

April 18, 2021

**St. Nicholas Orthodox Church**

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**Welcome!** We are honored that you have joined us in our celebration of the Lord's resurrection this day.

If you are a first-time visitor to our parish, we invite you to sign our guest book in the vestibule. If you have a question, a prayer request, or any need, please speak with Fr. Matthew, Deacon Luke, or with one of the ushers.

For our friends present with us who are not Orthodox Christians, please note that we have specific disciplines regarding receiving Communion. We ask that you refrain from going to Communion until you have spoken with Fr. Matthew after the Liturgy and understand our discipline and piety regarding this sacrament and its implication for responsibility towards and membership in the Orthodox Church. The bread offered at the end of the service is available to all.

If you are an Orthodox Christian from another parish who has prepared in accordance with your discipline, and have a blessing from your home priest to do so, we invite and encourage you to partake of Holy Communion. **Again, welcome!**

**SUNDAY, APRIL 18, 2021 FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT – Tone 4. St. Mary of Egypt. Ven. John, disciple of Ven. Gregory of Decapolis (9th c.). Martyrs Victor, Zoticus, Zeno, Acindynus, and Severian, of Nicomedia (303). St. Cosmas, Bishop of Chalcedon, and his fellow ascetic, St. Auxentius (815-820). New Martyr John the New of Epirus (1526). Ven. Evfimii (Euthymius), Enlightener of Karelia; and the Righteous Anthony and Felix.**

**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 8)** The image of God was truly preserved in you, O Mother, / for you took up the Cross and followed Christ. / By so doing, you taught us to disregard the flesh for it passes away; / but to care instead for the soul, for it is immortal. // Therefore your spirit, O holy Mother Mary, rejoices with the angels.

**(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, Mediatress 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 Fourth Tone: O Lord, how manifold are Thy works! / In wisdom hast Thou made them all!***

***v: Bless the Lord, O my soul! O Lord my God, Thou art very great!***

**THE READING IS FROM THE EPISTLE OF PAUL TO THE HEBREWS (9:11-14)** Brethren: Christ came as High Priest of the good things to come, with the greater and more perfect tabernacle not made with hands, that is, not of this creation. Not with the blood of goats and calves, but with His own blood He entered the Most Holy Place once for all, having obtained eternal redemption. For if the blood of bulls and goats and the ashes of a heifer, sprinkling the unclean, sanctifies for the purifying of the flesh, how much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without spot to God, cleanse your conscience from dead works to serve the living God.

***Alleluia, Tone 4***

***v: Go forth, prosper and reign, for the sake of meekness, righteousness and truth.***

***v: For You love righteousness, and hate iniquity.***

**THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MARK (10:32-45)** At that time, as the disciples were on the road, going up to Jerusalem, and Jesus was going before them; and they were amazed. And as they followed they were afraid. Then He took the twelve aside again and began to tell them the things that would happen to Him: Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be betrayed to the chief priests and to the scribes; and they will condemn Him to death and deliver Him to the Gentiles; and they will mock Him, and scourge Him, and spit on Him, and kill Him. And the third day He will rise again. Then James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came to Him, saying, "Teacher, we want You to do for us whatever we ask." And He said to them, "What do you want Me to do for you?" They said to Him, "Grant

us that we may sit, one on Your right hand and the other on Your left, in Your glory." But Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you ask. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, and be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?" They said to Him, "We are able." So Jesus said to them, "You will indeed drink the cup that I drink, and with the baptism I am baptized with you will be baptized; but to sit on My right hand and on My left is not Mine to give, but it is for those for whom it is prepared. And when the ten heard it, they began to be greatly displeased with James and John. But Jesus called them to Himself and said to them, "You know that those who are considered rulers over the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them. Yet it shall not be so among you; but whoever desires to become great among you shall be your servant. And whoever of you desires to be first shall be slave of all. For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many."

**GO TO PG. 120 IN THE PEW BOOK.**

**Instead of "It is truly meet,"** All of creation rejoices in you, O Full of Grace: the assembly of Angels and the race of men. O sanctified temple and spiritual paradise, the glory of virgins, from whom God was incarnate and became a Child, our God before the ages. He made your body into a throne, and your womb He made more spacious than the heavens. All of creation rejoices in you, O Full of Grace. Glory to you!

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

### **THE SIXTH WEEK OF LENT - THE WEEK OF PALMS**

This last week of Lent is called the Week of Palms or Palm Week because it leads us to Palm Sunday. During this week the hymns of the Church unfold for us the sickness of Lazarus and the journey of Jesus from Bethphage to Bethany to raise Lazarus from the dead. This miracle results in the triumphal entry of our Lord Jesus into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday. Below are a selection from the hymns of this week that will lead us to the festive days of Lazarus Saturday and Palm Sunday.

