

August 9, 2020

St. Nicholas Orthodox Church

Diocese of Toledo - Orthodox Church in America

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SUNDAY, AUGUST 9, 2020 9th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST—Tone 8. Afterfeast of the Transfiguration. Apostle Matthias (ca. 63). Glorification of Ven. Herman of Alaska, Wonderworker of All America (1970). Hieromartyr Euthymios of Rhodes (16th c.). Martyr Anthony of Alexandria. Ven. Psoi of Egypt (4th c.). Martyrs Julian, Marcian, John, James, Alexius, Demetrius, Photius (Phocas), Peter, Leontius, and Mary, of Constantinople (730).

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!

The crash of Thy thunder was in the whirlwind; Thy lightning lighted up the world; the earth trembled and shook.
Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us!

Thou art clothed with honor and majesty, who coverest Thyself with light as with a garment.

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

Mount Zion, in the far north, the city of the Great King! **O Son of God who wast transfigured on the mount, save us who sing to Thee: Alleluia!**

And He brought them to the mountain of His holiness, this mountain which His right hand had won! **O Son of God who wast transfigured on the mount, save us who sing to Thee: Alleluia!**

The Mount Zion which He loved, He fashioned for His holy abode. **O Son of God who wast transfigured on the mount, 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

Those who trust in the Lord are like Mount Zion, which cannot be moved, but abides forever! (Tone 7) Thou wast transfigured on the Mount, O Christ God, revealing Thy glory to Thy disciples as far as they could bear it. Let Thine everlasting light shine upon us sinners! Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Giver of Light, glory to Thee!

As the mountains are round about Him, so the Lord is round about His people, from this time forth and forevermore. (Tone 7) Thou wast transfigured on the Mount, O Christ God, revealing Thy glory to Thy disciples as far as they could bear it. Let Thine everlasting light shine upon us sinners! Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Giver of Light, glory to Thee!

O Lord, who shall sojourn in Thy tent? Who shall dwell on Thy holy hill? (Tone 7) Thou wast transfigured on the Mount, O Christ God, revealing Thy glory to Thy disciples as far as they could bear it. Let Thine everlasting light shine upon us sinners! Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Giver of Light, glory to Thee!

Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord? And who shall stand in His holy place? (Tone 7) Thou wast transfigured on the Mount, O Christ God, revealing Thy glory to Thy disciples as far as they could bear it. Let Thine everlasting light shine upon us sinners! Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Giver of Light, glory to Thee!

TROPARIA

(Tone 8) Thou didst descend from on high, O Merciful One! Thou didst accept the three-day burial to free us from our sufferings! O Lord, our Life and Resurrection: glory to Thee!

(Tone 7) Thou wast transfigured on the Mount, O Christ God, revealing Thy glory to Thy disciples as far as they could bear it. Let Thine everlasting light shine upon us sinners! Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Giver of Light, glory to Thee!

(Tone 3) O Holy Apostle Matthias, intercede with the merciful God / to grant our souls forgiveness of transgressions.

(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 7) On the mountain wast Thou transfigured, O Christ God, and Thy disciples beheld Thy glory as far as they could see it; so that when they would behold Thee crucified, they would understand that Thy suffering was voluntary, and would proclaim to the world that Thou art truly the radiance of the Father!

The Prokeimenon in the Eighth Tone: Their proclamation has gone out into all the earth / and their words to the ends of the universe.

v: The heavens are telling the glory of God and the firmament proclaims His handiwork.

THE READING FROM THE ACTS OF THE HOLY APOSTLES (1:12-17, 21-26) In those days, the apostles returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away; and when they had entered, they went up to the upper room, where they were staying, Peter and John and James and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James the son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot and Judas the son of James. All these with one accord devoted themselves to prayer, together with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brothers. In those days Peter stood up among the brethren (the company of persons was in all about a hundred and twenty), and said, "Brethren, the scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit spoke beforehand by the mouth of David, concerning Judas who was guide to those who arrested Jesus. For he was numbered among us, and was allotted his share in this ministry. So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us -- one of these men must become with us a witness to his resurrection." And they put forward two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was surnamed Justus, and Matthias. And they prayed and said, "Lord, who know the hearts of all men, show which one of these two you have chosen to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside, to go to his own place." And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias; and he was enrolled with the eleven apostles.

