

April 15, 2018

St. Nicholas Orthodox Church

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The Gospel according to Saint Matthew

28:16-20 (1st Matins Gospel)

Then the eleven disciples went away into Galilee, to the mountain which Jesus had appointed for them. When they saw Him, they worshiped Him; but some doubted. And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, “All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age. Amen.

SUNDAY, APRIL 15, 2018. ANTIPASCHA. 2nd SUNDAY OF PASCHA — Tone 1. St. Thomas Sunday. Apostles of the Seventy: Aristarchus, Pudens and Trophimus (ca. 67). Martyrs Basilissa (Vasilissa) and Anastasia of Rome, disciples of Apostles Peter and Paul (1st c.). Martyr Suchias and his company in Georgia (2nd c.). Martyr Sabbas the Goth, of Wallachia (372).

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!

Say to God: How awesome are Thy deeds! So great is Thy power that Thy enemies cringe before Thee!

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

Let all the earth worship Thee and praise Thee! Let it praise Thy name, O Most High!

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.

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SECOND ANTIPHON

God be bountiful to us and bless us! Show the light of Thy countenance upon us and have mercy on us!

O Son of God who arose from the dead, save us who sing to Thee: Alleluia!

That we may know Thy way upon the earth, and Thy salvation among all nations!

O Son of God who arose from the dead, save us who sing to Thee: Alleluia!

Let the people give thanks to Thee, O God! Let all the people give thanks to Thee!

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, Who art one of the Holy Trinity, glorified with the Father and the Holy Spirit: O Christ our God, trampling down death by death, save us!

THIRD ANTIPHON

Let God arise, let His enemies be scattered; let those who hate Him flee from before His face.

Troparion: Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death, and upon those in the tombs bestowing life.

As smoke vanishes so let them vanish; as wax melts before the fire.

Troparion: Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death, and upon those in the tombs bestowing life.

So the sinners will perish before the face of God; but let the righteous be glad.

Troparion: Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death, and upon those in the tombs bestowing life.

This is the day which the Lord has made! Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

Troparion: Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death, and upon those in the tombs bestowing life.

TROPARIA

(Tone 7) From the sealed tomb, Thou didst shine forth O Life! Through closed doors Thou didst come to Thy disciples, O Christ God! Renew in us, through them, an upright spirit, by the greatness of Thy mercy, O Resurrection of all!

(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 8) Thomas touched Thy life-giving side with an eager hand, O Christ God, when Thou didst come to Thy apostles through closed doors. He cried out with all: Thou art my Lord and my God!

The Prokeimenon in the Third Tone: Great is our Lord and abundant in power / His understanding is beyond measure!

v: Praise the Lord! For it is good to sing praises to our God.

THE READING FROM THE ACTS OF THE HOLY APOSTLES (5:12-20) *In those days:* many signs and wonders were done among the people by the hands of the apostles. And they were all together in Solomon's Portico. None of the rest dared join them, but the people held them in high honor. And more than ever believers were added to the Lord, multitudes both of men and women, so that they even carried out the sick into the streets, and laid them on beds and pallets, that as Peter came by at least his shadow might fall on some of them. The people also gathered from the towns around Jerusalem, bringing the sick and those afflicted with unclean spirits, and they were all healed. But the high priest rose up and all who were with him, that is, the party of the Sadducees, and filled with jealousy they arrested the apostles and put them in the common prison. But at night an angel of the Lord opened the prison doors and brought them out and said, Go and stand in the temple and speak to the people all the words of this Life."

Alleluia, Tone 8

v: Come; let us rejoice in the Lord! Let us make a joyful noise to God our Savior!

v: For the Lord is a great God, and a great King over all the earth!

THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO JOHN (20:19-31)

On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being shut where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I send you." And when he had said this, he breathed on them, and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." Now Thomas, one of the twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see in his hands the print of the nails, and place my finger in the mark of the nails, and place my hand in his side, I will not believe." Eight days later, his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. The doors were shut, but Jesus came and stood among them, and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side; do not be faithless, but believing." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe." Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in his name.

THE HYMN TO THE THEOTOKOS

O most radiant lamp, Theotokos, the honor immeasurable, which is more exalted than all creatures, with praises do we //magnify// thee.

COMMUNION HYMN

Praise the Lord, O Jerusalem! Praise your God, O Zion! Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

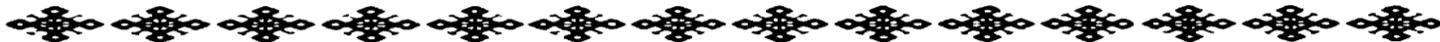
IN PLACE OF "WE HAVE SEEN THE TRUE LIGHT..."

Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death, and upon those in the tombs bestowing life.

WHAT IS THE ARTOS?

