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St. Nicholas Orthodox Church

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The Gospel according to Saint John

20:11-18 (8th Matins Gospel)

But Mary stood outside by the tomb weeping, and as she wept she stooped down and looked into the tomb. And she saw two angels in white sitting, one at the head and the other at the feet, where the body of Jesus had lain. Then they said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping?” She said to them, “Because they have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid Him.” Now when she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, and did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you seeking?” She, supposing Him to be the gardener, said to Him, “Sir, if You have carried Him away, tell me where You have laid Him, and I will take Him away.” Jesus said to her, “Mary!” She turned and said to Him, “Rabboni!” (which is to say, Teacher). Jesus said to her, “Do not cling to Me, for I have not yet ascended to My Father; but go to My brethren and say to them, ‘I am ascending to My Father and your Father, and to My God and your God.’” Mary Magdalene came and told the disciples that she had seen the Lord, and that He had spoken these things to her.

SUNDAY, MARCH 18, 2018 FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT — Tone 8. Repose of St. Nikolai of Zhicha (1956). St. John Climacus (of The Ladder). St. Cyril, Archbishop of Jerusalem (386). Martyrs Trophimus and Eucarpus of Nicomedia (ca. 300). Ven. Aninas of the Euphrates.

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 1) O dweller of the wilderness and angel in the body, / you were a wonderworker, O our God-bearing Father John. / You received heavenly gifts through fasting, vigil and prayer, / healing the sick and the souls of those drawn to you by faith. / Glory to Him Who gave you strength! / Glory to Him Who granted you a crown! // Glory to Him Who through you grants healing to all!

(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) O victorious leader of triumphant hosts! We, your servants, delivered from evil, sing our grateful thanks to you, O Theotokos! As you possess invincible might set us free from ev'ry calamity so that we may sing: Rejoice, O unwedded Bride!

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

(6:13-20) Brethren: For when God made a promise to Abraham, since he had no one greater by whom to swear, he swore by himself, saying, "Surely I will bless you and multiply you." And thus Abraham, having patiently endured, obtained the promise. Men indeed swear by a greater than themselves, and in all their disputes an oath is final for confirmation. So when God desired to show more convincingly to the heirs of the promise the unchangeable character of his purpose, he interposed with an oath, so that through two unchangeable things, in which it is impossible that God should prove false, we who have fled for refuge might have strong encouragement to seize the hope set before us. We have this as a sure and steadfast anchor of the soul, a hope that enters into the inner shrine behind the curtain, where Jesus has gone as a forerunner on our behalf, having become a high priest for ever after the order of Melchizedek.

Alleluia, Tone 8

v. **Come let us rejoice in the Lord! Let us make a joyful noise to God our Savior!**

v. **Let us come before His face with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise!**

THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO SAINT MARK (9:17-31)

And one of the crowd answered Jesus, "Teacher, I brought my son to you, for he has a dumb spirit; and wherever it seizes him, it dashes him down; and he foams and grinds his teeth and becomes rigid; and I asked your disciples to cast it out, and they were not able." And he answered them, "O faithless generation, how long am I to be with you? How long am I to bear with you? Bring him to me." And they brought the boy to him; and when the spirit saw him, immediately it convulsed the boy, and he fell on the ground and rolled about, foaming at the mouth. And Jesus asked his father, "How long has he had this?" And he said, "From childhood. And it has often cast him into the fire and into the water, to destroy him; but if you can do anything, have pity on us and help us." And Jesus said to him, "If you can! All things are possible to him who believes." Immediately the father of the child cried out and said, "I believe; help my unbelief!" And when Jesus saw that a crowd came running together, he rebuked the unclean spirit, saying to it, "You dumb and deaf spirit, I command you, come out of him, and never enter him again." And after crying out and convulsing him terribly, it came out, and the boy was like a corpse; so that most of them said, "He is dead." But Jesus took him by the hand and lifted him up, and he arose. And when he had entered the house, his disciples asked him privately, "Why could we not cast it out?" And he said to them, "This kind cannot be driven out by anything but prayer and fasting." They went on from there and passed through Galilee. And he would not have any one know it; for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, "The Son of man will be delivered into the hands of men, and they will kill him; and when he is killed, after three days he will rise."

Instead of "It is truly meet ... ,": All of creation rejoices in you, O Full of Grace: the assembly of Angels and the race of men. O sanctified temple and spiritual paradise, the glory of virgins, from whom God was incarnate and became a Child, our God before the ages. He made your body into a throne, and your womb He made more spacious than the heavens. All of creation rejoices in you, O Full of Grace. Glory to you!

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

THE RESPONSE "IT IS MEET AND RIGHT" IN THE ANAPHORA

St. Tikhon's Monastery Press recently published the *Hieratikon*, the text for the Liturgies of Saint John Chrysostom, St. Basil the Great, and the Presanctified Liturgy of St. Gregory the Dialogos. There is one change in the Liturgy that we will notice as we sing the anaphora, with

the blessing of Archbishop Alexander. Below is the rationale for the change from the booklet accompanying the *Hieratikon*. “It is meet and right [to worship...]

