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SUNDAY, MAY 26, 2013 4th SUNDAY OF PASCHA — Tone 3. Paralytic. Apostles Carpus and Alphæus of the Seventy (1st c.). Greatmartyr George the New at Sofia (Bulgaria—1515). Uncovering of the Relics of Ven. Makáry, Abbot of Kalyazin (1521). Martyrs Abercius and Helen, children of the Apostle Alphæus (1st c.). St. John Psichaita the Confessor, of Constantinople (9th c.). St. Augustine of Canterbury, Evangelizer of England (ca. 605).

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!

Say to God: How awesome are Thy deeds! So great is Thy power that Thy enemies cringe before Thee!

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

Let all the earth worship Thee and praise Thee! Let it praise Thy name, O Most High!

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

God be bountiful to us and bless us! Show the light of Thy countenance upon us and have mercy on us!

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

That we may know Thy way upon the earth, and Thy salvation among all nations!

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

Let the people give thanks to Thee, O God! Let all the people give thanks to Thee!

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

Let God arise, let His enemies be scattered; let those who hate Him flee from before His face.

Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death, and upon those in the tombs bestowing life.

As smoke vanishes so let them vanish; as wax melts before the fire.

Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death, and upon those in the tombs bestowing life.

So the sinners will perish before the face of God; but let the righteous be glad.

Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death, and upon those in the tombs bestowing life.

This is the day which the Lord has made! Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death, and upon those in the tombs bestowing life.

TROPARIA

(Tone 3) Let the heavens rejoice! Let the earth be glad! For the Lord has shown strength with His arm. He has trampled down death by death. He has become the first born of the dead. He has delivered us from the depths of hell, and has granted to the world // great mercy.

(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 8) Thou didst descend into the tomb, O Immortal, Thou didst destroy the power of death. In victory didst Thou arise, O Christ God, proclaiming: “Rejoice!” to the Myrrhbearing Women, granting peace to Thy Apostles, and bestowing resurrection on the fallen.

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 READING FROM THE ACTS OF THE HOLY APOSTLES (9:32-43)

In those days: as Peter went here and there among them all, he came down also to the saints that lived at Lydda. There he found a man named Aeneas, who had been bedridden for eight years and was paralyzed. And Peter said to him, “Aeneas, Jesus Christ heals you; rise and make your bed.” And immediately he rose. And all the residents of Lydda and Sharon saw him, and they turned to the Lord. Now there was at Joppa a disciple named Tabitha, which means Dorcas. She was full of good works and acts of charity. In those days she fell sick and died; and when they had washed her, they laid her in an upper room. Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, hearing that Peter was there, sent two men to him entreating him, “Please come to us without delay.” So Peter rose and went with them. And when he had come, they took him to the upper room. All the widows stood beside him weeping, and showing tunics and other garments which Dorcas made while she was with them. But Peter put them all outside and knelt down and prayed; then turning to the body he said, “Tabitha, rise.” And she opened her eyes, and when she saw Peter she sat up. And he gave her his hand and lifted her up. Then calling the saints and widows he presented her alive. And it became known throughout all Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. And he stayed in Joppa for many days with one Simon, a tanner.

Alleluia, Tone 5

v: I will sing of Your mercies, O Lord, forever; with my mouth I will

proclaim Your truth from generation to generation.

v: For You have said: “Mercy will be established forever; Your truth will be prepared in the heavens.”

THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO SAINT JOHN (5:1-15) At that time there was a feast of the Jews, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. Now there is in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate a pool, in Hebrew called Bethzatha, which has five porticoes. In these lay a multitude of invalids, blind, lame, paralyzed. One man was there, who had been ill for thirty-eight years. When Jesus saw him and knew that he had been lying there a long time, he said to him, “Do you want to be healed?” The sick man answered him, “Sir, I have no man to put me into the pool when the water is troubled, and while I am going another steps down before me.” Jesus said to him, “Rise, take up your pallet, and walk.” And at once the man was healed, and he took up his pallet and walked. Now that day was the sabbath. So the Jews said to the man who was cured, “It is the sabbath, it is not lawful for you to carry your pallet.” But he answered them, “The man who healed me said to me, ‘Take up your pallet, and walk.’” They asked him, “Who is the man who said to you, ‘Take up your pallet, and walk’?” Now the man who had been healed did not know who it was, for Jesus had withdrawn, as there was a crowd in the place. Afterward, Jesus found him in the temple, and said to him, “See, you are well! Sin no more, that nothing worse befall you.” The man went away and told the Jews that it was Jesus who had healed him.

