

September 16, 2018

St. Nicholas Orthodox Church

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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 16, 2018 16th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST — Tone 7. Afterfeast of the Elevation of the Cross. Sunday after Elevation. Greatmartyr Euphemia the All-praised (304). Repose of St. Kiprián, Metropolitan of Moscow and All Russia (1406). St. Sebastiana, disciple of St. Paul the Apostle, martyred at Heraclea (1st c.). Martyr Melitina of Marcianopolis (2nd c.). Martyrs Victor and Sosthenes at Chalcedon (ca. 304). Ven. Dorotheus, Hermit, of Egypt (4th c.). Martyr Ludmila, grandmother of St. Wenceslaus (Viachesláv), Prince of the Czechs (927). New Martyrs Isaac and Joseph of Georgia (808).

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, O Christ our God, trampling down death by death, Who art one of the Holy Trinity, glorified with the Father and the Holy Spirit: 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 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 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 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 HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO 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).

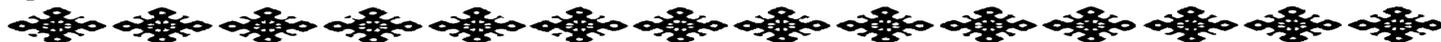
This feast commemorates The finding of the Cross by the Empress Helen (the mother of St. Constantine the Great) on Golgotha in 326 AD, the place where Christ was crucified.

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

Joe Neely 21st Birthday Sept. 12

Mom, Dad & Sarah

God's blessings on our grandson Zachary Morey~safe travel & deployment to Cuba

Peggy & Bob Russell

Health & God's blessings for Nicholas Hovey from his Baba

Bosa Kantar

Fr. Tom, Fr. Dimitrie, Fr. Anthony, Aaron, Rimi, Allen, Deborah, JoAnn, Susan,

Luba, Kosta, David, Anna, Walt, Vladimir, Dorothy, Michael, Allison,

Stojan, Mira, Bosa, Jeanette, Christopher, Marcia, Nicholas, Margaret, Joseph,

Ted, Marlene, my family and friends

Joe Tome

Special Intention

Joe Tome

Feodosiy, Oleg, Irina, Galina, Nikolay & Nikolay

Irina Sivergina

CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR BLESSED REPOSE

John Chinonis

Linda Branoff

Blessed Repose~Memory Eternal to our precious, sweet & brave grandson

Andrew Thomas Panoff

Baba & Dedo

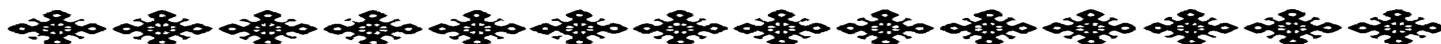
Adelaida, Vitaliy, Vasiliy, Andrey, Galina & Nikolay

Irina Sivergina

ETERNAL LIGHT AT THE ALTAR

Happy 18th Birthday Taras-Michael! With love & prayers

Your family



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

 COFFEE & DONUTS are provided today by Fannie Young & Family in memory of Sophie Stavridis (3 yrs.).

FLOWERS FOR THE CROSS today are donated by the Bakousidis Family.

MEMORY ETERNAL Luka "Louie" Prusac, son of Stojan & Mira Prusac, fell asleep in the Lord on September 14. Funeral arrangements are in the Weekly Schedule below.

HOPE IN A BOX is collecting **toothpaste & tooth brushes** for the month of September. Place the items in the blue box in the Parish Hall. Catholic Charities Community Closet will distribute the items.

FOOD DRIVE Place non-perishable food items in the other blue box in the hall.

WORK READY ROOM Catholic Charities Work Ready Room wants your new & gently used career clothes to help individuals in need! i.e. Khakis, Scrubs, Shoes, Work Boots, Dress Pants & Collared Shirts. For more information call 810-265-7025. Donations can be dropped off Mon-Fri at 812 Root St, Flint.

PARKING LOT RE-PAVING The proceeds from last year and this year's Macedonian Open will go towards the re-paving of the entire parking lot which will cost over \$100,000. With capital improvement funds and other funds on hand, that leaves a shortfall of \$35,000. If anyone would like to donate or dedicate a memorial fund or make an anonymous donation to the Capital Improvement Fund (formerly Parish Pride), please contact the office. To date \$4,390 has been donated to the project not including any funds from the Macedonian Open. The re-paving will start this week.



RIB DINNER FUNDRAISER We will have a rib dinner on September 30. We are doing advanced ticket sales so that we know how many to purchase. Ticket sales begin today. We will also have chicken dinners but we need to know how many. Cost \$14 per adult dinner; meals for children 10 and under are free. We'll have coleslaw, baked beans, bread and dessert and beverage included. **All proceeds are designated to the parking lot.**

KONEVETS QUARTET CONCERT September 26th at 6:30 pm. There are flyers in the Parish Hall. Please spread the word & post them in your community.

SPECIAL PARISH MEETING – SUNDAY, OCTOBER 7 The sole item on the agenda for this meeting is to vote on whether the parish shall take a loan to cover the remaining cost of the parking lot repaving or whether the parish shall release funds from the Endowment Fund to cover those costs.

PROSFORA If you are able, please bake some prosfora as we are in need of loaves for Liturgy. You can drop them at the office during office hours or before or after services.

Weekly Schedule:

Today Parastas for Sophie Stavridis (3 yrs.)
Nominating Committee meeting.

The members are: Paul Brayan, Deborah Gonser-Adams, Christine Panoff, Fred Paul, and Joe Tome

Monday, Sept. 17 Father in Toledo

Tuesday, Sept. 18

4 to 8 pm Visitation for Luka Prusac at Swartz Funeral Home
7 pm Parastas

Wednesday, Sept. 19

11 am Funeral for Luka Prusac at Swartz Funeral Home
followed immediately by mercy meal in the parish fellowship hall
No Divine Liturgy
No Adult Ed. Class

DIOCESAN CLERGY RETREAT – Wednesday, September 19 through Saturday, September 22 at Dormition Monastery If you have a pastoral emergency, please call Fr. Joe Abud at 810-444-9108.

Saturday, Sept. 22

5 pm

Vespers

Sunday, Sept. 23

9:30 am

Third Hour

10 am

Divine Liturgy

40 day Parastas for Helen Koski

Church School

Offerings for the week September 9, 2018

<i>Weekly Offerings</i>	\$ 1,515.00
<i>Estimated Average Weekly Expenses</i>	\$ 4,034.03
	\$-2,519.03

*70 people were in attendance on
Sunday, September 9.*

“Love is found only on the Cross.” Abbess Gavriilia