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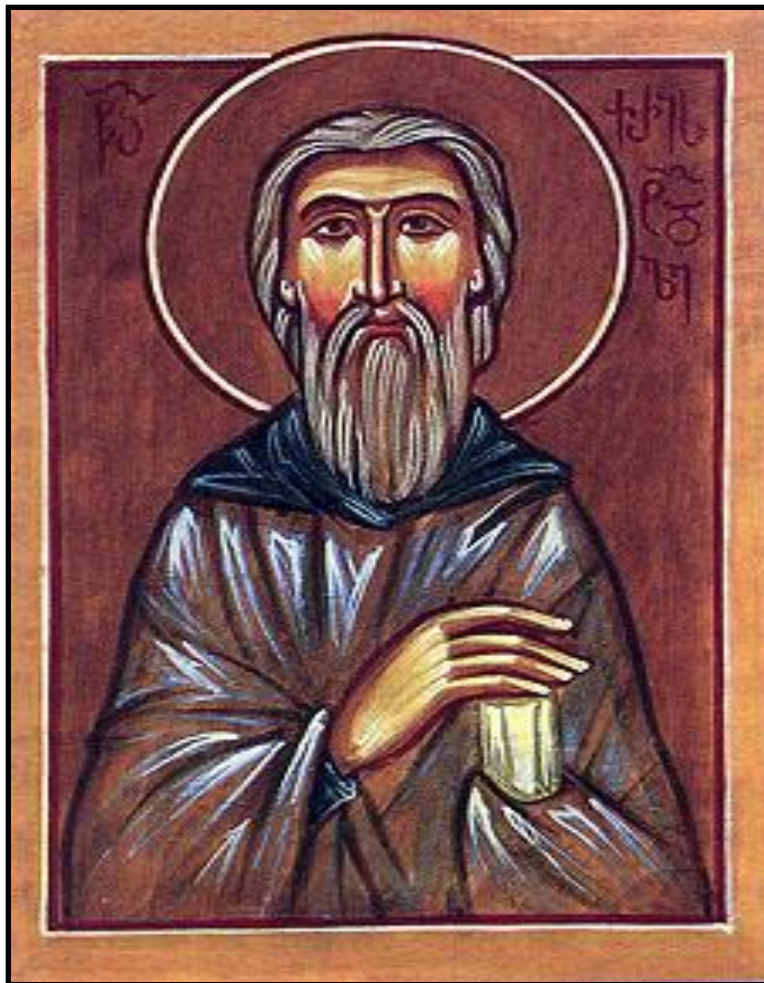
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Venerable Christodoulos the Philosopher

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 17, 2014 10th SUNDAY AFTER
PENTECOST — Tone 1. Afterfeast of the Dormition. Martyr
Myron, Presbyter, of Cyzicus (254). Ven. Alypius the
Iconographer, of the Kiev Caves (Near Caves—1114). Martyrs
Paul, his sister Juliana, and the rest, of Syria (ca. 273). Martyrs
Thyrsus, Leucius, and Coronatus, with others, at Cæsarea in
Bithynia (3rd c.). Martyr Patroclus of Troyes (3rd c.). Martyrs
Straton, Philip, Eutychian and Cyprian, of Nicomedia (ca. 303).
Bl. Theodoretus, Enlightener of the Lapps (Solovétsky
Monastery—1571).**

FIRST ANTIPHON

Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth! // sing of His name, give
glory to His praise! **Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O
Savior, save us!**

Give thanks to the Lord and call upon His name! // make known His
deeds among the nations! **Through the prayers of the Theotokos,
O Savior, save us!**

In the city of the Lord of hosts; // in the city of our God!
Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us!

His sanctuary is in the city of peace, // and His dwelling in Zion!
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 loves the gates of Zion // more than all the dwellings of Jacob! **O Son of God, who arose from the dead, save us who sing to Thee! Alleluia!**

Glorious things are spoken of you, // O City of our God!
O Son of God, who arose from the dead, save us who sing to Thee! Alleluia!