THE HYMN TO THE THEOTOKOS

The Angel cried to the Lady full of grace: Rejoice, O Pure Virgin! Again I say: Rejoice! Your Son is risen from His three days in the tomb! With Himself He has raised all the dead! Rejoice, all ye people! Shine! Shine! O New Jerusalem! The Glory of the Lord has shone on you! Exult now and be glad, O Zion! Be radiant, O Pure Theotokos, in the Resurrection of your Son!

COMMUNION HYMN

Receive the Body of Christ, taste the Fountain of Immortality. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

IN PLACE OF “WE HAVE SEEN THE TRUE LIGHT...”

Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death, and upon those in

the tombs bestowing life.

PASCHAL GREETING

English Christ is risen!

Indeed He is risen!

Slavonic Christos voskrese! Voistinnu voskrese!

Greek Christos anesti

Alithos anesti!

Arabic Al Masseeya kam! Hakkan kam!

During the week of May 26 we read the tenth chapter of the Book of Acts, which tells of changes and growth in the early Church.

As people with varied backgrounds joined the Church, those who were already members had to find ways of worshipping in harmony with these newcomers. Sometimes their ideas of what God wanted from them also had to change, as the apostle Peter would learn.

The tenth chapter begins with Peter's vision of a large sheet being lowered by its four corners from heaven. Animals, some considered unclean in Jewish law, are contained in the sheet: "all kinds of four-footed creatures and reptiles and birds of the air." A voice telling Peter to "kill and eat" is followed by his protest that he has never eaten anything profane or unclean.

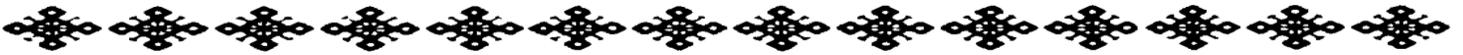
But when the voice tells him that he must not call profane anything that God has made clean, Peter begins to realize that his understanding of God's will must change. He will soon say, "I truly understand that God shows no partiality." So he preaches the Gospel to the Gentiles, people who were not raised as he was in the Jewish law.

Then comes another attitude-changing event: the Holy Spirit falls upon those listening to Peter. And "the circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God." The faithful believers of Jewish background are shown that God's grace is for others as well as themselves.

It isn't an easy fact for them to take in. The first verses of the eleventh chapter of Acts describe the reaction of the apostles and believers in Judea, hearing of the Gentiles' acceptance of God's word. They criticize Peter: "Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?"

The Church would face similar challenges many times again. In the third century, for example, the question arose of what to do with those who had "lapsed" during the persecutions in the Roman Empire. How were they to be received back into the Church, if they were received at all? Many Christians at that time had lost eyes, limbs and health because they refused to deny their faith. How would they live in harmony with those who had escaped persecution by recanting? So serious was this question that Church leaders devised three categories of the lapsed: those who had actually sacrificed to the pagan gods, those who had offered incense, and those who had purchased certificates stating that they had complied with the Empire's demands. The penances were different for each group.

The present world confronts Orthodox Christians with the challenge to love each person while firmly upholding Church teachings that many persons have abandoned. It is no easy task, and the only way to do it is to cling to the assurance, in John 16:33 that Christ gives us: "Be of good cheer, for I have overcome the world."

