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**The Gospel according to Saint John 21:15-25  
(11th Matins Gospel)**

So when they had eaten breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, “Simon, son of Jonah, do you love Me more than these?” He said to Him, “Yes, Lord; You know that I love You.” He said to him, “Feed My lambs.” He said to him again a second time, “Simon, son of Jonah, do you love Me?” He said to Him, “Yes, Lord; You know that I love You.” He said to him, “Tend My sheep.” He said to him the third time, “Simon, son of Jonah, do you love Me?” Peter was grieved because He said to him the third time, “Do you love Me?” And he said to Him, “Lord, You know all things; You know that I love You.” Jesus said to him, “Feed My sheep. Most assuredly, I say to you, when you were younger, you girded yourself and walked where you wished; but when you are old, you will stretch out your hands, and another will gird you and carry you where you do not wish. This He spoke, signifying by what death he would glorify God. And when He had spoken this, He said to him, “Follow Me.” Then Peter, turning around, saw the disciple whom Jesus loved following, who also had leaned on His breast at the supper, and said, “Lord, who is the one who betrays You?” Peter, seeing him, said to Jesus, “But Lord, what about this man?” Jesus said to him, “If I will that he remain till I come, what is that to you? You follow Me.” Then this saying went out among the brethren that this disciple would not die. Yet Jesus did not say to him that he would not die, but, “If I will that he remain till I come, what is that to you?” This is the disciple who testifies of these things, and wrote these things; and we know that his testimony is true. And there are also many other things that Jesus did, which if they were written one by one, I suppose that even the world itself could not contain the books that would be written. Amen.

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 12, 2018 11th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST — Tone 2. Afterfeast of the Transfiguration. Martyrs Anicetus and Photius (Photinus) of Nicomedia, and many with them (305-306). Hieromartyr Alexander, Bishop of Comana (3rd c.).**

**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!**

The crash of Thy thunder was in the whirlwind; Thy lightning lighted up the world; the earth trembled and shook.

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

Thou art clothed with honor and majesty, who coverest Thyself with light as with a garment.

**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!**

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## **SECOND ANTIPHON**

Mount Zion, in the far north, the city of the Great King!

**O Son of God who wast transfigured on the mount, save us who sing to Thee: Alleluia!**

And He brought them to the mountain of His holiness, this mountain which His right hand had won!

**O Son of God who wast transfigured on the mount, save us who sing to Thee: Alleluia!**

The Mount Zion which He loved, He fashioned for His holy abode.

**O Son of God who wast transfigured on the mount, 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, O Christ our God, trampling down death by death, Who art one of the Holy Trinity, glorified with the Father and the Holy Spirit: save us!

## **THIRD ANTIPHON**

**Those who trust in the Lord are like Mount Zion, which cannot be moved, but abides forever!**

**(Tone 7)** Thou wast transfigured on the Mount, O Christ God, revealing Thy glory to Thy disciples as far as they could bear it. Let Thine everlasting light shine upon us sinners! Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Giver of Light, glory to Thee!

**As the mountains are round about Him, so the Lord is round about His people, from this time forth and forevermore. (Tone 7)** Thou wast transfigured on the Mount, O Christ God, revealing Thy glory to Thy disciples as far as they could bear it. Let Thine everlasting light shine upon us sinners! Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Giver of Light, glory to Thee!

**O Lord, who shall sojourn in Thy tent? Who shall dwell on Thy holy hill? (Tone 7)** Thou wast transfigured on the Mount, O Christ God, revealing Thy glory to Thy disciples as far as they could bear it. Let Thine everlasting light shine upon us sinners! Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Giver of Light, glory to Thee!

**Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord? And who shall stand in His holy place? (Tone 7)** Thou wast transfigured on the Mount, O Christ God, revealing Thy glory to Thy disciples as far as they could bear it. Let Thine everlasting light shine upon us sinners! Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Giver of Light, glory to Thee!

## **TROPARIA**

**(Tone 2)** When Thou didst descend to death, O Life Immortal, Thou didst slay Hell with the splendor of Thy Godhead. And when from the depths Thou didst raise the dead, all the powers of heaven cried out: O Giver of Life, Christ our God, glory to Thee!

**(Tone 7)** Thou wast transfigured on the Mount, O Christ God, revealing Thy glory to Thy disciples as far as they could bear it. Let Thine everlasting light shine upon us sinners! Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Giver of Light, glory to Thee!

**(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 7)** On the mountain wast Thou transfigured, O Christ God, and Thy disciples beheld Thy glory as far as they could see it; so that when they would behold Thee crucified, they would understand that Thy suffering was voluntary, and would proclaim to the world that Thou art truly the radiance of the Father!

