

*September 22, 2019*

*St. Nicholas Orthodox Church*

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**The Holy Gospel according to Mark  
16: 9-20 (3rd Matins Gospel)**

Now when Jesus rose early on the first day of the week, He appeared first to Mary Magdalene, out of whom He had cast seven demons. She went and told those who had been with Him, as they mourned and wept. And when they heard that He was alive and had been seen by her, they did not believe. After that, He appeared in another form to two of them as they walked and went into the country. And they went and told it to the rest, but they did not believe them either. Later He appeared to the eleven as they sat at the table; and He rebuked their unbelief and hardness of heart, because they did not believe those who had seen Him after He had risen. And He said to them, “Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned. And these signs will follow those who believe: In My name they will cast out demons; they will speak with new tongues; they will take up serpents; and if they drink anything deadly, it will by no means hurt them; they will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover. So then, after the Lord had spoken to them, He was received up into heaven, and sat down at the right hand of God. And they went out and preached everywhere, the Lord working with them and confirming the word through the accompanying signs. Amen.

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2019 14th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST — Tone 5. Hieromartyr Phocas, Bishop of Sinopè (117). Prophet Jonah (8th c. B.C.). St. Jonah the Presbyter (9th c.), father of Ss. Theophanes the Hymnographer and Theodore Graptus. Ven. Jonah, Abbot of Yashezérsk (1589-92). Martyr Phocas the Gardener, of Sinopè (ca. 320). St. Peter the Tax-collector (6th c.).**

**TROPARIA**

**(Tone 5)** Let us, the faithful, praise and worship the Word, co-eternal with the Father and the Spirit, born for our salvation from the Virgin; for He willed to be lifted up on the Cross in the flesh, to endure death, and to raise the dead// by His glorious Resurrection.

**(Tone 4)** By sharing in the ways of the Apostles, you became a successor to their throne. Through the practice of virtue, you found the way to divine contemplation, O inspired one of God; By teaching the word of truth without error, you defended the Faith, even to the shedding of your blood. // Hieromartyr Phocas, entreat Christ God to save our souls!

**(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 Fifth Tone: Thou, O Lord, shalt protect us / and preserve us from this generation forever.***

**v: Save me, O Lord, for there is no longer any that is godly.**

**THE READING FROM THE SECOND EPISTLE OF PAUL TO THE CORINTHIANS (1:21-2:4)** Brethren: it is God who establishes us with you in Christ, and has commissioned us; he has put his seal upon us and given us his Spirit in our hearts as a guarantee. But I call God to witness against me -- it was to spare you that I refrained from coming to Corinth. Not that we lord it over your faith; we work with you for your joy, for you stand firm in your faith. For I made up my mind not to make you another painful visit. For if I cause you pain, who is there to make me glad but the one whom I have pained? And I wrote as I did, so that when I came I might not suffer pain from those who should have made me rejoice, for I felt sure of all of you, that my joy would be the joy of you all. For I wrote you out of much affliction and anguish of heart and with many tears, not to cause you pain but to let you know the abundant love that I have for you.

*Alleluia, Tone 5*

**v: I will sing of Thy mercies, O Lord, forever; with my mouth I will proclaim Thy truth from generation to generation.**

**v: For Thou hast said: Mercy will be established forever; Thy truth will be prepared in the heavens.**

**THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO LUKE (5:1-11)** At that time, while the people pressed upon Jesus to hear the word of God, he was standing by the lake of Gennesaret. And he saw two boats by the lake; but the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. Getting into one of the boats, which was Simon's, he asked him to put out a little from the land. And he sat down and taught the people from the boat. And when he had ceased speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch." And Simon answered, "Master, we toiled all night and took nothing! But at your word I will let down the nets." And when they had done this, they enclosed a great shoal of fish; and as their nets were breaking, they beckoned to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both the boats, so that they began to sink. But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord." For he was astonished, and all that were with him, at the catch of fish which they had taken; and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. And Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; henceforth you will be catching men." And when they had brought their boats to land, they left everything and followed him.

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

**Hieromartyr Phocas – September 22**

Hieromartyr Phocas was born in the city of Sinope (present day Sinop, Turkey, on the Black Sea). From youth he led a virtuous Christian life, and in his adult years he became Bishop of Sinope. Saint Phocas converted many pagans to faith in Christ. At the time of a persecution against Christians under the emperor Trajan (98-117), the governor demanded that the saint renounce Christ. After fierce torture they enclosed Saint Phocas in a hot bath, where he died a martyr's death in the year 117.

In the year 404, the relics of the saint were transferred to Constantinople (July 22).

The Hieromartyr Phocas is especially venerated as a defender against fires, and also as a helper of the drowning.

**Martyr Phocas the Gardener – September 22**

The Holy Martyr Phocas the Gardener came from the city of Sinope on the southern shore of the Black Sea. Having a small garden, he lived modestly. He sold what he grew, and supported himself on the proceeds. He helped the needy and paid for the housing of vagrants. The Christian piety of the saint had a great influence on other people. Even pagans deferred to him with deep respect. Under his influence they often abandoned their error and accepted the Christian Faith.

The governor of the district, aware that Saint Phocas was spreading Christian teachings, gave orders to find and kill him. The saint himself accidentally came upon those sent after him, and without revealing his name, he courteously received them, fed them and prepared a place for them to spend the night.

