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Bulletin

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The Gospel according to Saint John

20:19-31 (9th Matins Gospel)

Then, the same day at evening, being the first day of the week, when the doors were shut where the disciples were assembled, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in the midst, and said to them, "Peace be with you." When He had said this, He showed them His hands and His side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. So Jesus said to them again, "Peace to you! As the Father has sent Me, I also send you." And when He had said this, He breathed on them, and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained. Now Thomas, called the Twin, one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. The other disciples therefore said to him, "We have seen the Lord." So he said to them, "Unless I see in His hands the print of the nails, and put my finger into the print of the nails, and put my hand into His side, I will not believe." And after eight days His disciples were again inside, and Thomas with them. Jesus came, the doors being shut, and stood in the midst, and said, "Peace to you!" Then He said to Thomas, "Reach your finger here, and look at My hands; and reach your hand here, and put it into My side. Do not be unbelieving, but believing." And Thomas answered and said to Him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Thomas, because you have seen Me, you have believed. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed." And truly Jesus did many other signs in the presence of His disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His name.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2017 20th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST — Tone 3. Holy Equal-to-the-Apostles Abercius, Bishop and Wonderworker of Hieropolis (ca. 167). The Holy Seven Youths ("Seven Sleepers") of Ephesus: Maximilian, Jamblicus, Martinian, John, Dionysius, Exacustodian (Constantine), and Antonius (ca. 250). Martyrs Alexander the Bishop, Heraclius, Anna, Elizabeth, Theodota, and Glyceria (Glykéria), at Adrianopolis (2nd-3rd c.). The "KAZAN" Icon of the Most-holy Theotokos (commemorating the deliverance of Moscow and Russia from the Poles in 1612).

TROPARIA

(Tone 3) Let the heavens rejoice! Let the earth be glad! For the Lord has shown strength with His arm. He has trampled down Death by death. He has become the first-born of the dead. He has delivered us from the depths of Hell, and has granted to the world great mercy.

(Tone 5) You emulated the zeal of the Apostles / and shone forth like a morning star, / and your works showed your God-given power: / you guided the erring to God, / O hierarch Abercius.

(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) Protection of Christians never failing, Mediatrix before the Creator, ever constant. Do not despise the voice of prayer of sinners, but in your goodness come to help us who faithfully call upon you. Hasten to entreat, hurry to pray, O Theotokos, interceding always for those honor you.

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 ye people, shout to God with loud songs of joy.

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

(1:11-19) *Brethren:* I would have you know that the gospel which was preached by me is not man's gospel. For I did not receive it from man, nor was I taught it, but it came through a revelation of Jesus Christ. For you have heard of my former life in Judaism, how I persecuted the church of God violently and tried to destroy it; and I advanced in Judaism beyond many of my own age among my people, so extremely zealous was I for the traditions of my fathers. But when he who had set me apart before I was born, and had called me through his grace, was pleased to reveal his Son to me, in order that I might preach him among the Gentiles, I did not confer with flesh and blood, nor did I go up to Jerusalem to those who were apostles before me, but I went away into Arabia; and again I returned to Damascus. Then after three years I went up to Jerusalem to visit Cephas, and remained with him fifteen days. But I saw none of the other apostles except James the Lord's brother.

Alleluia, Tone 3

v. In Thee, O Lord, have I placed my hope; let me not be put to shame.

v. Be Thou a God of protection for me, a house of refuge in order to save me.

THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO LUKE (8:26-39) At that time Jesus arrived at the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. And as he stepped out on land, there met him a man from the city who had demons; for a long time he had worn no clothes, and he lived not in a house but among the tombs. When he saw Jesus, he cried out and fell down before him, and said with a loud voice, "What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beseech you, do not torment me." For he had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many a time it had seized him; he was kept under guard, and bound with chains and fetters, but he broke the bonds and was driven by the demon into the desert.) Jesus then asked him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Legion"; for many demons had entered him. And they begged him not to command them to depart into the abyss. Now a large herd of swine was feeding there on the hillside; and they begged him to let them enter these. So he gave them leave. Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and were drowned. When the herdsmen saw what had happened, they fled, and told it in the city and in the country. Then people went out to see what had happened, and they came to Jesus, and found the man from whom the demons had gone, sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind; and they were afraid. And those who had seen it told them how he who had been possessed with demons was healed. Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gerasenes asked him to depart from them; for they were seized with great fear; so he got into the boat and returned. The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him; but he sent him away, saying, "Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you." And he went away, proclaiming throughout the whole city how much Jesus had done for him.