Alleluia, Tone 8

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

v. Let us come before His face with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise!

THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MATTHEW (14:22-34) At that time Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go before him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up on the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but the boat by this time was many furlongs distant from the land, beaten by the waves; for the wind was against them. And in the fourth

watch of the night he came to them, walking on the sea. But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out for fear. But immediately he spoke to them, saying, "Take heart, it is I; have no fear." And Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, bid me come to you on the water." He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat and walked on the water and came to Jesus; but when he saw the wind, he was afraid, and beginning to sink he cried out, "Lord, save me." Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "O man of little faith, why did you doubt?" And when they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God." And when they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret.

COMMUNION HYMN

Praise the Lord from the heavens! Praise Him in the highest! Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

O Lord, we will walk in the light of Thy countenance, and will exult in Thy name forever! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

The holy Gospel according to John 20:19-31 (9th Matins Gospel)

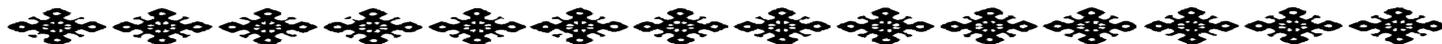
Then, the same day at evening, being the first day of the week, when the doors were shut where the disciples were assembled, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in the midst, and said to them, "Peace be with you." When He had said this, He showed them His hands and His side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. So Jesus said to them again, "Peace to you! As the Father has sent Me, I also 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 them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained. Now Thomas, called the Twin, one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. The other disciples therefore said to him, "We have seen the Lord." So he said to them, "Unless I see in His hands the print of the nails, and put my finger into the print of the nails, and put my hand into His side, I will not believe." And after eight days His disciples were again inside, and Thomas with them. Jesus came, the doors being shut, and stood in the midst, and said, "Peace to you!" Then He said to Thomas, "Reach your finger here, and look at My hands; and reach your hand here, and put it into My side. Do not be unbelieving, but believing." And Thomas answered and said to Him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Thomas, because you have seen Me, you have believed. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed." And truly Jesus did many other signs in the presence of His 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 SYNAXARION

On August 6 in the Holy Orthodox Church, we commemorate the divine Transfiguration of our Lord, God and Savior Jesus Christ.

Verse: Tabor was glorified above earth's every region / When it looked upon God's nature shining in glory. On the sixth Christ transformed His form as a man. This glorious event is recorded in the Gospels of Mark (9:2-13), Luke (9:28-36 in Matins) and Matthew (17:1-9 in Liturgy). In the third year of His preaching, the Lord Jesus often spoke to His disciples of His approaching passion and His glorious Resurrection. So that His impending passion would not totally weaken His disciples, the All-wise Savior wanted to show them His divine glory before His passion on the Holy Cross. (This is why we sing the Katavasias of the Holy Cross on this day.) For that reason, He took Peter, James and John with Him and went out at night to Mount Tabor. The Lord took only three disciples on Tabor because the Lord did not want to leave the unworthy Judas alone at the foot of the mountain so that the betrayer would not, by that, justify his betrayal. Our Lord was transfigured on a mountain and not in a valley to teach us two virtues: love of labor and godly-thoughts. For, climbing to the heights required labor and height represents the heights of our thoughts, i.e., godly-thoughts. Moses and Elijah appeared in order to destroy the erroneous thought that the Christ is one of the prophets; that is why He appears as a King above the prophets and that is why Moses and Elijah appear as His servants. Until then, our Lord manifested His divine power many times to the disciples but, on Mount Tabor, He manifested His divine nature. This vision of His Divinity and the hearing of the heavenly witness about Him as the Son of God would serve the disciples in the days of the Lord's passion, in strengthening of an unwavering faith in Him and His final victory. Unto Christ God be glory and dominion unto the ages. Amen. *The celebration of the feast continues until August 13.*

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CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR THE HEALTH AND BLESSINGS OF

Blessings & good health to all of our kids & their families

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, all the parishioners of St. Nicholas, my family & friends.

