

SUNDAY, MAY 9, 2010 6th SUNDAY OF PASCHA — Tone 5. Blind Man. Prophet Isaiah (8th c. B.C.). Martyr Christopher of Lycia, and with him Martyrs Callinica and Aquilina (ca. 250). Translation of the Relics of St. Nicholas the Wonderworker from Myra to Bari (1087). Ven. Shio of Georgia .

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.

Troparion: 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.

Troparion: 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.

Troparion: 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!

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

TROPARION

(Tone 5) Let us, the faithful, praise and worship the Word, / co-eternal with the Father and the Spirit, / born for our salvation from the Virgin; / for He willed to be lifted up on the Cross in the flesh, / to endure death, / and to raise the dead //
by His glorious Resurrection.

KONTAKIA

(Tone 4) I come to Thee, O Christ, blind from birth in my spiritual eyes, and call to Thee in repentance: // “Thou art the most radiant Light of those in darkness!”

(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 Eighth Tone: Pray and make your vows / before the Lord our God!
v. In Judah God is known; His name is great in Israel.

THE READING FROM THE ACTS OF THE HOLY APOSTLES (16:16-34)

In those days, as we were going to the place of prayer, we were met by a slave girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners much gain by soothsaying. She followed Paul and us, crying, “These men are servants of the Most High God, who proclaim to you the way of salvation.”

And this she did for many days. But Paul was annoyed, and turned and said to the spirit, “I charge you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her.” And it came out that very hour. But when her owners saw that their hope of gain was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the market place before the rulers; and when they had brought them to the magistrates they said, “These men are Jews and they are disturbing our city. They advocate customs which it is not lawful for us Romans to accept or practice.” The crowd joined in attacking them; and the magistrates tore the garments off them and gave orders to beat them with rods. And when they had inflicted many blows upon them, they threw them into prison, charging the jailer to keep them safely. Having received this charge, he put them into the inner prison and fastened their feet in the stocks. But about midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them, and suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and every one’s fetters were unfastened. When the jailer woke and saw that the prison doors were open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, supposing that the prisoners had escaped. But Paul cried with a loud voice, “Do not harm yourself, for we are all here.” And he called for lights and rushed in, and trembling with fear he fell down before Paul and Silas, and brought them out and said, “Men, what must I do to be saved?” And they said, “Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household.” And they spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all that were in his house. And he took them the same hour of the night, and washed their wounds, and he was baptized at once, with all his family. Then he brought them up into his house, and set food before them; and he rejoiced with all his household that he had believed in God.

Alleluia, Tone 8

v. Look upon me and have mercy on me!

v. Direct my steps according to Your word!

THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO SAINT JOHN (9:1-38)

At that time, as Jesus passed by, he saw a man blind from his birth. And his disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" Jesus answered, "It was not that this man sinned, or his parents, but that the works of God might be made manifest in him. We must work the works of him who sent me, while it is day; night comes, when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." As he said this, he spat on the ground and made clay of the spittle and anointed the man's eyes with the clay, saying to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means Sent). So he went and washed and came back seeing. The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar, said, "Is not this the man who used to sit and beg?" Some said, "It is he"; others said, "No, but he is like him." He said, "I am the man." They said to him, "Then how were your eyes opened?" He answered, "The man called Jesus made clay and anointed my eyes and said to me, 'Go to Siloam and wash'; so I went and washed and received my sight." They said to him, "Where is he?" He said, "I do not know." They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. Now it was a sabbath day when Jesus made the clay and opened his eyes. The Pharisees again asked him how he had received his sight. And he said to them, "He put clay on my eyes, and I washed, and I see." Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for he does not keep the sabbath." But others said, "How can a man who is a sinner do such signs?" There was a division among them. So they again said to the blind man, "What do you say about him, since he has opened your eyes?" He said, "He is a prophet." The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight, until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight, and asked them, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?" His parents answered, "We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; but how he now sees we do not know, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age, he will speak for himself." His parents said this because they feared the Jews, for the Jews had already agreed that if any one should confess him to be Christ, he was to be put out of the synagogue. Therefore his parents said, "He is of age, ask him." So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and said to him, "Give God the praise; we know that this man is a sinner." He answered, "Whether he is a sinner, I do not know; one thing I know, that though I was blind, now I see." They said to him, "What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?" He answered them, "I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you too want to become his disciples?" And they reviled him, saying, "You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from." The man answered, "Why, this is a marvel! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners, but if any one is a worshiper of God and does his will, God listens to him. Never since the world began has it been heard that any one opened the eyes of a man born blind. If this man were not from God, he could do nothing." They answered him, "You were born in utter sin, and would you teach us?" And they cast him out. Jesus heard that they had cast him out, and having found him he said, "Do you believe in the Son of man?" He answered, "And who is he, sir, that I might believe in him?" Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, and it is he who speaks to you." He said, "Lord, I believe"; and he worshiped him. For which you did not labor; others have labored, and you have entered into their labor." Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman's testimony, "He told me all that I ever did." So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he

