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Bulletin

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The Gospel according to Saint 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 10, 2017 14th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST — Tone 5. Afterfeast of the Nativity of the Theotokos. Sunday before Elevation. . Martyrs Menodora, Metrodora, and Nymphodora, at Nicomedia (305-311). Ven. Paul the Obedient, of the Kiev Caves (Far Caves—13th-14th c.). Bl. Prince Andrew, in monasticism Joasaph, of Kubensk (Vologda—1453). Apostles Apelles, Lucius, and Clement of the Seventy (1st c.). Martyr Barypsabas in Dalmatia (2nd c.). Rt. Blv. Pulcheria, the Empress of the Greeks (453). Ss. Peter and Paul, Bishops of Nicaea (9th c.).

FIRST ANTIPHON

O Lord, remember David // and all his meekness.

Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us!

Lo, we heard of it in Ephratha: // we found it in the woods! **Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us!**

Glorious things are spoken of you, // O City of God!

Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us!

God is in the midst of her, she shall not be moved; // God shall help her right early!

Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us!

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us!

SECOND ANTIPHON

The Lord has sworn and oath to David // from which He shall not turn back!

O Son of God, who arose from the dead, save us who sing to Thee! Alleluia!

Of the fruit of your body // I will set upon your throne!

O Son of God, who arose from the dead, save us who sing to Thee! Alleluia!

There I will make the horn of David to flourish: // I have ordained a lamp for My anointed!

O Son of God, who arose from the dead, save us

who sing to Thee! Alleluia!

For the Lord has chosen Zion, // He has desired it for His habitation!

O Son of God, who arose from the dead, save us who sing to Thee! Alleluia!

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Only-begotten Son and immortal Word of God, Who for our salvation didst will to be incarnate of the holy Theotokos and ever-virgin Mary, Who without change became man and wast crucified, Who art one of the Holy Trinity, glorified with the Father and the Holy Spirit: O Christ our God, trampling down death by death, save us!

THIRD ANTIPHON

Here will I dwell for I have desired it!

(Tone 4) Your nativity, O Virgin, has proclaimed joy to the whole universe! The Sun of Righteousness, Christ our God, has shone from you, O Theotokos! By annulling the curse, He bestowed a blessing. By destroying death, He has granted us eternal life.

Your birth, O Theotokos, has brought joy!

(Tone 4) Your nativity, O Virgin, has proclaimed joy to the whole universe! The Sun of Righteousness, Christ our God, has shone from you, O Theotokos! By annulling the curse, He bestowed a blessing. By destroying death, He has granted us eternal life.

The Most High has sanctified His tabernacle!

(Tone 4) Your nativity, O Virgin, has proclaimed joy to the whole universe! The Sun of Righteousness, Christ our God, has shone from you, O Theotokos! By annulling the curse, He bestowed a blessing. By destroying death, He has granted us eternal life.

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) Your nativity, O Virgin, has proclaimed joy to the whole universe! The Sun of Righteousness, Christ our God, has shone from you, O Theotokos! By annulling the curse, He bestowed a blessing. By destroying death, He has granted us eternal life.

(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 4) By your nativity, O most pure Virgin, Joachim and Anna are freed from barrenness; Adam and Eve from the corruption of death. And we, thy people, freed from the guilt of sin, celebrate and sing to you: the barren woman gives birth to the Theotokos, the Nourisher of our Life.

The Prokeimenon in the Sixth Tone: O Lord, save Thy people / and bless Thine inheritance!

v. To Thee, O Lord, will I call. O my God, be not silent to me!

THE EPISTLE OF THE HOLY APOSTLE PAUL TO THE GALATIANS (6:11-

18) Brethren: See with what large letters I am writing to you with my own hand. It is those who want to make a good showing in the flesh that would compel you to be circumcised, and only in order that they may not be persecuted for the cross of Christ. For even those who receive circumcision do not themselves keep the law, but they desire to have you circumcised that they may glory in your flesh. But far be it from me to glory except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. For neither circumcision counts for anything, nor uncircumcision, but a new creation. Peace and mercy be upon all who walk by this rule, upon the Israel of God. Henceforth let no man trouble me; for I bear on my body the marks of Jesus. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brethren. Amen.

