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### **The Gospel according to Saint Luke**

#### **24:1-12 (4th Matins Gospel)**

Now on the first day of the week, very early in the morning, they, and certain other women with them, came to the tomb bringing the spices which they had prepared. But they found the stone rolled away from the tomb. Then they went in and did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. And it happened, as they were greatly perplexed about this, that behold, two men stood by them in shining garments. Then, as they were afraid and bowed their faces to the earth, they said to them, “Why do you seek the living among the dead? He is not here, but is risen! Remember how He spoke to you when He was still in Galilee, saying, ‘The Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, and be crucified, and the third day rise again.’ And they remembered His words. Then they returned from the tomb and told all these things to the eleven and to all the rest. It was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them, who told these things to the apostles. And their words seemed to them like idle tales, and they did not believe them. 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.

**SUNDAY, JUNE 24, 2018 4TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST - Tone 3. Nativity of the Holy Glorious Prophet, Forerunner and Baptist, John . Ven. Anthony, Abbot of Dymsk (Novgorod—1224). Righteous Youths John and Jacob (James) of Meniugi (Novgorod—1566-69). Seven Martyred Brothers: Orentius, Pharnacius, Eros, Firmus, Firminus, Cyriacus, and Longinus, in Georgia (4th c.).**

### **TROPARIA**

**(Tone 3)** Let the heavens rejoice! Let the earth be glad! For the Lord has shown strength with His arm. He has trampled down Death by death. He has become the first-born of the dead. He has delivered us from the depths of Hell, and has granted to the world great mercy.

**(Tone 4)** Prophet and Forerunner of the coming of Christ, / although we cannot praise you worthily, / we honor you in love at your nativity, / for by it you ended your father’s silence and your mother’s barrenness, / proclaiming to the world the incarnation of the Son of God!

**(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 Seventh Tone: The righteous one shall rejoice in the Lord / and shall set his hope on Him.***

***v. Hear my voice, O God, when I pray to Thee.***

### **THE READING FROM THE EPISTLE OF PAUL TO THE ROMANS (13:11-14:4)**

Brethren: do this, knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep; for now our salvation is nearer than when we first believed. The night is far spent, the day is at hand. Therefore let us cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armor of light. Let us walk properly, as in the day, not in revelry and drunkenness, not in lewdness and lust, not in strife and envy. But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to fulfill its lusts. Receive one who is weak in the faith, but not to disputes over doubtful things. For one believes he may eat all things, but he who is weak eats only vegetables. Let not him who eats despise him who does not eat, and let not him who does not eat judge him who eats; for God has received him. Who are you to judge another’s servant? To his own master he stands or falls. Indeed, he will be made to stand, for God is able to make him stand.

**Alleluia, Tone 3**

**v. In Thee, O Lord, have I placed my hope; let me not be put to shame.**

**v. Be Thou a God of protection for me, a house of refuge in order to save me.**

**THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MATTHEW (8:5-13)** At that time as Jesus entered Capernaum, a centurion came forward to him, beseeching him and saying, "Lord, my servant is lying paralyzed at home, in terrible distress." And he said to him, "I will come and heal him." But the centurion answered him, "Lord, I am not worthy to have you come under my roof; but only say the word, and my servant will be healed. For I am a man under authority, with soldiers under me; and I say to one, 'Go,' and he goes, and to another, 'Come,' and he comes, and to my slave, 'Do this,' and he does it." When Jesus heard him, he marveled, and said to those who followed him, "Truly, I say to you, not even in Israel have I found such faith. I tell you, many will come from east and west and sit at table with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven, while the sons of the kingdom will be thrown into the outer darkness; there men will weep and gnash their teeth." And to the centurion Jesus said, "Go; be it done for you as you have believed." And the servant was healed at that very moment.

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

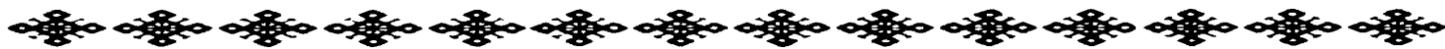
The Nativity of the Holy Forerunner and Baptist of the Lord, John: The Gospel (Luke. 1: 5) relates that the righteous parents of Saint John the Baptist, the Priest Zachariah and Elizabeth (September 5), lived in the ancient city of Hebron. They reached old age without having children, since Elizabeth was barren. Once, Saint Zachariah was serving in the Temple at Jerusalem and saw the Archangel Gabriel, standing on the right side of the altar of incense. He predicted that Saint Zachariah would father a son, who would announce the Savior, the Messiah, awaited by the Old Testament Church. Zachariah was troubled, and fear fell upon him. He had doubts that in old age it was possible to have a son, and he asked for a sign. It was given to him, and it was also a chastisement for his unbelief. Zachariah was struck speechless until the time of the fulfillment of the archangel's words.

Saint Elizabeth came to be with child, and fearing derision at being pregnant so late in life, she kept it secret for five months. Then her relative, the Virgin Mary, came to share with her Her own joy. Elizabeth, "filled with the Holy Spirit," was the first to greet the Virgin Mary as the Mother of God. Saint John leaped in his mother's womb at the visit of the Most Holy Virgin Mary and the Son of God incarnate within Her.

Soon Saint Elizabeth gave birth to a son, and all the relatives and acquaintances rejoiced together with her. On the eighth day, in accordance with the Law of Moses, he was circumcised and was called John. Everyone was amazed, since no one in the family had this name. When they asked Saint Zachariah about this, he motioned for a tablet and wrote on it: "His name is John." Immediately his tongue was loosed, and Saint Zachariah glorified God. He also prophesied about the Coming into the world of the Messiah, and of his own son John, the Forerunner of the Lord (Luke. 1: 68-79).