stayed there two days. And many more believed because of his word. They said to the woman, “It is no longer because of your words that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is indeed the Savior of the world.”

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! Praise the Lord from the heavens! Praise Him in the highest! 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.

THE TRANSLATION OF THE RELICS OF SAINT NICHOLAS (MAY 9)

In the eleventh century the Byzantine Empire was going through some terrible times. In the year 792 the caliph Aaron Al'-Rashid sent Khumeid at the head of a fleet to pillage the island of Rhodes. Having lain waste this island, Khumeid set off to Myra in Lycia with the intent to rob the tomb of St Nicholas. But instead he robbed another tomb standing alongside the crypt of the saint. Just as they succeeded in committing this sacrilege, a terrible storm lifted upon the sea and almost all the ships were shattered into pieces.

The desecration of holy things shocked not only Eastern, but also Western Christians. Christians in Italy were particularly apprehensive for the relics of St Nicholas, and among them were many Greeks. The inhabitants of the city of Bari, located on the shores of the Adriatic Sea, decided to save the relics of St Nicholas.

In the year 1087 merchants from Bari and Venice went to Antioch to trade. Both these and others also proposed to take up the relics of St Nicholas and transport them to Italy on the return trip. In this plan the men of Bari commissioned the Venetians to land them at Myra. At first two men were sent in, who in returning reported that in the city all was quiet. In the church where the glorified relics rested, they encountered only four monks. Immediately forty-seven men, having armed themselves, set out for the church of St Nicholas. The guards, suspecting nothing, showed them the raised platform, beneath which the tomb of the saint was concealed, and where they anointed foreigners with myrrh from the relics of the saint.

At this time the monks told them about an appearance of St Nicholas that evening to a certain Elder. In this vision St Nicholas ordered the careful preservation of his relics. This account encouraged the barons, they saw an avowal for them in this vision and, as it were, a decree from the saint. In order to facilitate their activity, they revealed their intent to the monks and offered them money, 300 gold coins. The guards refused the money and wanted to warn the inhabitants about the misfortune threatening them. But the newcomers bound them and put their own guards at the doorway.

They took apart the church platform above the tomb with the relics. In this effort the youth Matthew was excessive in his zeal, wanting to find the relics of St Nicholas as quickly as possible. In his impatience he broke the cover and the barons saw that the sarcophagus was filled with fragrant holy myrrh. The compatriots of the barons, the priests Luppus and Drogus, offered a litany, after which the break made by Matthew began to flow with myrrh from the saint's sarcophagus. This occurred on April 20, 1087.

Seeing the absence of a container chest, the priest Drogus wrapped the relics in the cloth, and in the company of the barons he carried them to the ship. The monks, having been set free, alerted the city with the sad news about the abduction of the relics of the Wonderworker Nicholas by foreigners. A crowd of people gathered at the shore, but it was too late.

