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## **The Holy Gospel according to Mark**

### **16:1-8 (2nd Matins Gospel)**

Now when the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, that they might come and anoint Him. Very early in the morning, on the first day of the week, they came to the tomb when the sun had risen. And they said among themselves, “Who will roll away the stone from the door of the tomb for us?” But when they looked up, they saw that the stone had been rolled away – for it was very large. And entering the tomb, they saw a young man clothed in a long white robe sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. But he said to them, “Do not be alarmed. You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He is risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid Him. But go, tell His disciples – and Peter – that He is going before you into Galilee; there you will see Him, as He said to you. So they went out quickly and fled from the tomb, for they trembled and were amazed. And they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

**SUNDAY, JUNE 10, 2018 2ND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST - Tone 1. ALL SAINTS OF AMERICA. Hieromartyr Timothy, Bishop of Prussa (4th c.). Ven. Silvanus, Schema-monk, of the Kiev Caves (Far Caves—13th-14th c.). Finding of the Relics of St. Vasily (Basil), Bishop of Riazan’ (1609). St. John Maximovitch, Metropolitan of Tobol’sk (1715). Martyr Alexander and Virgin Martyr Antonina at Constantinople (ca. 313). Ven. Theophanes of Antioch (369). St. Bassian, Bishop of Lodi in Lombardy (409).**

### **TROPARIA**

**(Tone 1)** When the stone had been sealed by the Jews, while the soldiers were guarding Thy most pure body, Thou didst rise on the third day, O Savior, granting life to the world. The powers of heaven therefore cried to Thee, O Giver of Life: “Glory to Thy Resurrection, O Christ! Glory to Thy Kingdom! // Glory to Thy dispensation, O Thou Who lovest mankind!”

**(Tone 8)** As the bountiful harvest of Your sowing of salvation, / the lands of North America offer to You, O Lord, all the saints who have shone in them. / By their prayers keep the Church and our land in abiding peace // through the Theotokos, O most Merciful One!

**(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 First Tone: Let Thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us / as we have set our hope on Thee.***

***v. Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous! Praise befits the just!***

**THE READING FROM THE EPISTLE OF THE HOLY APOSTLE PAUL TO THE ROMANS (2:10-16)** Brethren: glory and honor and peace for everyone who does good, the Jew first and also the Greek. For God shows no partiality. All who have sinned without the law will also perish without the law, and all who have sinned under the law will be judged by the law. For it is not the hearers of the law who are righteous before God, but the doers of the law who will be justified. When Gentiles who have not the law do by nature what the law requires, they are a law to themselves, even though they do not have the law. They show that what the law requires is written on their hearts, while their conscience also bears witness and their conflicting thoughts accuse or perhaps excuse them on that day when, according to my gospel, God judges the secrets of men by Christ Jesus.

*Alleluia, Tone 1*

**v. God gives vengeance to me, and subdues people under me.**

**v. He magnifies the salvation of the king, and deals mercifully with His Christ, with David and his seed forever.**

### **THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MATTHEW (4:18-23)**

At that time, as Jesus walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon who is called Peter and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea; for they were fishermen. And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men." Immediately they left their nets and followed him.

And going on from there he saw two other brothers, James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, in the boat with Zebedee their father, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him. And he went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and preaching the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every infirmity among the people.

### **COMMUNION HYMN**

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

#### **ALL SAINTS OF NORTH AMERICA**

On the second Sunday after Pentecost, each local Orthodox Church commemorates all the saints, known and unknown, who have shone forth in its territory. Accordingly, the Orthodox Church in America remembers the saints of North America on this day.

Although it is a relatively young church, the Orthodox Church in America has produced saints in nearly all of the six major categories of saints: Apostles (and Equals of the Apostles); Martyrs (and Confessors); Prophets; Hierarchs; Monastic Saints; and the Righteous.

Saint Herman of Alaska (December 13, August 9), was a member of the first mission of Orthodox monks from Russia to Alaska and fell asleep in the Lord in 1837. The Martyr Juvenal was killed near Lake Iliamna by natives in 1799, thus becoming the first Orthodox Christian to shed his blood for Christ in the New World. In 1816, Saint Peter was put to death by Spanish missionaries in California when he refused to convert to Roman Catholicism.

