

**June 23, 2019**

*Bulletin*

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**The Gospel according to Saint Matthew  
28:16-20 (1st Matins Gospel)**

Then the eleven disciples went away into Galilee, to the mountain which Jesus had appointed for them. When they saw Him, they worshiped Him; but some doubted. And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, “All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and behold, I am with you always, even to the end of the age. Amen.

**SUNDAY, JUNE 23, 2019 1ST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST - Tone 8. All Saints. Martyr Agrippina of Rome (253-260). Righteous Artemii of Verkol'sk (1545). Translation of the Relics of St. Herman, Archbishop of Kazan' (1567). Martyrs Eustochius, Gaius, Probus, Lollius, and Urban, of Ancyra (4th c.). Synaxis of the Saints of Vladimir. The Meeting of the VLADIMIR Icon of the Most-holy Theotokos (in commemoration of the saving of Moscow from the invasion of Khan Akhmat—1480).**

**TROPARIA**

**(Tone 8)** Thou didst descend from on high, O Merciful One! Thou didst accept the three-day burial to free us from our sufferings! O Lord, our Life and Resurrection: glory to Thee!

**(Tone 4)** As with fine porphyry and royal purple, Thy Church has been adorned with Thy martyrs' bloodshed throughout all the world. She cries to Thee, O Christ God: Send down Thy bounties on Thy people, grant peace to Thy habitation, and great mercy to 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 8)** The universe offers Thee the God-bearing martyrs as the first-fruits of creation, O Lord and Creator. Through the Theotokos and their prayers establish Thy Church in peace.

***The Prokeimenon in the Eighth Tone: Pray and make your vows / before the Lord our God!***

**v. In Judah God is known; His name is great in Israel.**

**THE READING FROM THE EPISTLE OF PAUL TO THE HEBREWS (11:33-12:2)** *Brethren:* all the saints through faith conquered kingdoms, enforced justice, received promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection. Some were tortured, refusing to accept release, that they might rise again to a better life. Others suffered mocking and scourging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned, they were sawn in two, they were killed with the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, afflicted, ill-treated - of whom the world was not worthy - wandering over deserts and mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth. And all these, though well attested by their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had foreseen something better for us, that apart from us they should not be made perfect. Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to the pioneer and perfecter of our faith – Jesus.

*Alleluia, Tone 4*

**v: The righteous called, and the Lord heard them.**

**v: Many are the afflictions of the righteous; but the Lord delivers them out of them all.**

**THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MATTHEW (10:32-33, 37-38; 19:27-30)** At that time, Jesus said to His disciples: “So everyone who acknowledges me before men, I also will acknowledge before my Father who is in heaven; but whoever denies me before men, I also will deny before my Father who is in heaven. He who loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and he who loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and he who does not take his cross and follow me is not worthy of me.” Then Peter said in reply, “Lo, we have left everything and followed you. What then shall we have?” Jesus said to them, “Truly, I say to you, in the new world, when the Son of man shall sit on his glorious throne, you who have followed me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. And every one who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or children or lands, for my name's sake, will receive a hundredfold, and inherit eternal life. But many that are first will be last, and the last first.”

**COMMUNION HYMN**

Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous! Praise befits the just! Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

The “Heavenly King” prayer/hymn is commonly translated into English with “spirit of truth” or “the Spirit of truth”. Both translations miss a definite article in the original Greek: “the Spirit of **the** Truth” (τὸ Πνεῦμα τῆς ἀληθείας). Why does it matter? Because the Truth is not a statement, but a person, Christ (cf. John 14:6 “Jesus said to him, ‘I am the Way, and the Truth, and the Life...’”).

The Spirit is called here the Spirit of Christ, not the Spirit of a formulaic statement. By not understanding this, we are bound to keep repeating the wrong question “**What** is truth?” (John 18:38)—without a definite article!—and not finding an answer, with the Answer standing right in front of us.

The following quote from Fr. Lev Gillet is perfectly on point:

*Jesus did not say: ‘I am showing you the way.’ He said: ‘I am the way.’ He did not say, ‘I am teaching you the truth.’; He said, ‘I am the truth.’ He did not say, ‘I am giving you life’; He said, ‘I am the life.’ St. Paul will often speak of Christ in like terms: Christ is my life, He is our sanctification, our justice. We can speak of Christ in substantives, because He is the very substance of all good things, of all gifts. In Jesus a living person has replaced the law. It is no longer because of a written commandment that I shall shun murder and adultery, but because a person, Jesus Christ, has spoken, has lived and died in a way which henceforth constitutes the eternal model. Jesus abolishes and at the same time perfects the law. Like the river which flows into the seas, each drop of water which was in the river maintains its existence in the womb of the sea, but the river, as a river, no longer exists. (A Monk of the Eastern Church, *Jesus: A Dialogue with the Savior* [Educational Resources, 1990], 29)*