God has established her forever! // We have thought upon Thy mercy, O God, in the midst of Thy people!
O Son of God, who arose from the dead, save us who sing to Thee! Alleluia!

The Most High has sanctified // His tabernacle!
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

O God, my heart is ready, my heart is ready! I will sing and give praise to Thy glory!

(Tone 1) In giving birth you preserved your virginity. / In falling

asleep you did not forsake the world, O Theotokos. / You were translated to life, O Mother of Life, // and by your prayers you deliver our souls from death.

What shall I render to the Lord for all His benefits toward me?

(Tone 1) In giving birth you preserved your virginity. / In falling asleep you did not forsake the world, O Theotokos. / You were translated to life, O Mother of Life, // and by your prayers you deliver our souls from death.

TROPARIA

(Tone 1) When the stone had been sealed by the Jews, while the soldiers were guarding Thy most pure body, Thou didst rise on the third day, O Savior, granting life to the world. The powers of heaven therefore cried to Thee, O Giver of Life: “Glory to Thy Resurrection, O Christ! Glory to Thy Kingdom! // Glory to Thy dispensation, O Thou Who lovest mankind!”

(Tone 1) In giving birth you preserved your virginity. / In falling asleep you did not forsake the world, O Theotokos. / You were translated to life, O Mother of Life, // and by your prayers you deliver our souls from death.

(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 2) Neither the tomb, nor death, could hold the Theotokos, / who is constant in prayer and our firm hope in her intercessions. /

For being the Mother of Life, // she was translated to life by the One Who dwelt in her virginal womb.

The Prokeimenon in the First Tone: Let Thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us / as we have set our hope on Thee.

v. Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous! Praise befits the just!

THE FIRST EPISTLE OF THE HOLY APOSTLE PAUL TO THE CORINTHIANS (4:9-16) *Brethren:* For I think that God has exhibited us apostles as last of all, like men sentenced to death; because we have become a spectacle to the world, to angels and to men. We are fools for Christ's sake, but you are wise in Christ. We are weak, but you are strong. You are held in honor, but we in disrepute. To the present hour we hunger and thirst, we are ill-clad and buffeted and homeless, and we labor, working with our own hands. When reviled, we bless; when persecuted, we endure; when slandered, we try to conciliate; we have become, and are now, as the refuse of the world, the offscouring of all things. I do not write this to make you ashamed, but to admonish you as my beloved children. For though you have countless guides in Christ, you do not have many fathers. For I became your father in Christ Jesus through the gospel. I urge you, then, be imitators of me.

Alleluia, Tone 1

v. God gives vengeance to me, and subdues people under me.
v. He magnifies the salvation of the king, and deals mercifully with His Christ, with David and his seed forever.

THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO SAINT MATTHEW (17:14-23) At that time, a man came up to Jesus and kneeling

before him said, “Lord, have mercy on my son, for he is an epileptic and he suffers terribly; for often he falls into the fire, and often into the water. And I brought him to your disciples, and they could not heal him.” And Jesus answered, “O faithless and perverse generation, how long am I to be with you? How long am I to bear with you? Bring him here to me.” And Jesus rebuked him, and the demon came out of him, and the boy was cured instantly. Then the disciples came to Jesus privately and said, “Why could we not cast it out?” He said to them, “Because of your little faith. For truly, I say to you, if you have faith as a grain of mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, ‘Move from here to there,’ and it will move; and nothing will be impossible to you.” As they were gathering in Galilee, Jesus said to them, “The Son of man is to be delivered into the hands of men, and they will kill him, and he will be raised on the third day.” And they were greatly distressed.

COMMUNION HYMN

I will receive the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

On August 18 the Church celebrates the memory of the Venerable Christodoulos the Philosopher.

