

*April 4, 2021*

**St. Nicholas Orthodox Church**

*Diocese of Toledo - Orthodox Church in America*

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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 4, 2021 **THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT – Tone 2. Veneration of the Cross.** Ven. Joseph the Hymnographer (883). Ven. George of Mt. Maleon in the Peloponnesus (6th c.). Ven. Joseph the Much-ailing, of the Kiev Caves (14th c.). Ven. Zosimas, Abbot of Vorbozómisk (ca. 1550). Ven. Zosimas, of Palestine (4th c.). Virgin Martyr Pherbutha of Persia, her sister, and servants (341-343). Martyr Nikita of Pojani (1808). St. Isidore, Bishop of Seville (636). Ven. Theonas, Archbishop of Thessalonica (1545).

**FIRST ANTIPHON**

The light of Thy countenance, O Lord, hath been signed upon us. **Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us!**

Thou hast given a sign unto them that fear Thee, that they may flee from before the face of the bow. **Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us!**

Thou hast ascended on high, Thou didst lead captivity captive. **Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us!**

Thou hast given an inheritance to them that fear Thy Name. **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**

All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God. **O Son of God who arose from the dead, save us who sing to Thee: Alleluia!**

Let us worship at the place where his feet have stood. **O Son of God who arose from the dead, save us who sing to Thee: Alleluia!**

The eyes of the Lord are upon them that fear Him, upon them that hope in His mercy. **O Son of God who arose from the dead, save us who sing to Thee: Alleluia!**

God is our King before the ages, He hath wrought salvation in the midst of the earth. **O Son of God who arose from the dead, save us who sing to Thee: Alleluia!**

High above all nations is the Lord; Thou art Lord Most High over all 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**

**Exalt ye the Lord our God, and worship at the footstool of His feet. (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!**

**O God, save Thy people and bless Thine inheritance. (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!**

**Shepherd them and bear them up unto the ages. (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!**

### **TROPARIA**

**(Tone 2)** When Thou didst descend to death, O Life Immortal, Thou didst slay hell with the splendor of Thy Godhead! And when from the depths Thou didst raise the dead, all the powers of heaven cried out: O Giver of Life! Christ our God! Glory to Thee!

**(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 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)** O victorious leader of triumphant hosts! We, your servants, delivered from evil, sing our grateful thanks to you, O Theotokos! As you possess invincible might set us free from ev'ry calamity so that we may sing: Rejoice, O unwedded Bride!

### **IN PLACE OF THE TRISAGION, WE SING:**

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

*The prokeimenon in the sixth tone: O Lord, save Thy people / and bless Thine inheritance.*

*v:* To Thee, O Lord, will I call. O my God, be not silent to me!

**THE READING FROM THE EPISTLE OF THE HOLY APOSTLE PAUL TO THE HEBREWS (4:14-5:6)**

Brethren: Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we have not a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. For every high priest chosen from among men is appointed to act on behalf of men in relation to God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. He can deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is beset with weakness. Because of this he is bound to offer sacrifice for his own sins as well as for those of the people. And one does not take the honor upon himself, but he is called by God, just as Aaron was. So also Christ did not exalt himself to be made a high priest, but was appointed by him who said to him, "You are my Son, today I have begotten you"; as he says also in another place, "You are a Priest to the age, according to the order of Melchisedek."

*Alleluia, Tone 8*

*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)** At that time 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 of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him will the Son of man also be ashamed, when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels." And he said to them, "Truly, I say to you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see that the kingdom of God has come with power."

**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** The light of Thy countenance is signed upon us, O Lord. 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 holy Gospel according to John 21:1-14 (10th Matins Gospel)**

After these things Jesus showed Himself again to the disciples at the Sea of Tiberias, and in this way He showed Himself: Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of His disciples were together. Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We are going with you also." They went out and immediately got into the boat, and that night they caught nothing. But when the morning had now come, Jesus stood on the shore; yet the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. Then Jesus said to them, "Children, have you any food?" They answered Him, "No." And He said to them, "Cast the net on the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So they

cast, and now they were not able to draw it in because of the multitude of fish. Therefore that disciple whom Jesus

loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" Now when Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on his outer garment (for he had removed it), and plunged into the sea. But the other disciples came in the little boat (for they were not far from land, but about two hundred cubits), dragging the net with fish. Then, as soon as they had come to land, they saw a fire of coals there, and fish laid on it, and bread. Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish which you have just caught." Simon Peter went up and dragged the net to land, full of large fish, one hundred and fifty-three; and although there were so many, the net was not broken. Jesus said to them, "Come and eat breakfast." Yet none of the disciples dared ask Him, "Who are You?" – knowing that it was the Lord. Jesus then came and took the bread and gave it to them, and likewise the fish. This is now the third time Jesus showed Himself to His disciples after He was raised from the dead.

