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SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2015 15th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST — Tone 6. Forefeast of the Elevation of the Cross. Commemoration of the Founding of the Church of the Resurrection (Holy Sepulcher) at Jerusalem (335). Sunday before Elevation. Hieromartyr Cornelius the Centurion (1st c.). Martyrs Chronides, Leontius and Serapion, of Alexandria (237). Martyrs Seleucus in Scythia, and Stratonicus (3rd c.). Martyrs Macrobius and Gordian at Tomi in Romania (4th c.). Hieromartyr Julian of Galatia (4th c.). Martyrs Elias, Zoticus, Lucian, and Valerian (4th c.). St. Peter of Atroë (9th c.). Greatmartyr Ketevan, Queen of Georgia (1624). Ven. Hierotheus the Younger of Iveron (Mt. Athos—1745).

TROPARIA

(Tone 6) The angelic powers were at Thy tomb the guards became as dead men. Mary stood by Thy grave, seeking Thy most pure Body. Thou didst capture hell, not being tempted by it. Thou didst come to the Virgin, granting life. O Lord who didst rise from the dead: glory to Thee!

(Tone 4) We offer in supplication the life-creating Cross of Your goodness, O Lord, which You have granted to us although we are unworthy. Through the Theotokos, save all Orthodox Christians, O only Lover of mankind!

(Tone 4) You have revealed the beauty of the holy dwelling place of Your glory on earth to be like the splendor of the heavenly firmament, O Lord. Through the prayers of the Theotokos, strengthen it for ever and ever and accept our supplication which we ceaselessly offer to You therein, the life and resurrection of all!

(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) The Church has been revealed to be a heaven filled with light, which enlightens all the faithful. Standing within it we cry: “Establish this house, O Lord!”

The Prokeimenon in the Sixth Tone: O Lord, save Thy people / and bless Thine inheritance!

v. To Thee, O Lord, will I call. O my God, be not silent to me!

THE EPISTLE OF THE HOLY APOSTLE PAUL TO THE GALATIANS (6:11-18) *Brethren:* See with what large letters I am writing to you with my own hand. It is those who want to make a good showing in the flesh that would compel you to be circumcised, and only in order that they may not be persecuted for the cross of Christ. For even those who receive circumcision do not themselves keep the law, but they desire to have you circumcised that they may glory in your flesh. But far be it from me to glory except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. For neither circumcision counts for anything, nor uncircumcision, but a new creation. Peace and mercy be upon all who walk by this rule, upon the Israel of God. Henceforth let no man trouble me; for I bear on my body the marks of Jesus. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brethren. Amen.

Alleluia, Tone 1

v. I have exalted one chosen out of My people.

v. For My hand shall defend him and My arm shall strengthen him.

THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO SAINT JOHN (3:13-17)

Jesus answered Nicodemus, saying: “No one has ascended into heaven but he who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God sent the Son into the world, not to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him.”

COMMUNION HYMN:

Praise the Lord from the heavens! Praise Him in the highest! Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

The Founding of the Church of the Resurrection (Holy Sepulchre) at Jerusalem (Sept. 13)

The Dedication of the Temple of the Resurrection of Christ at Jerusalem celebrates the dedication of the Church of the Resurrection, built by St Constantine the Great and his mother, the empress Helen. When the Roman emperor Titus conquered Jerusalem in the year 70, he razed the city and destroyed the Temple of Solomon on Mount Moriah, leaving there not a stone upon a stone, as even the Savior foretold (Mt.13:1-2). Later on the zealous pagan emperor Hadrian (117-138) built on the site of the Jerusalem destroyed by Titus a new city named Aelia Capitolina for him (Hadrian Aelius). It was forbidden to call the city by its former name. He gave orders to cover the Holy Tomb of the Lord with earth and stones, and on that spot to set up an idol. On Golgotha, where the Savior was crucified, he constructed a pagan temple dedicated to the goddess Venus in 119. In Bethlehem, at the place the Savior was born of the All-Pure Virgin, the impious emperor set up an idol of Adonis. He did all this intentionally, so that people would forget completely about Christ the Savior and that they would no longer remember the places where He lived, taught, suffered and arose in glory.

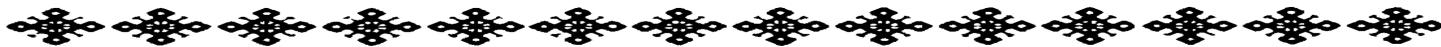
At the beginning of the reign of St Constantine the Great (306-337), the first of the Roman emperors to recognize the Christian religion, he and his pious mother the empress Helen decided to rebuild the city of Jerusalem. They also planned to build a church on the site of the Lord’s suffering and Resurrection, in order to reconsecrate and purify the places connected with memory of the Savior from the taint of foul pagan cults. The empress Helen journeyed to Jerusalem with a large quantity of gold, and St Constantine the Great wrote a letter to Patriarch Macarius I (313-323), requesting him to assist her in every possible way with her task of the renewing the Christian holy places. After her arrival in Jerusalem, the holy empress Helen destroyed all the pagan temples and reconsecrated the places desecrated by the pagans. She was zealous to find the Cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, and she ordered the excavation of the place where the temple of Venus stood. There they discovered the Sepulchre of the Lord and Golgotha, and they also found three crosses and some nails. The Cross of the Lord was revealed when it brought to life a dead man. Patriarch Macarius raised up the Life-Creating Cross and displayed it to all the people standing about. (the Feast of the Elevation of the Cross – September 14)

The holy empress quickly began the construction of a large church which enclosed within its walls Golgotha, the place of the Crucifixion of the Savior, and the Sepulchre of the Lord, located near each other. The Church of the Resurrection was ten years in building, and the holy empress Helen did not survive to see its completion. She returned to Constantinople, and reposed in the year 327. After her arrival in Jerusalem, the holy empress built churches in Bethlehem, on the Mount of Olives, at Gethsemane and in many other places connected with the life of the Savior and events in the New Testament.