#### **MONDAY - Lazarus is fatally ill**

*Matins, Monday*

*Ode 7* Behold, Christ is in the city of Bethphage. Rejoice, O Bethany, home of Lazarus, for He will show you a miracle without equal, by raising Lazarus from the dead.

*Ode 9* Today the illness of Lazarus is made known to Christ, Who is lingering beyond the Jordan; however, in His foreknowledge, He declares: This sickness does not lead to death.

#### **TUESDAY - Lazarus is fatally ill**

*Matins, Tuesday*

*Sessional Hymn 3* Yesterday and today Lazarus suffers from his illness; his sisters send word to Christ about him. Prepare yourself, O Bethany, to receive your Master and King in joy and to sing with us: O Lord, glory to you!

#### **WEDNESDAY - Lazarus dies & is buried - 1<sup>st</sup> day in the tomb**

*Matins, Wednesday*

*Ode 3* Today Lazarus dies, but this death does not escape the divine eye of Jesus. Therefore, He spoke to His disciples and said: "My friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I shall go and raise him."

*Ode 9* The sisters of Lazarus weep over the tomb of their brother today, seeing him buried beneath the stone; you have said clearly to your apostles, O Christ: "I rejoice for you that I was not there, so that you may believe."

#### **THURSDAY - 2<sup>nd</sup> day in the tomb**

*Matins, Thursday*

*Sessional Hymn 3* Lazarus is in the tomb for two days, and his two sisters, Martha and Mary, grieve deeply as they look sadly at the rock covering the tomb. With his disciples, the Creator comes to despoil Death and give us life. Therefore, we cry out: "O Lord, glory to you!"

#### **FRIDAY - 3<sup>rd</sup> day in the tomb**

*Matins, Friday*

*Sessional Hymn 3* On this day two disciples are sent to look for the colt of a donkey for the Master of the universe Who is seated upon the hosts of Cherubim. Death, the great devourer of the human race, begins to tremble, for Christ first carried away Lazarus; and soon He will take with Him all humanity.

*Ode 8* The sound of your steps resounds in Bethphage, and they were sensed by Hades who was enraged; and It entreated Lazarus, saying: "If He Who is Life calls you, hasten to leave, for I know that my end is near."

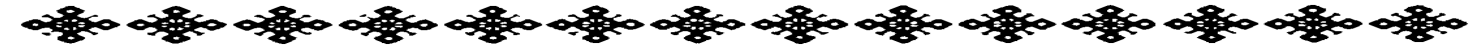
#### **LAZARUS SATURDAY - 4<sup>th</sup> day in the tomb**

*Vespers & Matins, Saturday*

*Vespers, sticheron* The kingdom of Hades was demolished at the sound of your voice, O Lord; your powerful word awakened from the tomb one who had been dead four days. Lazarus becomes a saving prelude of our regeneration. Nothing is impossible for the King of the universe; O Lord, grant to your servants forgiveness and great mercy!

*Matins, at the Praises* Even though Lazarus had been dead four days, you raised him from Hades, O Christ; before your own death, you destroyed the power of Death; you freed one of your friends from the tomb to announce the resurrection of all. Therefore, we bow before your sovereign power and cry out: Blessed art you, O Savior, have mercy on us!

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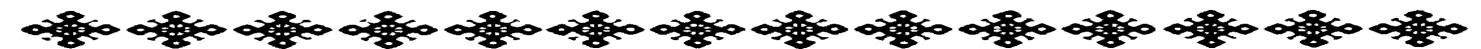


**CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR THE HEALTH AND BLESSINGS OF**

Dorothy, Rylan & Julie	Debbie, Ralph, Joe, Sarah
God's blessings for good health to our grandkids & their parents	Baba & Dedo
God's blessings for good health to our son Thomas on his birthday April 13	Mom & Dad
Health & blessings for Milica & Janja Beslach	Bosiljka Kantar
Health & God's blessings Kumovi Stojan & Mira Prusac	Bosiljka Kantar
For our family	Bosa
Fr. Tom, Fr. Don, Fr. Paul, Fr. Anthony, Fr. Robert, Aaron, Milica, Calvin, Angelo, Joan, Peggy, Bob, Angelo, Christine, Dorothy, Irene, Allen, Deborah, Luba, Kosta, Stojan, Mira, Bosa, Christopher, Allison, Jeanette, Kathryn, David, Taras, Joseph, Ted, Marlene, Gladys, all the parishioners of St. Nicholas, my family and friends.	Joe Tome
Special Intention	Joe Tome
Health & God's blessings for Dorothy Goodman	Nancy, Tom, Danny & Megan

**CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR BLESSED REPOSE**

The Georgopoulos family	Mary Batzos
Blessed Repose for our grandsons Andrew & Matthew	Baba & Dedo



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**FROM THE DIOCESAN CHANCELLOR**

Below are Vladyka Alexander's revised COVID-19 directives, including specific instructions for Holy Week and Pascha.