Born in the 11th century, young John, as he was named at birth, loved to learn from books and read everything he could get his hands on. Though John especially loved Scripture and knew he wanted to live by Christ's teachings, his curious mind led him to read about other faiths as well. He enjoyed discussions with wise people, which were another source of learning. He further broadened his knowledge by learning several languages.

John also admired and was inspired by the simple, prayerful life of monastics. So when he told his mother and father that he wanted to become a monk, they weren't surprised. Unlike some parents, who are concerned that they will never become grandparents, they raised no objections.

He was tonsured with the name Christodoulos, and as a monk he continued to think and learn. Because he particularly wanted to be able to defend Christianity in a hostile environment, he memorized the holy book of Islam, the Quran. This enabled him to debate with anyone, and to show the truth of Christianity clearly.

Saint Christodoulos spent many years on the island of Patmos, where he established a famous monastery named for another person of learning he greatly admired—Saint John the Theologian. The monastery's library preserved many precious books that might otherwise have been lost in the violent attacks that Christians frequently endured in those times. That preservation made it possible for others to learn and think deeply—a fitting legacy for a saint referred to as "Philosopher."

In our own day, some writers called the "new atheists" deny that our rational minds can lead us to God. They contend that the mind is only concerned with facts that can be demonstrated, and faith is not based on such facts. Therefore faith is not rational, and not real.

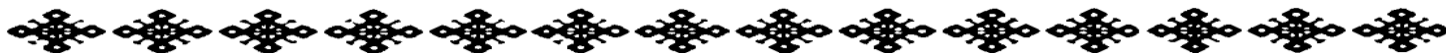
In his book "God and the New Atheism," John F. Haught offers several convincing objections to this assertion. One is that the new atheists, without seeming to realize it, place complete faith in the ability of their own minds to understand reality. John Haught asks, "If our minds are nothing but the accidental outcome of a mindless

evolutionary process, why should we trust them at all?" He also points out that the atheists have faith that there is truth to be understood, and that is worth trying to understand. But they have no basis for this faith; it's simply an assumption.

What is the faith of believers in God? Haught says it certainly is not the "belief without evidence" that the new atheists accuse it of being. Rather it is "...an adventurous movement of trust that opens reason up to its appropriate living space, namely, the inexhaustibly deep dimension of Being, Meaning, Truth, and Goodness...Faith is what opens our minds to the infinite horizon in which alone reason can breathe freely..."

Saint Christodoulos, who used his mind to investigate that infinite horizon, would agree.

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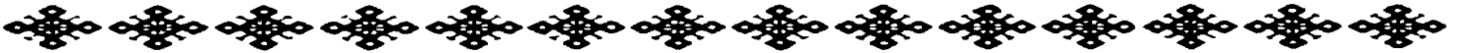
Health & God's Blessings Macy Lemmen.....	Gigi & Dedo
Special Intention	Joe Tome
Health & God's Blessings Stojan Prusac	Mira Prusac
Milica, Nikolina, Joshua, Bogdan, Rade, Jacob, Nedeljka, Malina, Dominic, Nedeljko, Ilija, Janja, Mara	Janja Beslach
Health & God's Blessings Angelo, Helen, Alex & Magda Popoff, Jorge, Stojan & Mira, Happy Birthday & God's Blessings Emilia Seeley.....	Anna Branoff
Fr. Ilya, Fr. Moses, Fr. Lawrence, Fr. Joe, Deacon Anthony, Deacon Basil, Anna, Joseph, Tula, Bosa, Reggie, Stoyan, Mira, Evanka, Dorothy & Joseph, Walter & Zina, Harold, John & Gloria, Peter & Olga, Elaine, Jeanette, Ted & Marlene, Fr. David, Gladys, My family & friends	Joe Tome
Happy Birthday & God's Blessings Fr. Matthew, Alexis & Danny.....	Stojan & Mira Prusac
Health & God's Blessings Mary Papadopoulos on her namesday.....	Mom, Dad, Kathy, David Elva & Family

ETERNAL LIGHT AT THE ALTAR

Happy Birthday & God's Blessings Fr. Matthew, God grant you many blessed years!.....	Lisa, Taras, Stasia
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CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR THE HEALTH IN BLESSED REPOSE

Lewis Elieff-Memory Eternal Evanka & Family
Judy Loder-Memory Eternal..... Anna Branoff



We welcome all of our friends and visitors to St. Nicholas.

