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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, MAY 13, 2018. 6th SUNDAY OF PASCHA — Tone 5. Blind Man. Virgin Martyr Glyceria at Heraclea, and with her, Martyr Laodicius, Keeper of the Prison (ca. 177). Righteous Virgin Glykéria of Novgorod (1522). Translation of the Relics of Ven. Makáry, Archimandrite of Obruch (or Kanev—1678). Martyr Alexander of Rome (284-305). St Pausicacus, Bishop of Synnada (606). St George the Confessor, with his wife, Irene, and their children, of Constantinople (9th c.). St. Euthymius the New (1028), founder of Iveron Monastery, and his fellow Georgian Saints of Mt. Athos: his father, John, his cousin, George, and Gabriel. Monk Martyrs of Iveron (Mt. Athos).

FIRST ANTIPHON

Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth! Sing of His name, give glory to His praise!

Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Savior save us!

Say to God: How awesome are Thy deeds! So great is Thy power that Thy enemies cringe before Thee!

Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Savior save us!

Let all the earth worship Thee and praise Thee! Let it praise Thy name, O Most High!

Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Savior save us!

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Savior save us!

SECOND ANTIPHON

God be bountiful to us and bless us! Show the light of Thy countenance upon us and have mercy on us!

O Son of God who arose from the dead, save us who sing to Thee: Alleluia!

That we may know Thy way upon the earth, and Thy salvation among all nations!

O Son of God who arose from the dead, save us who sing to Thee: Alleluia!

Let the people give thanks to Thee, O God! Let all the people give thanks to Thee!

O Son of God who arose from the dead, save us who sing to Thee: Alleluia!

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen. Only-begotten Son and immortal Word of God, Who for our salvation didst will to be incarnate of the holy Theotokos and ever-virgin Mary, Who without change became man and wast crucified, Who art one of the Holy Trinity, glorified with the Father

and the Holy Spirit: O Christ our God, trampling down death by death, save us!

THIRD ANTIPHON

Let God arise, let His enemies be scattered; let those who hate Him flee from before His face. **Troparion:** Christ is risen from the dead...

As smoke vanishes so let them vanish; as wax melts before the fire.

Troparion: Christ is risen from the dead...

So the sinners will perish before the face of God; but let the righteous be glad.

Troparion: Christ is risen from the dead...

This is the day which the Lord has made! Let us rejoice and be glad in it! **Troparion:** Christ is risen from the dead...

TROPARIA

(Tone 5) Let us, the faithful, praise and worship the Word, / co-eternal with the Father and the Spirit, / born for our salvation from the Virgin; / for He willed to be lifted up on the Cross in the flesh, / to endure death, / and to raise the dead // by His glorious Resurrection.

(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) Thou didst descend into the tomb, O Immortal; Thou didst destroy the power of Death. In victory didst Thou arise, O Christ God, proclaiming Rejoice!" to the myrrhbearing women, granting peace to Thy apostles, and bestowing resurrection on the fallen.

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 ACTS OF THE HOLY APOSTLES (16:16-34) *In those days*, as we were going to the place of prayer, we were met by a slave girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners much gain by soothsaying. She followed Paul and us, crying, "These men are servants of the Most High God, who proclaim to you the way of salvation." And this she did for many days. But Paul was annoyed, and turned and said to the spirit, "I charge you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her." And it came out that very hour. But when her owners saw that their hope of gain was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the market place before the rulers; and when they had brought them to the magistrates they said, "These men are Jews and they are disturbing our city. They advocate customs which it is not lawful for us Romans to accept or practice." The crowd joined in attacking them; and the magistrates tore the garments off them and gave orders to beat them with rods. And when they had inflicted many blows upon them, they threw them into prison, charging the jailer to keep them safely. Having received this charge, he put them into the inner prison and fastened their feet in the stocks. But about midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them, and suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and every one's fetters were unfastened. When the jailer woke and saw that the prison doors were open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, supposing that the prisoners had escaped. But Paul cried with a loud voice, "Do not harm yourself, for we are all here." And he called for lights and rushed in, and trembling with fear he fell down before Paul and Silas, and brought them out and said, "Men, what must I do to be saved?" And they said, "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household." And they spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all that were in his house. And he took them the same hour of the night, and washed their wounds, and he was baptized at once, with all his family. Then he brought them up into his house, and set food before them; and he rejoiced with all his household that he had believed in God.

