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The Holy Gospel according to Luke

24:1-12 (4th Matins Gospel)

Now on the first day of the week, very early in the morning, they, and certain other women with them, came to the tomb bringing the spices which they had prepared. But they found the stone rolled away from the tomb. Then they went in and did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. And it happened, as they were greatly perplexed about this, that behold, two men stood by them in shining garments. Then, as they were afraid and bowed their faces to the earth, they said to them, “Why do you seek the living among the dead? He is not here, but is risen! Remember how He spoke to you when He was still in Galilee, saying, ‘The Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, and be crucified, and the third day rise again.’ And they remembered His words. Then they returned from the tomb and told all these things to the eleven and to all the rest. It was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them, who told these things to the apostles. And their words seemed to them like idle tales, and they did not believe them. But Peter arose and ran to the tomb; and stooping down, he saw the linen cloths lying by themselves; and he departed, marveling to himself at what had happened.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 2018 26th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST — Tone 1. Leavetaking of the Entry Into the Temple. Holy Equal-to-the-Apostles Clement, Bishop of Ochrid and Enlightener of the Bulgarians (916). Hieromartyr Clement, Pope of Rome (101). Hieromartyr Peter, Archbishop of Alexandria (311). St. Peter Galata of Syria (ca. 429).

FIRST ANTIPHON

Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised; in the city of our God.

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

Glorious things are spoken of you, O city of God.

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

Within her citadels, God has shown Himself a sure defense. **Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Savior save us!**

As we have heard, so have we seen in the city of the Lord of Hosts, in the city of our God.

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 is in the midst of her, she shall not be moved.

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

Honor and majesty are before Him; strength and beauty are in His sanctuary.

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

This is the gate of the Lord, the righteous shall enter through it.

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

We shall be satisfied with the goodness of Thy house, Thy holy temple.

Save us, O Son of God, who rose 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

Even the rich among the people shall entreat your favor.

(Tone 4) Today is the preview of the good will of God, of the preaching of the salvation of mankind. The Virgin appears in the Temple of God, in anticipation proclaiming Christ to all. Let us rejoice and sing to her:// “Rejoice, O divine Fulfillment of the Creator’s dispensation!”

The King’s daughter is all glorious within; her clothing is of wrought gold.

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Virgins shall be brought to the King after her; her companion shall be brought to You.

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TROPARIA

(Tone 1) When the stone had been sealed by the Jews, while the soldiers were guarding Thy most pure body, Thou didst rise on the third day, O Savior, granting life to the world. The powers of heaven therefore cried to Thee, O Giver of Life: “Glory to Thy Resurrection, O Christ! Glory to Thy Kingdom! // Glory to Thy dispensation, O Thou Who lovest mankind!”

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(Tone 4) By words you guided nations toward faith in God. By works you kindled for yourself an all-blessed life. By signs you wondrously guide those who draw near in faith toward a divine and ungrieving life, bearing a torch at evening. Therefore we celebrate your divine memory, O Clement.

(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 4) The most pure Temple of the Savior; the precious Chamber and Virgin; the sacred Treasure of the glory of God, is presented today to the house of the Lord. She brings with her the grace of the Spirit, which the Angels of God do praise. “Truly this woman is the abode of Heaven!

The Prokeimenon in the First Tone: My mouth shall speak wisdom, / and the meditation of my heart shall be understanding.

v. Hear this, all nations; give ear, all inhabitants of the world.

THE EPISTLE OF PAUL TO THE HEBREWS (7:26-8:2) Brethren: it was fitting that we should have such a high priest, holy, blameless, unstained, separated from sinners, exalted above the heavens. He has no need, like those high priests, to offer sacrifices daily, first for his own sins and then for those of the people; he did this once for all when he offered up himself. Indeed, the law appoints men in their weakness as high priests, but the word of the oath, which came later than the law, appoints a Son who has been made perfect for ever. Now the point in what we are saying is this: we have such a high priest, one who is seated at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in heaven, a minister in the sanctuary and the true tent which is set up not by man but by the Lord.

Alleluia, Tone 1

v. God gives vengeance to me, and subdues people under me.

v. He magnifies the salvation of the king, and deals mercifully with His Christ, with David and his seed forever.

THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO LUKE (18:18-27) At that time a ruler asked Jesus, “Good Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?” And Jesus said to him, “Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: ‘Do not commit adultery, Do not kill, Do not steal, Do not bear false witness, Honor your father and mother.’” And he said, “All these I have observed from my youth.” And when Jesus heard it, he said to him, “One thing you still lack. Sell all that you have and distribute to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me.” But when he heard this he became sad, for he was very rich. Jesus looking at him said, “How hard it is for those who have riches to enter the kingdom of God! For it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God.” Those who heard it said, “Then who can be saved?” But he said, “What is impossible with men is possible with God.”

INSTEAD OF “IT IS TRULY MEET...”

The angels beheld the entrance of the Pure One and were amazed! How has the Virgin entered into the Holy of Holies! As you are a living Temple of God, let no impure hand touch you, O Theotokos! But let the lips of all believers sing, constantly magnifying you in joy with the angelic salutation: Truly you are above all creatures, O Pure One!

COMMUNION HYMN

I will receive the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

THE ENTRY OF THE MOST HOLY MOTHER OF GOD INTO THE TEMPLE NOVEMBER 21

According to Holy Tradition, the Entry of the Most Holy Theotokos into the Temple took place in the following manner. The parents of the Virgin Mary, Saints Joachim and Anna, praying for an end to their childlessness, vowed that if a child were born to them, they would dedicate it to the service of God.

When the Most Holy Virgin reached the age of three, the holy parents decided to fulfill their vow. They gathered together their relatives and acquaintances, and dressed the All-Pure Virgin in Her finest clothes. Singing sacred songs and with lighted candles in their hands, virgins escorted Her to the Temple (Ps. 44/45:14-15). There the High Priest and several priests met the handmaiden of God. In the Temple, fifteen high steps led to the sanctuary, which only the priests and High Priest could enter. (Because they recited a Psalm on each step, Psalms 119/120-133/134 are called “Psalms of Ascent.”) The child Mary, so it seemed, could not make it up this stairway. But just as they placed Her on the first step, strengthened by the power of God, She quickly went up the remaining steps and ascended to the highest one. Then the High Priest, through inspiration from above, led the Most Holy Virgin into the Holy of Holies, where only the High Priest entered once a year to offer a purifying sacrifice of blood. Therefore, all those present in the Temple were

astonished at this most unusual occurrence.

After entrusting their child to the Heavenly Father, Joachim and Anna returned home. The All-Holy Virgin remained in the quarters for virgins near the Temple. According to the testimony of Holy Scripture (Exodus 38; 1 Kings 1: 28; Luke 2: 37), and also the historian Josephus Flavius, there were many living quarters around the Temple, in which those who were dedicated to the service of God dwelt.

The earthly life of the Most Holy Theotokos from Her infancy until She was taken up to Heaven is shrouded in deep mystery. Her life at the Jerusalem Temple was also a secret. "If anyone were to ask me," said Saint Jerome, "how the Most Holy Virgin spent the time of Her youth, I would answer that that is known to God Himself and the Archangel Gabriel, Her constant guardian."

But there are accounts in Church Tradition, that during the All-Pure Virgin's stay at the Temple, She grew up in a community of pious virgins, diligently read the Holy Scripture, occupied Herself with handicrafts, prayed constantly, and grew in love for God. From ancient times, the Church has celebrated the Feast of the Entry of the Most Holy Theotokos into the Temple. Indications that the Feast was observed in the first centuries of Christianity are found in the traditions of Palestinian Christians, which say that the holy Empress Helen (May 21) built a church in honor of the Entry of the Most Holy Theotokos into the Temple.

Saint Gregory of Nyssa, in the fourth century, also mentions this Feast. In the eighth century Saints Germanus and Tarasius, Patriarchs of Constantinople, delivered sermons on the Feast of the Entry. *from* www.oca.org

The feast is celebrated on November 21 and we continue to celebrate it until November 25.

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CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR THE HEALTH AND BLESSINGS OF

Health of Numko Angelo Panoff

Gonser family

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

Joe Tome

Special Intention

Joe Tome

Alex & Mary

Alex & Magda

CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR BLESSED REPOSE

Peter Popoff & John Naum

Alex & Magda

Memory Eternal~Blessed Repose Helen Bibilikow (4 yrs.)

Nancy, Tom, Danny & Megan



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

COFFEE & DONUTS  Volunteers are needed for the months December & January. Please see the signup sheet outside the kitchen.