We have put the words “to worship the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit...” in square brackets to indicate that they are a later interpolation. Though a well-established part of Slavic liturgical practice, they obscure the sequence of thought in this dialogue. In the original reading, the singers’ and the people’s short response “It is meet and right” affirms the priest’s bidding to “give thanks unto the Lord.” Thus, as St. John Chrysostom explains, when “they assent that ‘it is meet and right so to do,’ then he (the priest) begins the thanksgiving.” (Homily 18 on Second Corinthians) And the priest does so in words that echo and amplify the people’s response: “It is meet and right to hymn You, to bless You...” *Hieratikon, Notes on the Text* by Hieromonk Herman with contributions from Vitaly Permiakov

The anaphora is one prayer, said alternatively by the priest and the people and that unity must be kept. The additional text (“to worship the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit...”) was made to give the priest extra time to say the beginning of the prayer quietly. Now that most priests say this prayer aloud, it is best removed. At St. Nicholas we will sing these few words “It is meet and right” (three in Greek) quickly so the priest can immediately continue and amplify that response with the prayer “It is meet and right to hymn You, to bless You...”

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CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR THE HEALTH AND BLESSINGS OF

Brooke Elizabeth Houser & her parents

The Gonsers

Fr. Tom, Fr. Dimitri, Fr. Anthony, Aaron, Reggie, Allen, Deborah, JoAnn, Gloria,

Luba, Kosta, Jimmy, Laurie, David, Helen, Anna, Walt, Zina, Vladimir,

Nicolai, Dorothy, Michael, Nicolai, Allison, Stojan, Mira, Bosa, Jeanette,

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

Joe Tome

Special Intention

Joe Tome

Chris, Heather, Raegan, Jeremy, Teri, Hayden, Nadja, Sean & Auden

Lucy Hogg

Patsy & Eleni

Alex & Magda Popoff

Health & blessings Brooke Elizabeth born March 8th

Allison Borkovich

CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR BLESSED REPOSE

Peter Popoff & John Naum

Alex & Magda Popoff


ETERNAL LIGHT AT THE ALTAR

Blessed Repose ~ Rosemary Vuckovich

Helen Ethington



WELCOME to all our friends and visitors. Please join us in our fellowship hall following the veneration of the cross.

COFFEE HOUR  Volunteers are needed to help serve coffee and bagels for the rest of the month of March. Please see the sign-up sheet outside of the kitchen. Call or email the parish office as well as signing up, if you’d like to sponsor the bagels and/or coffee.

OUR CHARITY MINISTRIES

HOPE IN A BOX is collecting Baby Items, Wipes & Formula for the month of March. 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

FLOWERS & SPECIAL ITEMS for Holy Week, Great Friday & Pascha are now available for sponsorship. Donations can be given in honor of or in memory of someone & it will be published at a later date. Forms are in the Narthex. Please turn them into the office (you can slip it under the office door ;).

MEMORY ETERNAL – CHRIST IS RISEN! Nicholas Maxim, husband of Constance Maxim, fell asleep in the Lord on Monday, March 12 and was buried from church on March 14. May God grant him rest among the saints!

MANY YEARS! Stephanie and Kraig Houser welcomed their daughter, Brooke Elizabeth on Thursday, March 8. Grandparents are Dave and Marla Houser and great-grandmother Allison Borkovich.

ST. GEORGE PRESCHOOL & CHILDCARE Pre-Open House March 22, 2018 6-8 pm. If you are looking for a safe, nurturing, and fun learning environment for your child within a Christian setting this is where you need to be! We encourage all to stop in, tour our center and meet our Program Director and team! We are located at: 5191 Lennon Rd Flint, MI 48507. The contact information is 810-732-1500, stgeorgeschool17@gmail.com or saintgeorgeflint.org/preschool.html

They will provide developmentally appropriate programs focusing on each child's growth and needs in the following areas: ∞ Spiritual ∞ Social and Emotional ∞ Physical ∞ Language and Cognitive ∞ Literacy ∞ Mathematics ∞ Science and Technology ∞ Arts ∞ Social Studies.

Weekly Schedule: **THE FIFTH WEEK OF LENT**

Monday, March 19

6:30 pm Compline at St. George

Tuesday, March 20 **Father Matthew in Toledo**

Wednesday, March 21

10 am Lenten Hours
No Adult Education

6 pm **Presanctified followed by Lenten potluck.**
Fast from after your lunch to receive Holy Communion.
Please bring a Lenten dish to share.

At potluck, Rebekah Hildreth Humphreys will give a presentation on her recent trip to the Holy Land. Please invite friends and neighbors!

Saturday, March 24

10 am Divine Liturgy with Akathist Hymn
5 pm Vespers

Sunday, March 25

5th SUNDAY of LENT – Annunciation of the Theotokos

9:30 am Hours
10 am Divine Liturgy
40 day memorial for Nevena Kocovski

Offerings for the week March 11, 2018

<i>Weekly Offerings</i>	\$ 1,775.00
<i>Estimated Average Weekly Expenses</i>	\$ 4,034.03
	-\$ 2,259.03

*80 people were in attendance on
Sunday, March 11, 2018*

“Through the cross, by His suffering, He calls you who are the parts of His body.”

St. Ignatius of Antioch, Letter to the Trallians 11