

*September 24, 2017*

*St. Nicholas Orthodox Church*

*Diocese of Toledo – Orthodox Church in America*

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**The Gospel according to Saint Luke 24:12-35**  
**(5th Matins Gospel)**

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. Now behold, two of them were traveling that same day to a village called Emmaus, which was seven miles from Jerusalem. And they talked together of all these things which had happened. So it was, while they conversed and reasoned, that Jesus Himself drew near and went with them. But their eyes were restrained, so that they did not know Him. And He said to them, “What kind of conversation is this that you have with one another as you walk and are sad?” Then the one whose name was Cleopas answered and said to Him, “Are You the only stranger in Jerusalem, and have You not known the things which happened there in these days?” And He said to them, “What things?” So they said to Him, “The things concerning Jesus of Nazareth, who was a Prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how the chief priests and our rulers delivered Him to be condemned to death, and crucified Him. But we were hoping that it was He who was going to redeem Israel. Indeed, besides all this, today is the third day since these things happened. Yes, and certain women of our company, who arrived at the tomb early, astonished us. When they did not find His body, they came saying that they had also seen a vision of angels who said He was alive. And certain of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but Him they did not see. Then He said to them, “O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe in all that the prophets have spoken! Ought not the Christ to have suffered these things and to enter into His glory? And beginning at Moses and all the Prophets, He expounded to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning Himself. Then they drew near to the village where they were going, and He indicated that He would have gone farther. But they constrained Him, saying, “Abide with us, for it is toward evening, and the day is far spent.” And He went in to stay with them. Now it came to pass, as He sat at the table with them, that He took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened and they knew Him; and He vanished from their sight. And they said to one another, “Did not our heart burn within us while He talked with us on the road, and while He opened the Scriptures to us?” So they rose up that very hour and returned to Jerusalem, and found the eleven and those who were with them gathered together, saying, “The Lord is risen indeed, and has appeared to Simon!” And they told about the things that had happened on the road, and how He was known to them in the breaking of bread.

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2017 16th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST — Tone 7. Holy Protomartyr and Equal-to-the-Apostles Thecla (1st c.). Ven. Silouan of Mt. Athos (1938). Holy New Martyrs of Alaska, Hieromonk Juvenaly (ca. 1796) and Peter the Aleut (1815). Ven. Nicander, Hermit, of Pskov (1581). Monk Martyr Galacteon of Vologdá (1612). Ven. Coprius of Palestine (530). Ven. Abramii, Abbot of Mirozh (Pskov). St. Vladislav of Serbia (1230-39). Ven. Dorothy of Kashin. The “MIROZH” (1198) and “THE MYRTLE TREE” Icons of the Most-holy Theotokos.**

## **TROPARIA**

**(Tone 7)** By Thy Cross, Thou didst destroy death! To the thief, Thou didst open Paradise! For the myrrhbearers, Thou didst change weeping into joy! And Thou didst command Thy disciples, O Christ God, to proclaim that Thou art risen, granting the world great mercy!

**(Tone 4)** You were enlightened by the words of Paul, O bride of God, Thecla, And your faith was confirmed by Peter, chosen one of God. You became the first sufferer and martyr among women, By entering into the flames as into a place of gladness. For when you accepted the cross of Christ, The demonic powers were frightened away.// All-praised one, intercede before Christ God that our souls may be saved!

**(Tone 4)** By prayer you received Christ for your teacher in the way of humility, and the Spirit bore witness to salvation in your heart. Wherefore, all peoples called unto hope rejoice in this day of your memorial, O sacred Father Silouan. // Pray unto Christ our God for the salvation of 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 Fourth Tone: God is wonderful in His saints, / the God of Israel.*

**v: Bless God in the churches, the Lord, O you who are of Israel's fountain.**

## **THE READING FROM THE SECOND EPISTLE OF THE HOLY APOSTLE PAUL TO**

**TIMOTHY (3:10-15)** Timothy, my son, now you have observed my teaching, my conduct, my aim in life, my faith, my patience, my love, my steadfastness, my persecutions, my sufferings, what befell me at Antioch, at Iconium, and at Lystra, what persecutions I endured; yet from them all the Lord rescued me. Indeed all who desire to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted, while evil men and impostors will go on from bad to worse, deceivers and deceived. But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings which are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.

## *Alleluia, Tone 7*

**v. It is good to give thanks to the Lord, to sing praises to Thy Name, O Most High!**

**v. To declare Thy mercy in the morning, and Thy truth by night.**

## **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!

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

Magda Popoff & Ann Branoff

Alex & Magda Popoff

Fr. Tom, Fr. Gabriel, Deacon Anthony, Deacon Michael, 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

Health & Blessings: Anna Branoff, Nick Maxim, Nic Evanenko, Samuel Seeley & family, Allen Adams, Kate Stevens, Cameron, Alexa Stevens, Alyson & Theodore Wilhelm, Zina Pyatenko, Adam George & Christine Panoff

Adams family

**CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR BLESSED REPOSE**

Peter Popoff & John Naum

Alex & Magda Popoff

Clenenece Bassett (Proto-Deacon Michael's mother). Memory Eternal

Dorothy Goodman

Clenenece Bassett (Proto-Dn. Michael's mother)

Adams family


**ETERNAL LIGHT AT THE ALTER**

Maria Samaras (9/28) Blessed Repose, Memory Eternal

Helen & family



**WELCOME** to all our friends and visitors. Please join us for lunch, fellowship following the Divine Liturgy.

**COFFEE HOUR**  Volunteers are needed to help serve coffee and donuts today & the last four Sundays 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. or you may drop them off before or after Vespers on Saturday. God repay you!