MANY YEARS! Alexander, son of Jessica and Michael Chevalier, was born on Monday, November 19 at Hurley Hospital. He joins his brothers James, Dante, and Julius.

NOISY OFFERING With your spare change collected by our youth last Sunday the last five children on our Angel Tree were sponsored. God bless all of you for your generosity!

ANGEL PROGRAM All 52 children have been sponsored. Gifts need to be placed in a gift bag or wrapped but **you must include the child's names and code number on the gift tag.** Gift range is between \$30 & \$40 per child. Please return the gifts by December 2, placing them in the library. If there are any questions, please contact Connie Maxim (810-603-7717).



ST. NICHOLAS DAY CELEBRATION December 2nd after Liturgy. Archbishop Alexander & St. Nicholas will be visiting. There is a sign-up sheet in the Parish Hall for the potluck. You will find an envelope in your box of offering envelopes for St. Nicholas Day.

COOKIE WALK will be held on Saturday, December 8th from 10 am to 1 pm. This requires help from many volunteers. Please call Lucy Hogg at 810-695-3110 or 810-241-0062 to volunteer whether with baking cookies, set-up, the day of the sale, or the break-down of the hall following the sale. The baked goods need to be delivered by Friday December 7th before 3 pm. There are sign-up sheets & fliers in the parish hall. Please help spread the word by posting fliers in your community.

BAKING WORKSHOPS There will be a poppy seed roll/nut roll workshop Monday, November 26th at 10 am. *Everyone is welcome!*
 December 3rd at 10 am Fr. Matthew will be baking cookies & would appreciate 4-5 people to help.
 December 15th at 10 am will be a workshop to bake Prosfor bread.

KITCHEN USE If you want to use the kitchen for baking please call the office to have it put on the calendar, insuring it's available when you need it.

CHRISTMAS GREETING If you would like to have your name(s) included in the annual Christmas greetings list please call or leave the info. in the office no later than December 10th. Please make a donation.

KROGER COMMUNITY REWARDS Remember to give the cashier our Non Profit Organization #85687 when checking out. They send a check to St. Nicholas for a portion of everything participants spend in their stores.

HOLIDAY PASTRY SALE Assumption is having their holiday pastry sale & luncheon on December 6th, 11 am – 1:30pm. Lunch is \$10 & the deadline to pre-order pastries is November 25th. There are fliers in the parish hall with more details.

FACEBOOK PAGE Please visit and follow our parish Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/stnicholasburton>

HOPE IN A BOX is collecting **blankets & coats** (can be gently used) for the month of November. 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.

WINTER WARM UP Catholic Charities is in need of hats, gloves, scarves, socks, boots, coats & other warm winter gear. For more information call 810-265-7025. Donations can be dropped off Mon-Fri 9:30-3:30 at 812 Root St, Flint.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES' COMMUNITY CLOSET provides clothing, household items (dishes, linens, toys, books etc.), and personal hygiene items to people in need. We are seeking individuals and groups willing to lend a hand accepting and organizing donations. Please prayerfully consider whether God might be calling you, your friends, your youth group, or organization to serve just a few hours a month.



- **December 17th**, 10 am we will be decorating the church inside for Christmas. Many hands make the work light. Please come & help.
- **December 30th**, Caroling at Lockwood after coffee hour. Everyone is welcome.

Weekly Schedule:

Monday, Nov. 26

10 am Nut roll/poppy seed roll workshop

Tuesday, Nov. 27

Fr. Matthew in Toledo

Wednesday, Nov. 28

9:30am Divine Liturgy

11:15 am Adult Ed class

Saturday, Dec. 1

Archbishop Alexander's Visit

3 pm

The Theology of the Old Testament – a talk by Archbishop Alexander

5 pm

Vespers

Sunday, Dec. 2

Archbishop Alexander's Visit

9:45 am

Greeting and vesting Archbishop Alexander

10 am

Pontifical Divine Liturgy

St. Nicholas Day Potluck

Offerings for the week November 18, 2018

<i>Weekly Offerings</i>	\$ 975.00
<i>Estimated Average Weekly Expenses</i>	\$ 4,034.03
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76 people were in attendance on Sunday, November 18th.

“Sacrifice everything for Christ. For Christ, though, not for anything or anyone.” St. Paisios