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

God's blessings for good health to our granddaughters on their birthdays Anna (1 yr) June 14<sup>th</sup>, Rachel (15 yrs) June 18<sup>th</sup> & Elizabeth (6 yrs) June 21<sup>st</sup>.  
Blessings for good health to Angelo, Michael, Christopher Thomas, Kerry, Paul, Steve, & Phil on Father's Day  
Mary, Anna & Patsy  
Feodosiy, Oleg, Galina, Nikolay, Nikolay & Irina  
Fr. Tom, Fr. Dimitrie, Fr. Anthony, Matushka Rose Marie, Angelo, Christine, Aaron, Reggie, Alex, Irene, Rimi, Allen, Deborah, Susan, Luba, David, Anna, Walt, Calvin, Vladimir, Dorothy, Rose, David, Allison, Stojan, Mira, Bosa, Christopher, Jeanette, Nicholas, Margaret, Joseph, Ted, Marlene, Gladys, my family and friends  
Special Intention  
Nathan Fisher (brain tumor)

Baba & Dedo  
Christine  
Alex & Magda Popoff  
Irina Sivergina  
Joe Tome  
Joe Tome  
Adams family

**CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR BLESSED REPOSE**

Jo Ann Havens  
John Goodman  
Blessed Repose to our sweet grandson Andrew Thomas  
Blessed Repose on Father's Day Chris, Lazo, Stavro, Sam & John, Carl Peter Popoff & John Naum  
Adelaida, Vasiliy, Vitaliy, Andrey, Galina & Nikolay  
Jo Ann Havens (40 days) Blessed Repose~Memory Eternal

Evanenko family  
Evanenko family  
Baba & Dedo  
Christine  
Alex & Magda Popoff  
Irina Sivergina  
Dorothy Goodman



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

**COFFEE, DONUTS & DESSERT** are provided today by Johnny Kantor in memory of his sister, Jo Ann Havens (40 days).

**CEDAR POINT TRIP** with St. Mary Magdalene on June 25<sup>th</sup>. Contact Fr. Gabriel at 810-750-1401/330-285-1740 or email him at frgabrielmmm@gmail.com/ SMMOCAFenton@gmail.com for more information.

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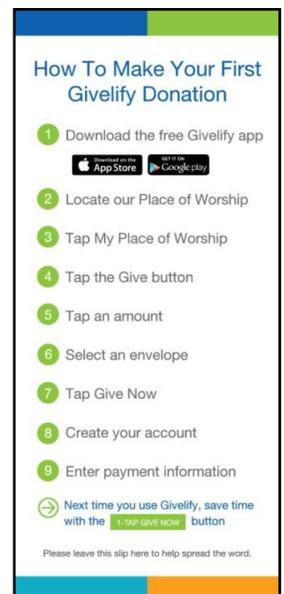
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**OUR CHARITY MINISTRIES**

**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.



**VACATION CHURCH SCHOOL** We had a busy, wonderful three days together last week. Thank you to everyone who helped make our time together so blessed: Fr. Matthew and Fr. Gabriel; our teachers and aides, who helped guide our students; our volunteers and families, who helped in countless ways during our time together; and our students: thank you for joining us and taking this journey together. May God bless each one of you for your generosity of heart! We could not have done this without any one of you.



**PANORTHODOX SOFTBALL GAME** July 14<sup>th</sup> at St. Pius Catholic School. The game starts at 3 pm. Food & drinks will be provided by St. Mary Magdalene. There will be a sign up sheet in the parish hall next week. Everyone is welcome to play.

**RUMMAGE SALE** August 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup>. 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.

**Weekly Schedule:**

**Today:** **ALL SAINTS DAY**  
Parastas for Jo Ann Havens (40 days)  
After Liturgy Fr. Matthew will give a presentation by on his trip to Mount Athos

**Monday, June 24** **Apostles' Fast begins**  
**NATIVITY OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST**  
9:30 am Divine Liturgy

**Tuesday, June 25** **Cedar Point trip with St. Mary Magdalene**

**Wednesday, June 26**  
No Divine Liturgy or Adult Ed

**Saturday, June 29** **SS PETER & PAUL**  
10 am Pan-Orthodox Liturgy at St. Mary Magdalene  
5 pm Vespers

**Sunday, June 30**  
9:30 am Hours  
10 am Divine Liturgy  
Parastas for John Goodman (40 days)

**Offerings for the week June 16, 2019**

Weekly Offerings	\$ 1,617.00
Estimated Average Weekly Expenses	\$ 3,236.00
	<b>\$-1,619.00</b>

*65 people were in attendance on Sunday, June 16<sup>th</sup>.*

O Heavenly King, the Comforter, the Spirit of Truth, Who art everywhere and fillest all things; Treasury of Blessings, and Giver of Life - come and abide in us, and cleanse us from every impurity, and save our souls, O Good One.