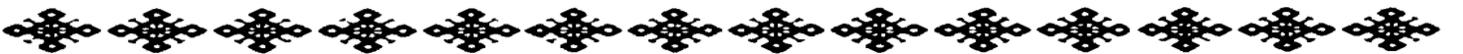


CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR THE HEALTH & BLESSINGS OF

Health & God's Blessings Harold Brock	Allison Borkovich
Health & God's Blessings Karen Harrison, Anna Branoff, Josephine & Peter Sredich, Jo Ann Havens, Bosa Kantar, Mira & Stojan Prusac, Harold Brock, Evanka Elieff, Lydia Keeler, Fred Oginsky, Joe Oginsky, God Bless our sick & shut-ins	Anne Smith
Health & God's Blessings Vickie Borkovich, Evanka Elieff	Sredich Family
Special Intention	Joe Tome
Health & God's Blessings Gloria & John Zelenko on their Anniversary, May 23, Goldie Johnson on her birthday, May 25.....	Angelo & Christine
Janja, Nikolina, Joshua, Bogdan, Milica, Rade, Jacob, Nedja, Malina, Dominic, Nedeljko, Bosa, Mara, Mara	Janja Beslach
Health & God's Blessings Vickie Borkovich.....	Bosa Kantar
Special Intention Diane, Arthur Zambito & family, Nancy, Ken & Maggie Laycock, Pat Miculka, Helen & Doug Phillips, Gladys Edwards, Anne Smith, Jeanette Hildreth, Brett w/Cancer, Linda Branoff, Gloria & John Zelenko.....	Anne Smith
Gloria, thank you for 21 years	John Zelenko
Health & God's Blessings Evanka Elieff.....	Joe & Dorothy
Fr. Ilya, Fr. Lawrence, Fr. Andrew, Fr. Joe, Deacon Anthony, David, Anna, Reggie, Evanka, Dorothy, Mira, Bosa, John & Gloria, Jeanette, Peter & Olga, Rosemary, Helen, Diane & Jimmy, Ted & Marlene, Fr. David, Gladys, My family & friends.....	Joe Tome
Happy 21 st Anniversary & God's Blessings John & Gloria Zelenko.....	Rosemary Vuckovich

CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR ALL THOSE IN BLESSED REPOSE

Leota Owens	Angelo & Christine
Bogdan, Ilinka, Vaso.....	Janja Beslach
Theodora Papalazarou 2yrs Blessed Repose.....	Bakousidis Family
Mary Stevens 5yrs Blessed Repose-Memory Eternal.....	Joe & Dorothy
Carl Smith & our son, Nick & Helen Polonic & family who lie in repose, Harold & Mary Smith & family who lie in repose, Jerry Benes, John Oginsky, Mike Berezny-Blessed Repose, Alfred Keeler-Blessed Repose, Lewis Elieff, Stella Branoff, Leota Owens-Blessed Repose	Anne Smith
Kosta Papalazarou-Memory Eternal.....	Bakousidis Family
George & Themyana Brown, Harry & Julia Goodman-Memory Eternal.....	Joe & Dorothy



ANNOUNCEMENTS

We welcome all of our friends and visitors to St. Nicholas. Please join us in our fellowship hall for coffee hour. We are in need of volunteers to serve coffee and donuts for the months of June & July. The sign-up sheet is located next to the kitchen window.

Coffee and donuts are being donated today in memory of Theodora Papalazarou-2yrs Blessed Repose, by the Yosheff and Bakousidis families.

PLEASE JOIN US for a baby shower for Amanda Vázquez and Hannah Seeley, Sunday, June 2 at 12 noon in the parish hall. Please bring a desert or salad to share. It's a family affair, everyone is welcome.

HOPE IN A BOX for the month of June is laundry soap. Laundry soap is needed this month. Please place the laundry soap in the blue Hope in a Box container located in the parish hall. The laundry soap will be distributed by Catholic Charities Community Closet.