The construction of the church of the Resurrection, called “Martyrion” in memory of the sufferings of the Savior, was completed in the same year as the Council of Tyre, and in the thirtieth year of the reign of St Constantine the Great. Therefore, at the assembly of September 13, 335, the consecration of the temple was particularly solemn with bishops from many lands attending. On this day all the city of Jerusalem was consecrated. The Fathers of the Church established September 13 as the commemoration of this remarkable event.

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CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR THE HEALTH AND BLESSINGS OF

- God’s Blessings & Health for Sophie Stavridis St. Catherine’s League
- Health & Blessings for Michael..... Mom & Dad
- Health & God’s Blessings to Krista Panoff on her birthday Sept. 13,
Panoff safe trip Angelo & Christine

Josephine Baker, Gloria Zelenko, Anne Smith, Joe Goodman's family.....	Johnny Kantor & Jo Ann Havens
Fr. Joe, Fr. Moses, Fr. Lavrenty, Deacon Anthony, Aaron, Sophie, John, Gloria, Laurie, Anne, Walt & Zina, Helen, Dorothy, Phillip, Joseph, Reggie, Stojan & Mira, Bosa, Helen, Ted & Marlene, Fr. David, Gladys, all my family & friends.....	Joe Tome
Good Health & God's Blessings to Sophie Stavridis	Angelo & Christine
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Special Intention	Joe Tome
Health & Blessings for Sophie Stavridis	Dennis & Sharon
<u>ETERNAL LIGHT AT THE ALTAR</u>	
Stasia Butrie-Happy Birthday Sept. 6	Tata, Mom & Taras

CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR ALL THOSE IN BLESSED REPOSE

Joe Goodman 1yr.....	Johnny Kantor & Jo Ann Havens
Kosta & Dimitra Georgopoulos	Mary Batzos
Joe Goodman Blessed Repose & Memory Eternal	Stojan & Mira



Welcome all of our friends and visitors to St. Nicholas. Please join us for fellowship, coffee and donuts in our parish hall.

There will be a one year Parastas for the repose of +Joe Goodman following the veneration of the cross. Coffee and pastries are being donated today in Joe's memory by his family.

100TH ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE will meet tomorrow Monday, September 14 at 5:45 pm in the parish hall.

PARISH COUNCIL will meet tomorrow Monday, September 14 at 6:45pm. Please call the parish office if you are unable to attend this meeting. Remember to pick up your packet before going home today.

CHARITY MINISTRIES

HOPE IN A BOX for the month of September is Bar & Hand Soap. Please place the items in the blue Hope in a Box container located in the parish hall. They will be distributed by Catholic Charities Community Closet.

FOOD DRIVE A list of food items is located next to the Hope in a Box.

NORTH END SOUP KITCHEN as a parish we will be serving our brothers and sisters in need a hot meal on the first Thursday of the month from 9 am to 1 pm. **We serve Thursday, October 1. Please use the sign-up sheet at the candle stand to volunteer.** The soup kitchen is located at 735 E. Stewart Ave, Flint.

CHURCH SCHOOL TEACHER MEETING will be held next Sunday, September 20 during the Rib & Chicken dinner.

CHURCH SCHOOL begins on Sunday, September 27 following the Divine Liturgy. Parents, Grandparents and Godparents please have your child/grandchild or Godchild here in two weeks for the beginning of class. A registration form was included in your September bulletin. Please return the form as soon as possible; you may turn them in at the candle stand or to the parish office.

PARISH DINNER the Rib & Chicken Dinner that was scheduled for Sunday, August 23 has been rescheduled for September, 20. Tickets must be purchased in advance. Tickets are \$12 for adults and \$6 for children 10 and under. To purchase your ticket(s) see Sharon Jernigan or Matushka Lisa.

GOD'S BLESSINGS to one of our former pastors, Fr. Paul Jannakos and to his Popadia Michelle who will be transferring to St. Luke Church (Diocese of the Midwest) in Palos Hills, IL at the end of November. Fr. Paul's last Sunday Liturgy at St. Mary Magdalene will be Sunday, November 22. We pray for Fr. Paul and Popadia Michelle that God bless them in this move to a new parish family. Bishop Alexander and Fr. Don Freude, diocesan chancellor, will work to find a new rector for St. Mary Magdalene. Fr. Paul's letter to his parish is posted on our bulletin board.

Schedule of services and events for the week of September 13:

Monday, September 14 **Elevation of the Cross**
 9:00 am Divine Liturgy with the Elevation of the Cross
 5:45 pm 100th Anniversary Committee Meeting
 6:45 pm Parish Council Meeting

Wednesday, September 16
 9:00 am Divine Liturgy
 10:15 am Nominating Committee Meeting
 11:00 am Adult Education
 Debbie will be out of the office

Friday, September 18 Debbie will be out of the office

Saturday, September 19
 4:30 pm Vespers

Sunday, September 20
 9:30 am Third Hour
 10:00 am Divine Liturgy
 12:00 pm Rib & Chicken Dinner
 Church School Teacher Meeting

Offerings for the week September 6, 2015

<i>Weekly Offerings</i>	\$1,255.00
<i>Estimated Average Weekly Expenses</i>	\$3,634.49
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*76 people were in attendance on
 Sunday, September 6, 2015*

“Woe to you who rub out the word of your mint, rue and all other kinds of garden herbs, but you neglect justice and the love of God. You should have practiced the latter without leaving the former undone. **Luke 11:42**