

**July 21, 2019**

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**The Gospel according to Saint Luke 24:12-35 (5th Matins Gospel)**

But Peter arose and ran to the tomb; and stooping down, he saw the linen cloths lying by themselves; and he departed, marveling to himself at what had happened. Now behold, two of them were traveling that same day to a village called Emmaus, which was seven miles from Jerusalem. And they talked together of all these things which had happened. So it was, while they conversed and reasoned, that Jesus Himself drew near and went with them. But their eyes were restrained, so that they did not know Him. And He said to them, “What kind of conversation is this that you have with one another as you walk and are sad?” Then the one whose name was Cleopas answered and said to Him, “Are You the only stranger in Jerusalem, and have You not known the things which happened there in these days?” And He said to them, “What things?” So they said to Him, “The things concerning Jesus of Nazareth, who was a Prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how the chief priests and our rulers delivered Him to be condemned to death, and crucified Him. But we were hoping that it was He who was going to redeem Israel. Indeed, besides all this, today is the third day since these things happened. Yes, and certain women of our company, who arrived at the tomb early, astonished us. When they did not find His body, they came saying that they had also seen a vision of angels who said He was alive. And certain of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but Him they did not see. Then He said to them, “O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe in all that the prophets have spoken! Ought not the Christ to have suffered these things and to enter into His glory? And beginning at Moses and all the Prophets, He expounded to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning Himself. Then they drew near to the village where they were going, and He indicated that He would have gone farther. But they constrained Him, saying, “Abide with us, for it is toward evening, and the day is far spent.” And He went in to stay with them. Now it came to pass, as He sat at the table with them, that He took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened and they knew Him; and He vanished from their sight. And they said to one another, “Did not our heart burn within us while He talked with us on the road, and while He opened the Scriptures to us?” So they rose up that very hour and returned to Jerusalem, and found the eleven and those who were with them gathered together, saying, “The Lord is risen indeed, and has appeared to Simon!” And they told about the things that had happened on the road, and how He was known to them in the breaking of bread.

**SUNDAY, JULY 21, 2019 5TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST — Tone 4. Prophet Ezekiel (6th c. B.C.). Ven. Simeon of Emessa, Fool-for-Christ, and his fellow ascetic, Ven. John (ca. 590). Ven. Onuphry (Onuphrius) the Silent, and Ven. Onísim, Recluse, of the Kiev Caves (Far Caves—12th-13th c.). The “ARMATIA” Icon of the Mst-holy Theotokos.**

**TROPARIA**

**(Tone 4)** When the women Disciples of the Lord learned from the Angel the joyous message of the Resurrection, they cast away the ancestral curse and elatedly told the Apostles: “Death is overthrown! Christ God is risen, granting 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 6)** Protection of Christians never failing, Mediatrix before the Creator, ever constant. Do not despise the voice of prayer of sinners, but in your goodness come to help us who faithfully call upon you. Hasten to entreat, hurry to pray, O Theotokos, interceding always for those honor you.

***The Prokeimenon in the Fourth Tone: O Lord, how manifold are Thy works! / In wisdom hast Thou made them all!***

**v: Bless the Lord, O my soul! O Lord my God, Thou art very great!**

**THE READING FROM THE EPISTLE OF PAUL TO THE ROMANS (10:1-10)** *Brethren*, my heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is that they may be saved. I bear them witness that they have a zeal for God, but it is not enlightened. For, being ignorant of the righteousness that comes from God, and seeking to establish their own, they did not submit to God's righteousness. For Christ is the end of the law, that everyone who has faith may be justified. Moses writes that the man who practices the righteousness which is based on the law shall live by it. But the righteousness based on faith says; Do not say in your heart, "Who will ascend into heaven?" (that is, to bring Christ down) or "Who will descend into the abyss?" (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). But what does it say? The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart (that is, the word of faith which we preach); because, if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For man believes with his heart and so is justified, and he confesses with his lips and so is saved.

## ***Alleluia, Tone 4***

**v: Go forth, prosper and reign, for the sake of meekness, righteousness and truth.**

**v: For Thou lovest righteousness, and doth hate iniquity.**

**THE READING FROM THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MATTHEW (8:28-9:1)** At that time, when Jesus came to the other side, to the country of the Gadarenes, two demoniacs met him, coming out of the tombs, so fierce that no one could pass that way. And behold, they cried out, "What have you to do with us, O Son of God? Have you come here to torment us before the time?" Now a herd of many swine was feeding at some distance from them. And the demons begged him, "If you cast us out, send us away into the herd of swine." And he said to them, "Go." So they came out and went into the swine; and behold, the whole herd rushed down the steep bank into the sea, and perished in the waters. The herdsmen fled, and going into the city they told everything, and what had happened to the demoniacs. And behold, all the city came out to meet Jesus; and when they saw him, they begged him to leave their neighborhood. And getting into a boat he crossed over and came to his own city.

## **COMMUNION HYMN**

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

**The Prophet Ezekiel** (July 21), lived in the sixth century before the birth of Christ. He was born in the city of Sarir, and descended from the tribe of Levi; he was a priest and the son of the priest Buzi. Ezekiel was led off to Babylon when he was twenty-five years old together with King Jechoniah II and many other Jews during the second invasion of Jerusalem by the Babylonian king Nebuchadnessar.

The Prophet Ezekiel lived in captivity by the River Chebar. When he was thirty years old, he had a vision of the future of the Hebrew nation and of all mankind. The prophet beheld a shining cloud, with fire flashing continually, and in the midst of the fire, gleaming bronze. He also saw four living creatures in the shape of men, but with four faces (Ez. 1:6). Each had the face of a man in front, the face of a lion on the right, the face of an ox on the left, and the face of an eagle at the back (Ez. 1:10). There was a wheel on the earth beside each creature, and the rim of each wheel was full of eyes.

