

March 3, 2019

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The Gospel according to Saint John

20:1-10 (7th Matins Gospel)

Now on the first day of the week Mary Magdalene went to the tomb early, while it was still dark, and saw that the stone had been taken away from the tomb. Then she ran and came to Simon Peter, and to the other disciple, whom Jesus loved, and said to them, “They have taken away the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid Him.” Peter therefore went out, and the other disciple, and were going to the tomb. So they both ran together, and the other disciple outran Peter and came to the tomb first. And he, stooping down and looking in, saw the linen cloths lying there; yet he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb; and he saw the linen cloths lying there, and the handkerchief that had been around His head, not lying with the linen cloths, but folded together in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who came to the tomb first, went in also; and he saw and believed. For as yet they did not know the Scripture, that He must rise again from the dead. Then the disciples went away again to their own homes.

SUNDAY, MARCH 3, 2019 SUNDAY OF MEATFARE — Tone 3. Sunday of the Last Judgment. . Martyr Quadratus and those with him: Cyrpian, Dionysius, Anectus, Paul, Crescens, Dionysius, Victorinus, Victor, Nicephorus, Claudius, Diodorus, Serapion, Papias, Leonidas, Chariessa, Nunechia, Basilissa, Nice, Galla, Galina, Theodora and many others, at Corinth (258, 267-268). Martyrs Quadratus, Saturninus, Rufinus and the rest, of Nicomedia (3rd c.). Anthanasius the Patrician of Alexandria (567-568).

TROPARIA

(Tone 7) By Thy Cross, Thou didst destroy death! To the thief, Thou didst open Paradise! For the myrrhbearers, Thou didst change weeping into joy! And Thou didst command Thy disciples, O Christ God, to proclaim that Thou art risen, granting the world great mercy!

(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 1) When Thou, O God, shalt come to earth with glory, / all things shall tremble, / and the river of fire shall flow before Thy judgment seat; / the books shall be opened, and the hidden things disclosed; / then deliver me from the unquenchable fire, // and make me worthy to stand at Thy right hand, O Righteous Judge!

The Prokeimenon in the Third Tone: Great is our Lord, and abundant in power, His understanding is beyond measure.

v. Praise the Lord! For it is good to sing praises to our God!

THE READING FROM THE FIRST EPISTLE OF PAUL TO THE CORINTHIANS (8:8 - 9:2) Brethren: Food will not commend us to God. We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. Only take care lest this liberty of yours somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. For if any one sees you, a man of knowledge, at table in an idol's temple, might he not be encouraged, if his conscience is weak, to eat food offered to idols? And so by your knowledge this weak man is destroyed, the brother for whom Christ died. Thus, sinning against your brethren and wounding their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. Therefore, if food is a cause of my brother's falling, I will never eat meat, lest I cause my brother to fall. Am I not free? Am I not an apostle? Have I not seen Jesus our Lord? Are not you my workmanship in the Lord? If to others I am not an apostle, at least I am to you; for you are the seal of my apostleship in the Lord.

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 ST MATTHEW (25:31-46)

At that time Jesus said, "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on his glorious throne. Before him will be gathered all the nations, and he will separate them one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will place the sheep at his right hand, but the goats at the left. Then the King will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, O blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.' Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when did we see thee hungry and feed thee, or thirsty and give thee drink? And when did we see thee a stranger and welcome thee, or naked and clothe thee? And when did we see thee sick or in prison and visit thee?' And the King will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brethren, you did it to me.' Then he will say to those at his left hand, 'Depart from me, you cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me no drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not clothe me, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when did we see thee hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to thee?' Then he will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it not to one of the least of these, you did it not to me.' And they will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

COMMUNION HYMN

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

THE GOSPEL OF MEATFARE

This gospel makes it clear that our life is all about our neighbor: the hungry, the thirsty, the naked, the sick, and the ones in prison. "I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me" (Mt 25:35-36) To help us fulfill these words of our Lord Jesus Christ, below is a list of our sick and homebound for whom we can pray daily (from our March newsletter). And we can visit them! If not physically, then by a card, a phone call, an email. Because what you do for the hungry, the thirsty, the naked, the sick and the ones in prison is not done merely to them. You are doing it to Christ Jesus Himself.

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CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR THE HEALTH AND BLESSINGS OF

Fr. Tom, Fr. Dimitrie, Fr. Anthony, Angelo, Aaron, Reggie, John, Alex, Irene, Rimi,
Allen, Deborah, JoAnn, Susan, Luba, Kosta, David, Anna, Helen, Walt, Calvin,
Vladimir, Dorothy, John, Allison, Stojan, Mira, Bosa, Rose, Jeanette, Ted,
Marlene, Joseph, Nicholas, Margaret, Gladys, my family and friends
Special Intention

Joe Tome
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CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR BLESSED REPOSE

Helen Ethington
Helen Ethington Blessed Repose~Memory Eternal

Joe Tome
Dorothy Goodman

ETERNAL LIGHT AT THE ALTAR

Bogdan Beslach~Blessed Repose

Janja & Milica Beslach



WELCOME to all our friends and visitors.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING Tuesday, March 5th at 6:30. Please check your email for meeting information.

CHEESEFARE LUNCHEON March 10th following Liturgy. There is a signup sheet in the Parish Hall & help is needed for preparation, serving & clean-up.

HOPE IN A BOX is collecting **baby items, wipes & formula** for the month of March. Place the items in the blue box in the Parish 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 Meatfare will be a turkey dinner. Everyone is welcome & there will be a free will offering taken for the meal. Help is also needed for serving & clean-up.

Monday, Mar 4 Communion calls in Bay City & Caro

Tuesday, Mar 5 Fr. Matthew in Toledo
6:30 pm Parish Council Meeting

Wednesday, Mar 6
10 am Lenten Hours
11:15 am Adult Ed. Class

Thursday, Mar 7
9 am-1 pm North End Soup Kitchen

Saturday, Mar 9

5 pm

Vespers

Sunday, Mar 10

9:30 am

CHEESEFARE SUNDAY – THE EXPULSION OF ADAM & EVE FROM PARADISE

Hours

10 am

Divine Liturgy

Church School

Cheesefare Luncheon

Vespers to begin Great Lent

Offerings for the week February 24, 2019

<i>Weekly Offerings</i>	\$ 1,548.00
<i>Estimated Average Weekly Expenses</i>	\$ 3,236.00
	\$-1,688.00

78 people were in attendance on Sunday, February 24th.

Here's the shortest and easiest path to salvation: Be obedient, restrained, don't judge, and guard your heart and mind against wicked thoughts. Think well of everyone and bear in mind that the Lord loves them. Because of these humble thoughts, the grace of the Holy Spirit will dwell in your heart and you'll say: 'The Lord is merciful'.

- St Silouan the Athonite