Alleluia, Tone 1

v. I have exalted one chosen out of My people.

v. For My hand shall defend him and My arm shall strengthen him.

THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO SAINT JOHN (3:13-17) Jesus answered Nicodemus, saying: “No one has ascended into heaven but he who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God sent the Son into the world, not to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him.”

COMMUNION HYMN

Praise the Lord from the heavens! Praise Him in the highest! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

The Nativity of Our Most Holy Lady Theotokos and Ever Virgin Mary (September 8) The Most Holy Virgin Mary was born at a time when people had reached such a degree of moral decay that it seemed altogether impossible to restore them. People often said that God must come into the world to restore faith and not permit the ruin of mankind. The Son of God chose to take on human nature for the salvation of mankind, and chose as His Mother the All-Pure Virgin Mary, who alone was worthy to give birth to the Source of purity and holiness.

The Nativity of Our Most Holy Lady Theotokos and Ever Virgin Mary is celebrated by the Church as a day of universal joy. Within the context of the Old and the New Testaments, the Most Blessed Virgin Mary was born on this radiant day, having been chosen before the ages by Divine Providence to bring about the Mystery of the Incarnation of the Word of God. She is revealed as the Mother of the Savior of the World, Our Lord Jesus Christ.

The Most Holy Virgin Mary was born in the small city of Galilee, Nazareth. Her parents were Righteous Joachim of the tribe of the Prophet-King David, and Anna from the tribe of the First Priest Aaron. The couple was without child, since Saint Anna was barren.

Having reached old age, Joachim and Anna did not lose hope in God's mercy. They had strong faith that for God everything is possible, and that He would be able to overcome the barrenness of Anna even in her old age, as He had once overcome the barrenness of Sarah, spouse of the Patriarch Abraham. Saints Joachim and Anna vowed to dedicate the child which the Lord might give them, to the service of God in the Temple.

Childlessness was considered among the Hebrew nation as a Divine punishment for sin, and therefore the righteous Saints Joachim and Anna had to endure abuse from their own countrymen. On one of the feastsdays at the Temple in Jerusalem the elderly Joachim brought his sacrifice to offer to God, but the High Priest would not accept it, considering him to be unworthy since he was childless.

Saint Joachim in deep grief went into the wilderness, and there he prayed with tears to the Lord for a child. Saint Anna wept bitterly when she learned what had happened at the Jerusalem Temple. Never once did she complain against the Lord, but rather she prayed to ask God's mercy on her family.

The Lord fulfilled her petitions when the pious couple had attained to extreme old age and prepared themselves by virtuous life for a sublime calling: to be the parents of the Most Holy Virgin Mary, the future Mother of the Lord Jesus Christ.

The Archangel Gabriel brought Joachim and Anna the joyous message that their prayers were heard by God, and of them would be born a most blessed daughter Mary, through Whom would come the Salvation of all the World.

The Most Holy Virgin Mary surpassed in purity and virtue not only all mankind, but also the angels. She was manifest as the living Temple of God, so the Church sings in its festal hymns: "the East Gate... bringing Christ into the world for the salvation of our souls" (2nd Stikhera on "Lord, I Have Cried", Tone 6).

The Nativity of the Theotokos marks the change of the times when the great and comforting promises of God for the salvation of the human race from slavery to the devil are about to be fulfilled. This event has brought to earth the grace of the Kingdom of God, a Kingdom of Truth, piety, virtue and everlasting life. The Theotokos is revealed to all of us by grace as a merciful Intercessor and Mother, to Whom we have recourse with filial devotion. www.oca.org

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CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR THE HEALTH AND BLESSINGS OF

