:

before faith came, we were confined under the law, kept under restraint until faith should be revealed. So that the law was our custodian until Christ came, that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer under a custodian; for in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, through faith. For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus. And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to promise. I mean that the heir, as long as he is a child, is no better than a slave, though he is the owner of all the estate; but he is under guardians and trustees until the date set by the father. So with us; when we were children, we were slaves to the elemental spirits of the universe. But when the time had fully come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons.

Alleluia, Tone 2

v: May the Lord hear you in the day of trouble! May the Name of the God of Jacob protect you!

v: Save the King, O Lord, and hear us on the day we call!

THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MATTHEW (6:22-33) And Jesus taught the people who had come to Him saying: "The eye is the lamp of the body. So, if your eye is sound, your whole body will be full of light; but if your eye is not sound, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light in you is darkness, how great is the darkness! No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon. Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you shall eat or what you shall drink, nor about your body, what you shall put on. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And which of you by being anxious can add one cubit to his span of life? And why are you anxious about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin; yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is alive and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you, O men of little faith? Therefore do not be anxious, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' For the Gentiles seek all these things; and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things shall be yours as well."

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

Saint Kyriake (Nedelya) – July 7 Saint Kyriake was the only child of Dorotheus and Eusebia. Since she was born on a Sunday (Kyriake, in Greek, Nedelya in Slavic), she was named Kyriake. One day a wealthy magistrate wished to betroth Kyriake to his son. Not only was she young and beautiful, but her parents were wealthy, and the magistrate wished to control that wealth. The magistrate went to her parents to request her hand, but Saint Kyriake told him that she wished to remain a virgin, for she had dedicated herself to Christ. The magistrate was angered by her words, so he went to the emperor Diocletian to denounce the saint and her parents as Christians who mocked the idols, and refused to offer sacrifice to them. Diocletian sent soldiers to arrest the family and have them brought before him. He asked them why they would not honor the gods which he himself honored. They told him that these were false gods, and that Christ was the one true God. Dorotheus was beaten until the soldiers grew tired and were unable to continue. Since neither flattery nor torment had any effect, Diocletian sent Dorotheus and Eusebia to Melitene on the eastern border between Cappadocia and Armenia. Then he sent Saint Kyriake to be interrogated by his son-in-law and co-ruler Maximian at Nicomedia. Maximian urged her not to throw her life away, promising her wealth and marriage to one of Diocletian's relatives if she would worship the pagan gods. Saint Kyriake replied that she would never renounce Christ, nor did she desire worldly riches. Enraged by her bold answer, Maximian had her flogged. The soldiers who administered this punishment became tired, and had to be replaced three times.

Shamed by his failure to overcome a young woman, Maximian sent Saint Kyriake to Hilarion, the eparch of Bithynia, at Chalcedon. He told Hilarion to either convert Kyriake to paganism, or send her back to him. Making the same promises and threats that Diocletian and Maximian had made before, Hilarion was no more successful than they were. Saint Kyriake challenged him to do his worst, because Christ would help her to triumph. The saint was suspended by her hair for several hours, while soldiers burned her body with torches. Not only did she endure all this, she also seemed to become more courageous under torture. Finally, she was taken down and put into a prison cell. That night Christ appeared to her and healed her wounds. When Hilarion saw her the next day, he declared that she had been healed by the gods because they pitied her. Then Hilarion urged her to go to the temple to give thanks to the gods. She told him that she had been healed by Christ, but agreed to go to the temple. The eparch rejoiced, thinking that he had defeated her. In the temple, Saint Kyriake prayed that God would destroy the soulless idols. Suddenly, there was a great earthquake which toppled the idols, shattering them to pieces. Everyone fled the temple in fear, leaving Hilarion behind. Instead of recognizing the power of Christ, the eparch blasphemed the true God as the destroyer of his pagan gods. He was struck by a bolt of lightning and died on the spot. Saint Kyriake was tortured again by Apollonius, who succeeded Hilarion as eparch. When she was cast into a fire, the flames were extinguished. When she was thrown to wild beasts, they became tame and gentle. Therefore, Apollonius sentenced her to death by the sword. She was permitted time to pray, so she asked God to receive her soul, and to remember those who honored her martyrdom. Just as Saint Kyriake ended her prayer, angels took her soul before the soldiers could strike off her head. Pious Christians took her relics and buried them in a place of honor.