Missionary efforts continued in the nineteenth century, with outreach to the native peoples of Alaska. Two of the most prominent laborers in Christ's Vineyard were Saint Innocent Veniaminov (March 31 and October 6) and Saint Jacob Netsvetov (July 26), who translated Orthodox services and books into the native languages.

As the nineteenth century was drawing to a close, an event of enormous significance for the North American Church took place. On March 25, 1891, Bishop Vladimir went to Minneapolis to receive Saint Alexis Toth (May 7) and 361 of his parishioners into the Orthodox Church. Saint Tikhon (Belavin), the future Patriarch of Moscow (April 7, October 9), came to America as bishop of the diocese of the Aleutians and Alaska in September 1898. As the only Orthodox bishop on the continent, Saint Tikhon traveled extensively throughout North America in order to minister to his widely scattered and diverse flock. He realized that the local church here could not be a permanent extension of the Russian Church. Therefore, he focused his efforts on giving the American Church a diocesan and parish structure which would help it mature and grow. Saint Tikhon returned to Russia in 1907, and was elected as Patriarch of Moscow ten years later and reposed in 1925.

Saint Raphael of Brooklyn (February 27) was the first Orthodox bishop to be consecrated in North America. He was consecrated by Bishop Tikhon and Bishop Innocent (Pustynsky) at Saint Nicholas Cathedral in New York on March 13, 1904. As Bishop of Brooklyn, Saint Raphael was a trusted and capable assistant to Saint Tikhon in his archpastoral ministry. Saint Raphael reposed on February 27, 1915.

In the twentieth century, in the aftermath of the Russian Revolution, countless men, women, and children received the crown of martyrdom rather than renounce Christ. Saints John Kochurov (October 31) and Alexander Hotovitzky (December 4 and August 7) both served the Church in North America before going back to Russia. Saint John became the first clergyman to be martyred in Russia on October 31, 1917 in Saint Petersburg. Saint Alexander Hotovitzky, who served in America until 1914, was killed in 1937.

In addition to the saints listed above, we also honor those saints who are known only to God, and have not been recognized officially by the Church. As we contemplate the lives of these saints, let us remember that we are also called by God to a life of holiness. *oca.org*

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

Happy Anniversary Angelo & Christine (50 yrs.)	Mira & Stojan
Health & God's blessing for the Panoff family	Mira & Stojan
Health of Andrew & Rimi and 50 yr. anniversary of marriage Angelo & Christine	The Gonsers
Adelaida, Feodosiy, Oleg, Irina, Galina, Nikolay, Nikolay, Audrey, Vladislava & Kirill	Irina Sivergina
Health & God's blessings to Angelo & Christine Panoff on their 50 <sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on June 2. May God grant them many more years.	Their family
God's blessings for continued healing for Andrew Panoff & strength to him & his parents Tom, Christine, sister Ellie and new expected baby sister	Baba & Dedo
Happy Birthday Elijah George, Adam George & Helen Ethington	Stojan & Mira Prusac
Fr. Tom, Fr. Dimitri, Fr. Anthony, Aaron, Rimi, Allen, Deborah, JoAnn, Luba, Kosta, Jimmy, Laurie, David, Helen, Walt, Vladimir, Dorothy, Michael, Allison, Stojan, Mira, Bosa, Jeanette, Christopher, Nicholas, Margaret, Joseph, Greg, Gladys, my family and friends	Joe Tome
Special Intention	Joe Tome

**CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR BLESSED REPOSE**

Memory Eternal~Violet Economou	Mira & Stojan
Vasilij, Audrey, Galina, Nikolay, Vitaliy, Ekaterina, Ekaterina, Feodosiy & Yuliya	Irina Sivergina



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

**PANCAKE CHARITY BREAKFAST** is provided today by the Church School high school class for the end of the school year. All proceeds from the breakfast will be used to purchase bus fare to be distributed by the YWCA for the women living there who need it. Please be generous!

**END OF 2016-2017 CHURCH SCHOOL YEAR** is today. Thank you to our teachers: Deborah Gonser-Adams, assistant Sarah Neely; Stephanie Price and Gabriel Paul and to our Coordinator, Matushka Lisa.

