

*August 25, 2019*

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**The Gospel according to Saint John 21:1-14 (10th Matins Gospel)**

After these things Jesus showed Himself again to the disciples at the Sea of Tiberias, and in this way He showed Himself: Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of His disciples were together. Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We are going with you also." They went out and immediately got into the boat, and that night they caught nothing. But when the morning had now come, Jesus stood on the shore; yet the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. Then Jesus said to them, "Children, have you any food?" They answered Him, "No." And He said to them, "Cast the net on the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So they cast, and now they were not able to draw it in because of the multitude of fish.

Therefore that disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" Now when Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on his outer garment (for he had removed it), and plunged into the sea. But the other disciples came in the little boat (for they were not far from land, but about two hundred cubits), dragging the net with fish. Then, as soon as they had come to land, they saw a fire of coals there, and fish laid on it, and bread. Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish which you have just caught." Simon Peter went up and dragged the net to land, full of large fish, one hundred and fifty-three; and although there were so many, the net was not broken. Jesus said to them, "Come and eat breakfast." Yet none of the disciples dared ask Him, "Who are You?" – knowing that it was the Lord. Jesus then came and took the bread and gave it to them, and likewise the fish. This is now the third time Jesus showed Himself to His disciples after He was raised from the dead.

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 25, 2019 10th SUNDAY AFTER PETECOST**

— **Tone 1. Return of the Relics of the Apostle Bartholomew from Anastasiopolis to Lipari (6th c.). Holy Apostle Titus of the Seventy, Bishop of Crete (1st c.). Ss. Barses and Eulogius, Bishops of Edessa, and St. Protogenes, Bishop of Carrhæ, Confessors (4th c.). St. Menas, Patriarch of Constantinople (536-552).**

**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 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)** By your nativity, O most pure Virgin, Joachim and Anna are freed from barrenness; Adam and Eve from the corruption of death. And we, thy people, freed from the guilt of sin, celebrate and sing to you: the barren woman gives birth to the Theotokos, the Nourisher of our Life.

*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 FIRST EPISTLE OF PAUL TO THE CORINTHIANS (4:9-16)** *Brethren:* 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 MATTHEW (17:14-23)** And when they came to the crowd, 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:**

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

**Return of the Relics of the Apostle Bartholomew from Anastasiopolis to Lipari – August 25** The Transfer of the Relics of the Apostle Bartholomew took place at the end of the sixth century. His apostolic activity and martyr's end are remembered by the Church on June 11. The Apostle Bartholomew suffered for Christ in Armenian Albanus (now Baku) in the year 71, where his holy relics were. Numerous miracles occurred from the relics of the holy Apostle, and many of the unbelieving were converted to Christ. Under the emperor Anastasius (491-518) the relics of the Apostle Bartholomew were transferred into the newly constructed city of Anastasiopolis (or Dura) and remained there until the end of the sixth century.

When the city of Anastasiopolis was captured by the Persian emperor Chozroes, Christians took up the chest with the relics of the Apostle Bartholomew and fled with it to the shores of the Black Sea. Having overtaken them, pagan priests threw the chest with the relics of the Apostle Bartholomew into the sea. Four other chests containing the relics of the holy Martyrs Papias, Lucian, Gregory and Acacius were also thrown into the sea.

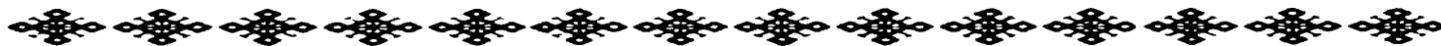
By the power of God the chests did not sink into the depths of the sea, but miraculously floated upon the waves and reached Italy. The chest with the relics of the Apostle Bartholomew came to land at the island of Lipari, and the remaining chests continued their journey and came to land at various places in Italy. The chest with the relics of the Martyr Papias halted at Sicily, the Martyr Lucian at Messina, the Martyr Gregory at Calabria, and the Martyr Acacius at Askalon.

The arrival of the relics of the holy Apostle Bartholomew was revealed to Bishop Agathon of the island of Lipari, who went with clergy to the shores of the sea, took the chest from the waters and solemnly transferred it to church.

Myrrh flowed from the relics of the Apostle Bartholomew, healing people of various illnesses. The holy relics remained in the church of the island of Lipari until the middle of the ninth century when the island was captured by pagans. Christian merchants took up the holy relics of the Apostle Bartholomew and transferred them to the city of Beneventum, near Naples, where they were received with great veneration and placed in the main church of the city.

