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The Gospel according to Saint John

21:1-14 (10th Matins Gospel)

After these things Jesus showed Himself again to the disciples at the Sea of Tiberias, and in this way He showed Himself: Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of His disciples were together. Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We are going with you also." They went out and immediately got into the boat, and that night they caught nothing. But when the morning had now come, Jesus stood on the shore; yet the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. Then Jesus said to them, "Children, have you any food?" They answered Him, "No." And He said to them, "Cast the net on the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So they cast, and now they were not able to draw it in because of the multitude of fish. Therefore that disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" Now when Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on his outer garment (for he had removed it), and plunged into the sea. But the other disciples came in the little boat (for they were not far from land, but about two hundred cubits), dragging the net with fish. Then, as soon as they had come to land, they saw a fire of coals there, and fish laid on it, and bread. Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish which you have just caught." Simon Peter went up and dragged the net to land, full of large fish, one hundred and fifty-three; and although there were so many, the net was not broken. Jesus said to them, "Come and eat breakfast." Yet none of the disciples dared ask Him, "Who are You?" – knowing that it was the Lord. Jesus then came and took the bread and gave it to them, and likewise the fish. This is now the third time Jesus showed Himself to His disciples after He was raised from the dead.

SUNDAY, MAY 20, 2018 7th SUNDAY OF PASCHA — Tone 6. The Three Hundred and Eighteen Holy Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council at Nicæa. Afterfeast of the Ascension. Martyr Thalelæus at Aegæ in Cilicia, and his companions, Martyrs Alexander and Asterius (ca. 284). Uncovering of the Relics of St. Aleksy, Metropolitan of Moscow and Wonderworker of All Russia (1431). Rt. Bly. Prince St. Dovmont (Timothy), Prince of Pskov (1299). Martyr Asclas of Egypt (ca. 287). Ven. Zabulon (Zebulon) and Sosanna (Susanna), parents of St. Nino, Enlightener of Georgia (1996).

FIRST ANTIPHON

Clap your hands, all peoples! Shout to God with loud songs of joy. **Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Savior save us!**

For the Lord, the Most High is terrible! A great God over all the earth! **Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Savior save us!**

He subdued peoples under us, and nations under our feet!
Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Savior save us!

God has gone up with a shout, the Lord with the sound of a trumpet! **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

Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised in the city of our God! **O Son of God who ascended in glory, save us who sing to Thee: Alleluia!**

Mount Zion, in the far north, the city of the great King! **O Son of God who ascended in glory, save us who sing to Thee: Alleluia!**

Within her citadels God is known when He defends her! **O Son of God who ascended in glory, save us who sing to Thee: Alleluia!**

For lo, the kings assembled; they came on together! **O Son of God who ascended in glory, 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

Hear this, all peoples! Give ear, all inhabitants of the world!

Troparion: O Christ our God, Thou hast ascended in glory, granting joy to Thy disciples by the promise of the Holy Spirit. Through the blessing they were assured that Thou art the Son of God, the Redeemer of the world!

The earth-born and the sons of men, rich and poor together!

Troparion: O Christ our God, Thou hast ascended in glory, granting joy to Thy disciples by the promise of the Holy Spirit. Through the blessing they were assured that Thou art the Son of God, the Redeemer of the world!

My mouth shall speak wisdom; the meditation of my heart shall be understanding.

Troparion: O Christ our God, Thou hast ascended in glory, granting joy to Thy disciples by the promise of the Holy Spirit. Through the blessing they were assured that Thou art the Son of God, the Redeemer of the world!

I will incline my ear to a proverb; I will solve my riddle in psalmody.

Troparion: O Christ our God, Thou hast ascended in glory, granting joy to Thy disciples by the promise of the Holy Spirit. Through the blessing they were assured that Thou art the Son of God, the Redeemer of the world!

TROPARIA

(Tone 6) The angelic powers were at Thy tomb the guards became as dead men. Mary stood by Thy grave, seeking Thy most pure Body. Thou didst capture hell, not being tempted by it. Thou didst come to the Virgin, granting life. O Lord who didst rise from the dead: glory to Thee!

(Tone 4) O Christ our God, Thou hast ascended in glory, granting joy to Thy disciples by the promise of the Holy Spirit. Through the blessing they were assured that Thou art the Son of God, the Redeemer of the world!

(Tone 8) Most glorious art Thou, O Christ our God! Thou hast established the Holy Fathers as light on the earth! Through them Thou hast guided us to the true faith! O greatly Compassionate One, glory to Thee!

(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 6) When Thou didst fulfill the Dispensation for our sake, and unite earth to heaven, Thou didst ascend in glory, O Christ our God, not being parted from those who love Thee, but remaining with them and crying: I am with you and no one will be against you!

The Prokeimenon in the Fourth Tone: Blessed art Thou, O Lord God of our Fathers / and praised and glorified is Thy name forever!

v. For Thou art just in all that Thou hast done for us!

