

July 9, 2017

St. Nicholas Orthodox Church

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The Gospel according to Saint Luke 24:12-35 (5th Matins Gospel)

But Peter arose and ran to the tomb; and stooping down, he saw the linen cloths lying by themselves; and he departed, marveling to himself at what had happened. Now behold, two of them were traveling that same day to a village called Emmaus, which was seven miles from Jerusalem. And they talked together of all these things which had happened. So it was, while they conversed and reasoned, that Jesus Himself drew near and went with them. But their eyes were restrained, so that they did not know Him. And He said to them, “What kind of conversation is this that you have with one another as you walk and are sad?” Then the one whose name was Cleopas answered and said to Him, “Are You the only stranger in Jerusalem, and have You not known the things which happened there in these days?” And He said to them, “What things?” So they said to Him, “The things concerning Jesus of Nazareth, who was a Prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how the chief priests and our rulers delivered Him to be condemned to death, and crucified Him. But we were hoping that it was He who was going to redeem Israel. Indeed, besides all this, today is the third day since these things happened. Yes, and certain women of our company, who arrived at the tomb early, astonished us. When they did not find His body, they came saying that they had also seen a vision of angels who said He was alive. And certain of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but Him they did not see. Then He said to them, “O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe in all that the prophets have spoken! Ought not the Christ to have suffered these things and to enter into His glory? And beginning at Moses and all the Prophets, He expounded to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning Himself. Then they drew near to the village where they were going, and He indicated that He would have gone farther. But they constrained Him, saying, “Abide with us, for it is toward evening, and the day is far spent.” And He went in to stay with them. Now it came to pass, as He sat at the table with them, that He took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened and they knew Him; and He vanished from their sight. And they said to one another, “Did not our heart burn within us while He talked with us on the road, and while He opened the Scriptures to us?” So they rose up that very hour and returned to Jerusalem, and found the eleven and those who were with them gathered together, saying, “The Lord is risen indeed, and has appeared to Simon!” And they told about the things that had happened on the road, and how He was known to them in the breaking of bread.

SUNDAY, JULY 9, 2017 5TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST — Tone 4. Hieromartyr Pancratius, Bishop of Taormina in Sicily (1st c.). Hieromartyr Cyril, Bishop of Gortyna in Crete (3rd-4th c.). Martyrs Paternuthius, Coprius, and Alexander the Soldier, in Egypt (4th c.). St. Theodore, Bishop of Edessa (9th c.). Ven. Paternuthius and Coprius, Ascetics, of Egypt (4th c.). Ven. Dionysius the Orator of St. Anne Skete (Mt. Athos—1606). Ven. Metrophanes, disciple of Ven. Dionysius.

TROPARIA

(Tone 4) When the women Disciples of the Lord learned from the Angel the joyous message of the Resurrection, they cast away the ancestral curse and elatedly told the Apostles: “Death is overthrown! Christ God is risen, granting the world great mercy!”

(Tone 4) By sharing in the ways of the Apostles, / you became a successor to their throne. / Through the practice of virtue, you found the way to divine contemplation, O inspired one of God; / by teaching the word of truth without error, you defended the Faith, / even to the shedding of your blood. / Hieromartyr Pancratius entreat Christ God to save our souls.

(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, Mediatress 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: O Lord, how manifold are Thy works! / In wisdom hast Thou made them all!

v: Bless the Lord, O my soul! O Lord my God, Thou art very great!

THE READING FROM THE EPISTLE OF THE HOLY APOSTLE PAUL TO THE ROMANS

(10:1-10) *Brethren*, my heart’s desire and prayer to God for Israel is that they may be saved. I bear them witness that they have a zeal for God, but it is not enlightened. For, being ignorant of the righteousness that comes from God, and seeking to establish their own, they did not submit to God’s righteousness. For Christ is the end of the law, that everyone who has faith may be justified. Moses writes that the man who practices the righteousness which is based on the law shall live by it. But the righteousness based on faith says; Do not say in your heart, “Who will ascend into heaven?” (that is, to bring Christ down) or “Who will descend into the abyss?” (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). But what does it say? The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart (that is, the word of faith which we preach); because, if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For man believes with his heart and so is justified, and he confesses with his lips and so is saved.

Alleluia, Tone 4

v: Go forth, prosper and reign, for the sake of meekness, righteousness and truth.

v: For Thou lovest righteousness, and doth hate iniquity.

THE READING FROM THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MATTHEW (8:28-9:1)

At that time, when Jesus came to the other side, to the country of the Gadarenes, two demoniacs met him, coming out of the tombs, so fierce that no one could pass that way. And behold, they cried out, “What have you to do with us, O Son of God? Have you come here to torment us before the time?” Now a herd of many swine was feeding at some distance from them. And the demons begged him, “If you cast us out, send us away into the herd of swine.” And he said to them, “Go.”

