

*May 6, 2018*

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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, MAY 6, 2018 5th SUNDAY OF PASCHA — Tone 4. Samaritan Woman. Righteous Job the Long-suffering (ca. 2000-1500 B.C.). Ven. Micah, disciple of Ven. Sergius of Radonezh (1385). Martyrs Barbarus the soldier, Bacchus, Callimachus, and Dionysius, in Morea (ca. 362). Martyr Barbarus in Thessaly, who was a robber.**

**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, O Christ our God, trampling down death by death, Who art one of the Holy Trinity, glorified with the Father and the Holy Spirit: 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 4)** When the women Disciples of the Lord learned from the Angel the joyous message of the Resurrection, they cast away the ancestral curse and elatedly told the Apostles: “Death is overthrown! Christ God is risen, // granting the world great mercy!”

**(Tone 8)** In the middle of the feast, O Savior, fill my thirsting soul with the waters of godliness as Thou didst cry to all: “If anyone thirst, let him come to Me and drink!” // O Christ God, Fountain of our life, 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 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 Third Tone: Sing praises to our God, sing praises! / Sing praises to our King, sing praises!***

**v: Clap your hands, all peoples! Shout to God with loud songs of joy!**

**THE READING FROM THE ACTS OF THE HOLY APOSTLES (11:19-26,29-30)** *In those days*, those who were scattered because of the persecution that arose over Stephen traveled as far as Phoenicia and Cyprus and Antioch, speaking the word to none except Jews. But there were some of them, men of Cyprus and Cyrene, who on coming to Antioch spoke to the Greeks also, preaching the Lord Jesus. And the hand of the Lord was with them, and a great number that believed turned to the Lord. News of this came to the ears of the church in Jerusalem, and they sent Barnabas to Antioch. When he came and saw the grace of God, he was glad; and he exhorted them all to remain faithful to the Lord with steadfast purpose; for he was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and of faith. And a large company

was added to the Lord. So Barnabas went to Tarsus to look for Saul; and when he had found him, he brought him to Antioch. For a whole year they met with the church, and taught a large company of people; and in Antioch the disciples were for the first time called Christians. And the disciples determined, every one according to his ability, to send relief to the brethren who lived in Judea; and they did so, sending it to the elders by the hand of Barnabas and Saul.

#### *Alleluia, Tone 4*

**v: Go forth, prosper and reign, for the sake of meekness, righteousness and truth!**

**v: For You love righteousness, and hate iniquity.**

**THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO SAINT JOHN (4:5-42)** At that time Jesus came to a city of Samaria, called Sychar, near the field that Jacob gave to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and so Jesus, wearied as he was with his journey, sat down beside the well. It was about the sixth hour. There came a woman of Samaria to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." For his disciples had gone away into the city to buy food. The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans. Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." The woman said to him, "Sir, you have nothing to draw with, and the well is deep; where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our father Jacob, who gave us the well, and drank from it himself, and his sons, and his cattle?" Jesus said to her, "Every one who drinks of this water will thirst again, but whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him will never thirst; the water that I shall give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life." The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, that I may not thirst, nor come here to draw." Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come here." The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband'; for you have had five husbands, and he whom you now have is not your husband; this you said truly." The woman said to him, "Sir, I perceive that you are a prophet. Our fathers worshiped on this mountain; and you say that in Jerusalem is the place where men ought to worship." Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem will you worship the Father. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for such the Father seeks to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth." The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is coming (he who is called Christ); when he comes, he will show us all things." Jesus said to her, "I who speak to you am he." Just then his disciples came. They marveled that he was talking with a woman, but none said, "What do you wish?" or, "Why are you talking with her?" So the woman left her water jar, and went away into the city, and said to the people, "Come, see a man who told me all that I ever did. Can this be the Christ?" They went out of the city and were coming to him. Meanwhile the disciples besought him, saying, "Rabbi, eat." But he said to them, "I have food to eat of which you do not know." So the disciples said to one another, "Has any one brought him food?" Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of him who sent me, and to accomplish his work. Do you not say, 'There are yet four months, then comes the harvest'? I tell you, lift up your eyes, and see how the fields are already white for harvest. He who reaps receives wages, and gathers fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. For here the saying holds true, 'One sows and another reaps.' I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor; others have labored, and you have entered into their labor." Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman's testimony, "He told me all that I ever did." So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there two days. And many more believed because of his word. They said to the woman, "It is no longer because of your words that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is indeed the Savior of the world."

