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Bulletin

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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 16, 2016 17th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST — Tone 8. Fathers of the 7th Ecumenical Council. Martyr Longinus the Centurion, who stood at the Cross of the Lord (1st c.). Ven. Lóngin the Gatekeeper of the Kiev Caves (Far Caves—13th-14th c.). Ven. Lóngin of Yarensk (1544-45).

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 8) You are most glorious, O Christ our God! / You have established the Holy Fathers as lights on the earth. / Through them You have guided us to the true Faith. // O greatly compassionate One, glory to You!

(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 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 EPISTLE OF THE HOLY APOSTLE PAUL TO TITUS (3:8-15) *Titus, my son:* The saying is sure. I desire you to insist on these things, so that those who have believed in God may be careful to apply themselves to good deeds; these are excellent and profitable to men. But avoid stupid controversies, genealogies, dissensions, and quarrels over the law, for they are unprofitable and futile. As for a man who is factious, after admonishing him once or twice, have nothing more to do with him, knowing that such a person is perverted and sinful; he is self-condemned. When I send Artemas or Tychicus to you, do your best to come to me at Nicopolis, for I have decided to spend the winter there. Do your best to speed Zenas the lawyer and Apollos on their way; see that they lack nothing. And let our people learn to apply themselves to good deeds, so as to help cases of urgent need, and not to be unfruitful. All who are with me send greetings to you. Greet those who love us in the faith. Grace be with you 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 SAINT LUKE (8:5-15) At that time Jesus told the crowd this parable: “A sower went out to sow his seed; and as he sowed, some fell along the path, and was trodden under foot, and the birds of the air devoured it. And some fell on the rock; and as it grew up, it withered away, because it had no moisture. And some fell among thorns; and the thorns grew with it and choked it. And some fell into good soil and grew, and yielded a hundredfold.” As he said this, he called out, “He who has ears to hear, let him hear.” And when his disciples asked him what this parable meant, he said, “To you it has been given to know the secrets of the kingdom of God; but for others they are in parables, so that seeing they may not see, and hearing they may not understand. Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God. The ones along the path are those who have heard; then the devil comes and takes away the word from their hearts, that they may not believe and be

saved. And the ones on the rock are those who, when they hear the word, receive it with joy; but these have no root, they believe for a while and in time of temptation fall away. And as for what fell among the thorns, they are those who hear, but as they go on their way they are choked by the cares and riches and pleasures of life, and their fruit does not mature. And as for that in the good soil, they are those who, hearing the word, hold it fast in an honest and good heart, and bring forth fruit with patience.”

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

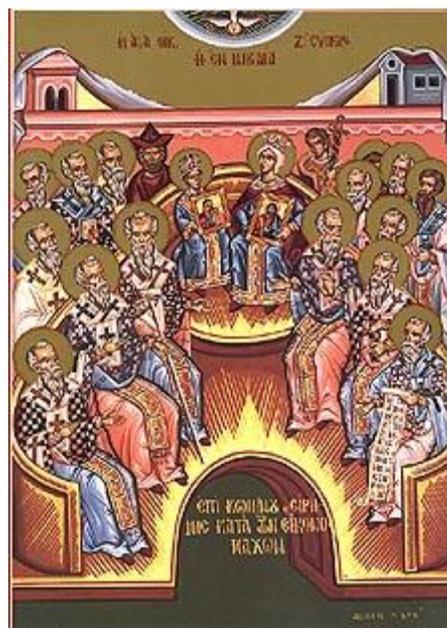
Commemoration of the Holy Fathers of the Seventh Ecumenical Council

Today the Church remembers the 350 holy Fathers of the Seventh Ecumenical Council under the holy Patriarch Tarasius (February 25).

The Synod of 787, the second to meet at Nicea, refuted the Iconoclast heresy during the reign of Empress Irene and her son Constantine VI.

The Council decreed that the veneration of icons was not idolatry (Exodus 20:4-5), because the honor shown to them is not directed to the wood or paint, but passes to the prototype (the person depicted). It also upheld the possibility of depicting Christ, Who became man and took flesh at His Incarnation. The Father, on the other hand, cannot be represented in His eternal nature, because “no man has seen God at any time” (John 1:18).