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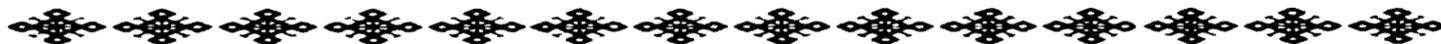


**CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR THE HEALTH AND BLESSINGS OF**

Angelo, Mary & Alex	Helen Popoff
Fr. Tom, Fr. Paul, Fr. Joe, Fr. Dimitrie, Fr. Anthony, Matushka Rose Marie, Joan, Angelo, Christine, Dorothy, Peter, Reggie, Anna, Alex, Irene, Allen, Deborah, Rimi, Susan, Luba, Kosta, Stojan, Mira, Bosa, Christopher, Allison, Jeanette, Nicholas, Margaret, Joseph, Ted, Marlene, Cheryl, Gladys, my family and friends	Joe Tome
Special Intention	Joe Tome

**CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR BLESSED REPOSE**

Tom Branoff	Joe Tome
Tom Branoff	Linda, Peter & Marilyn
Fr. Raphael Biernacki (13 yr.) Blessed Repose~Memory Eternal	Dorothy Goodman
Helen Ethington (6 mo.) & Andrew Panoff (1 yr.) Blessed Repose~Memory Eternal	Dorothy Goodman



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



**COFFEE & DONUTS** are provided today by the Ethington family in memory of Helen Ethington (6 mo.).

**MEMORY ETERNAL – CHRIST IS RISEN!** Cheryl Ellis fell asleep in the Lord on Thursday, August 22. She is the mother of Paul, Matt, Chris and Ben. Her 9 day Parastas and burial will take place at our cemetery on Friday, August 30 at 11 am. Christ rest her in the light of His Face. Bog da i prosti! Christ is risen!

**BINGO** Sunday, September 8<sup>th</sup> after Divine Liturgy. 3 bingo cards & lunch is only \$10! Plenty of prizes. There is a sign up sheet in the parish hall for those who will be attending.

**CHURCH SCHOOL NEWS**



❖ Church School will begin on Sunday, September 15<sup>th</sup>. The New Year will begin with prayers during the Liturgy for the teachers and students and a blessing after Communion for them as they go to class. See you then!

**OUR CHARITY MINISTRIES**

**HOPE IN A BOX** is collecting bar & hand soap for the month of September. Place the items in the blue box in the hall. Catholic Charities Community Closet will distribute the items.

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



**BLESSING OF ICONOGRAPHY** at Dormition Monastery, Rives Junction. From the Monastery website: “On Saturday, September 7th, we will bless the iconography of the Church. Liturgy will begin at 9am, followed by the Lesser Blessing of Waters and the blessing of the iconography. Lunch will follow. All are invited to join in this celebration, thanking God for the many people who have supported this work.

**COMMUNITY PET BLESSING** on September 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:30. St. Mary Magdalene provides a pet blessing in conjunction with adopt-a-pet.

**KONEVETS QUARTET** Tuesday, September 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm. Please spread the word! Flyers are in the parish hall to post in your community. If you would like to host the quartet overnight that evening following the concert, please see Fr. Matthew.

**ORTHODOX WOMEN 27<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL RETREAT** October 4, 5 & 6 at the Holy Dormition Monastery.

**Weekly Schedule:**

**Today** 6 mo. Parastas for Helen Ethington  
1 yr. Parastas for Andrew Thomas

**Tuesday, August 27** Fr. in Toledo

**Wednesday, Aug 28**  
9:30 am Divine Liturgy  
11:15 am Adult Ed

**Friday, August 30**  
11 am 9 day Parastas and burial of Cheryl Ellis at our cemetery

**Saturday, August 31**  
5 pm Vespers followed by Confessions

**Sunday, September 1**  
9:30 am Hours  
10 am Divine Liturgy  
Parastas for Michael Goodman (40 days)

**Offerings for the week August 18<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

Weekly Offerings	\$ 2,949.00
Estimated Average Weekly Expenses	\$ 3,236.00
	<b>\$ -287.00</b>

*105 people were in attendance on Sunday, August 18<sup>th</sup>.*

The Birthgiver of God, unsleeping in intercessions and in protections unwavering hope, tomb and death did not rule for as Mother of Life He who dwelt in her ever-virgin womb moved her into life. – **Kontakion of the Dormiton**