***The Prokeimenon in the Second Tone: The Lord is my strength and my song / He has become my salvation.***

**v: The Lord has chastened me sorely, but He has not given me over unto death.**

**THE READING FROM THE FIRST EPISTLE OF THE PAUL TO THE CORINTHIANS (9:2-**

**12) Brethren:** If to others I am not an apostle, at least I am to you; for you are the seal of my apostleship in the Lord. This is my defense to those who would examine me. Do we not have the right to our food and drink? Do we not have the right to be accompanied by a wife, as the other apostles and the brothers of the Lord and Cephas? Or is it only Barnabas and I who have no right to refrain from working for a living? Who serves as a soldier at his own expense? Who plants a vineyard without eating any of its fruit? Who tends a flock without getting some of the milk? Do I say this on human authority? Does not the law say the same? For it is written in the law of Moses, “You shall not muzzle an ox when it is treading out the grain.” Is it for oxen that God is concerned? Does he not speak entirely for our sake? It was written for our sake, because the plowman should plow in hope and the thresher thresh in hope of a share in the crop. If we have sown spiritual good among you, is it too much if we reap your material benefits? If others share this rightful claim upon you, do not we still more? Nevertheless, we have not made use of this right, but we endure anything rather than put an obstacle in the way of the gospel of Christ.

***Alleluia, Tone 2***

**v: May the Lord hear you in the day of trouble! May the Name of the God of Jacob protect you!**

**v: Save the King, O Lord, and hear us on the day we call!**

**THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MATTHEW (18:23-35)** At that time, Jesus said to Peter: “Therefore the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his servants. When he began the reckoning, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents; and as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and payment to be made. So the servant fell on his knees, imploring him, ‘Lord, have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’ And out of pity for him the lord of that servant released him and forgave him the debt. But that same servant, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat he said, ‘Pay what you owe.’ So his fellow servant fell down and besought him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you.’ He refused

and went and put him in prison till he should pay the debt. When his fellow servants saw what had taken place, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you besought me; and should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?’ And in anger his lord delivered him to the jailers, till he should pay all his debt. So also my heavenly Father will do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart.”

### **COMMUNION HYMN**

Praise the Lord from the heavens! Praise Him in the highest! Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!  
O Lord, we will walk in the light of Thy countenance, and will exult in Thy name forever! Alleluia!  
Alleluia! Alleluia!

### **THE SYNAXARION**

On August 6 in the Holy Orthodox Church, we commemorate the divine Transfiguration of our Lord, God and Savior Jesus Christ.

**Verse:** Tabor was glorified above earth’s every region When it looked upon God’s nature shining in glory.

On the sixth Christ transformed His form as a man. This glorious event is recorded in the Gospels of Mark (9:2-13), Luke (9:28-36 in Matins) and Matthew (17:1-9 in Liturgy). In the third year of His preaching, the Lord Jesus often spoke to His disciples of His approaching passion and His glorious Resurrection. So that His impending passion would not totally weaken His disciples, the All-wise Savior wanted to show them His divine glory before His passion on the Holy Cross. (This is why we sing the Katavasias of the Holy Cross on this day.) For that reason, He took Peter, James and John with Him and went out at night to Mount Tabor. The Lord took only three disciples on Tabor because the Lord did not want to leave the unworthy Judas alone at the foot of the mountain so that the betrayer would not, by that, justify his betrayal. Our Lord was transfigured on a mountain and not in a valley to teach us two virtues: love of labor and godly-thoughts. For, climbing to the heights required labor and height represents the heights of our thoughts, i.e., godly-thoughts. Moses and Elijah appeared in order to destroy the erroneous thought that the Christ is one of the prophets; that is why He appears as a King above the prophets and that is why Moses and Elijah appear as His servants. Until then, our Lord manifested His divine power many times to the disciples but, on Mount Tabor, He manifested His divine nature. This vision of His Divinity and the hearing of the heavenly witness about Him as the Son of God would serve the disciples in the days of the Lord’s passion, in strengthening of an unwavering faith in Him and His final victory. Unto Christ God be glory and dominion unto the ages. Amen.

*The celebration of the feast continues until August 13.*

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

Russell Harrison~in a very bad car accident, Rose~good health  
Health & blessings for Lucy Hogg  
Alex & Angelo  
Blessings for Mila Miller on her baptism

Rose & John Goodman  
Akkerman family  
Alex & Magda Popoff  
Gonser family

Fr. Tom, Fr. Dimitrie, Fr. Anthony, Aaron, Rimi, Allen, Deborah, JoAnn, Susan, Luba, Kosta, David, Helen, Anna, Walt, Vladimir, Dorothy, Michael, Allison, Stojan, Mira, Bosa, Jeanette, Christopher, Marcia, Nicholas, Margaret, Joseph, Greg, Gladys, my family and friends

Joe Tome  
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Irina Sivergina  
Bosa Kantar

Special Intention

Feodosiy, Nikolay, Oleg & Irina

Happy Birthday & God's blessings Janya Beslach

### **CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR BLESSED REPOSE**

Adelaida

Peter Popoff & John Naum

Nick Maxim, my loving husband, after 32 yrs. of marriage by God's gift

Irina Sivergina  
Alex & Magda Popoff  
Connie Maxim



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



**COFFEE & DONUTS** Volunteers are needed for the months of August & September. Please see the sign-up sheet outside of the kitchen. Call or email the parish office as well as signing up if you'd like to sponsor the donuts and/or coffee.