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| Joe Neely, Happy 20 th Birthday. God's blessings | Baba |
| Health & blessings for Samuel Nicholas Seeley, Tim, Hannah & Emilia | love Ian, Stephanie, Kate & Alex |
| Anna Branoff, Nick Maxim, Nik Evanenکو, Gloria Zelenko, Christine Panoff, Samuel Seeley & family | Adams family |
| God's blessings unto my husband Nick & my brother Charles for good health and strength | Connie Maxim |
| Fr. Tom, Fr Gabriel, Deacon Anthony, Aaron, Reggie, Allen, Deborah, Jo Ann, Gloria, Luba, Kosta, Jimmy, Laurie, David, Helen, Anna, Walt, Zina Dorothy, Michael, Allison, Stojan, Mira, Bosa, Jeanette, Nicholas, Margaret, Gladys, Samuel, Nicholas, my family and friends | Joe Tome Joe Tome |
| Special Intention | |

CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR BLESSED REPOSE

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| Joe Goodman 3 yrs. Blessed Repose, Memory Eternal | Dorothy & family |
| Norma Salem Lazar 3 yrs. Blessed Repose, Memory Eternal | Dorothy Goodman |

ETERNAL LIGHT AT THE ALTER

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| Ivan Ponomarenko (9/14) Memory Eternal on his birth date | Lucy Hogg |
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WELCOME all of our friends and visitors to St. Nicholas! Please join us for fellowship in our hall!

COFFEE & PASTRIES are being provided today by Dorothy Goodman & family in memory of Joe Goodman. (3 yrs.) Volunteers are needed to help serve coffee and donuts for the last week of September & the month of October. Please see the sign-up sheet outside of the kitchen.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE MEETING Tuesday, September 12 at 5:30 pm. Committee members please come with names for parish council and auditors.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING Tuesday, September 12 at 6:30 pm. Parish council members, please pick up your information packets in the hall. If you cannot attend, please call the office.

COMBINED VESPERAL LITURGY at St. George on Wednesday, September 13 at 6 pm for the Elevation of the Cross including the service of the Elevation. Join us in worship on this holy day.

FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT will be Friday Sept. 15th at 7:30 featuring "Finding Dory". Bring your family & friends for a fun evening of fellowship. Popcorn will be provided.

OUR CHARITY MINISTRIES

HOPE IN A BOX is collecting **TOOTHBRUSHES & TOOTHPASTE** 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.

BINGO Join in the fun September 17th following the Divine Liturgy. 3 cards for \$10. Lunch will be served. See Lucy Hogg if you would like to help.

ORTHODOX BOOK CLUB begins meeting at St. George on Tuesday, September 12 at 6 -pm. The book is *The Sayings of the Desert Fathers*. If you have already reserved a copy with Protodeacon Michael Bassett, please see Matushka Lisa to pick your copy (\$15 each).

Weekly Schedule:

Monday, Sept. 11

Fr. Matthew in Toledo

Tuesday, Sept. 12

- 5:30 pm Nominating Committee meeting. Committee members please come with names for parish council and auditors.
- 6:30 pm Parish Council meeting. Parish council members, please pick up your information packets in the hall. If you cannot attend, please call the office.
- 6-8 pm Book Club "The Sayings of the Desert Fathers" Please see Matushka Lisa to pick your copy (\$15 each)

Wednesday, Sept. 13

- 9 am Divine Liturgy
- 11 am Adult Formation – "Wounded by Love"
- 6 pm Combined Vespers Liturgy at St. George for the Elevation of the Cross

Friday, Sept. 15

- 7:30 pm Family Movie Night "Finding Dory" Please bring along a friend or neighbor. Popcorn will be provided.

Saturday, Sept. 16

- 5 pm Vespers

Sunday, Sept. 17

- 9:45 am Third Hour
- 10 am Divine Liturgy
- Bingo
- If you would like to donate the wreath of flowers for the cross, please see Father Matthew.**

Offerings for the week September 3, 2017

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| Weekly Offerings | \$1,362.00 |
| Estimated Average Weekly Expenses | \$4,034.03 |
| | \$-2,672.03 |

*70 people were in attendance on
Sunday, September 3, 2017*

"Rich men have turned poor and gone hungry, but they who seek the Lord shall not be deprived of any good thing."

Psalm 33:11 (LXX)