### **The Third Sunday of Great Lent: Sunday of the Veneration of the Holy Cross**

On the Third Sunday of Great and Holy Lent, the Orthodox Church commemorates the Precious and Life-Giving Cross of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Services include a special veneration of the Cross, which prepares the faithful for the commemoration of the Crucifixion during Holy Week.

The commemoration and ceremonies of the Third Sunday of Lent are closely parallel to the feasts of the Veneration of the Cross (September 14) and the Procession of the Cross (August 1). Not only does the Sunday of the Holy Cross prepare us for commemoration of the Crucifixion, but it also reminds us that the whole of Lent is a period when we are crucified with Christ.

As we have "crucified the flesh with its passions and desires" (Galatians 5:24), and will have mortified ourselves during these forty days of the Fast, the precious and life-giving Cross is now placed before us to refresh our souls and encourage us who may be filled with a sense of bitterness, resentment, and depression. The Cross reminds us of the Passion of our Lord, and by presenting to us His example, it encourages us to follow Him in struggle and sacrifice, being refreshed, assured, and comforted. In other words, we must experience what the Lord experienced during His Passion - being humiliated in a shameful manner. The Cross teaches us that through pain and suffering we shall see the fulfillment of our hopes: the heavenly inheritance and eternal glory.

As they who walk on a long and hard way and are bowed down by fatigue find great relief and strengthening under the cool shade of a leafy tree, so do we find comfort, refreshment, and rejuvenation under the Life-giving Cross, which our Fathers "planted" on this Sunday. Thus, we are fortified and enabled to continue our Lenten journey with a light step, rested and encouraged.

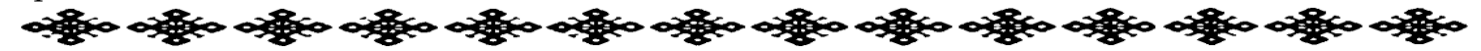
Or, as before the arrival of the king, his royal standards, trophies, and emblems of victory come in procession and then the king himself appears in a triumphant parade, jubilant and rejoicing in his victory and filling those under him with joy, so does the Feast of the Cross precede the coming of our King, Jesus Christ. It warns us that He is about to proclaim His victory over death and appear to us in the glory of the Resurrection. His Life-Giving Cross is His royal scepter, and by venerating it we are filled with joy, rendering Him glory. Therefore, we become ready to welcome our King, who shall manifestly triumph over the powers of darkness.

The present feast has been placed in the middle of Great Lent for another reason. The Fast can be likened to the spring of Marah whose waters the children of Israel encountered in the wilderness. This water was undrinkable due to its bitterness but became sweet when the Holy Prophet Moses dipped the wood into its depth. Likewise, the wood of the Cross sweetens the days of the Fast, which are bitter and often grievous because of our tears. Yet Christ comforts us during our course through the desert of the Fast, guiding and leading us by His hand to the spiritual Jerusalem on high by the power of His Resurrection.

Moreover, as the Holy Cross is called the Tree of Life, it is placed in the middle of the Fast, as the ancient tree of life was placed in the middle of the garden of Eden. By this, our Holy Fathers wished to remind us of Adam's gluttony as well as the fact that through this Tree has condemnation been abolished. Therefore,

if we bind ourselves to the Holy Cross, we shall never encounter death but shall inherit life eternal.

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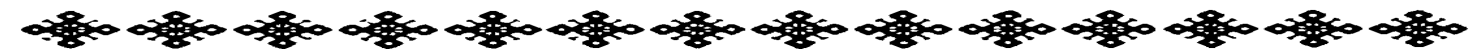


**CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR THE HEALTH AND BLESSINGS OF**

Health & God's blessings for Nancy Krigner on her birthday	her family
God's blessings to newborn James Thomas Panoff born on Friday, March 26 (6 lbs. 11 Oz., 18 1/2"). Parents are Tom & Christy Panoff, sisters Ellie & Anna and brothers in Heaven Andrew & Matthew. Grandparents~	Angelo & Christine
Health & God's blessings for the Elieff & Krigner family	the Krigner family
God's blessings for our son Christopher Panoff on his birthday April 2	Angelo & Christine
Heather, Chris, Raegan, Nadja, Sean, Auden, Teri, Jeremy & Hayden for health, blessings and protection	Lucy Hogg
Health & blessings for Karen Pavia	the Price family
Health of baby James, Christy, Thomas & sisters	the Gonser family
Health & blessings for Milica & Janja Beslach	Bosiljka Kantar
Health & God's blessings Kumovi Stojan & Mira Prusac	Bosiljka Kantar
Fr. Tom, Fr. Don, Fr. Paul, Fr. Anthony, Fr. Robert, Aaron, Milica, Calvin, Larry, 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
Eleni Servinis, Angelo & Helen Popoff	Magda Popoff

**CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR BLESSED REPOSE**

Jo Sredich	Laurie Brock
Blessed Repose for our grandsons Andrew & Matthew	Baba & Dedo
Harry Price	Ian & Stephanie Price
Rade, Dragon & Nikola	Bosa Kantar
Evdokia & Ivan Ponomarenko	Lucy Hogg
Alex & Peter Popoff, John Naum and Anna Branoff	Magda Popoff



Welcome to everyone joining us via our YouTube channel: [St Nicholas Orthodox Church Burton](#). If at the time of the divine services you cannot access the livestream, please check out [St. Mary Magdalene Church](#) or [St George Church](#) or [Assumption Church](#) or [Dormition Monastery](#) for their livestreams.

**ONLINE LENTEN TALK** Fr. John Konkle at Dormition Monastery will give a lenten talk on Saturday, April 10, from 12 to 1pm ET, entitled "Guilt & Shame; Grief & Joy," available via Zoom. To attend via Zoom please register [here](#) or by YouTube, register [here](#).

**ONLINE YOUTH RETREAT** will take place on April 11, open to children from kindergarten through grade 12. You may register [here](#).

**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 Dennis Jernigan at 810-908-3631 or the office 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!

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

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**ST. GEORGE CHURCH PRESCHOOL** is looking for a special person to lead their Preschool & Childcare Ministry. The Preschool has been in operation since 2018 and has had over 30 children in attendance. Though currently closed and without a Program Director they have a valid Child Care License. With proper staffing and leadership it could be reopened at any time.

Dn. Michael Bassett, Kh. Leslee Abud, Kelly (St George Church Secretary) and others are ready to assist you!

They have a list of previous clients as well as a growing list of families looking for the intimate, faith based setting that they offer. Rooms are set up, in place, and waiting for children! Curriculum is purchased, learning centers are in place, and there is plenty of outdoor playspace!

This is an excellent opportunity for the right person to provide a needed service / ministry to the community and help generate revenues for St. George Church and have nearly full autonomy with minimal risk.

If you are interested or you know someone who might be, contact the Preschool at 810-732-1500, [stgeorgeschool17@gmail.com](mailto:stgeorgeschool17@gmail.com), or talk with Dn. Michael or Kh. Leslee.

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

**WEEKLY SCHEDULE:**

**Monday, April 5** *Fr Matthew in Toledo*

**Tuesday, April 6**

11:15 am Adult education: kontakion of Saint Romanos, *on the prodigal son*

6:30 pm Virtual adult education: kontakion of Saint Romanos, *on the prodigal son*

**7 pm** [OCA online church school](#)

**Wednesday, April 7**

10:30 am Lenten 3<sup>rd</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Hours

**6 pm** [Pan-Orthodox Presanctified Liturgy - streaming on our YouTube channel](#)

**Saturday, April 10** **Souls' Saturday (Zadušnica)**

12 pm to 1 pm "Guilt & Shame; Grief & Joy" online lenten talk by Fr. John Konkle *(details in announcements)*

**4:45 pm** [Trisagion & Vespers - streaming on our YouTube channel](#)  
confessions

**Sunday, April 11** **4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent - St. John of Sinai, of "The Ladder"**

9:30 am Third and Sixth Hours

**10 am** [Divine Liturgy - streaming on our YouTube channel](#)

2 pm 1 year memorial for Alex Popoff at Evergreen Cemetery

**Offerings for the week March 28<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

*32 persons in attendance on March 28<sup>th</sup>*

<i>Weekly Offerings</i>	\$ 2,203.25
<i>Estimated Average Weekly Expenses</i>	\$ 3,104.00
	\$ - 900.75