

*September 17, 2017*

*Bulletin*

*St. Nicholas Orthodox Church*

*Orthodox Church in America*

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**The Gospel according to Saint Luke  
24:1-12 (4th Matins Gospel)**

Now on the first day of the week, very early in the morning, they, and certain other women with them, came to the tomb bringing the spices which they had prepared. But they found the stone rolled away from the tomb. Then they went in and did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. And it happened, as they were greatly perplexed about this, that behold, two men stood by them in shining garments. Then, as they were afraid and bowed their faces to the earth, they said to them, “Why do you seek the living among the dead? He is not here, but is risen! Remember how He spoke to you when He was still in Galilee, saying, ‘The Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, and be crucified, and the third day rise again.’” And they remembered His words. Then they returned from the tomb and told all these things to the eleven and to all the rest. It was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them, who told these things to the apostles. And their words seemed to them like idle tales, and they did not believe them. But Peter arose and ran to the tomb; and stooping down, he saw the linen cloths lying by themselves; and he departed, marveling to himself at what had happened.

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17 2017** 15th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST — Tone 6. Afterfeast of the Elevation of the Cross. Sunday after Elevation. Martyr Sophia, and her three daughters: Faith (Vera), Hope (Nadézhda), and Love (Liubóv’, Charity), at Rome (ca. 137). Martyrs Theodota at Nicæa (ca. 230). Martyr Agathocleia (ca. 230). 156 Martyrs of Palestine, including Bishop Peleus and Nilus, the Presbyter, Zeno, the Noblemen Paternuthius and Elias, and others (ca. 310).

**FIRST ANTIPHON**

God, my God, attend to me! // Why hast Thou forsaken me? **Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us!**

Why art Thou so far from helping me, // from the words of my groaning? **Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us!**

O my God, I cry by day, but Thou dost not answer; // and by night, but find no rest. **Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us!**

Thou dwellest in the sanctuary, // the praise of Israel.

**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**

O God, why dost Thou cast us off forever? **O Son of God, who arose from the dead, save us who sing to Thee! Alleluia!**

Remember Thy congregation, // which Thou hast gotten of old. **O Son of God, who arose from the dead, save us who sing to Thee! Alleluia!**

Remember Mount Zion, // where Thou hast dwelt. **O Son of God, who arose from the dead, save us who sing to Thee! Alleluia!**

God is our King before the ages; // He has worked salvation in the midst of the earth. **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**

**The Lord reigns; let the peoples tremble!**

**(Tone 1)** O Lord, save Thy people and bless Thine inheritance! Grant victories to the Orthodox Christians over their adversaries and by virtue of Thy Cross preserve Thy habitation!

**The Lord reigns; let the peoples tremble! He sits enthroned upon the Cherubim; let the earth quake!**

**(Tone 1)** O Lord, save Thy people and bless Thine inheritance! Grant victories to the Orthodox Christians over their adversaries and by virtue of Thy Cross preserve Thy habitation!

**The Lord is great in Zion; He is exalted over all peoples!**

**(Tone 1)** O Lord, save Thy people and bless Thine inheritance! Grant victories to the Orthodox Christians over their adversaries and by virtue of Thy Cross preserve Thy habitation!

**Bow down in worship to the Lord in His holy court.**

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### **TROPARIA**

**(Tone 6)** The angelic powers were at Thy tomb the guards became as dead men. Mary stood by Thy grave, seeking Thy most pure Body. Thou didst capture hell, not being tempted by it. Thou didst come to the Virgin, granting life. O Lord who didst rise from the dead: glory to Thee!

**(Tone 1)** O Lord, save Thy people and bless Thine inheritance! Grant victories to the Orthodox Christians over their adversaries and by virtue of Thy Cross preserve Thy habitation!

**(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)** As Thou wast voluntarily crucified for our sake, grant mercy to those who are called by Thy name; make all Orthodox Christians glad by Thy power, granting them victories over their adversaries, by bestowing on them the invincible trophy, Thy weapon of peace.

### **INSTEAD OF “HOLY GOD...”**

Before Thy Cross, we bow down in worship, O Master, and Thy holy Resurrection, we glorify!

***The Prokeimenon in the Seventh Tone: Extol the Lord our God; / worship at His footstool for it is holy!***

**v. The Lord reigns; let the people tremble!**

## **THE READING FROM THE EPISTLE OF THE HOLY APOSTLE PAUL TO THE GALATIANS (2:16-20)**

*Brethren:* We ourselves who know that a man is not justified by works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Christ Jesus, in order to be justified by faith in Christ, and not by works of the law, because by works of the law shall no one be justified. But if, in our endeavor to be justified in Christ, we ourselves were found to be sinners, is Christ then an agent of sin? Certainly not! But if I build up again those things which I tore down, then I prove myself a transgressor. For I through the law died to the law, that I might live to God. I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me; and the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

### *Alleluia, Tone 1*

**v: Remember Thy congregation which Thou hast purchased of old.  
v: God is our King before the ages; He hath wrought salvation in the midst of the earth.**

**THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO ST MARK (8:34-9:1)** And Jesus called to Him the multitude with His disciples, and said to them, “If any man would come after Me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow Me. For whoever would save his life will lose it; and whoever loses his life for My sake and the gospel’s will save it. For what does it profit a man to gain the whole world and forfeit his life? For what can a man give in return for his life? For whoever is ashamed of Me and My words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him the Son of Man also will be ashamed when He comes in the glory of His Father with the holy angels.” And He said to them, “Assuredly, I say to you that there are some standing here who will not taste death till they see the kingdom of God present with power.”

### **COMMUNION HYMN**

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

### **INSTEAD OF “WE HAVE SEEN THE TRUE LIGHT...”**

**(Tone 1)** O Lord, save Thy people and bless Thine inheritance! Grant victories to the Orthodox Christians over their adversaries and by virtue of Thy Cross preserve Thy habitation!

