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The Holy Gospel according to Mark

16:1-8 (2nd Matins Gospel)

Now when the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, that they might come and anoint Him. Very early in the morning, on the first day of the week, they came to the tomb when the sun had risen. And they said among themselves, “Who will roll away the stone from the door of the tomb for us?” But when they looked up, they saw that the stone had been rolled away – for it was very large. And entering the tomb, they saw a young man clothed in a long white robe sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. But he said to them, “Do not be alarmed. You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He is risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid Him. But go, tell His disciples – and Peter – that He is going before you into Galilee; there you will see Him, as He said to you. So they went out quickly and fled from the tomb, for they trembled and were amazed. And they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2019 13th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST — Tone 4. Afterfeast of the Elevation of the Cross. Sunday after Elevation. Greatmartyr Nicetas (Nikita) the Goth (ca. 372). Uncovering of the Relics of St. Acacius, Bishop of Melitene (3rd c.). Martyrs Theodotus, Asclepiodotus, and Maximus, of Adrianopolis (305-311). Martyr Porphyrius the Actor (361). Uncovering of the Relics of the Holy Protomartyr and Archdeacon Stephen (415). St. Philotheus the Presbyter, in Asia Minor (10th c.). Ven. Joseph, Abbot, of Alaverdsk in Georgia (570). St. Joseph the New of Partos, Metropolitan of Timisoara (1656).

FIRST ANTIPHON

God, my God, attend to me! // Why hast Thou forsaken me? **Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us!**

Why art Thou so far from helping me, // from the words of my groaning? **Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us!**

O my God, I cry by day, but Thou dost not answer; // and by night, but find no rest. **Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us!**

Thou dwellest in the sanctuary, // the praise of Israel. **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!**

SECOND ANTIPHON

O God, why dost Thou cast us off forever? **O Son of God, who arose from the dead, save us who sing to Thee! Alleluia!**

Remember Thy congregation, // which Thou hast gotten of old. **O Son of God, who arose from the dead, save us who sing to Thee! Alleluia!**

Remember Mount Zion, // where Thou hast dwelt. **O Son of God, who arose from the dead, save us who sing to Thee! Alleluia!**

God is our King before the ages; // He has worked salvation in the midst of the earth. **O Son of God, who arose from the dead, 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

The Lord reigns; let the peoples tremble!

(Tone 1) O Lord, save Thy people and bless Thine inheritance! Grant victories to the Orthodox Christians over their adversaries and by virtue of Thy Cross preserve Thy habitation!

The Lord reigns; let the peoples tremble! He sits enthroned upon the Cherubim; let the earth quake!

(Tone 1) O Lord, save Thy people and bless Thine inheritance! Grant victories to the Orthodox Christians over their adversaries and by virtue of Thy Cross preserve Thy habitation!

The Lord is great in Zion; He is exalted over all peoples!

(Tone 1) O Lord, save Thy people and bless Thine inheritance! Grant victories to the Orthodox Christians over their adversaries and by virtue of Thy Cross preserve Thy habitation!

Bow down in worship to the Lord in His holy court.

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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 1) O Lord, save Thy people and bless Thine inheritance! Grant victories to the Orthodox Christians over their adversaries and by virtue of Thy Cross preserve Thy habitation!

(Tone 3) You defeated error and triumphed in martyrdom,

Nicetas, namesake of victory; for you conquered the ranks of the enemy and ended your contest by fire. // Pray to Christ our God to grant us His 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 4) As Thou wast voluntarily crucified for our sake, grant mercy to those who are called by Thy name; make all Orthodox Christians glad by Thy power, granting them victories over their adversaries, by bestowing on them the invincible trophy, Thy weapon of peace.

INSTEAD OF “HOLY GOD...”

Before Thy Cross, we bow down in worship, O Master, and Thy holy Resurrection, we glorify!

The Prokeimenon in the Seventh Tone: Extol the Lord our God; / worship at His footstool for it is holy!

v. **The Lord reigns; let the people tremble!**

THE READING FROM THE EPISTLE OF PAUL TO THE GALATIANS (2:16-20) *Brethren:* We ourselves who know that a man is not justified by works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Christ Jesus, in order to be justified by faith in Christ, and not by works of the law, because by works of the law shall no one be justified. But if, in our endeavor to be justified in Christ, we ourselves were found to be sinners, is Christ then an agent of sin? Certainly not! But if I build up again those things which I tore down, then I prove myself a transgressor. For I through the law died to the law, that I might live to God. I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me; and the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

Alleluia, Tone 1

v: Remember Thy congregation which Thou hast purchased of old.

v: God is our King before the ages; He hath wrought salvation in the midst of the earth.

THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MARK (8:34-9:1) And Jesus called to Him the multitude with His disciples, and said to them, "If any man would come after Me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow Me. For whoever would save his life will lose it; and whoever loses his life for My sake and the gospel's will save it. For what does it profit a man to gain the whole world and forfeit his life? For what can a man give in return for his life? For whoever is ashamed of Me and My words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him the Son of Man also will be ashamed when He comes in the glory of His Father with the holy angels." And He said to them, "Assuredly, I say to you that there are some standing here who will not taste death till they see the kingdom of God present with power."

COMMUNION HYMN

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

INSTEAD OF "WE HAVE SEEN THE TRUE LIGHT..."

(Tone 1) O Lord, save Thy people and bless Thine inheritance! Grant victories to the Orthodox Christians over their adversaries and by virtue of Thy Cross preserve Thy habitation!