**LAY DELEGATES** to the Diocesan Congress-Sobor elected at June 3 special parish meeting: J. Joseph Tome & Sharon Jernigan.

**MACEDONIAN OPEN GOLF SCRAMBLE** The 38th Macedonian Open Golf Scramble will be held this year on Monday, June 18th at the Flint Elks Golf Club. Once again that is the Monday after Father's Day and would make a great Father's Day gift.

Everyone is encouraged to help out in any way they can. There are many sponsorship opportunities for Families and individuals who would like to support the event, from signs wishing "good luck" to signs "in memory" of a loved one. A sign sponsorship is a great advertising opportunity for any business. Whether it's for your business or one that you frequent, we encourage everyone to participate in getting new sign sponsors this year.

The Macedonian Open is our biggest fundraiser and we are hoping for an even bigger and better turnout this year. If you have any questions or know of someone who would like to help, please contact Angelo Panoff (angelo.panoff@stifel.com or 810-249-6031), Christine Panoff (capanoff@umflint.edu or 810-232-4868), Linda Branoff (branoff721@aol.com or 810-964-3654), George Branoff (george.branoff27@frontier.com or 810-252-5395) or Chris Nedanis (cned77@gmail.com or 810-877-0889).

**HOW CAN I HELP? I DON'T GOLF.**

- ❖ Donate money for prizes-any amount you can give would be very much appreciated to offset the cost of buying prizes.
- ❖ Donate a gift card-we are looking for gift cards to give as prizes in the amount of \$20 or \$25 similar to these: Visa gift cards, Meijer, Dunham's, Gas Cards, Restaurant cards, or any establishment you frequent.
- ❖ Donate a prize-donate a prize, whether it's golf related or not; or ask a business you frequent to make a donation (such as a gift card)
- ❖ Join us for dinner

**PARKING LOT RE-PAVING** The proceeds from last year and this year's Macedonian Open will go towards the re-paving of the entire parking lot which will cost over \$100,000. With capital improvement funds and other funds on hand, that leaves a shortfall of \$35,000. If anyone would like to donate or dedicate a memorial fund or make an anonymous donation, please contact the office. If we do not raise the rest of the funds, we will be required to take a loan in order to complete the project.



**GRADUATIONS** Katelyn Price, daughter of Ian & Stephanie Price, graduated from Milford High School with honors.



**MEMORY ETERNAL! CHRIST IS RISEN!** Peter Brayan, fell asleep in the Lord on Sunday, June 4. Services are Thursday, June 21 at Swartz Funeral Home: 4 to 8 pm visitation; 7 pm Parastas. Friday, June 22 at church: 10 am visitation; 11 am funeral followed by interment at Sunset Hills Cemetery. God grant him rest among the saints. Bog da prosti. Christ is risen!

**OUR CHARITY MINISTRIES**

**HOPE IN A BOX** is collecting Laundry Soap for the month of June. 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:**

- Today** Charity Pancake Brunch presented by our High School Church School students – the youth came up with this idea: all proceeds from the breakfast will help women currently living at the Flint YWCA by purchasing bus passes to be distributed by the YWCA.
- Monday, June 11**  
6 pm Communion Calls in Bay City and Caro  
Security Presentation by the Genesee County Sheriff’s Office – Please contact the office if you plan to attend so that we have an accurate count.
- Tuesday, June 12**  
6 pm Paul Childs & Olesya Nwakaredu Wedding
- Wednesday, June 13**  
9:30 am Divine Liturgy  
11:15 am Adult Education class
- Thursday, June 14** Office Open
- Friday, June 15** Office Closed
- Saturday, June 16**  
5 pm Vespers
- Sunday, June 17**  
9:30 am Third Hour  
10 am Divine Liturgy  
Trisagion for Susan Goodman

**Offerings for the week June 3, 2018**

Weekly Offerings	\$ 1,390.00
Estimated Average Weekly Expenses	\$ 4,034.03
	<b>-\$ 2,644.03</b>

77 people were in attendance on Sunday, June 3.

“Let no one fear death for the death of our Savior has set us free.” *St. John Chrysostom*