So they came out and went into the swine; and behold, the whole herd rushed down the steep bank into the sea, and perished in the waters. The herdsmen fled, and going into the city they told everything, and what had happened to the demoniacs. And behold, all the city came out to meet Jesus; and when they saw him, they begged him to leave their neighborhood. And getting into a boat he crossed over and came to his own city.

COMMUNION HYMN

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

The Hieromartyr Pancratius, Bishop of Taormina (July 9), was born when our Lord Jesus Christ yet lived upon the earth.

The parents of Pancratius were natives of Antioch. Hearing the good news of Jesus Christ, Pancratius' father took his young son with him and went to Jerusalem in order to see the great Teacher for himself. The miracles astonished him, and when he heard the divine teaching, he then believed in Christ as the Son of God. He became close with the disciples of the Lord, especially with the holy Apostle Peter. It was during this period that young Pancratius got to know the holy Apostle Peter.

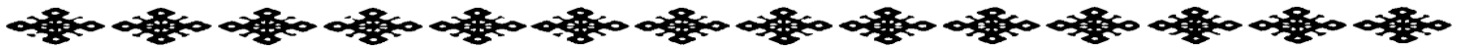
After the Ascension of the Savior, one of the Apostles came to Antioch and baptized the parents of Pancratius together with all their household. When the parents of Pancratius died, he left behind his inherited possessions and went to Pontus and began to live in a cave, spending his days in prayer and deep spiritual contemplation. The holy Apostle Peter, while passing through those parts, visited Pancratius at Pontus. He took him along to Antioch, and then to Sicily, where the holy Apostle Paul then was. There the holy Apostles Peter and Paul made Saint Pancratius Bishop of Taormina in Sicily.

Saint Pancratius toiled zealously for the Christian enlightenment of the people. In a single month he built a church where he celebrated divine services. The number of believers quickly grew, and soon almost all the people of Taormina and the surrounding cities accepted the Christian Faith.

Saint Pancratius governed his flock peacefully for many years. However, pagans plotted against the saint, and seizing an appropriate moment, they fell upon him and stoned him. Thus, Saint Pancratius ended his life as a martyr.

The saint's relics are in the church named for him in Rome. He is also commemorated on February 9.

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CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR THE HEALTH AND BLESSINGS OF

Tsotsos, Panoff & Gonser families

Adelaida, Feodosiy, Oleg, Irina, Nikolay, Nikolay, Andrey & Galina

Fr. Joe, Fr. Tom, Deacon Anthony, Aaron, Reggie, Allen, Deborah, Jo Ann,

Nicolai, Luba, Jimmy, Kosta, Laurie, Anna, Walt, Zina

Dorothy, Michael, Allison, Stojan, Mira, Bosa, Jeanette, Ted, Marlene,

Joseph, Nicholas, Margaret, Gladys, my family and friends

Special Intention

Health & Blessings for Kara George & Peter Sredich

Gonser family

Irina Sivergina

Joe Tome

Joe Tome

Stojan & Mira Prusac

ETERNAL LIGHT

Vasiliy, Andrey, Galina, Nikolay & Vitaliy

Irina Sivergina



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 and for the months of July & August.

PAN-ORTHODOX CEDAR POINT TRIP Tuesday, July 18. Cost \$42 per person. 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. Please call or email our parish office if you would like to go.

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.

NORTH END SOUP KITCHEN Those who assisted this past Thursday: Paul Brayan, Calvin Conrad, Ruth Conrad, Kendan Sipes (Conrad's grandson), Fred Paul, Fr. Matthew. Our next day is Thursday, August 3. Even if you can help for only an hour, it makes a difference to our sisters and brothers in Christ.

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:

Today

3 pm

2ND ANNUAL PAN-ORTHODOX SOFTBALL GAME at Grand Blanc East Middle School, **Baseball Field B, 6100 East Perry Rd, GB, 48439**. Sign up sheet is in the hall. Picnic at 3 pm, Game 5 to 8 pm.

Tuesday, July 11

6:30 pm

Parish Council Meeting – members please pick up your information packets in the hall. Please contact the office if you are unable to attend the meeting.

Wednesday, July 12

9 am

Divine Liturgy

11 am

Adult Education – “Wounded by Love” by St. Porphyrios

Friday, July 14

6 pm

Family Movie Night “The Incredibles” Popcorn will be provided. Please bring a friend and a dish to pass.

Saturday, July 15

9 am to 3 pm

Annual Orthodox Christian Women of MI Retreat at Dormition Monastery, Rives Junction
Christina Stavros Kidonakis: A Road Less Traveled: Why I Went to Seminary
\$25 registration fee. Please see the flier on the bulletin board.

5 pm

Vespers followed by Confessions

Sunday, July 16

9:30 am

Third Hour

10 am

Divine Liturgy

Offerings for the week July 2, 2017

<i>Weekly Offerings</i>	\$1,532.00
<i>Estimated Average Weekly Expenses</i>	\$4,034.03
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? people were in attendance on
Sunday, July 2, 2017

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