#### **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.

## THE SUNDAY OF THE SAMARITAN WOMAN

The Holy Martyr Photina (Svetlana) the Samaritan Woman, her sons Victor (named Photinus) and Joses; and her sisters Anatola, Phota, Photis, Paraskeva, Kyriake; Nero's daughter Domnina; and the Martyr Sebastian: The holy Martyr Photina was the Samaritan Woman, with whom the Savior conversed at Jacob's Well (John. 4:5-42). During the time of the emperor Nero (54-68), who displayed excessive cruelty against Christians, Saint Photina lived in Carthage with her younger son Joses and fearlessly preached the Gospel there. Her eldest son Victor fought bravely in the Roman army against barbarians, and was appointed military commander in the city of Attalia (Asia Minor). Later, Nero called him to Italy to arrest and punish Christians. Sebastian, an official in Italy, said to Saint Victor, "I know that you, your mother and your brother, are followers of Christ. As a friend I advise you to submit to the will of the emperor. If you inform on any Christians, you will receive their wealth. I shall write to your mother and brother, asking them not to preach Christ in public. Let them practice their faith in secret." Saint Victor replied, "I want to be a preacher of Christianity like my mother and brother." Sebastian said, "O Victor, we all know what woes await you, your mother and brother." Then Sebastian suddenly felt a sharp pain in his eyes. He was dumbfounded, and his face was somber. For three days he lay there blind, without uttering a word. On the fourth day he declared, "The God of the Christians is the only true God." Saint Victor asked why Sebastian had suddenly changed his mind. Sebastian replied, "Because Christ is calling me." Soon he was baptized, and immediately regained his sight. Saint Sebastian's servants, after witnessing the miracle, were also baptized. Reports of this reached Nero, and he commanded that the Christians be brought to him at Rome. Then the Lord Himself appeared to the confessors and said, "Fear not, for I am with you. Nero, and all who serve him, will be vanquished." The Lord said to Saint Victor, "From this day forward, your name will be Photinus, because through you, many will be enlightened and will believe in Me." The Lord then told the Christians to strengthen and encourage Saint Sebastian to persevere until the end. All these things, and even future events, were revealed to Saint Photina. She left Carthage in the company of several Christians and joined the confessors in Rome. At Rome the emperor ordered the saints to be brought before him and he asked them whether they truly believed in Christ. All the confessors refused to renounce the Savior. Then the emperor gave orders to smash the martyrs' finger joints. During the torments, the confessors felt no pain, and their hands remained unharmed. Nero ordered that Saints Sebastian, Photinus and Joses be blinded and locked up in prison, and Saint Photina and her five sisters Anatola, Phota, Photis, Paraskeva and Kyriake were sent to the imperial court under the supervision of Nero's daughter Domnina. Saint Photina converted both Domnina and all her servants to Christ. She also converted a sorcerer, who had brought her poisoned food to kill her. Three years passed, and Nero sent to the prison for one of his servants, who had been locked up. The messengers reported to him that Saints Sebastian, Photinus and Joses, who had been blinded, had completely recovered, and that people were visiting them to hear their preaching, and indeed the whole prison had been transformed into a bright and fragrant place where God was glorified. Nero then gave orders to crucify the saints, and to beat their naked bodies with straps. On the fourth day the emperor sent servants to see whether the martyrs were still alive. But, approaching the place of the tortures, the servants fell blind. An angel of the Lord freed the martyrs from their crosses and healed them. The saints took pity on the blinded servants, and restored their sight by their prayers to the Lord. Those who were healed came to believe in Christ and were soon baptized. In an impotent rage Nero gave orders to flay the skin from Saint Photina and to throw the martyr down a well. Sebastian, Photinus and Joses had their legs cut off, and they were thrown to dogs, and then had their skin flayed off. The sisters of Saint Photina also suffered terrible torments. Nero gave orders to cut off their breasts and then to flay their skin. An expert in cruelty, the emperor readied the fiercest execution for Saint Photis: they tied her by the feet to the tops of two bent-over trees. When the ropes were cut the trees sprang upright and tore the martyr apart. The emperor ordered the others beheaded. Saint Photina was removed from the well and locked up in prison for twenty days. After this Nero had her brought to him and asked if she would now relent and offer sacrifice to the idols. Saint Photina spit in the face of the emperor, and laughing at him, said, "O most impious of the blind, you profligate and stupid man! Do you think me so deluded that I would consent to renounce my Lord Christ and instead offer sacrifice to idols as blind as you?" Hearing such words, Nero gave orders to again throw the martyr down the well, where she surrendered her soul to God (ca. 66). On the Greek Calendar, Saint Photina is commemorated on February 26.

