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Resurrectional Apolytikion Tone 6

When the angelic powers appeared at Your grave, the soldiers guarding it feared and became as dead. And standing by the sepulcher was Mary, who was seeking Your immaculate body. You devastated Hades, not afflicted by it. You went to meet the virgin and granted eternal life. You

resurrected from the dead. O Lord, glory to You.

Apolytikion of Sunday Of the Holy Fathers, Tone 4

You are greatly glorified, O Christ our God, who established our Fathers as luminaries upon the earth, and through them led us all to the true Faith. O Most compassionate, glory to You.

Prokeimenon. Mode Plagal 2. **Psalm 31.11,1**

*Be glad in the Lord, and rejoice, O righteous.
Verse: Blessed are they whose transgressions
have been forgiven.*

The reading is from St. Paul's Letter to Titus
3:8-15

Titus, my son, the saying is sure. I desire you to insist on these things, so that those who have believed in God may be careful to apply themselves to good deeds; these are excellent and profitable to men. But avoid stupid controversies, genealogies, dissensions, and quarrels over the law, for they are

unprofitable and futile. As for a man who is factious, after admonishing him once or twice, have nothing more to do with him, knowing that such a person is perverted and sinful; he is self-condemned.

When I send Artemas or Tychicos to you, do your best to come to me at Nicopolis, for I have decided to spend the winter there. Do your best to speed Zenas the lawyer and Apollos on their way; see that they lack nothing. And let our people learn to apply themselves to good deeds, so as to help cases of urgent need, and not to be unfruitful.

All who are with me send greeting to you. Greet those who love us in the faith. Grace be with you all. Amen.



The Gospel According to
John 17:1-13

Jesus spoke these words, lifted up His eyes to heaven, and said: "Father, the hour has come. Glorify Your Son, that Your Son also may glorify You, as You have given Him authority over all flesh, that

He [a]should give eternal life to as many as You have given Him. And this is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent. I have glorified You on the earth. I have finished the work which You have given Me to do. And now, O Father, glorify Me together with Yourself, with the glory which I had with You before the world was. "I have manifested Your name to the men whom You have given Me out of the world. They were Yours, You gave them to Me, and they have kept Your word. Now they have known that all things which You have given Me are from You. For I have given to them the words which You have given Me; and they have received them, and have known surely that I came forth from You; and they have believed that You sent Me.

"I pray for them. I do not pray for the world but for those whom You have given Me, for they are Yours. And all Mine are Yours, and Yours are Mine, and I am glorified in them. Now I am no longer in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to You. Holy Father, keep through Your name those whom You have given Me, that they may be one as We are. While I was with them in the world, I kept them in our name. Those whom You gave Me I have kept; and none of them is lost except the son of perdition, that the Scripture might

be fulfilled. But now I come to You, and these things I speak in the world, that they may have My joy fulfilled in themselves.



Word of the week – Reflection

St. Paisios the Athonite

“ I see that something is in the works, that something lies just around the corner, but it’s constantly being put off. Little delays all the time. Who’s creating the delays? God? Another month passes, then another couple of months! That’s how it all goes. But since we know what awaits us, let’s develop love in ourselves, to the degree that we can. That’s the main thing: for true brotherly love to exist between us. Kindness, love — that’s strength! Guard the secret as well as you can and don’t indulge in excessive frankness. If “he and I and the bell-ringer” are all in on the secret, then what will come of that?

Death in battle adds greatly to God’s mercy, for a person who dies the death of the brave sacrifices himself to defend others. Those who give up their lives out of pure love in order to defend their neighbor are imitating Christ. These people are supreme heroes. They arouse fear in our enemies. Death herself trembles before them, because they scorn her due to their great love, and attain immortality in this fashion, finding the key to eternity under the gravestone. They enter into eternal blessedness without difficulty. That’s why I say to you: Cultivate self-sacrifice, brotherly love. May each of you attain a spiritual condition which will allow you to get out of difficult situations. Without a spiritual condition a person loses courage, because he loves himself. He can renounce Christ, betray Him. You must be ready for death. We believe that nothing is in vain, that our sacrifice has meaning.”





Liturgical Schedule for this week

Saturday <i>July,21</i>	9:00 am	Divine Liturgy followed by Memorial Service
	6:00 pm	Vespers
Sunday <i>July,22</i>	8:30 am	Matins
	9:30 am	Divine Liturgy

Announcements:

- **Baptism** for our new born babies: **Theodor Yanka July 21, 11:00am, Antonia Pitssilidis (Harris's daughter) July 27.**
- **Baking for our Festival:** we need volunteers to bake and donate any kind of pita, cake, sweet bread, pastry, etc. Please talk with Sandra or preoteasa Camelia.
- **St. John the Baptist** Romanian Church, Woonsocket RI, **Festival July 21, 4:30pm-11pm and July 22, 12:30pm-7pm.**
- **Sunday July 22nd** , **Tom and Mary Dowling** will be hosting a **pool party** after coffee hour from **12pm-4pm** for the Sunday school kids, and **all parishioners are invited** as well. Children who can't swim please bring a float, tube, etc. In case of rain they will reschedule for another day in August.
- **Altar candles** donated in the memory of **Jake Boillard** by his wife Louise Boillard.
- **Coffee hours** – sponsored by Louise and Genevieve Boillard.



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