Alleluia, Tone 8

v. **Look upon me and have mercy on me!**

v. **Direct my steps according to Thy word!**

THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO JOHN (9:1-38)

At that time, as Jesus passed by, he saw a man blind from his birth. And his disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" Jesus answered, "It was not that this man sinned, or his parents, but that the works of God might be made manifest in him. We must work the works of him who sent me, while it is day; night comes, when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." As he said this, he spat on the ground and made clay of the spittle and anointed the man's eyes with the clay, saying to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means Sent). So he went and washed and came back seeing. The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar, said, "Is not this the man who used to sit and beg?" Some said, "It is he"; others said, "No, but he is like him." He said, "I am the man." They said to him, "Then how were your eyes opened?" He answered, "The man called Jesus made clay and anointed my eyes and said to me, 'Go to Siloam and wash'; so I went and washed and received my sight." They said to him, "Where is he?" He said, "I do not know." They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. Now it was a sabbath day when Jesus made the clay and opened his eyes. The Pharisees again asked him how he had received his sight. And he said to them, "He put clay on my eyes, and I washed, and I see." Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for he does not keep the sabbath." But others said, "How can a man who is a sinner do such signs?" There was a division among them. So they again said to the blind

man, "What do you say about him, since he has opened your eyes?" He said, "He is a prophet." The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight, until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight, and asked them, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?" His parents answered, "We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; but how he now sees we do not know, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age, he will speak for himself." His parents said this because they feared the Jews, for the Jews had already agreed that if any one should confess him to be Christ, he was to be put out of the synagogue. Therefore his parents said, "He is of age, ask him." So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and said to him, "Give God the praise; we know that this man is a sinner." He answered, "Whether he is a sinner, I do not know; one thing I know, that though I was blind, now I see." They said to him, "What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?" He answered them, "I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you too want to become his disciples?" And they reviled him, saying, "You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from." The man answered, "Why, this is a marvel! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners, but if any one is a worshiper of God and does his will, God listens to him. Never since the world began has it been heard that any one opened the eyes of a man born blind. If this man were not from God, he could do nothing." They answered him, "You were born in utter sin, and would you teach us?" And they cast him out. Jesus heard that they had cast him out, and having found him he said, "Do you believe in the Son of man?" He answered, "And who is he, sir, that I may believe in him?" Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, and it is he who speaks to you." He said, "Lord, I believe"; and he worshiped him.

THE HYMN TO THE THEOTOKOS

The Angel cried to the Lady full of grace: Rejoice, O Pure Virgin! Again I say: Rejoice! Your Son is risen from His three days in the tomb! With Himself He has raised all the dead! Rejoice, all ye people! Shine! Shine! O New Jerusalem! The Glory of the Lord has shone on you! Exult now and be glad, O Zion! Be radiant, O Pure Theotokos, in the Resurrection of your Son!

COMMUNION HYMN

Receive the Body of Christ; taste the fountain of immortality! Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

IN PLACE OF "WE HAVE SEEN THE TRUE LIGHT..."

Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death, and upon those in the tombs bestowing life.

"It is one thing neither to be stung nor angered by affronts and insults, nor by temptations and trials, and another to be please by them. It is one thing to pray for the people who do such things, and another to love them with all one's soul as benefactors, and still another to impress on one's spirit the face of each one of them, and then, with tears of sincere love, to embrace them dispassionately as true friends without the least trace of dislike making its nest in the soul.