At night he went into the garden, then prepared a grave and a place for his burial. He even made arrangements for all his possessions to be distributed to the poor after his death. In the morning Saint Phocas declared to the strangers that it was he for whom they were searching, and told them to fulfill the duty entrusted to them. The visitors were distressed, not wanting to kill the kindly saint. They felt honor bound to spare Saint Phocas, but he would not hear of it, and humbly bent his head beneath the sword.

They buried the holy Martyr Phocas in the grave that he himself had prepared in the garden. The place of his burial was glorified by miracles, and later a church was built there. An accurate account of the martyr's death was collected by Asterius of Amasea (+ 410). The holy Martyr Phocas is especially venerated by seafarers, and he is called upon by those traveling by sea. [www.oca.org](http://www.oca.org)

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

Phillip, Barbara, Jennifer, Douglas & Niki

Mary, Angelo & Helen

Mary, Angelo, Helen & Alex

Health & blessings for Dennis Goodman & Cindy Branoff

Good health for all of our grandkids & their families

Fr. Tom, Fr. Paul, Fr. Joe, Fr. Dimitrie, Fr. Anthony, Matushka Rose Marie, Joan, Angelo, Christine, Dorothy, Peter, Reggie, Anna, Alex, Irene, Allen, Deborah, Rimi, Susan, Luba, Kosta, Stojan, Mira, Bosa, Christopher, Allison, Jeanette, Nicholas, Margaret, Joseph, Ted, Marlene, Gladys, my family and friends

Special Intention

Health, God's blessings & a speedy recovery for Phil Brown

Dorothy Goodman

Angelo & Helen Popoff

Alex & Magda Popoff

Dennis & Eileen

Angelo & Christine

Joe Tome

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Nancy, Tom, Danny & Megan

**CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR BLESSED REPOSE**

Tom Branoff (40 days on 9/19/19) Memory Eternal

Blessed Repose Andrew Panoff

Blessed Repose for Tom Branoff (40 days)

Blessed Repose Luka Prusac (1 yr.)

Theodora & Kosta Papalazarou, Germanos Batcos, Evangelia & Nikolaos Bakousidis

Peter Popoff

The repose of the souls of Nicholas & Harold

Linda, Peter & Marilyn

Angelo & Christine

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Lena Bakousidis

Alex & Magda Popoff

Laurie Brock



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



**COFFEE, DONUTS & DESSERTS** are provided today by Linda Branoff & family in memory of Thomas Branoff (40 days).

**PROSFORA FOR DIVINE LITURGY** is needed. Anyone who can bake some it would be greatly appreciated. There is a prosfora seal available if anyone needs to borrow one.

**MONTHLY NEWSLETTER** Our newsletter crew is meeting Tuesday, Sept. 24<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 to fold & put labels on the newsletter. If you're able & willing we definitely need some help. We meet once a month (usually on a Tuesday) so if you can't come this month but would like a call in the future just call or email the office.

**THANK YOU** everyone for all of your prayers, support & help in the last year & with Luka's Parastas. You are appreciated very much. *Mira & Stojan Prusac*

**THE ANNUAL ELECTION** will take place on Sunday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>. As of today the nominees for parish council are: Mary Abu-Aita, Paul Brayon, Phil Brown, Connie Maxim, Ian Price, Bob Steiner.

If your name is listed above and you do not wish to run for the parish council OR if you would like to nominate someone, please call the parish office at 810-744-0070.

## OUR CHARITY MINISTRIES

**HOPE IN A BOX** is collecting bar & hand soap for the month of September. 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.

**SOCKTOBER!** During Socktober we encourage donations of warm socks of all sorts. We will also begin distributing coats and winter gear in October. Their Warming Center opens on Monday, December 2, with their annual Warming Center Blessing event on Friday, December 6 at 11 am in the Center for Hope Dining Room. Everyone is welcome.

**REMEMBER US ON FACEBOOK** at [www.facebook.com/stnicholasburton](http://www.facebook.com/stnicholasburton).



**ORTHODOX WOMEN 27<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL RETREAT** October 4, 5 & 6 at the Holy Dormition Monastery.

**DIOCESAN CONFERENCE DINNER** is on Saturday, October 5<sup>th</sup>. Guest price for tickets are \$25 per person. To R.S.V.P. call 260-484-2277 or email [deacon@stnicholasonline.org](mailto:deacon@stnicholasonline.org)

### **Weekly Schedule:**

**Today** Parastas for Thomas Branoff

**Monday, Sept 23** Communion calls to Bay City & Caro

### **Wednesday, Sept 25**

9:30 am Divine Liturgy  
11:30 am Adult Ed Class

### **Saturday, Sept 28**

5 pm Vespers followed by confessions

### **Sunday, Sept. 29**

9:30 am Hours  
10 am Divine Liturgy  
Church School  
40 day Parastas for Rose Goodman & Cheryl Ellis

### **Offerings for the week September 15<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

<i>Weekly Offerings</i>	\$ 1,334.00
<i>Estimated Average Weekly Expenses</i>	\$ 3,236.00
	<b>\$-1,902.00</b>

*95 people were in attendance on Sunday, September 15<sup>th</sup>.*