After the Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ and the worship of the shepherds and the Magi, wicked king Herod gave orders to kill all male infants. Hearing about this, Saint Elizabeth fled into the wilderness and hid in a cave. Saint Zachariah was at Jerusalem and was doing his priestly service in the Temple. Herod sent soldiers to him to find out the abode of the infant John and his mother. Zachariah answered that their whereabouts were unknown to him, and he was killed right there in the Temple. Righteous Elizabeth continued to live in the wilderness with her son and she died there. The child John, protected by an angel, dwelt in the wilderness until the time when he came preaching repentance, and was accounted worthy to baptize the Lord. [www.oca.org](http://www.oca.org)

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

Congratulations & God's Blessings to Tom & Christy Panoff on the birth of their daughter Anna Christina on June 14<sup>th</sup>. She was a healthy 7 lbs., 3 oz. She and her parents are home with big sister Ellie and big brother Andrew. Proud grandparents are Angelo and Christine Panoff.

Angelo & Christine  
Irina Sivergina

Adelaida, Feodosiy, Oleg, Irina, Galina, Nikolay, Nikolay, Andrey, Vlada & Kirill  
God's blessings on Father's Day to Angelo, Michael, Christopher, Thomas, Carl,  
Paul, Steve, Kerry & Angelo

Christine Panoff

God's blessings to new baby Anna Christina Panoff and parents Tom & Christy,  
big sister Ellie & big brother Andrew

Baba & Dedo

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

Joe Tome

Special Intention

Joe Tome

Alex & Eleni

Alex & Magda Popoff

**CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR BLESSED REPOSE**

Peter Popoff & John Naum

Alex & Magda Popoff

Vasiliy, Andrey, Galina, Nikolay & Vitaliy

Irina Sivergina



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



**COFFEE & DONUTS** Volunteers are needed for the months of July & August. 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.

**MACEDONIAN OPEN GOLF SCRAMBLE** Thank you to all who have contributed to making this year's Macedonian Open a success. The committee is working on calculating the total but it is not too late to make a cash donation to offset expenses. If you have promised to purchase a sign or make a contribution, please turn it into the parish office or one of the committee members; Chris Nedanis, Angelo Panoff, Christine Panoff, Linda Branoff, and George Branoff. All proceeds will be used for resurfacing the parking lot.

**MANY YEARS!** Tom & Christy Panoff welcomed their daughter, Anna Christina, on June 14<sup>th</sup>. Grandparents are Angelo & Christine Panoff.

**FAREWELL AND GOD SPEED** to Fr. Angelo and Presvytera Teri Mago (Maggos) are being transferred by Metropolitan Nicholas of Detroit to Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church in Rochester, NY effective July 1. Fr. Angelo will be at our Pan-Orthodox Vespers and Liturgy for the feast of Ss Peter and Paul on Thursday, June 28 at 6 pm at St. George. God grant him and Presvytera Teri many years!

**3<sup>rd</sup> ANNUAL PAN-ORTHODOX SOFTBALL GAME** July 15<sup>th</sup> at St. Pius X baseball field, 3139 Hogarth Ave., Flint. Picnic at 4 pm; softball game starts at 4:45. All ages & abilities are welcome! Contact Protodeacon Kerry Gonser for more information or if you can help in any way at 810-694-9001 or email [kgonser1@yahoo.com](mailto:kgonser1@yahoo.com). Signup sheet is in the parish hall.

**OUR CHARITY MINISTRIES**

**HOPE IN A BOX** is collecting Toilet Paper 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.

**NORTH END SOUP KITCHEN** We serve our sisters and brothers in Christ this Thursday, July 5 from 9 am to 12:30 pm. Come, join us!

**Weekly Schedule:**

**Tuesday, June 26** Fr. Matthew in Toledo

**Wednesday, June 27**

9:30 am Divine Liturgy  
11:15 am Adult Ed class. \*This is the last class until September.

**Thursday, June 28**

6 pm Vespers Divine Liturgy for Ss Peter & Paul at St. George with our Archbishop and Father Alexander Fr. Angelo's last Pan-Orthodox Liturgy with us.

**Friday, June 29**

4:30 pm The Weeping Iveron Icon from Hawaii arrives at St. Mary Magdalene – open for visitation  
7 pm Prayer service at St. Mary Magdalene

**Saturday, June 30**

8:30 am Pontifical Liturgy at St. Mary Magdalene to open the Diocesan Congress-Sobor & Conference  
Breakfast – everyone on their own  
12 noon 6<sup>th</sup> Diocesan-Congress Sobor at Holiday Inn Gateway Center, recess, 55<sup>th</sup> Diocesan Conference  
5 pm Vespers at Assumption followed by dinner/dance

**Sunday, July 1**

10 am **Divine Liturgy at St. Mary Magdalene**

**Father Matthew will be on vacation July 1-14. In case of a pastoral emergency you may reach Fr. Gabriel Bilas 330-285-1740 or Fr. Joseph Abud 810-444-9108.**

**Offerings for the week June 17, 2018**

<i>Weekly Offerings</i>	\$ 954.00
<i>Estimated Average Weekly Expenses</i>	\$ 4,034.03
	<b>-\$ 3,080.03</b>

*95 people were in attendance on Sunday, June 17.*

**“Let no one fear death for the death of our Savior has set us free.” *St. John Chrysostom***