## THE ELEVATION OF THE HOLY CROSS (SEPTEMBER 14)

The Elevation of the Holy Cross is one of the Great Feasts of the Orthodox Church, celebrated on September 14. This feast is also referred to as the Exaltation of the Cross. This is also a popular name day for Stavroula/Stavros (from "stavros" meaning cross).

This feast commemorates The finding of the Cross by the Empress Helen (the mother of St. Constantine the Great) on Golgotha in 326 AD, the place where Christ was crucified.

On the spot where the Cross was discovered, St. Helen had found a hitherto unknown flower of rare beauty and fragrance, which has been named "Vasiliko," or Basil, meaning the flower of royalty. Note that the word "Vasiliko" means "of the King," since the word "Basileus" in Greek means "King"; so, the plant Vasiliko, Basil, is tied to the Precious Cross of the King of Glory, our Lord Jesus Christ.

Underneath the Basil, the Cross of Christ was found, but with it were the other two crosses, those used to crucify the two thieves on either side of Christ. The sign with the inscription, "Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews", also lay among the three crosses. In order to determine which one was the true cross, a sick woman was told to kiss each of the three crosses. The woman kissed the first cross with no result. She kissed the second cross and again nothing happened. However, when the ailing woman kissed the True Cross, she was immediately made well. It so happened that a funeral procession was passing that way, and so the body of the dead man was placed on each of the crosses, and when it was placed on the True Cross, the dead man came to life — thus the name the "Life-Giving" Cross, which gives life not only to that man, but to each person who believes in the sacrifice of Christ on the Cross and His all-glorious three day Resurrection.

When the true Cross was identified, it was lifted on high for all the people to see, who then continually sang Kyrie eleison, a practice which is still enacted at current celebrations of this feast.

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### CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR THE HEALTH AND BLESSINGS OF

Fr. Tom, Fr. Gabriel, Deacon Anthony, Aaron, Reggie, Allen, Deborah, JoAnn, 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
Special Intention	Joe Tome
Feodosiy, Adelaida, Irina, Oleg, Galina, Nikolay	Irina Sivergina

### CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR BLESSED REPOSE

Joseph Goodman-Memory Eternal Megan Uncle Joe Vasily, Andrey, Galina, Nikolay, Vitaliy, Alla	Nancy, Tom, Danny &  Christine, Jerry, Josh & Jenn Irina Sivergina
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### ETERNAL LIGHT AT THE ALTER

Happy Birthday and may God grant you many blessed years, Taras-Michael!His family In memory of Mildred Bladecki	Diana Broadfoot
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WELCOME to all our friends and visitors. Please join us for lunch, fellowship and bingo following the Divine Liturgy. Bingo is 3 cards for \$10. See Lucy Hogg if you would like to help.

### COFFEE HOUR



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.

**PROSFORA BAKERS** We need loaves for the Liturgy. If you are able, please bake some and drop them off at the office during the week. The office is open 9-3 Mon., Tue., Wed., & Fri. God repay you!

**KONEVETS QUARTET** will be at St. Nicholas for a return engagement on Wednesday, October 4 at 6:30 pm. Join us for an evening of Traditional Russian Folk & Church Music. Public is welcome. This event is Free there will be a collection taken that will benefit the Konevets Monastery. We are in need of refreshments (cookies, brownies, fruit etc.) There is a sign-up sheet in the parish hall for refreshments. *Please take a flier to share at school, work or businesses you frequent.*

### **ORTHODOX BOOK CLUB**

*From Protodeacon Michael Bassett:* Looking forward to seeing you as we start the year with *The Sayings of the Desert Fathers* aka *Apophthegmata Patrum* (a prize goes to the person who can say this title quickly three times in a row! The first meeting last week was an introduction to this type of literature and this book in particular.

### **ELECTION OF PARISH COUNCIL, AUDITORS, AND LAY DELEGATES**

**As of September 12, 2017 the nominees are:**

#### **Parish Council Nominees (3 need to be elected)**

Alex Gonser	Roseanne Bagale
Bill Economou	Shari Nicoloff
Jo Ann Havens	Susan Ford
Johnny Kantor	Taras Evanencko

#### **Auditors Nominees (2 need to be elected)**

Christine Panoff	Mary Batzos
Joseph Tome	
Kristin Hart	
Les Ford	

*If your name is listed above and you do not wish to run for the parish council or auditor, please call the parish office at 810-744-0070.*

#### **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

The annual elections will take place on Sunday, November 5<sup>th</sup>.

\*\*\*Absentee Ballots will be made available in the parish office beginning October 22\*\*\*

### **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.

### **Weekly Schedule:**

**Tuesday, Sept. 19** Communion Calls in Bay City & Caro  
6-8 pm Book Club - *The Sayings of the Desert Fathers*

**Wednesday, Sept. 20**  
9 am Divine Liturgy  
11 am Adult Formation – *Wounded by Love*  
11 am-1 pm Assumption at Center for Hope

**Saturday, Sept. 23**

5 pm Vespers

**Sunday, Sept. 24**

9:45 am Third Hour

10 am Divine Liturgy

**Offerings for the week September 10, 2017**

<i>Weekly Offerings</i>	\$1178.00
<i>Estimated Average Weekly Expenses</i>	\$4,034.03
	<b>\$-2,856.03</b>

*104 people were in attendance on  
Sunday, September 10, 2017*

**“I knew a man who loved other people so much that he said ‘God, I want to save my brethren and to save everybody. If you don’t save everybody, I don’t want you to save me either. Because I can’t see what Paradise would be without everybody else.’” *Saint Symeon the New Theologian***