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

A Prayer of St. John Chrysostom before Holy Communion

O Lord my God, I know that I am not worthy nor sufficient that thou shouldest enter under my roof into the habitation of my soul, for it is all deserted and in ruins, and thou hast not a fitting place in me to lay thy head. But as from the heights of thy glory thou didst humble thyself, so now bear me in my humility; as thou didst deign to lie in a manger in a cave, so deign now also to come into the manger of my mute soul and corrupt body. As thou didst not refrain from entering into the house of Simon the leper, or shrink from eating there with sinners, so also vouchsafe to enter the house of my poor soul, all leprous and full of sin. Thou didst not reject the sinful woman who ventured to draw near to touch thee, so also have pity on me, a sinner, approaching to touch thee. And grant that I may partake of thine All-holy Body and Precious Blood for the sanctification, enlightenment and strengthening of my weak soul and body; for the relief from the burden of my many sins; for my preservation against all the snares of the devil; for victory over all my sinful and evil habits; for the mortification of my passions; for obedience to thy Commandments; for growth in thy divine Grace and for the inheritance of thy Kingdom. For it is not with careless heart that I approach thee, O Christ my God, but I come trusting in thine infinite goodness, and fearing lest I may be drawn afar from thee and become the prey of the wolf of souls. Wherefore, I pray thee, O Master, who

alone art holy, that thou wouldest sanctify my soul and body, my mind and heart and reins, and renew me entirely. Implant in my members the fear of thee, be thou my helper and guide, directing my life in the paths of peace, and make me worthy to stand at thy right hand with thy Saints; through the prayers and intercessions of thine immaculate Mother, of thy Bodiless Servitors, of the immaculate Powers, and of all the Saints who from all ages have been well-pleasing unto thee. Ame

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CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR THE HEALTH AND BLESSINGS OF

Good Health & God's Blessings to Tom, Christy, Ellie & Andrew Hally & Patsy

Health & Blessings for Taisa Akkerman

Martin Piechowski Health & God's Blessings

Health & Blessings for Eugene Akkerman on his birthday today

Allen & Deborah Adams Health & God's Blessings

Fr. Tom, Fr. Gabriel, Deacon Anthony, Aaron, Reggie, Allen,

Deborah, Joann, Gloria, Luba, Kosta, Jimmy, Laurie, David, Helen, Anna, Walt,

Zina, Nicolai, Dorothy, Michael, Allison, Stojan, Mira, Bosa, Jeanette, Nicholas,

Margaret, Ted, Marlene, Gladys, my family and friends

Special Intention

Martin Piechowski Health & God's Blessings

Health & God's Blessings to Allen Adams for successful knee surgery

Zina Pyatenko, Anna Branoff, Gloria Zelenko, Nik Evanenko, Nick Maxim

Alyson & Theodore Wilhelm, Kate, Cameron & Alexa Stevens, Larissa Freude,

Adam George

Allen Adams: good health & speedy recovery after knee surgery

Baba & Dedo

Alex & Magda Popoff

Akkerman family

Phil & Barbara Brown

Les & Susie Ford

Dorothy Goodman

Joe Tome

Joe Tome

Dorothy Goodman & family

Angelo & Christine

Adams family

Adams family

CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR BLESSED REPOSE

Peter Popoff & John Naum

Alex & Magda Popoff

14 DAY CANDLES

Health and speedy recovery for Joe Manjack

Nick & Marge Butrie



WELCOME to all our friends and visitors. Please join us for fellowship in the Hall.