**PARISH PICNIC** Sunday, August 19<sup>th</sup> following outdoor Liturgy. Cevaps, Baked Chicken & more. Bring a dessert to share & outdoor games to play. Great fun & fellowship!

We need volunteers to help setup on Saturday August 18<sup>th</sup> after Vespers as well as before Liturgy & during the picnic on Sunday. Please lend a hand.

**PARKING LOT RE-PAVING** The proceeds from last year and this year's Macedonian Open will go towards the re-paving of the entire parking lot which will cost over \$100,000. With capital improvement funds and other funds on hand, that leaves a shortfall of \$35,000. If anyone would like to donate or dedicate a memorial fund or make an anonymous donation to the Capital Improvement Fund (formerly Parish Pride), please contact the office. To date \$1,250 has been donated to the project not including any funds from the Macedonian Open.

**HOPE IN A BOX** is collecting **Feminine Care Products, Razors & Shaving Cream** for the month of August. Place the items in the blue box in the Parish Hall. Catholic Charities Community Closet will distribute the items.

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

**GARAGE SALE LEFTOVERS?** Donate your rummage sale remains & gently used items to Catholic Charities Community Closet. They provide free clothing, bedding, towels, furniture, appliances, & household goods.

For more information call 810-265-7025. Donations can be dropped off Mon-Fri at 812 Root St, Flint.

**WORK READY ROOM** Catholic Charities Work Ready Room wants your new & gently used career clothes to help individuals in need! i.e. Khakis, Scrubs, Shoes, Work Boots, Dress Pants & Collared Shirts.

For more information call 810-265-7025. Donations can be dropped off Mon-Fri at 812 Root St, Flint.

**PROSPHORA** Prospora loaves are needed for the Divine Liturgy. If you are able, please bake some and bring them to the office. God bless you!

**The Living Witness of the Holy Mountain: Contemporary Voices from Mount Athos** by Archbishop Alexander has been reprinted by St. Tikhon's Seminary Press. Our parish is taking orders for copies of the book which cost \$23. Please use the sign-up sheet in the hall or call the parish office to reserve your copy.

### **MEMORY ETERNAL! – BOG DA PROSTI! - CHRIST IS RISEN!**

Goldie Johnson fell asleep in the Lord on August 9. Her funeral arrangements are listed in the Weekly Schedule below. God grant her rest among the saints. Bog da prosti! Christ is risen!

**Weekly Schedule:**

**Today** 12:30 pm Moleben to the Theotokos at the Shrine

**Tuesday, August 14**

6 pm

7 pm

**EVE OF THE DORMITION OF THE BIRTH-GIVER OF GOD**

Vespers & Artoklasia at Assumption

Matins & Lamentations at St. Mary Magdalene

**at Dormition Monastery**

5 pm Light Supper

6:30 pm Vigil with Lamentations

**Wednesday, Aug. 15**

10:30 am

**DORMITION OF THE BIRTH-GIVER OF GOD**

Divine Liturgy at Assumption

**at Dormition Monastery**

9 am Akathist, 3rd Hour, 6th Hour, Vesting of the Hierarchs

9:45 am Procession to Pavilion

10 am Hierarchal Divine Liturgy

12:45 pm Lunch

2:30 pm Mystery of Holy Unction Service

5:30 pm Vespers

6:30 pm Supper

The Bookstore will be open except during the services.

Our Archbishop Alexander will be at Dormition Monastery.

Fr. Matthew will be at the monastery for both days.

**(continued) Wednesday, Aug. 15**

4 to 7 pm

Visitation for Goldie Johnson at Swartz Funeral Home

7 pm

Parastas at Swartz Funeral Home

**Thursday, Aug. 16**

10 am

Visitation for Goldie Johnson at church

11 am

Funeral followed by burial at Evergreen Cemetery

Mercy meal at Valley's Breakfast and Bistro

**Saturday, Aug. 18**

2 pm

Baptism of Anastasios & Isabella Bakousidis

5 pm

Vespers followed by partial set-up of the pavilion for the Liturgy

**Sunday, Aug. 19**

9:45 am

**OUR LADY OF IVERON SHRINE FEAST – OUTDOOR LITURGY**

Procession with the Icon of our Lady of Iveron

10 am

Divine Liturgy in the Pavilion

Anointing with the myrrh from the Myrrh-Streaming Icon of our Lady of Iveron from Hawaii

Ćevaps & chicken dinner: \$12 per person, free for children 10 and under. Please bring a dessert.

**Offerings for the week August 5, 2018**

Weekly Offerings	\$ 1,650.00
Estimated Average Weekly Expenses	\$ 4,034.03
	<b>\$ 2,384.03</b>

*85 people were in attendance on Sunday, August 5.*

“When your children are still small, you have to help them understand what is good. That is the deepest meaning of life.” **St. Paisios**