Greater, however, even than the last of which I spoke is it when someone in the midst of trials maintains an attitude of sameness and equilibrium with respect both to those who revile and slander him to his face, and to all the others who judge, or insult, or condemn with respect to those who bear themselves outwardly with an appearance of friendliness, but who, behind his back, practise the same things against him as the others, even though he is aware of this, too. I am also of the opinion that there is a stage yet incomparably higher than the last: to have arrived at complete forgetfulness of whatever it is one may have suffered and never to recall it, whether those who have done the injury are present or not, and, in addition, to behave toward these people, whether in conversation or at table, as toward friends, without having any second thoughts. These are all the works of men who walk in the light."

St. Symeon the New Theologian

May 13, 2018



CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR THE HEALTH AND BLESSINGS OF

Ted Meskos & Alex Popoff

Dorothy Goodman

God's blessings for good health to all our grandchildren & their parents

Healing for Raegan, Chris, Heather, Teri, Jeremy, Hayden, Nadja, Sean, Auden,
Madeline, Jack, Rimi & Stephanie

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

Special Intention

Adelaida, Feodosiy, Oleg, Irina, Galina, Nikolay, Nikolay, Andrey, Vlada

Angelo & Helen Popoff

Ralph, Debbie, Joe & Sarah

Angelo & Christine

Lucy Hogg

Joe Tome

Joe Tome

Irina Sivergina

CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR BLESSED REPOSE

Susan Goodman~Memory Eternal

Vasiliy, Andrey, Galina, Nikolay, Ekaterina, Ekaterina, Feodosiy & Yuliya

Gloria Zelenko~Memory Eternal

In memory of Stella Branoff

Aunt Dorothy & family

Irina Sivergina

Sredich & George family

Tom, Linda, Peter & Marilyn

ETERNAL LIGHT AT THE ALTAR

In thanksgiving to God for the priestly ministry of Fr. Matthew on the anniversary of his ordination (May 14th)

His parish family



CHRIST IS RISEN! INDEED HE IS RISEN!

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

Happy Mother's Day to all of the mothers, Godmothers, grandmothers and aunts of our parish.



LUNCH, COFFEE & DESSERTS are provided today by Mary Abu-Aita & family in thanksgiving to God for His blessings upon Amir, Rimi and baby Zayn.

SPECIAL PARISH MEETING – SUNDAY, JUNE 3 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. **Presently we have two nominees to fill the two delegate positions available: Sharon Jernigan and J. Joseph Tome.** If you would like to submit a name for nomination, please see Fr. Matthew no later than May 25.

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

CHRIST IS RISEN! – MEMORY ETERNAL Gloria Zelenko fell asleep in the Lord on May 8. Visitation took place at Swartz Funeral on Friday and funeral was from church yesterday with interment at Evergreen Cemetery. May God grant her rest among the saints!

OUR CHARITY MINISTRIES

HOPE IN A BOX is collecting Bar & Hand Soap for the month of May. 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 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. There will also be flyers available to post in the community in mid May.

GRADUATIONS It's that time of year again. If you have anyone in your family that will be graduating from High School or College please let us know so that we may put their name in our June bulletin. We will need the following information no later than May, 15th. 1) Name of Graduate 2) School they are graduating from 3) If they are graduating with honors 4) Name of the parents and grandparents and 5) Where they will be attending in the fall if they are a high school graduate.

Weekly Schedule:

Tuesday, May 15

Book Club is cancelled until fall

Wednesday, May 16

No Liturgy

No Adult Ed class

6 pm

Vespers with Divine Liturgy at St. George for Ascension of our Lord
Fr. Matthew in Toledo

Thursday, May 17

ASCENSION OF OUR LORD

10 am

Divine Liturgy at St. Mary Magdalene for Ascension of our Lord
Fr. Matthew in Toledo

Saturday, May 19

1 pm

Crowning in Marriage of Teddy Stavridis and Jessica Newberry

5 pm

Vespers

Sunday, May 20

7th PASCHAL SUNDAY – FATHERS OF THE 1ST COUNCIL

9:30 am

Third Hour

10 am

Divine Liturgy

Offerings for the week May 6, 2018

<i>Weekly Offerings</i>	\$ 1,599.00
<i>Estimated Average Weekly Expenses</i>	\$ 4,034.03
	-\$ 2,435.03

70 people were in attendance on Sunday, May 6.

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