On May 8 the ships arrived in Bari, and soon the joyous news made the rounds of all the city. On the following day, May 9, 1087, they solemnly transported the relics of St Nicholas into the church of St Stephen, not

far from the sea. The solemn bearing of the relics was accompanied by numerous healings of the sick, which inspired still greater reverence for God's saint. A year afterwards, a church was built in the name of St Nicholas and consecrated by Pope Urban II. This event, connected with the transfer of the relics of St Nicholas, evoked a particular veneration for the Wonderworker Nicholas and was marked by the establishment of a special Feast day on May 9.

From www.oca.org Feasts and Saints, May 9

May 9, 2010

CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR THE HEALTH & BLESSINGS OF

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| Sretna Slava & God's blessings Stojan & Mira Prusac (St. George, May 6)..... | Rosemary Vuckovich |
| Birthday blessings for Daniel Krigner on his 19 th Birthday (May 9)..... | Mom, Dad & Megan |
| Special Intention Maggie, Nancy & Ken Laycock, Diane, Arthur Zambito & Family, Gloria Zelenko, Gladys Edwards, Olga Elavich & Family, Anne Smith..... | Anne Smith |
| Sretna Slava & God's blessings Stojan & Mira Prusac..... | Mary King |
| Health & God's blessings Godmother Rosemary Vuckovich..... Charlie | Dennis, Sharon & |
| Happy Anniversary & God's blessings Helen & Doug Phillips, Debbie & Ralph Neely, Laurie & Harold Brock..... | Anne Smith |
| Sretna Slava & God's blessings Stojan & Mira Prusac..... | Pete & Jo Sredich |
| Health & God's blessings Olga Haw & Family, Oginsky & Miculka families, Sick & shut-ins of St. Nicholas, Happy Birthday Anna Branoff | Anne Smith |
| David Tome, Anna Branoff, Flossie Bayoff, Daisy Karkoski, Walter Sudia, Anne Smith, John & Gloria Zelenko, Rosemary Vuckovich, Mary Harrison, Mira Prusac, Ted Weston, Fr. David, Gladys Edwards, My family & friends..... | J. Tome |
| Health & Blessings Peter & Jo Sredich..... | Stojan & Mira Prusac |
| Special Intention | J. Tome |
| Meredith Strong for a great recovery after surgery, The Butrie, Gingras, Bartlett and Kenderish families..... | The Butrie's |
| Health & God's blessings Godmother Matushka Lisa | Charlie Jernigan |
| Health & God's blessings for Danny Krigner on his 19 th Birthday..... | Baba Evanka |
| Health & God's blessings Ralph & Debbie on their 13 th Wedding Anniversary..... | Mom & Dad |

CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR ALL THOSE IN BLESSED REPOSE

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| Amanda Veale (niece of Fr. Dn. Michael & Pam Bassett)..... | Allen Adams Family |
| Blessed Repose-Stella Sutak..... | Mary King |
| Carl Smith & our son, John Oginsky, Stella Sutak-Memory Eternal, Anthony Dorohov-Memory Eternal | Anne Smith |
| Stella Branoff..... | Tom, Linda, Peter & Marilyn |
| Stella Sutak | J. Tome |
| Blessed Repose-Stella Sutak..... | Pete & Jo Sredich |
| 1 yr for Stella Branoff and for all of the Butrie, Gingras, Bartlett and Kenderish families..... | The Butrie's |
| Stella Kantor-Blessed Repose in honor of Mother's Day..... | Johnny & Jo Ann |
| 1 yr for Stella Branoff..... | Johnny Kantor & Jo Ann Havens |

ETERNAL LIGHT

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| Lewis Elieff-Blessed Repose-Memory Eternal..... | His Family |
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

We welcome all of our friends and visitors to St. Nicholas; please join us for our coffee social in the parish hall following the veneration of cross.

Happy Mother's Day to all of our Mothers, Godmothers and Grandmothers. May God grant you many years.

Today is the last day to place your order for Piroshki. If you haven't already placed an order please do so, you may see any member of St. Catherine's league.

The **Parish Council** will meet on Monday, May 10 @ 6:45 pm. Please call the parish office if you are unable to attend this meeting.

The parish office will be closed on Tuesday, May 11 and will be open Thursday, May 13.