ST. NICHOLAS FAMILY PICNIC will be held today following the outdoor Liturgy. Everyone is invited to stay and join in the fellowship. A ½ Chicken will be sold for \$5. The following will be provided: plates, cutlery, napkins, cups and ice.

MOLEBEN TO THE THEOTOKOS will take place at the Shrine following the Picnic.

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED to serve coffee and donuts for many upcoming Sundays. If you would like to know what this entails, there is a list hanging on the bulletin board in the kitchen. Please sign up on the sheet by the kitchen window. Consider pairing up with another family, if you have a smaller household.

WAYS and MEANS we are looking for any interested parishioner that would be willing to co-chair the ways and means ministry. Contact the parish office if you are interested or would like more information.

HOPE IN A BOX for the month of August is Diapers. Please place the items in the blue Hope in a Box container located in the parish hall. The diapers will be distributed by Catholic Charities Community Closet.

FOOD DRIVE Our next pick up is Monday, August 18. A list of food items is located next to the Hope in a Box.

FLOWERS If anyone would like to donate or give towards the flowers for the Icon of our Lady of Iveron that were used today, please see Debbie. Your generosity would be appreciated greatly.

SPECIAL PARISH MEETING will be held in Sunday, September 21 following the Divine Liturgy. The sole purpose of this meeting is to vote on reducing the current number of Parish Council members from 15 to 9.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL will be held on Wednesday, August 27 and Thursday, August 28 at Assumption. Fliers and registrations forms are available in the parish hall. Registration deadline is Thursday, August 21.

MACEDONIAN OPEN The Macedonian Open Committee would like to extend their THANKS to all of this year’s Participants, Volunteers, Sponsors, and Donors for making the 34th Macedonian Open Golf Outing such a success. We are proud to announce that this was the most successful Macedonian Open in our history as we raised \$19,006.34 for the Church! Thank You to each and every one of you who helped make that possible.

Schedule of services and events for the Week of August 17:

Monday, August 18

Fr. Matthew in Toledo

Wednesday, August 20

9:00 am Divine Liturgy
10:30 am Adult Education

Saturday, August 23

4:30 pm

Vespers (NO CONFESSIONS)

Sunday, August 24

9:30 am

Third Hour

10:00 am

Divine Liturgy

Sunday Offerings for August 10, 2014

<i>Weekly Offering Envelope</i>	<i>\$ 1,500.00</i>
<i>Children's Offering</i>	<i>\$ 0.00</i>
<i>Cemetery Maintenance</i>	<i>\$ 55.00</i>
<i>Charity Envelope</i>	<i>\$ 0.00</i>
<i>Love Inc</i>	<i>\$ 3000</i>
<i>Diocesan Support</i>	<i>\$ 0.00</i>
<i>OCA Envelope</i>	<i>\$ 0.00</i>
<i>Candle Fund</i>	<i>\$ 105.00</i>
<i>Coffee Hour</i>	<i>\$ 0.00</i>
<i>Seminarian Fund</i>	<i>\$ 0.00</i>
<i>Loose Offering</i>	<i>\$ 21.00</i>
<i>Kiosk</i>	<i>\$ 500</i>
<i>Total Sunday Income August 10, 2014</i>	<i>\$1,716.00</i>
<i>Estimated Average Weekly Expenses</i>	<i>\$ 3,629.13</i>

<i>Actual Income</i>	<i>\$136,686.43</i>
<i>Actual Expense</i>	<i>\$121,055.76</i>
<i>+/- to date</i>	<i>\$15,630.67</i>

*92 people were in attendance on
Sunday, August 10, 2014.*