“Artos” is a Greek word which means bread made with yeast. The Artos is blessed on Pascha after the Ambon Prayer which is said at the end of the Liturgy. The prayer used in the blessing of the Artos is as follows: “We bless and sanctify this bread on this Paschal day, for the honor, praise and memory of the glorious Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ by whom we are released, freed ... We further ask Almighty God to bless this bread and that all who partake of it may share in His Heavenly gifts and be free of all pain and sickness, and be granted salvation of soul and health of body.” During Bright Week, the blessed bread, covered with an icon of the Resurrection, remains in the church to be kissed until the Sunday after Pascha (Saint Thomas Sunday), when the Artos is distributed to the faithful. According to the old custom, the Artos was distributed on the Saturday of Bright Week after the Holy Liturgy with the prayer, “this bread may be for the health and sanctification of the soul of him who eats of it.” In the former centuries the faithful would preserve little pieces of bread for those who were seriously ill or in danger of death and unable to receive Holy Communion. They would be given a piece of Artos as a substitute for Holy Communion. Presently, the Artos is generally broken and distributed on Thomas Sunday so that as many of the faithful as possible can partake of this blessing. The Artos reminds us of the occasion when our Lord at the Last Supper, on Holy Thursday, with His Disciples present, instituted the Holy Eucharist. It recalls to our minds that He is permanently among us. It also reminds us of His appearance to the Disciples after the Resurrection, when He blessed the food and did eat of it with them. Again we are reminded of His words to Cleophas and Lucas on their way to the village of Emmaus when He interpreted the Scriptures in regard to things referring to Himself, and they did recognize Him when He reclined at the table with them, and He took bread and blessed, and broke and began handing it to them. (Luke 24:27-35) According to the oldest tradition, the Apostles, after the Ascension of Our Lord, placed bread on the table (altar) each time during the services, for the Divine Master. This they did for their Master, confessing or believing in His invisible presence among them. At the end of the services they took the bread and lifted it up with the words: “Glory be to You, O Christ, Our God, Glory be to You. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.” The Apostles, after receiving the Holy Spirit on Pentecost Day, went to preach the Gospel throughout the world and, according to tradition, left a loaf of bread on the altar in remembrance of His Glorious Resurrection. As the unleavened bread had a great significance to the Jews in the Old Testament, so the Artos has for us in the New Testament. As bishop, Saint Cyril, the great writer and preacher, writes: “As the Jews in Egypt were preparing unleavened bread for their big journey through the Red Sea, and after crossing the Sea they did eat the bread, so we, Christians, saved through the Resurrection of our Savior from sin, lift up the Artos, which is exposed on the table during Bright Week and eat it on Saturday, the last day of Bright Week. As the unleavened bread was eaten for the health of the people who ate it, so is this bread given for the health and sanctification of our soul and body.”

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CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR THE HEALTH AND BLESSINGS OF

Special Intentions

Adelaida, Feodosiy, Oleg, Irina, Alexey, Nikolay, Nikolay, Galina & Andrey
Fr. Tom, Fr. Dimitri, Fr. Anthony, Aaron, Amir, Rimi, Zayn, Reggie, Allen, Deborah,
JoAnn, Gloria, Luba, Kosta, Jimmy, Laurie, David, Helen, Anna, Walt, Vladimir,
Dorothy, Michael, Allison, Stojan, Mira, Bosa, Jeanette, Christopher, Nicholas,
Margaret, Joseph, Gladys, my family and friends

Dennis & Sharon Jernigan
Irina Sivergina

Special Intention

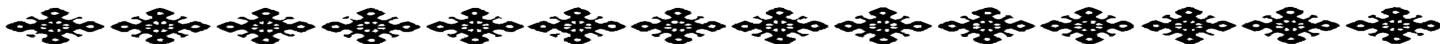
Good health & God's blessings to my sister Nada
For health & blessings~Susan Goodman
Bakousidis & Murphy family
Tom Branoff~for his namesday

Joe Tome
Joe Tome
Val Evanenko
The Goodman family
Lena Bakousidis
Linda Branoff

CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR BLESSED REPOSE

Vasily, Andrey, Galina, Nikolay & Vitaliy, Ekaterina, Ekaterina, Feodosiy & Yuliya
John Bibilkow (6 yrs.)
John & Helen Bibilkow
Theodora, Kosta, Evangelica, Kosta, Eleni, Kotsi, Elias, Thomas & Elias

Irina Sivergina
Dorothy Goodman & family
Christine, Jerry, Josh & Jenn
Lena Bakousidis



CHRIST IS RISEN! INDEED HE IS RISEN!

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

COFFEE HOUR  Volunteers are needed to help serve coffee and donuts for the month of April. 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 bagels and/or coffee.

OUR CHARITY MINISTRIES

HOPE IN A BOX is collecting Deodorant for the month of April. 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.

QUARTERLY STATEMENTS are ready to be picked up in the parish hall.

BINGO May 6th

RUMMAGE SALE June 8th & 9th. Get a jump on that spring cleaning & bring in your donations. Flyers are in the narthex. There will also be flyers to post in the community mid May.



MANY YEARS! Rimi & Amir Abu-Aita welcomed their son Zayn on Tuesday, April 3. Grandmother is Mary Abu-Aita. Mabrouk! May God grant to them many and blessed years!

CHRIST IS RISEN! – MEMORY ETERNAL Zinaïda Pyatenko, wife of Vladimir Pyatenko, fell asleep in the Lord on the bright day of Pascha, April 8 and was buried from church on Bright Saturday, April 14. May God grant her rest among the saints!

CHRIST IS RISEN! – MEMORY ETERNAL Andrea Wojciechowski who frequently visited our church from Flatrock Manor in Flint Township fell asleep in the Lord last month. Before her falling asleep she asked one of her caretakers to let our parish know how grateful she was to everyone for the welcome they gave her and how at home she felt at St. Nicholas when she visited. May God grant her rest among the saints!

MEMORIAL DONATIONS FOR NICK MAXIM Connie would also like to thank Deborah & Allen Adams for their generous donation.

Weekly Schedule:

Today

2 pm Blessing of graves at St. Nicholas Cemetery beginning at the cross

Tuesday, April 17

5 pm St. Catherine's League meeting

6:30 pm Parish Council meeting

Wednesday, April 18

9:30 am Liturgy

11 am Adult Ed class

Saturday, April 21

5 pm Vespers

Sunday, April 22

9:30 am Hours

10 am Divine Liturgy

Offerings for the week April 8, 2018

Weekly Offerings	\$ 1,545.00
Estimated Average Weekly Expenses	\$ 4,034.03
	-\$ 2,489.03

96 people were in attendance on Sunday, April 8 in the wee hours and at the 11 am service 55 people were in attendance.

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