

**October 1, 2017**

*Bulletin*

*St. Nicholas Orthodox Church*

*Orthodox Church in America*

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**The Gospel according to Saint Luke  
24:36-53 (6th Matins Gospel)**

Now as they said these things, Jesus Himself stood in the midst of them, and said to them, “Peace to you.” But they were terrified and frightened, and supposed they had seen a spirit. And He said to them, “Why are you troubled? And why do doubts arise in your hearts? Behold My hands and My feet, that it is I Myself. Handle Me and see, for a spirit does not have flesh and bones as you see I have. When He had said this, He showed them His hands and His feet. But while they still did not believe for joy, and marveled, He said to them, “Have you any food here?” So they gave Him a piece of a broiled fish and some honeycomb. And He took it and ate in their presence. Then He said to them, “These are the words which I spoke to you while I was still with you, that all things must be fulfilled which were written in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms concerning Me.” And He opened their understanding, that they might comprehend the Scriptures. Then He said to them, “Thus it is written, and thus it was necessary for the Christ to suffer and to rise from the dead the third day, and that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in His name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. And you are witnesses of these things. Behold, I send the Promise of My Father upon you; but tarry in the city of Jerusalem until you are endued with power from on high. And He led them out as far as Bethany, and He lifted up His hands and blessed them. Now it came to pass, while He blessed them, that He was parted from them and carried up into heaven. And they worshiped Him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy, and were continually in the temple praising and blessing God. Amen.

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2017 17th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST — Tone 8. The Protection (Pokrov) of our Most Holy Lady Theotokos and Ever-Virgin Mary . Ven. Romanus the Melodist (“Sweet-singer”—5th c.). Apostle of the Seventy Ananias (1st c.). Ven. Savva (Sabbas), Abbot of Vishera (Novgorod—1461). Martyr Dominus of Thessalonica (4th c.). Martyr Michael, Abbot in Armenia, and 36 Fathers with him (780-790). Commemoration of the Appearance of the Pillar with the Robe of the Lord under it at Mtskhet in Georgia (4th c.). Ven. John (Koukouzelis) the Hymnographer of Mt. Athos (Albanian—12th c.). Ven. Gregory of Lavra (Mt. Athos—12th c.). The PSKOV-PROTECTION Icon of the Most-holy Theotokos.**

**TROPARIA**

**(Tone 8)** Thou didst descend from on high, O Merciful One! Thou didst accept the three-day burial to free us from our sufferings! O Lord, our Life and Resurrection: glory to Thee!

**(Tone 4)** Today the faithful celebrate the feast with joy, illumined by your coming, O Mother of God. Beholding your pure image, we fervently cry to you: “Encompass us beneath the precious veil of your protection; deliver us from every form of evil by entreating Christ, your Son and our God,// that He may save our souls.”

**(Tone 4)** You gladdened Christ’s Church by your melodies / like an inspired heavenly trumpet. / You were enlightened by the Mother of God / and shone on the world as God’s poet. / We lovingly honor you, righteous Romanus.

**(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 3)** Today the Virgin stands in the midst of the Church, and with choirs of saints she invisibly prays to God for us. Angels and bishops worship, Apostles and Prophets rejoice together,// since for our sake she prays to the pre-eternal God.

***The Prokeimenon in the Third Tone: My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.***

**v: For He has regarded the low estate of His handmaiden; for behold henceforth all generations will call me blessed.**

**THE READING FROM THE EPISTLE OF THE HOLY APOSTLE PAUL TO THE**

**HEBREWS (9:1-7)** Now even the first covenant had regulations for worship and an earthly sanctuary. For a tent was prepared, the outer one, in which were the lampstand and the table and the bread of the Presence; it is called the Holy Place. Behind the second curtain stood a tent called the Holy of Holies, having the golden altar of incense and the ark of the covenant covered on all sides with gold, which contained a golden urn holding the manna, and Aaron's rod that budded, and the tables of the covenant; above it were the cherubim of glory overshadowing the mercy seat. Of these things we cannot now speak in detail. These preparations having thus been made, the priests go continually into the outer tent, performing their ritual duties; but into the second only the high priest goes, and he but once a year, and not without taking blood which he offers for himself and for the errors of the people.