FUDDRUCKERS FUNDRAISING DINNER, benefitting Catholic Charities of Shiawassee and Genesee Counties will be held on Friday, May 31 from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. at Fuddruckers of Flint, 2373 Austin Pkwy. Present a printed flyer and a portion of your bill will be donated to Catholic Charities. Flyers are available in the parish hall, by emailing givehope@ccsgc.org, and on our Facebook page, Catholic Charities Flint and Owosso. For more info, call 810-232-9950 ext. 325

FLOWERS FOR PASCHA There are ferns already in church that need to be paid for. Donation for each fern is \$30. There are twelve of them that have not yet been paid for through a donation. If you are interested in donating any of the ferns please see Debbie.

ST. CATHERINE'S LEAGUE DINNER OUT will be held on Tuesday, June 4 at Zhenders in Frankenmuth, at 6:00 pm. All the ladies of the parish are invited to attend. Reservations are necessary please see Stephanie Stikovich or Lucy Hogg to make yours.

PARISH FESTIVAL will be held on Saturday, July 20 from 2 pm until 11 pm. Check your May bulletin for more information.

MACEDONIAN OPEN GOLF SCRAMBLE will be held this year on Monday, June 17th at the Flint Elks Golf Club. Please look for the flier in the May Bulletin or in the mail. There will also be extra fliers available in the Church Hall following today's service. We would like to encourage everyone, whether you want to sponsor your business, or support the event as a family with a sign sponsorship. **Even if you don't golf you can support the Open by sponsoring a sign or making a donation. You can also support the Open by joining everyone for dinner that day. You can buy your dinner ticket for \$40.** With the Macedonian Open falling on the Monday after Father's Day once again, it would make a great Father's Day present. We were able to raise over \$12,000 for the Church last year and are looking for an even bigger and better turnout this year. If you or someone you know would like to help or would like to buy a dinner ticket, please contact Angelo or Christine Panoff angelo.panoff@wfadvisors.com or 423-6020, Linda Branoff branoff721@aol.com or 964-3654, George Branoff gabman01@charter.net or 252-5395 or Chris Nedanis cned77@gmail.com or 877-0889.

Schedule of services and events for the Week of May, 26;

<u>Monday, May 27</u>	Office Closed
<u>Wednesday, May 29</u> 9:00 am	<u>Mid-Pentecost</u> Divine Liturgy
<u>Thursday, May 30</u>	Office Open
<u>Saturday, June 1</u> 4:30 pm	Vespers followed by confessions
<u>Sunday, June 2</u> 9:30 am 10:00 am	<u>Sunday of the Samaritan Woman</u> Third Hour Divine Liturgy Church School Shower for Hannah Seeley and Amanda Vázquez

Sunday Offerings for May 19, 2013

<i>Weekly Offering Envelope</i>	<i>\$ 1,696.00</i>
<i>Children's Offering</i>	<i>\$ 0.00</i>
<i>Cemetery Maintenance</i>	<i>\$ 56.00</i>
<i>Charity Envelope</i>	<i>\$ 26.00</i>
<i>Love Inc</i>	<i>\$ 0.00</i>
<i>Diocesan Support</i>	<i>\$ 11.00</i>
<i>OCA Envelope</i>	<i>\$ 0.00</i>
<i>Candle Fund</i>	<i>\$ 194.45</i>
<i>Coffee Hour</i>	<i>\$ 55.00</i>
<i>Seminarian Fund</i>	<i>\$ 1.00</i>
<i>Loose Offering</i>	<i>\$ 3.00</i>
<i>Kiosk</i>	<i>\$ 25.00</i>
<i>Pascha Offering</i>	<i>\$ 225.00</i>
<i>Total Sunday Income May 19, 2013</i>	<i>\$ 2,267.45</i>
<i>Estimated Average Weekly Expenses</i>	<i>\$ 3,496.10</i>

<i>Actual Income</i>	<i>\$ 68,107.12</i>
<i>Actual Expense</i>	<i>\$ 67,380.71</i>
<i>+/- to date</i>	<i>\$ 726.41</i>

*116 People were in attendance on
Sunday May 19, 2013.*

For further details, on actual
Income/Expenses please refer to the latest St.
Nicholas treasures report posted on the
bulletin board, next to the conference room in
the church hall.