You will note that His Eminence has set a benchmark for when rectors may petition to lift all restrictions. This (as with everything below) is pursuant to the directives of your respective civil authorities, and is subject to change depending on rates of infection and vaccination. That said, I feel safe in saying that the end is in sight and it is my sincere hope that these are the last COVID-19 directives I need to share with you all.

In Christ,

Fr. Andrew Jarmus, *Chancellor*

**COVID-19 Directives (Revised 4/7/2021)**

- No change to mask requirements at divine services.
- Masks are required when moving through the church building. When seated at tables in fellowship halls and meeting rooms masks may be removed, with six-foot social distancing.
- Indoor gatherings at church such as meetings, classes and fellowship ministries are allowed, with social distancing. Whenever possible, however, parishes are encouraged to organize outdoor gatherings. Parishes may also continue to offer online ministries.
- Parishes are encouraged to celebrate their regular schedule of Holy Weeks services. The distribution of palms, flowers, red eggs, etc. is blessed.
- Beginning on Pascha, if civil directives allow, social distancing may be relaxed to three feet between members of different households at divine services.
- The blessing of paschal baskets is permitted. The communal partaking of the blessed Paschal food is allowed if it can take place outdoors.
- Effective May 9, St. Thomas Sunday, in addition to Coffee Hours, meals are allowed in parish fellowship halls as long as they are plated and served individually (ie. not "buffet" style), and follow

both guidelines issued by civil authorities and the above directives regarding masks and social distancing. Servers at meals and at Coffee Hours must wear masks.

- If current vaccination rates continue, rectors should be able to petition to lift all COVID-19 restrictions at their parishes, subject to their local civil directives, for the feast of Pentecost, Sunday, June 20. Petitions are to be made through the chancellor.

**SPRING CLEAN UP** Saturday, May 8<sup>th</sup> starting at 9:30 am. Volunteers are needed to help with a variety of things such as brush removal, bush trimming & yard cleanup. If there are enough people the light poles, which have to be painted, can be done on the same day (weather permitting). Lunch will be provided. Please call or email the office or add your name to the sign up sheet in the narthax if you are willing & able to participate so he can coordinate the jobs before hand. Everyone is welcome whether you can help a little or a lot!

**OFFICE HOURS** are Monday, Wednesday & Friday 9 - 3.

**CANDLE INTENTION REQUESTS** can be emailed to the office at [stnicholasburtonmi@gmail.com](mailto:stnicholasburtonmi@gmail.com) or called in.

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**WEEKLY SCHEDULE:**

**Monday, April 19**     *Fr Matthew in Toledo*

**Tuesday, April 20**

11:15 am     Adult education: finish the kontakion of Saint Romanos, *on the prodigal son*  
6:30 pm     Virtual adult education: finish the kontakion of Saint Romanos, *on the prodigal son*  
**7 pm**     [OCA online church school](#)

**Wednesday, April 21**

10:30 am     Lenten 3<sup>rd</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Hours  
**6 pm**     [Presanctified Liturgy - streaming on St George YouTube channel](#)

**Saturday, April 24**     **LAZARUS SATURDAY**

9:30 am     Preparation of the Holy Gifts (not livestreamed)  
**10 am**     [Pan-Orthodox Liturgy, Lazarus Saturday - streaming on our YouTube channel](#)  
**5 pm**     [Vespers with Lity- streaming on our YouTube channel](#)  
                 confessions

**Sunday, April 25**     **PALM SUNDAY - TRIUMPHAL ENTRY OF OUR LORD INTO JERUSALEM**

9:30 am     Third and Sixth Hours  
**10 am**     [Divine Liturgy - streaming on our YouTube channel](#)  
6:30 PM     Bridegroom Matins

***Offerings for the week April 11<sup>th</sup>, 2021***

*27 persons in attendance on April 11<sup>th</sup>*

<i>Weekly Offerings</i>	\$ 5,273.25
<i>Estimated Average Weekly Expenses</i>	\$ 3,104.00
	\$ 2,169.25