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**CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR THE HEALTH AND BLESSINGS OF**

God's blessings for good health for our grandchildren & their parents  
Health & blessings and a quick recovery from surgery for Stephanie Stikovich  
Healing for Raegan Hogg  
Special Intentions~Thank You Sharon, Kathy Gonser & Allison  
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  
Sretna Slava – St. George – Kumovi Stojan, Mira, and family  
Sretna Slava for Janja and family  
Sretna Slava for Rade, Milica, and family  
Adam George – Safe travels! God be with you on your new journey as you swear  
into the US Navy on Thursday, May 10. Love -

Angelo & Chrisine  
Allison Borkovich  
Lucy Hogg  
Connie Maxim

Joe Tome  
Joe Tome  
Bosa Kantar  
Bosa Kantar  
Bosa Kantar

Mom, Dad, Babi, Jedo, Kara  
and Eli

**CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR BLESSED REPOSE**

Theresa J. Karayanis (1 yr.)  
Stella Branoff (9 yrs.) 5/6/18  
Evangelia Bakousidis & Theodora and Kosta Papalazarou

Alex Karayanis & family  
Tom, Linda, Peter & Marilyn  
Lena Bakousidis



**CHRIST IS RISEN! INDEED HE IS RISEN!**

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



**COFFEE & DONUTS** are provided today by Alex Karayanis & family in memory of Theresa Karayanis (1 yr.)

**AXIOS! WORTHY!** Deacon Luke was given the rank of Protodeacon by the Synod of Bishops of the Orthodox Church in America for his years of faithful service. Congratulations to him and Diakonissa Kathy and their family.

**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 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup>. Get a jump on that spring cleaning & bring in your donations. 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.

**PARISH COUNCIL MEETING** May 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:30. Please plan on attending & check your email prior to the meeting for the agenda, minutes, and reports.

**CHRIST IS RISEN! – MEMORY ETERNAL** Susan Goodman, wife of Mike, mother of Ben, daughter-in-law of John and Rose Goodman, fell asleep in the Lord on May 2. Visitation today from 1 to 9 pm at Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Home, 705 W 11 Mile Road, Royal Oak, MI. Tomorrow visitation at 10 am at Guardian Angels Catholic Church, 581 E 14 Mile Road, Clawson, MI with funeral Mass at 10:30 am and inurnment at Oakview Cemetery, Royal Oak, MI. May God grant her rest among the saints!

**Weekly Schedule:**

**Today**                      **BINGO & Lunch**

**Monday, May 7**            **Father Matthew in Toledo**

**Tuesday, May 8**

6 pm                      Book Club  
6:30 pm                Parish Council

**Wednesday, May 9**      **TRANSLATION OF THE RELICS OF ST NICHOLAS FROM MYRA TO BARI**

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

**Friday, May 11**            **SS. CYRIL & METHODIUS, EQUALS TO THE APOSTLES  
AND ENLIGHTENERS OF THE SLAVS**

9:30 am                Divine Liturgy in Church Slavonic

**Saturday, May 12**

5 pm                      Vespers

**Sunday, May 13**            **6<sup>TH</sup> PASCHAL SUNDAY – THE MAN BORN BLIND**

9:30 am                Third Hour  
10 am                    Divine Liturgy  
*Mother's Day*

**Offerings for the week April 29, 2018**

<i>Weekly Offerings</i>	\$ 1,625.00
<i>Estimated Average Weekly Expenses</i>	\$ 4,034.03
	<b>-\$ 2,409.03</b>

*99 people were in attendance on Sunday, April 29.*

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