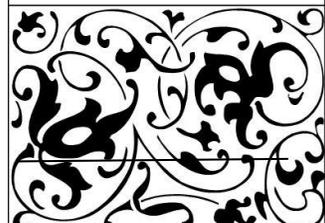


COFFEE HOUR

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

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

HELP FOR PUERTO RICO To assist Fr. Esteban's family in Puerto Rico we will:

- 1- Have a raffle of several items including a pearl necklace and earring set.
- 2- Have a luncheon on Sunday, November 5: sloppy joes, coleslaw, chips and cookie.

All proceeds from both events will go to Fr. Esteban's family. Please be generous!

ANNUAL MEETING FOR THE ELECTION OF PARISH COUNCIL, AUDITORS, AND LAY DELEGATES

The annual elections will take place on Sunday, November 5th following the Divine Liturgy.

As of October 20, 2017 the nominees are:

Parish Council Nominees (3 need to be elected)

Calvin Conrad Shari Nicoloff
Susan Ford

Auditor Nominees (2 need to be elected)

Mary Batzos Joseph Tome
Christine Panoff

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

Absentee Ballots will be made available in the parish office beginning October 23

Weekly Schedule:

Tuesday, Oct. 24

9 am-12:30 pm Father Matthew on Communion Calls in Bay City and Caro
St. George Church at North End Soup Kitchen
6 pm-8 pm Book Club

Wednesday, Oct. 25

NO DIVINE LITURGY

NO ADULT EDUCATION CLASS

Saturday, Oct. 28

11 am-4 pm "Soup"-er Luncheon at St. Mary Magdalene
5 pm Vespers
6 pm-8 pm Harvest Fest & Trunk or Treat at Assumption

Sunday, Oct. 29

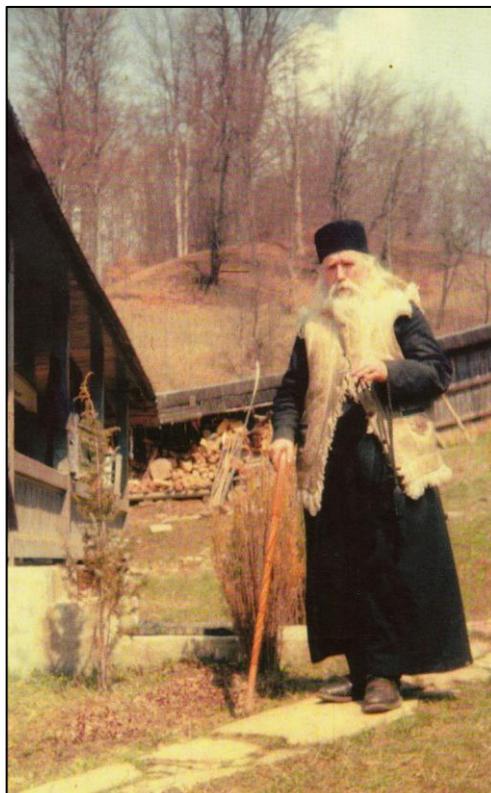
9 am Choir Practice
9:30 am Third Hour
10 am Divine Liturgy
Church School

Offerings for the week October 15, 2017

<i>Weekly Offerings</i>	\$1,493.00
<i>Estimated Average Weekly Expenses</i>	\$4,034.03
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*111 people were in attendance on
Sunday, October 15, 2017*

“The ability to bear pain patiently increases within us through prayer, confession, holy communion, reading sacred books, the recollection of the sufferings of Our Lord Jesus Christ and all His saints. Through visiting those worse off than us and reflecting on the eternal bliss in Paradise. There’s no other path to salvation except that of the Cross, of suffering, patience and sacrifice, as the Savior says: ‘In [Through] your patience, you will gain your souls (Luke 21, 19); and ‘Those who show patience to the end will be saved (Matt. 24, 13).’”



Elder Cleopa Ilie (1912-1998)