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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 lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age. Amen.

SUNDAY, JUNE 3, 2018 1ST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST - Tone 8. All Saints. Martyr Lucillian and those who suffered with him at Byzantium: four youths—Claudius, Hypatius, Paul, and Dionysius; and the Virgin Paula (270-275). Hieromartyr Lucian—Bishop, Maximian—Presbyter, Julian—Deacon, Marcellinus and Saturninus, at Beauvais in France (81-96).

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 THE HOLY APOSTLE 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

Congratulations Arielle & Matt Miller on the birth of their daughter Mila Alison
Andrew Panoff

Allison Borkovich
JoAnn & Johnny

Fr. Tom, Fr. Dimitri, Fr. Anthony, Aaron, Rimi, Reggie, Allen, Deborah,
JoAnn, Luba, Kosta, Jimmy, Laurie, David, Helen, Anna, Walt, Vladimir,
Dorothy, Michael, Allison, Stojan, Mira, Bosa, Jeanette, Christopher, Nicholas,
Margaret, Joseph, Greg, Gladys, my family and friends

Joe Tome
Joe Tome
Alex & Magda Popoff
Adams family
Lucy Hogg
Mira & Stojan
Mira & Stojan

Special Intention

Alex & Eleni

Rimi Abu Aita, Andrew Panoff, Linda Branoff & Anna Branoff

For my family; Andrew, Madeline, Jack & the Panoff family

Happy Anniversary Angelo & Christine (50 yrs.)

Health & God's blessings for the Panoff family

CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR BLESSED REPOSE

Peter Popoff & John Naum

Memory Eternal~Violet Economou

Alex & Magda Popoff
Mira & Stojan

ETERNAL LIGHT AT THE ALTAR

Katelyn Price on her graduation

Her family



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



COFFEE & DONUTS are provided today by the family of Faouzi Ghantous for his one year memorial.

SPECIAL PARISH MEETING TODAY The sole purpose of this meeting is to elect two lay delegates for the 6th Diocesan Congress-Sobor to be held immediately prior to the Diocesan Conference on June 30. **We have two nominees to fill the two delegate positions available: Sharon Jernigan and J. Joseph Tome.** The purpose of the Congress-Sobor is to approve a revised Constitution that has been aligned with the revised Statute of the Orthodox Church in America, among other amendments. The letter of the Archbishop announcing the Congress-Sobor, its agenda, the present and proposed Constitutions are posted on the bulletin board in the hall.

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

OUR CHARITY MINISTRIES

NORTH END SOUP KITCHEN We serve our sisters and brothers in Christ this Thursday, June 7 from 9 am to 12:30 pm. Come, join us!

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.

RUMMAGE SALE June 8th & 9th. Donations & volunteers are needed to make this successful. Proceeds will go toward repaving the parking lot. If you have large items call Dennis Jernigan at 810-908-3631. Smaller items can be left in the foyer in the parish hall. All donations need to be in working order, cleaned up and ready to sell. Flyers are in the parish hall-please help by hanging them on community bulletin boards.

MANY YEARS! Arielle and Matt Miller welcomed their daughter, Mila Alison, on Tuesday, May 29. Grandparents are Bruce & Vickie Borkovich and great-grandmother Allison Borkovich.

Weekly Schedule:

Today Parastas for Faouzi Ghantous following the veneration of the cross

Monday, June 4 Fr. Matthew in Toledo

Tuesday, June 5
6:30 pm Parish Council Meeting

Wednesday, June 6
9:30 am Divine Liturgy
11:15 am Adult Ed class

Thursday, June 7
9 am- 12:30 pm North End Soup Kitchen

Friday, June 8
10 am-6 pm Rummage Sale

Saturday, June 9
10 am-6 pm Rummage Sale
5 pm Vespers
6 pm Baptism of Paul Childs

Sunday, June 10
9:30 am Third Hour
10 am Divine Liturgy
End of Church School Year
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.

Offerings for the week May 27, 2018

Weekly Offerings	\$ 1,746.00
Estimated Average Weekly Expenses	\$ 4,034.03
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55 people were in attendance on Sunday, May 27.

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