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Bulletin

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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, OCTOBER 23, 2016 18th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST — Tone 1. Holy Apostle James (Jacob), the Brother of the Lord (ca. 63). Translation of the Relics of Bl. Jacob (James) of Borovichí, Wonderworker of Novgorod (ca. 1540). St. Ignatius, Patriarch of Constantinople (877-878).

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!”

(Tone 4) As the Lord’s disciple you received the Gospel, O righteous James; as a martyr you have unfailing courage; as God’s brother, you have boldness; as a hierarch, you have the power to intercede. // Pray to Christ God that our souls may be saved.

(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 Eighth Tone: Their proclamation has gone out into all the earth; / and their words to the ends of the universe.

v. The heavens are telling the glory of God; and the firmament proclaims His handiwork.

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 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 SAINT 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!

St Macarius the Roman of Mesopotamia

One day, the cave where holy ascetic Makarios lived was found by three monks from the Monastery of St Asclepius in Mesopotamia. Sergius, Hyginos and Theophilos had left the monastery in order to wander through the world, seeking a sign from God which would be beneficial for their salvation. Suddenly, as they approached the cave, they noticed a marvelous fragrance issuing forth from it. Then they saw an old man walking toward them, covered only by his hair and a beard which reached his knees. He threw himself to the ground and remained there for several minutes, until he was sure the three strangers were not really demons. When he was satisfied that he was not experiencing some sort of delusion, he invited them into his cave. The oldest monk asked him to relate his story, which he did.

St Makarios told them that he was born in Rome and was the son of a wealthy Senator named John. When he was old enough to be married, his parents betrothed him against his will. There was a celebration following the wedding, but instead of entering the bridal chamber, he fled to the home of a pious widow, where he spent seven days secretly weeping and entreating God to help him. When he left her house, Makarios met a well-dressed old man of noble demeanor. This man ordered Makarios to accompany him. Makarios did follow him for three years, until one day they came to a cave, and then the old man vanished. He appeared to Makarios in a dream soon afterward and revealed that he was the Archangel Raphael, who had guided Tobias in his travels. Before he vanished, the Archangel entrusted him to God's mercy.

Soon after he first moved into the cave, Makarios saw a most beautiful young woman standing before him, who said that she also had fled from an unwanted marriage in Rome. In spite of his caution, St Makarios did not have sufficient discernment to escape the devil's snare, and so he allowed the girl to spend the night in his cave. For the first time in his life, he was assaulted by the fiery darts of carnal desire, and he sinned with the girl. Suddenly she disappeared, and the devil rejoiced because he had tempted the ascetic to sin.

At that moment St Makarios realized the seriousness of his fall. Weeping bitterly, he decided to leave the cave and find another place where he might do penance. Along the way, the Archangel Raphael appeared to him once again and urged him to return. He told him that God would hear his prayers if he remained in the cave. So he went back and subjected his flesh to severe fasting, vigils and absolute self-denial for many years, so that he might recover the purity of his soul in order to contemplate God.

After he had edified the three brethren with the story of his struggles, St Makarios sent them on their way in peace. His sin was very great, but so was his repentance; therefore, he fell asleep in the Lord in the presence of the angels and the saints.

The precise date of the saint's repose is not known, but it was probably at the end of the fourth century, or the beginning of the fifth.



CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR THE HEALTH AND BLESSINGS OF

Fr. Andrew, Fr. Joe, Fr. Moses, 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
God's Blessings	Dorothy Goodman
Special Intention	Joe Tome
Health & Blessings for Chick	Jo Ann Havens



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.

FR. PETER (DIDUN) \$528 has been collected for our Diocesan monastery of the Holy Cross to help with medical expenses for Fr. Peter (Didun) who suffered a stroke two weeks ago. Today's charity plate (the plate we have at the veneration of the cross) will also go towards the Monastery so, if you haven't been able to donate yet, you can do so now.

ABSENTEE BALLOTS are available in the parish office, please see Debbie if you are in need of an absentee ballot.

PLEDGE CARDS have been mailed out. If you have not received your 2017 pledge card please see Debbie so that she may get another card for you. 141 pledges cards were mailed, we would like to have all of them returned by December, 1. Remember you must return a signed pledge card in order to be considered a member here at St. Nicholas. Please DO NOT send your 2017 pledge back with the card as it will be credited to 2016.

TRUNK OR TREAT will be held at Assumption on Saturday, October 29 from 6 'til 8 pm. Everyone is invited to come and decorate their car trunks and pass candy out to the children. There will be fun activities and games for the children. Fliers with more information are available in the parish hall. We need some volunteers to help at Assumption. Please see Matushka Lisa if you can lend a hand.

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. (Please, the Blue boxes are NOT trash cans, through your trash in the waste baskets.)

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 Brayon (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

ORTHODOX CHOIR OF DETROIT Detroit's Own Orthodox Radio, an outreach ministry of the Council of Orthodox Christian Churches of Metropolitan Detroit, is pleased to announce that this **Sunday, October 23rd**, The Orthodox Choir of Detroit will perform its sixth annual benefit concert at **6:00 PM**. At *Annunciation Greek Orthodox Cathedral 707 E. Lafayette Blvd., in the city's Greektown district*. With the theme "Orthodox Hymns of Praise," the concert program will consist of hymns and liturgical songs from different Orthodox Christian traditions. **This concert is open to the public and free of charge.**

TEEN FELLOWSHIP SUNDAY will be held on Sunday, October 30 at St. George (Divine Liturgy is at 10 if you wish to attend at St. George). After Liturgy and coffee hour the teens ages 13-19 will go to Porters Orchard. The cost is \$6. Additional information is available on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/events/1821491594752984/>

Schedule of services and events for the week of October 23, 2016:

Tuesday, October 25

6-8 pm Father in Toledo
Book Club @ St. George

Wednesday, October 26

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

Saturday, October 29

5:00 pm Vespers
6-8 pm Trunk or Treat @ Assumption

Sunday, October 30

9:30 am Third Hour
10:00 am Divine Liturgy
Church School

Offerings for the week October 16, 2016

<i>Weekly Offerings</i>	\$1,500.00
<i>Estimated Average Weekly Expenses</i>	\$5,255.62
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127 people were in attendance on Saturday, October 15, 2016

75 people were in attendance on Sunday, October 16, 2016

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