Joe Tome

Special Intention

Joe Tome

CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR BLESSED REPOSE

Blessed Repose to our sweet grandsons Andrew & Matthew

Angelo & Christine Panoff

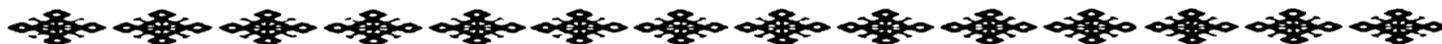
ETERNAL LIGHT AT THE ALTAR

Health & blessing for the Bakousidis family & everyone around the world

Lena & Gerry Bakousidis

Health

Bosa Kantar



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](#) for their livestreams.

CONFESSIONS The sacrament of Confession is offered on Saturdays after Vespers and by appointment.

MEMORY ETERNAL- CHRIST IS RISEN! Michael Aleksovski, nephew of Lydia Nicoloff, fell asleep in the Lord on July 31. He is the son of the late Todor and Mary (Nicoloff) Aleskovski. Graveside service will be held at Gracelawn Cemetery on Saturday, August 15 at 1 pm. [Rossell Funeral Home](#) is handling arrangements. His obituary has not yet been posted. May he rest in the light of Christ's face. Bog da prosti. Memory eternal. Christ is risen!

MOLEBEN TO THE MOTHER OF GOD AT THE SHRINE On the first three Sundays of August we will serve a supplication to the Mother of God at the shrine following the Divine Liturgy. Please print out [this text](#) to use at home or to use at the shrine.

USHERS NEEDED Are you willing to be an usher so that we can continue using both the church and the fellowship hall for in-person attendance at Sunday Liturgies? Please contact the office 810-744-0070, stnicholasburtonmi@gmail.com or contact Matushka Lisa.

CANDLE INTENTION REQUESTS can be emailed to the office at stnicholasburtonmi@gmail.com or called in.

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ROTATING SCHEDULE You will receive a phone call and e-mail from the parish office notifying you the Sunday Liturgy you are scheduled to attend. The groups have been consolidated into two rather than three groups.

WHEN YOUR HOUSEHOLD WISHES TO BE ADDED TO THE ROTATION, PLEASE CALL OR E-MAIL THE PARISH OFFICE: 810-744-0070 or stnicholasburtonmi@gmail.com

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

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

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Anna Branoff-Courtyard Manor	8240 Miller Rd. Rm. #17	Swartz Creek, MI 48473
Gladys Edwards	2 Harbor Dr.	St. Clair, MO 63077
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Weekly schedule:

Wednesday, Aug 12 No Liturgy

Friday, Aug 14

6 pm [Pan-Orthodox Vespers and artoklasia at Assumption – streaming on Facebook](#)

Saturday, Aug 15 DORMITION OF THEOTOKOS

10 am [Pan-Orthodox Divine Liturgy at Assumption – streaming on Facebook](#)

5 pm [Great Vespers – streaming on our YouTube channel](#)

Confessions after Vespers

Sunday, Aug 16 Group 2A is in the church and Group 2B is in the fellowship hall

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

followed by Moleben to the Theotokos at the shrine

Offerings for the week Aug 9, 2020

<i>Weekly Offerings</i>	\$ 1,080.50
<i>Estimated Average Weekly Expenses</i>	\$ 3,104.00
	\$-2,023.50

That we should imagine that anger, wrath, jealousy or the such like have anything to do with the divine Nature is utterly abhorrent for us...nor again can we possibly say that He acts thus out of retribution, even though the Scriptures may on the outer surface posit this...A right way of thinking about God would be the following: the kind Lord, who in everything He does looks to ways of assisting rational beings, directs thought concerning judgement to the advantage of those who accept this difficult matter. ...He acts towards us in ways He knows will be advantageous to us, whether by way of things that cause suffering, or by way of things that cause relief, whether they cause joy or grief, whether they are insignificant or glorious: all are directed towards the single eternal good, whether each receives judgement or something of glory from Him not by way of retribution - far from it! - but with a view to the advantage that is going to come from all these things. - *St. Isaac of Nineveh*