

*April 26, 2020*

*St. Nicholas Orthodox Church*

*Diocese of Toledo - Orthodox Church in America*

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**SUNDAY, APRIL 26, 2020. ANTIPASCHA. 2nd SUNDAY OF PASCHA — Tone 1. St. Thomas Sunday. Hieromartyr Basil, Bishop of Amasea (ca. 322). St. Stephen, Bishop of Perm (1396). Righteous Virgin Glaphyra (322). St. Joannicius of Devich, Serbia (13<sup>th</sup> c.)**

**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.

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

**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, 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**

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.**

**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!

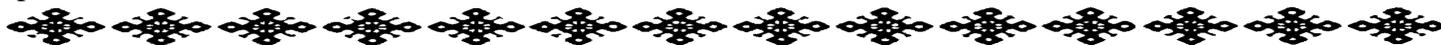
## **IN PLACE OF "WE HAVE SEEN THE TRUE LIGHT..."**

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

## **The holy Gospel according to 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.

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

Easter blessings for good health to all our family and friends at Easter

Angelo & Christine Panoff

Fr. Tom, Fr. Don, Fr. Paul, Fr. Anthony, Fr. Robert, Aaron, Milica, Calvin, Larry,

Helen, Angelo, Joan, Peggy, Bob, Angelo, Christine, Dorothy, Anna, Irene, Allen,  
Deborah, Luba, Kosta, Stojan, Mira, Bosa, Christopher, Allison, Jeanette, Katheryn,  
Joseph, Ted, Marlene, Gladys, my family & all parishioners at St. Nicholas,  
and my friends.

Joe Tome

Special Intention  
Health & blessings for Vasa & Jessica Stavridis & the twins they are expecting

Joe Tome  
Teddy Stavridis

### **CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR BLESSED REPOSE**

Sophie & Angelo Stavridis and John Nastos  
Alex Popoff~newly departed  
Blessed Repose to our baby grandson Matthew Thomas Panoff (6 mo. April 16<sup>th</sup>)  
Blessed Repose to our grandsons Andrew & Matthew, parents, siblings and all  
other deceased family & friends

Teddy Stavridis  
Joe Tome  
Baba & Dedo  
  
Angelo & Christine Panoff



**CHRIST IS RISEN! INDEED HE IS RISEN!** Welcome to everyone joining us via our YouTube channel:  
[St Nicholas Orthodox Church Burton.](#)

**ST. THOMAS SUNDAY GRAVE BLESSINGS** Archbishop Alexander has given his blessing for a Trisagion to be offered at the cross in our parish cemetery on St. Thomas Sunday (April 26). The proviso is that those who attend must remain in their vehicles. The Trisagion will be offered at 12:30 and following it, the clergy will sprinkle with holy water all the graves in the cemetery while singing the Paschal troparion. This will not be livestreamed but we hope to record the Trisagion and post it on our YouTube channel. Please pass the word to those who do not have internet. Christ is risen! Indeed He is risen!

### **KEEPING IN TOUCH WITH THOSE IN NURSING HOMES AND ASSISTED LIVING FACILITIES**

To aid in your outreach, here is a listing of their addresses:

Helen Ashmun	4436 Beecher Rd.	Flint, MI 48532
Larry Bladecki	3254 E. Midland Rd	Bay City, MI 48706
Anna Branoff	Grand Blanc Fields 12628 Pagels Dr	Grand Blanc, MI 48439
Gladys Edwards	2 Harbor Dr.	St. Clair, MO 63077
Paul Ellis	2360 Stonebridge Dr.	Flint, MI 48532
Vasilka Karatza	Regency 1330 Grand Pointe Ct	Grand Blanc, MI 48439
Jo Sredich	Magnolia House 4134 N. State Rd.	Davison, MI 48423

### **YouTube channel information**

+Visit our YouTube page [here](#)  
+To be notified of when we go live be sure to **subscribe** and **turn on notifications** for our YouTube page.  
+Updates will be posted on our [Facebook page](#) as well  
+If you miss the live-stream, the service will be archived.  
+Treat the live-stream as you were in the church, get dressed, light a candle, stand in your icon corner, stand for the Gospel, etc.  
+If you have a difficult time accessing the live-stream please email [stnicholasburtonmi@gmail.com](mailto:stnicholasburtonmi@gmail.com) so we can help you.

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**FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL** There are presently two suggested ways to continue your stewardship without interruption: 1) by writing a check to St. Nicholas Orthodox Church and sending it to the parish address: 2143 S Center Rd, Burton, MI 48519; or 2) using Givelify as listed above. In advance, we thank you for your ongoing support that will ensure a quick return to normal parish life as soon as possible. Be assured of our prayers and our attention to your needs and the needs of all our parish. – **St. Nicholas Parish Council**

*The hyperlinks for the services below link directly to the service for that day on our YouTube channel.*

**Weekly schedule:**

**Today**

12:30 pm      Trisagion at St Nicholas Cemetery – remain in your vehicles

**Monday, April 27**

Fr. Matthew with Archbishop Alexander

**Wednesday, April 29**

10 am      Divine Liturgy – streaming on our YouTube channel

**Saturday, May 2**

5 pm      Great Vespers – streaming on our YouTube channel

**Sunday, May 3**

10 am      Divine Liturgy – streaming on our YouTube channel

**Offerings for the week April 19<sup>th</sup>, 2020**

<i>Weekly Offerings</i>	\$ 3,739.00
<i>Estimated Average Weekly Expenses</i>	\$ 3,236.00
	\$ 503.00