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CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR THE HEALTH AND BLESSINGS OF

Bakousidis family
 Mary, Anna & Patsy
 Tom Branoff
 God's blessings for good health to Tom & Christy Panoff on their wedding Anniversary June 30th
 God's blessings for good health to all of our grand kids & their parents
 God's blessing for healing for Tom Branoff after surgery
 Health & Blessings for Mary Papadopoulous
 Health & Blessings for Alex Popoff

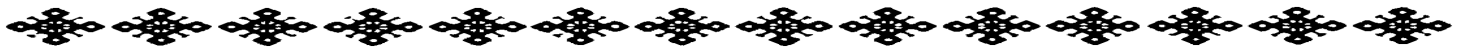
Gerry & Lena Bakousidis
 Alex & Magda Popoff
 Linda Branoff

 Angelo & Christine
 Angelo & Christine
 Angelo & Christine
 Mom & Dad
 Angelo & Helen

CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR BLESSED REPOSE

Nikolaos Bakousidis July 14th (40 day memorial)
 Our grandson Andrew & John Goodman (40 days)
 Our grandson Andrew & Carl Aleksoff
 Peter Popoff

Gerry & Lena Bakousidis
 Angelo & Christine
 Angelo & Christine
 Alex & Magda Popoff



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

COFFEE & DONUTS are being served by Bob & Cathy Edwards today. Donations are appreciated.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING July 9th, 6:30 pm. Please call or email the office if you are unable to attend. Meeting information will be emailed on July 8th.

PANORTHODOX SOFTBALL GAME July 14th at St. Pius Catholic School. The game starts at 3 pm. Food & drinks will be provided by St. Mary Magdalene. Please sign up in our fellowship hall. Great fun for the whole family~everyone is welcome to play or cheer on the teams.



MACEDONIAN OPEN Thank you to everyone who took part in this year's Golf Scramble, to and all those who donated or helped in any way and especially to the committee members: Chris Nedanis, Angelo Panoff, Christine Panoff, Linda Branoff, and George Branoff. **It is not too late, there is still time to donate!** Please see any members of the committee to make your donation.

QUARTERLY STATEMENTS are ready to be picked up in the parish hall. Due to a new software program your statement looks quite different. If you turned in a pledge for the year that amount is listed in the "Original Amount" column, on the rows that have "Weekly Offering" as the item. Please call Marcia in the office if you have any questions at (810-744-0070).

OUR CHARITY MINISTRIES

HOPE IN A BOX is collecting toilet paper/travel size toiletries 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.

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You can now donate to St. Nicholas with an app on your phone & as always on our website. You can donate toward any fund even coffee hour. If you want to split a donation between different areas just include a memo indicating how you would like the funds applied.

AUTOMATIC GIVING is another option offered by most banks & credit unions using their automatic bill payment service. You can set it up so they send a check from your account to St. Nicholas for the amount you designate. This can be a done one time, weekly or monthly. Just call or go online with your banking institution to get the form you need.



RUMMAGE SALE August 9th & 10th . You can start bringing in items to donate now, leaving them in the foyer at the side door of the parish hall. If you want to donate large items call Dennis Jernigan to arrange a drop off or pick up time. Please make sure they are clean & in good working order. Please consider volunteering to help with this event as it takes a lot of work to make it successful.

SHRINE FEAST Sunday, August 18 – outdoor Liturgy followed by lamb picnic.

Father Matthew will be attending the Parish Forum July 11 to 13. In the event of an emergency please call Fr. Gabriel Bilas (330-285-1740) or Fr. Robert Royer (810-919-9485) or Fr. Joe Abud (810-444-9108),.

Weekly Schedule:

Monday, July 9 Communion calls in Bay City and Caro

Tuesday, July 9
6:30 pm Parish Council Meeting

Wednesday, July 10
9:30 am Divine Liturgy
11:15 am Adult Ed

Thursday, July 11 through Saturday, July 13

Parish Forum at St. John the Baptist Church, Canonsburg, PA. Fr. Matthew-Peter Butrie and Susie Ford are going to this forum from our parish. Please consider going to next year's forum. Information has been sent via e-mail and in the newsletter about this year's forum.

Saturday, July 13
5 pm Vespers

Sunday, July 14
9:30 am Hours
10 am Divine Liturgy
3 pm Pan-Orthodox Softball Game at St. Pius X Catholic School Baseball Field

Offerings for the week June 30, 2019

<i>Weekly Offerings</i>	\$ 2,493.00
<i>Estimated Average Weekly Expenses</i>	\$ 3,236.00
	\$ -743.00

79 people were in attendance on Sunday, June 30th.

Heavenly king, comforter, Spirit of the Truth, Who are everywhere present and fill all things; treasury of good things, and giver of life, come and tabernacle in us, and cleanse us from every impurity, and save our souls, O Good One.