***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 READING FROM THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO LUKE (6:31-36)**

At that time, Jesus told His disciples, "As you wish that men would do to you, do so to them. If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. And if you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. But love your enemies, and do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return; and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the selfish. Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful."

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

**After the dismissal there will be a procession to the Shrine of the Theotokos which Archbishop Alexander will re-dedicate. Rib dinner following.**

**THE PROTECTION OF THE MOST HOLY THEOTOKOS (Oct. 1):** This miraculous appearance of the Mother of God occurred in the mid-tenth century in Constantinople, in the Blachernae church where her robe, veil, and part of her belt were preserved after being transferred from Palestine in the fifth century.

On Sunday, October 1, during the All Night Vigil, when the church was overflowing with those at prayer, the Fool-for-Christ Saint Andrew (October 2), at the fourth hour, lifted up his eyes towards the heavens and beheld our most Holy Lady Theotokos coming through the air, resplendent with heavenly light and surrounded by an assembly of the Saints. Saint John the Baptist and the holy Apostle John the Theologian accompanied the Queen of Heaven. On bended knees the Most Holy Virgin tearfully prayed for Christians for a long time. Then, coming near the Bishop's Throne, she continued her prayer.

After completing her prayer she took her veil and spread it over the people praying in church, protecting them from enemies both visible and invisible. The Most Holy Lady Theotokos was resplendent with heavenly glory, and the protecting veil in her hands gleamed "more than the rays of the sun." Saint Andrew gazed trembling at the miraculous vision and he asked his disciple, the blessed Epiphanius standing beside him, "Do you see, brother, the Holy Theotokos, praying for all the world?" Epiphanius answered, "I do see, holy Father, and I am in awe."

The Ever-Blessed Mother of God implored the Lord Jesus Christ to accept the prayers of all the people calling on His Most Holy Name, and to respond speedily to her intercession, "O Heavenly King, accept all those who pray to You and call on my name for help. Do not let them go away from my icon unheard."

Saints Andrew and Epiphanius were worthy to see the Mother of God at prayer, and "for a long time observed the Protecting Veil spread over the people and shining with flashes of glory.

As long as the Most Holy Theotokos was there, the Protecting Veil was also visible, but with her departure it also became invisible. After taking it with her, she left behind the grace of her visitation.”

On the Feast of the Protection of the Most Holy Theotokos we implore the defense and assistance of the Queen of Heaven, “Remember us in your prayers, O Lady Virgin Mother of God, that we not perish by the increase of our sins. Protect us from every evil and from grievous woes, for in you do we hope, and venerating the Feast of your Protection, we magnify you.” *from www.oca.org*

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

Dr. Peter & Judy McLeod and Helen Iwanoff

God’s blessing & good health and strength for my husband Nick

John Goodman Happy~93<sup>rd</sup> Birthday. God’s Blessings.

Fr. Tom, Fr. Gabriel, Deacon Anthony, Deacon Michael, Aaron, Reggie, Allen, Deborah, Joann, Gloria, Luba, Kosta, Jimmy, Laurie, David, Helen, Anna, Walt, Zina, Dorothy, Michael, Allison, Stojan, Mira, Bosa, Jeanette, Nicholas, Margaret, Gladys, Ted, Marlene, my family and friends

Special Intention

Teri, Hayden, & Jeremy Hogg, Heather, Raegan, & Chris Hogg, Nadja, Sean, & Auden Berneche

God’s blessings & good health to our grandson Andrew on his 3<sup>rd</sup> birthday (Sept. 25<sup>th</sup>) and to our granddaughter Angela on her 9<sup>th</sup> birthday (Sept. 29<sup>th</sup>)

Dorothy Goodman

Connie Maxim

Dorothy & family

Joe Tome

Joe Tome

Lucy Hogg

Baba & Dedo

**CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR BLESSED REPOSE**

Themiana Brown (Sept. 28<sup>th</sup> 25 yrs.) Blessed Repose Memory Eternal

Dorothy & family



**WELCOME** to all our friends and visitors.



**COFFEE HOUR** Volunteers are needed to help serve coffee and donuts for the month of October. Please see the sign-up sheet outside of the kitchen.