Lapeer Outing: Due to the rainy weather on Friday, we had to postpone the Outing. The Outing has been rescheduled for Saturday, May 15 at 6:00pm. Please call the parish office or Kathy Gonser at 694-9001, by Wednesday if you plan on joining us.

St. Nicholas Work Day will be held on Saturday, May 15 here at church and at the cemetery. Your help is greatly needed. We will be working on the following at Church: Painting Wooden Cross (in front of Father's office), Trim trees, fix and paint trim around lamb pit, paint doors in the courtyard, fix downspouts, paint garage, wash windows and pick-up trash on the parish grounds. Cemetery: general clean-up. Please bring any tools that you may have with you to the clean-up. If you have any question please see David Houser.

A **Rib & Chicken Dinner** will be held on Sunday, May 16 following the Divine Liturgy. Tickets will need to be purchased TODAY. Rib Dinner: Adult: \$12.00, Child: \$6.00. Chicken Dinner: Adult: \$10.00, Child: \$5.00. Please see Dennis or Sharon Jernigan to purchase your ticket(s).

Adult Education: Tuesday May, 18 at 7:00pm at Assumption. Topic: Orthodoxy and the movies. See flyer in the parish hall for more information.

St. Catherine's Annual Dinner Out will be Thursday, June 3, 2010 at the 501 Club (downtown Flint), cocktails at 6:00 and dinner at 6:30. Reservations need to be made by Sunday, May 23. Please see Rosemary Vuckovich to make your reservation.

St. Vladimir Seminary Symposia

There are fliers at the candle stand with more information about the seminars at St. Vladimir's this summer:

June 3-9 Iconography Workshops
June 10-12 Annual Summer Symposium: Hellenism and Orthodoxy
June 13-19 Academic Program
June 14-16 Orthodox Parish Renewal
June 20-24 Diaconal Liturgical Practicum
 Practical Liturgics
 Music Program

OCA Parish Ministries Seminar in Cleveland, OH from June 27-30. Anyone interested in attending, please see Fr. Matthew.

Schedule of services for the week of May 9

Wednesday, May 12

6:00 pm

Eve of the Ascension of our Lord

Vesperal Liturgy at St. George

Friday, May 14

10:00 am

Divine Liturgy

Saturday, May 15

4:30 pm

Great Vespers

Sunday, May 16

9:30 am

10:00 am

7TH PASCHAL SUNDAY – MOTHER’S DAY

Third Hour

Divine Liturgy

Rib & Chicken Dinner

Sunday Offerings for May 9, 2010

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| <i>Weekly Income</i> | |
| <i>Weekly Offering Envelope*</i> | <i>\$1,559.00</i> |
| <i>Children’s Envelopes</i> | <i>\$ 0.00</i> |
| <i>Cemetery Maintenance</i> | <i>\$ 51.00</i> |
| <i>Charity Plate</i> | <i>\$ 28.00</i> |
| <i>Charity Envelope</i> | <i>\$ 1.00</i> |
| <i>Diocesan Support</i> | <i>\$ 1.00</i> |
| <i>OCA Envelope</i> | <i>\$ 0.00</i> |
| <i>Candle Fund</i> | <i>\$ 256.65</i> |
| <i>Kitchen/Coffee Donation</i> | <i>\$ 0.00</i> |
| <i>Seminarian Fund</i> | <i>\$ 1.00</i> |
| <i>Loose Offering</i> | <i>\$ 52.00</i> |
| <i>Kiosk</i> | <i>\$ 0.00</i> |
| <i>Total Income</i> | <i>\$1,949.65</i> |
| <i>Avg. Weekly Budget</i> | <i>\$3,743.49</i> |
| <i>+/- Budget</i> | <i>-\$1,793.84</i> |

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| <i>Income to date</i> | <i>\$61,074.55</i> |
| <i>Expense to date</i> | <i>\$75,071.10</i> |
| <i>+/- to date</i> | <i>-\$13,996.55</i> |

* 48 envelopes were received averaging \$32.48 per envelope.
132 people were in attendance.