In Greek practice, the holy God-bearing Fathers of the Seventh Ecumenical Council are commemorated on October 11 (if it is a Sunday), or on the Sunday which follows October 11. According to the Slavic MENAION, however, if the eleventh falls on Monday, Tuesday, or Wednesday, the service is moved to the preceding Sunday.



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CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR THE HEALTH AND BLESSINGS OF

Happy Birthday & God’s Blessings for Sarah Neely on her 14 th birthday.....	Baba
Special Intention.....	Joe Tome
Health & God’s Blessings for Nick Evanenکو.....	Evanenko family
Health & Blessings for Bob & Natalie Cooper, for my family.....	Lucy Hogg
Health & Blessings for Alex Georgopoulos	
Fr. Andrew, Fr. Joe, Deacon Anthony, Aaron, Jo Ann, Nikolai, Kosta, Jimmy, Gloria, Laurie, Walt & Zina, Dorothy, Jeanette, Reggie, Ruth & Calvin, Anna, Stojan & Mira, Bosa, Joseph, Helen, Ted & Marlene, Nicholas & Margaret, Gladys, my family & friends	Joe Tome
Health & Blessings Chick	Jo Ann Havens
Happy Birthday & God’s Blessings for Sarah Neely on her birthday Oct. 9.....	Dad, Mon & Joe

CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR ALL THOSE IN BLESSED REPOSE

Mary Lou Brayan (5yrs-Oct. 17)	Her Children & Grandchildren
Peter Popoff-Memory Eternal.....	Alex & Magda Popoff
Lewis Elieff, 7yrs Blessed Repose-Memory Eternal.....	His family



Welcome all of our friends and visitors to St. Nicholas! Please join us for fellowship, coffee and donuts in our parish hall. Volunteers are needed to serve on Sunday’s, please see the sign-up sheet next to the kitchen window to volunteer. We are in need of volunteers to serve this morning.

ANNIVERSARY BOOK We are looking for volunteers to assist with the Anniversary Book (contacting people for ads, help format the book, etc.) Please call the office 744-0070 or email stnicholas1916@att.net

CHARITY MINISTRIES

HOPE IN A BOX is collecting Toothbrushes and Toothpaste 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.

NORTH END SOUP KITCHEN We serve **Thursday, November 3 from 9 am to 1 pm.**

PARISH MEETING FOR ELECTIONS-November 6, 2016

The nominees are:

Parish Council Nominees (3 will be elected)

- Paul Brayan (term ending)
- Dennis Jernigan (term ending)
- Sharon Jernigan (term ending)
- Catherine Steiner (term ending)
- Bob Steiner

Auditors Nominees (2 need to be elected)

- Deborah Gonser-Adams
- Mike Stikovich (term ending)

FOCUS Flint Fellowship of Orthodox Christians United to Serve. This is a national Orthodox outreach to help the poor and needy in our own communities. FOCUS prepares food backpacks for the hungry (children and adults), partners with other local charities to fill in gaps in services for those in need and even is working in the public schools in Detroit. **Our four parishes in Genesee County are looking to see if we have the interest and support from the laity to do such work in our community. If you are interested in being a liaison for our parish with Eric Shanburn, head of FOCUS Detroit, please see Father Matthew, call the parish office (810-744-0070) or email stnicholas1916@att.net**

Schedule of services and events for the week of October 16, 2016:

Wednesday, October 19

9:00 am Divine Liturgy
11:00 am Adult Education

Saturday, October 22

5:00 pm Vespers

Sunday, October 23

9:30 am **FATHERS OF THE 7TH ECUMENICAL COUNCIL**
 Third Hour
10:00 am Divine Liturgy
 Church School

Offerings for the week October 9, 2016

<i>Weekly Offerings</i>	\$1,570.00
<i>Estimated Average Weekly Expenses</i>	\$5,255.62
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*91 people were in attendance on
Sunday, October 9, 2016*

“If you cannot see Christ in the beggar at the church door, you will not find Him in the chalice.”
St. John Chrysostom