THE ELEVATION OF THE HOLY CROSS (SEPTEMBER 14)

The Elevation of the Holy Cross is one of the Great Feasts of the Orthodox Church, celebrated on September 14. This feast is also referred to as the Exaltation of the Cross. This is also a popular name day for Stavroula/Stavros (from "stavros" meaning cross).

This feast commemorates The finding of the Cross by the Empress Helen (the mother of St. Constantine the Great) on Golgotha in 326 AD, the place where Christ was crucified.

On the spot where the Cross was discovered, St. Helen had found a hitherto unknown flower of rare beauty and fragrance, which has been named "Vasiliko," or Basil, meaning the flower of royalty. Note that the word "Vasiliko" means "of the King," since the word "Basileus" in Greek means "King"; so, the plant Vasiliko, Basil, is tied to the Precious Cross of the King of Glory, our Lord Jesus Christ.

Underneath the Basil, the Cross of Christ was found, but with it were the other two crosses, those used to crucify the two thieves on either side of Christ. The sign with the inscription, "Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews", also lay among the three crosses. In order to determine which one was the true cross, a sick woman was told to kiss each of the three crosses. The woman kissed the first cross with no result. She kissed the second cross and again nothing happened. However, when the ailing woman kissed the True Cross, she was immediately made well. It so happened that a funeral procession was passing that way, and so the body of the dead man was placed on each of the crosses, and when it was placed on the True Cross, the dead man came to life — thus the name the "Life-Giving" Cross, which gives life not only to that man, but to each person who believes in the sacrifice of Christ on the Cross and His all-glorious three day Resurrection.

When the true Cross was identified, it was lifted on high for all the people to see, who then continually sang Kyrie eleison, a practice which is still enacted at current celebrations of this feast.

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CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR THE HEALTH AND BLESSINGS OF

Health & blessings for the Prusac family
Kumovi Stojan, Mira & family. Blessings of Kuma Bosa
Health & blessings for Angelo Popoff
Health & blessings for Dennis Jernigan
Health & blessings for Pete & Jo Sredich
Blessings for good health to all our grandkids & their parents
Feodosiy, Oleg, Nikolay, Galina, Irina & Nikolay
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, Gladys, my family and friends

Mira & Stojan Prusac
Kuma Bosa
Alex & Magda Popoff
Sharon & Charlie Jernigan
Stojan & Mira Prusac
Angelo & Christine
Irina Sivergina

Special Intention

Joe Tome
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CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR BLESSED REPOSE

Kum-Luji-Luka Prusac (1 yr.) Prayers from Kuma Bosa. Bog Da Prosti
Blessed Repose our sweet grandson Andrew
Adelaida, Vasiliy, Andrey, Galina, Nikolay & Vitaliy
Luka (Louie) Prusac Memory Eternal Vecna ja Pamjat
Ivan & Evdokia Ponomarenko

Kuma Bosa
Angelo & Christine
Irina Sivergina
Mom & Dad
Lucy Hogg

ETERNAL LIGHT AT THE ALTAR

Blessed Repose Luka Prusac (1 yr.)

Janja Beslach & family



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



COFFEE & DONUTS & DESSERTS are provided today by the Stojan & Mira Prusac in memory of Luka Prusac (1 yr.).

PROSFORA FOR DIVINE LITURGY is needed. Anyone who can bake some it would be greatly appreciated. There is a prosfora seal available if anyone needs to borrow one.

KONEVETS QUARTET Tuesday, September 17th at 6:30 pm. We need desserts for the reception afterwards (preferably finger foods) as well as help serving & cleaning up. There is a signup sheet in the parish hall. Please spread the word! There are also flyers you can take to post in your community. Archbishop Alexander is joining us for the concert.

MIDDLE EASTERN LUNCHEON & BAKE SALE September 19th 11 am – 3 pm at St. George. Flyers are in the parish hall.

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.

SOCKTOBER! During Socktober we encourage donations of warm socks of all sorts. We will also begin distributing coats and winter gear in October. Their Warming Center opens on Monday, December 2, with their annual Warming Center Blessing event on Friday, December 6 at 11 am in the Center for Hope Dining Room. Everyone is welcome.



ORTHODOX WOMEN 27th ANNUAL RETREAT October 4, 5 & 6 at the Holy Dormition Monastery.

DIOCESAN CONFERENCE DINNER is on Saturday, October 5th. Guest price for tickets are \$25 per person.

Weekly Schedule:

Today Noisy Offering
Church School begins
Parastas for Luka Prusac (1 yr.)

Monday, Sept 16 Fr. Matthew in Toledo

Tuesday, Sept 17
6:30 pm Konevets Quartet Concert and reception

Wednesday, Sept 18
9:30 am Divine Liturgy with Archbishop Alexander
No Adult Ed Class

Friday, Sept 20 Office is closed

Saturday, Sept 21
5 pm Vespers followed by confessions

Sunday, Sept. 22
9:30 am Hours
10 am Divine Liturgy
Church School
Parastas for Thomas Branoff

Offerings for the week September 8th, 2019

<i>Weekly Offerings</i>	\$ 1,721.00
<i>Estimated Average Weekly Expenses</i>	\$ 3,236.00
	\$-1,515.00

57 people were in attendance on Sunday, September 8th.

Before Thy Cross, we bow down in worship, O Master, and Thy holy Resurrection, we glorify.