**PROSFORA BAKERS** We need loaves for the Liturgy. If you are able, please bake some and drop them off at the office during the week. The office is open 9-3 Mon., Tue., Wed., & Fri. God repay you!

**KONEVETS QUARTET** will be at St. Nicholas for a return engagement on Wednesday, October 4 at 6:30 pm. Join us for an evening of Traditional Russian Folk & Church Music. Public is welcome. This event is Free there will be a collection taken that will benefit the Konevets Monastery. We are in need of refreshments (cookies, brownies, fruit etc.) There is a sign-up sheet in the parish hall for refreshments. **We also need someone to coordinate food for the four singers. You do not have to make it or buy it but simply coordinate what food and from where. Please see Matushka Lisa if you can volunteer.**

**\*We need to distribute fliers for the Konevets Quartet concert to places such as Flint Institute of Music, U of M Flint, etc. A flier has already been dropped off at the Flint Farmers' Market. Fliers are available on a table in the parish hall for you to pick up and distribute. We need your help. Please let the office know where you dropped the fliers off so we can keep track of where we have reached. Thank you.**

**ORTHODOX BOOK CLUB**

We continue in our current book "The Sayings of the Desert Fathers" throughout September and October meeting from 6 PM to 8 PM at St. George Church. Target reading is the first 43 pages - through Bessarion. Here is one of the wonderful sayings you will encounter:

*Abba Amoun of Nitria came to see Abba Anthony and said to him, "Since my rule is stricter than yours how is it that your name is better known than mine is?" Abba Anthony answered, "It is because I love God more than you."* (p 31).

Looking forward to seeing you on Tuesday!

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## OUR CHARITY MINISTRIES

For everyone who has shared in our journey, working to bring **Help and Hope to Flint**, we ask you to join us on **Friday, October 27 from 1-4 p.m.** as we open our newly refurbished **Sr. Claudia Burke Center for Hope**. Please RSVP to 810-265-7025 x1 or mstevenson@ccsgc.org



**HOPE IN A BOX** is collecting **SOCKS** for the month of October. 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

## ELECTION OF PARISH COUNCIL, AUDITORS, AND LAY DELEGATES

As of September 25, 2017 the nominees are:

### Parish Council Nominees (3 need to be elected)

Roseanne Bagale      Jo Ann Havens  
Bill Economou      Shari Nicoloff  
Susan Ford

### Auditors Nominees (2 need to be elected)

Christine Panoff      Mary Batzos  
Joseph Tome

If your name is listed above and you **do not** wish to run for the parish council or auditor, please call the parish office at 810-744-0070.

### 2018 Diocesan Conference Lay Delegate Nominees (1 will be elected)

Joseph Tome

### 2018 All-American Council Lay Delegate Nominees (1 will be elected)

Joseph Tome

The annual elections will take place on Sunday, November 5<sup>th</sup>.

\*\*\*Absentee Ballots will be made available in the parish office beginning October 22\*\*\*

### Weekly Schedule:

#### Tuesday, Oct. 3

6 pm- 8 pm

#### **Father Matthew in Toledo**

Book Club - *The Sayings of the Desert Fathers*

#### Wednesday, Oct. 4

9 am

Divine Liturgy

11 am

Adult Ed. Classes

6:30 pm

Konevets Quartet

#### Thursday, Oct. 5

9 am to 12:30 pm

North End Soup Kitchen

#### Saturday, Oct. 7

5 pm

Vespers

#### Sunday, Oct. 8

9:30 am

Third Hour

10 am

Divine Liturgy

Church School

### Offerings for the week September 24, 2017

Weekly Offerings	\$1,678.00
Estimated Average Weekly Expenses	\$4,034.03
	<b>-\$2,356.03</b>

87 people were in attendance on  
Sunday, September 24, 2017

**“I knew a man who loved other people so much that he said ‘God, I want to save my brethren and to save everybody. If you don’t save everybody, I don’t want you to save me either. Because I can’t see what Paradise would be without everybody else.’” *Saint Symeon the New Theologian***