**LITURGY AND REDEDICATION OF THE SHRINE – SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1 – PROTECTION OF THE MOTHER OF GOD**

Alexander Stockman of Grand Blanc has refurbished and repainted the interior of the Shrine for his Eagle Scout Project. This follows up the work Noah Gonser did for the exterior of the Shrine for his Eagle Scout project. Additionally, a permanent icon made to withstand the elements will be installed, we hope before October 1, replacing the older image which cannot be repaired. To mark the completion of all this work on the Shrine dedicated to our Lady of Iveron, Archbishop Alexander will lead us in the Holy Liturgy on Sunday, October 1, a feast of the Mother of God – The Protection. God-willing, the Liturgy will be held in the pavilion and the Archbishop will rededicate the Shrine at the Liturgy. Plan on attending!

Tickets are being sold for our rib dinner on October 1 at \$12 per ticket. We need a count of how many are coming to the dinner. Please contact Sharon Jernigan directly at 810-877-1766 or [jernigan5561@comcast.net](mailto:jernigan5561@comcast.net)

**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. **We also need someone to coordinate food for the four singers. You do not have to make it or buy it but simply coordinate what food and from where. Please see Matushka Lisa if you can volunteer.**

**\*We need to distribute fliers for the Konevets Quartet concert to places such as Flint Institute of Music, U of M Flint, etc. A flier has already been dropped off at the Flint Farmers' Market. Fliers are available on a table in the parish hall for you to pick up and distribute. We need your help. Please let the office know where you dropped the fliers off so we can keep track of where we have reached. Thank you.**

**ORTHODOX BOOK CLUB**

We continue in our current book "The Sayings of the Desert Fathers" throughout September and October meeting from 6 PM to 8 PM at St. George Church. Contact Dn. Mike Bassett ([frdnmike@gmail.com](mailto:frdnmike@gmail.com) / 989-627-9580) for further information.

**OUR CHARITY MINISTRIES**

**TOILETRY DRIVE** today & tomorrow. We are collecting toiletry items to donate to Dormition Monastery for use in their Guest House (shampoo, body wash, toothpaste, etc.). If anyone has any unused travel sized items (from hotels, etc), this would be a great time to pass these along. The office is open tomorrow from 9-3. Monetary donations will also be accepted. If you have any questions, please contact Matushka Lisa.

**HOPE IN A BOX** is collecting **SOCKS** 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.

**HURRICANE AND EARTHQUAKE RELIEF** Last week envelopes were included so that you may contribute to the International Orthodox Christian Charities (IOCC) to help those affected. The charity plate at Liturgy will be towards assisting the people suffering and will be sent through the IOCC. **Please be generous! Envelopes are available for those who will miss the charity plate.**

As you know, Fr. Esteban is from Puerto Rico and had this to share on Friday:

“As all of you undoubtedly know, Hurricane Maria made landfall in Puerto Rico on Wednesday morning, causing extensive damage and devastation. 100% of the island is without power, communications are down, and it is still dangerous to be on the roads in many places. Like hundreds of thousands of other Puerto Ricans who live elsewhere, I haven't been able to contact my family thus far since I can't reach them by phone. However, my cousin Marimar (who lives in Abilene, TX) informed me today that her sisters, my cousins, who have access to wifi calling while using a generator, were able to check on our 91-year-old grandma and their dad, my uncle, who lives with her. My sister and my niece were staying with my dad in Manatí, and I can't reach them. More distressingly, my mom was alone at home, and I can't reach her there....I am quite certain that they are all safe and well, but it would be a relief to be able to corroborate this. If you are inclined to pray, please remember the many people who remain cut off from regular communication, those who are in danger and need help, and those who are working to make things happen at the risk of their own safety. And, if you are able to help them from wherever you are by donating or in whatever way works for you, please do so.” – Fr. Esteban

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

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

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

|                 |                |
|-----------------|----------------|
| Roseanne Bagale | JoAnn Havens   |
| Bill Economou   | Shari Nicoloff |
| Taras Evanenko  | Susan Ford     |

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

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| Christine Panoff | Mary Batzos  |
| Joseph Tome      | Kristin Hart |

*If your name is listed above and you **do not** wish to run for the parish council or auditor **OR** if you wish to nominate someone, 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\*\*\*

**MEMORY ETERNAL** Clemence Bassett fell asleep in the Lord on September 19 and was buried in Blissfield, MI on September 22. She is the mother of Protodeacon Michael Bassett of St. George Church, Flint. May God grant her rest among the saints.

**Weekly Schedule:**

**Tuesday, Sept. 26**

9 am-12 pm  
6 pm- 8 pm

**Father Matthew in Toledo**

St. George Church at North End Soup Kitchen  
Book Club - *The Sayings of the Desert Fathers*

**Wednesday, Sept. 27**

9 am

Divine Liturgy

**DIOCESAN CLERGY RETREAT – Wednesday, September 27 through Saturday, September 30 at Dormition Monastery** \_If you have a pastoral emergency, please call Fr. Joe Abud at 810-444-9108.

**Thursday, Sept. 28**

11 am to 3 pm

Middle Eastern Luncheon at St. George. \$10 per person.

**Saturday, Sept. 30**

5 pm

Vespers with Litya

**Sunday, Oct. 1**

9:45 am  
10 am

Greet Archbishop Alexander

Pontifical Liturgy in church followed by procession & rededication of the Shrine

**Offerings for the week September 17, 2017**

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| <i>Weekly Offerings</i>                  | \$1748.00          |
| <i>Estimated Average Weekly Expenses</i> | \$4,034.03         |
|  | <b>-\$2,286.03</b> |

*80 people were in attendance on Sunday, September 17, 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***