Over the heads of the creatures there seemed to be a firmament, shining like crystal. Above the firmament was the likeness of a throne, like glittering sapphire in appearance. Above this throne was the likeness of a human form, and around Him was a rainbow (Ez. 1:4-28).

According to the explanation of the Fathers of the Church, the human likeness upon the sapphire throne prefigures the Incarnation of the Son of God from the Most Holy Virgin Mary, who is the living Throne of God. The four creatures are symbols of the four Evangelists: a man (St Matthew), a lion (St Mark), an ox (St Luke), and an eagle (St John); the

wheel with the many eyes is meant to suggest the sharing of light with all the nations of the earth. During this vision the holy prophet fell down upon the ground out of fear, but the voice of God commanded him to get up. He was told that the Lord was sending him to preach to the nation of Israel. This was the beginning of Ezekiel's prophetic service.

The Prophet Ezekiel announces to the people of Israel, held captive in Babilon, the tribulations it would face for not remaining faithful to God. The prophet also proclaimed a better time for his fellow-countrymen, and he predicted their return from Babylon, and the restoration of the Jerusalem Temple.

The holy Prophet Ezekiel received from the Lord the gift of wonderworking. He, like the Prophet Moses, divided the waters of the river Chebar, and the Hebrews crossed to the opposite shore, escaping the pursuing Chaldeans. During a time of famine the prophet asked God for an increase of food for the hungry.

Ezekiel was condemned to execution because he denounced a certain Hebrew prince for idolatry. Bound to wild horses, he was torn to pieces. Pious Hebrews gathered up the torn body of the prophet and buried it upon Maur Field, in the tomb of Sim and Arthaxad, forefathers of Abraham, not far from Baghdad. The prophecy of Ezekiel is found in the book named for him, and is included in the Old Testament. [www.o.ca.org](http://www.o.ca.org)

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

Blessings & good health for our service men: Adam George (Navy) & Bogan

Beslach (Air Force)

Anna Branoff, Janja & Milica Belsach & Nathan Fisher

Health & blessings for Charlie Jernigan on his 17<sup>th</sup> birthday from his grandparents

God's blessings for good health to Tom Branoff

Fr. Tom, Fr. Joe, Fr. Dimitrie, Fr. Anthony, Matushka Rose Marie, Angelo, Christine,

Reggie, Alex, Irene, Rimi, Allen, Deborah, Susan, Luba, David, Allison, Anna, Walt,

Calvin, Vladimir, Dorothy, Rose, David, Stojan, Mira, Bosa, Christopher,

Jeanette, Nicholas, Margaret, Joseph, Ted, Marlene, Gladys, my family and friends

Special Intention

Adams family

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Dennis & Sharon Jernigan

Angelo & Christine

Joe Tome

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**CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR BLESSED REPOSE**

Blessed Repose to our sweet grandson Andrew

JoAnn Havens & John Goodman

Tomka Tchokreff Blessed Repose~Memory Eternal

Angelo & Christine

Adams family

Dorothy, David, Ashley, Debbie & Ralph



**WELCOME** Fr. Paul Waters & his Matushka.

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

**COFFEE & DONUTS** are provided today by Oleg Dashevskiy & Irina Sivergina in memory of Adelaida Sivergina (1 yr.).

**RUMMAGE SALE** August 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup>. Doations are needed. You can leave them in the foyer at the side door of the parish hall. If you want to donate large items call Dennis Jernigan to arrange a drop off or pick up time. Please make sure they are clean, gently used & in good working order.

We need lots of volunteers to help make this event successful. There is a sign-up sheet in the parish hall.

**\*Please take some fliers which are next to the sign-up sheet & post them in your community.**



## OUR CHARITY MINISTRIES

**HOPE IN A BOX** is collecting toilet paper/travel size toiletries for the month of July. 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.

*“If you can’t feed a hundred people, then just feed one” Mother Teresa*

Father Matthew will be out of town until July 26. In the event of an emergency please call first Fr. Gabriel Bilas (330-285-1740) or Fr. Robert Royer (810-919-9485). If neither Fr. Gabriel nor Fr. Robert are available, call Fr. Joe Abud (810-444-9108).



**SHRINE FEAST/PICNIC** Sunday, August 18 – outdoor Liturgy followed by lamb picnic.

**DORMITION MONASTERY PILGRIMAGE** August 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup>.

**16<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL ELIAS D. CHINONIS GOLF CLASSIC** August 19<sup>th</sup> at Pine Knob Golf Course. This golf outing is being coordinated by Assumption & you can direct any questions to John Kaloydis at 810-922-2047 or [jekaloydis@comcast.net](mailto:jekaloydis@comcast.net). Look at the flyer for details.

### Weekly Schedule

#### Wednesday, July 24

No Divine Liturgy or Adult Ed

#### Saturday, July 27

1 pm                      Baptism for Aaron Prusac  
5 pm                      Vespers

#### Sunday, July 28

9:30 am                  Hours  
10 am                     Divine Liturgy

Heavenly king, comforter, Spirit of the Truth, Who are everywhere present and fill all things; treasury of good things, and giver of life, come and tabernacle in us, and cleanse us from every impurity, and save our souls, O Good One.

**HOLY DORMITION MONASTERY – RIVES JUNCTION, MI**

**32nd ANNUAL PILGRIMAGE CELEBRATION 2019**

**AUGUST 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup>**

With the Participation of

**His Eminence, Archbishop NATHANIEL**

Guest of Honor:

**His Grace, Bishop PAUL**

**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 14**

**5 pm Light Supper**

**6 pm Vigil with Lamentations**

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 15**

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