THE READING FROM THE ACTS OF THE HOLY APOSTLES (20:16-18, 28-36) *In those days:* Paul had decided to sail past Ephesus, so that he might not have to spend time in Asia; for he was hastening to be at Jerusalem, if possible, on the day of Pentecost. And from Miletus he sent to Ephesus and called to him the elders of the church. And when they came to him, he said to them: "You yourselves know how I lived among you all the time from the first day that I set foot in Asia. Take heed to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to care for the church of God which he obtained with the blood of his own Son. I know that after my departure fierce wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock; and from among your own selves will arise men speaking perverse things, to draw away the disciples after them. Therefore be alert, remembering that for three years I did not cease night or day to admonish every one with tears. And now I commend you to God and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all those who are sanctified. I coveted no one's silver or gold or apparel. You yourselves know that these hands ministered to my necessities, and to those who were with me. In all things I have shown you that by so toiling one must help the weak, remembering the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'" And when he had spoken thus, he knelt down and prayed with them all.

Alleluia, Tone 1

v. The Lord, the God of gods, speaks and summons the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.

v. Gather to Me, My venerable ones, who made a covenant with Me by sacrifice.

THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO JOHN (17:1-13)

When Jesus had spoken these words, he lifted up his eyes to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify thy Son that the Son may glorify thee, since thou hast given him power over all flesh, to give eternal life to all whom thou hast given him. And this is eternal life, that they know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom thou hast sent. I glorified thee on earth, having accomplished the work which thou gavest me to do; and now, Father, glorify thou me in thy own presence with the glory which I had with thee before the world was made. "I have manifested thy name to the men whom thou gavest me out of the world; thine they were, and thou gavest them to me, and they have kept thy word. Now they know that everything that thou hast given me is from thee; for I have given them the words which thou gavest me, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from thee; and they have believed that thou didst send me. I am praying for them; I am not praying for the world but for those whom thou hast given me, for they are thine; all mine are thine, and thine are mine, and I am glorified in them. And now I am no more in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to thee. Holy Father, keep them in thy name, which thou hast given me, that they may be one, even as we are one. While I was with them, I kept them in thy name, which thou hast given me; I have guarded them, and none of them is lost but the son of perdition, that the scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to thee; and these things I speak in the world, that they may have my joy fulfilled in themselves.

WE SING "IT IS TRULY MEET TO BLESS YOU..."

COMMUNION HYMN

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

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

O Christ our God, Thou hast ascended in glory, granting joy to Thy disciples by the promise of the Holy Spirit. Through the blessing they were assured that Thou art the Son of God, the Redeemer of the world!

Orthodox Christian Prison Ministry (OCPM) Awareness Sunday (5/20)

St. Paul writes that our Savior wants all men to be saved and know the truth. St. Matthew writes that when we minister to those who are thirsty, hungry, naked, in need shelter, or sick or in prison we minister to Jesus Himself.

We write to inmates in prison and it can change a life. One inmate responds: "... the church my family were members of for four generations ... severed ties with me as

they have no prison ministry ... OCPM showed me a faith I could cling onto before I let it slip away. My eyes teared up upon receiving your letter ... I will require much prayer and counsel ... I have become callous in shame and non self forgiveness ...".

Our local parishes participate in the ministry of OCPM corresponding with about 15 inmates - most of them here in Michigan prisons - and also visiting where possible.

If you would like to learn more or support or serve in this ministry please see Dn. Mike Bassett or contact him at 989-627-9580 or frdnmike@gmail.com or go to www.theocpm.org.

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CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR THE HEALTH AND BLESSINGS OF

Blessings to all mothers

Health & God's blessings for Dorothy Goodman

Alexander on his graduation & Noah on his school journey

Fr. Tom, Fr. Dimitri, Fr. Anthony, Aaron, Amir, 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, my family and friends

Special Intention

The Panoff family

Alex & Eleni

Lena Bakousidis

Nancy, Tom, Danny & Megan

Their parents

Joe Tome

Joe Tome

Linda Branoff

Alex & Magda Popoff

CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR BLESSED REPOSE

Evanka Elieff (3 yrs.)~Blessed Repose

Peter Popoff & John Naum

Memory Eternal

Theodora Papalazarou

Memory Eternal~Evanka Elieff~Blessed Repose (3 yrs.)

Evdokia Ponomarenko

Alex, Kosta & Dimitra Georgopoulos

Dorothy & family

Alex & Magda Popoff

Lena Bakousidis

Her family

Lucy Hogg

Mary Batzos



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



COFFEE & PASTRIES are provided today by the family of Evanka Elieff for her three year memorial.

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

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.

Weekly Schedule:

Today 3 year memorial for Evanka Elieff following the veneration of the cross

Wednesday, May 23

9:30 am Divine Liturgy
11:15 am Adult Ed class

Friday, May 25

Third Finding of the Honorable Head of the Holy Glorious Prophet, Forerunner and Baptist John (ca. 850). — **Leavetaking of the Ascension.**

9:30 am Divine Liturgy

Saturday, May 26

Souls' Saturday

9 am Evergreen Cemetery (inside the chapel)
12:30 pm Crestwood Cemetery
1:30 pm Sunset Hills Cemetery
2:30 pm New Calvary Cemetery
5 pm Vespers with Litiya

Sunday, May 27

HOLY PENTECOST

9:30 am Third Hour
10 am Divine Liturgy followed by Kneeling Prayers of Pentecost
Parastas for Mary Anne Brayan
2 pm St. Nicholas Cemetery

Offerings for the week May 13, 2018

Weekly Offerings	\$ 1,587.00
Estimated Average Weekly Expenses	\$ 4,034.03
	-\$ 2,447.03

68 people were in attendance on Sunday, May 13.

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