

**December 2, 2018**

**St. Nicholas Orthodox Church**

*Diocese of Toledo - Orthodox Church in America*

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**The Gospel according to Saint Luke 24:12-35  
(5th Matins Gospel)**

But Peter arose and ran to the tomb; and stooping down, he saw the linen cloths lying by themselves; and he departed, marveling to himself at what had happened. Now behold, two of them were traveling that same day to a village called Emmaus, which was seven miles from Jerusalem. And they talked together of all these things which had happened. So it was, while they conversed and reasoned, that Jesus Himself drew near and went with them. But their eyes were restrained, so that they did not know Him. And He said to them, "What kind of conversation is this that you have with one another as you walk and are sad?" Then the one whose name was Cleopas answered and said to Him, "Are You the only stranger in Jerusalem, and have You not known the things which happened there in these days?" And He said to them, "What things?" So they said to Him, "The things concerning Jesus of Nazareth, who was a Prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how the chief priests and our rulers delivered Him to be condemned to death, and crucified Him. But we were hoping that it was He who was going to redeem Israel. Indeed, besides all this, today is the third day since these things happened. Yes, and certain women of our company, who arrived at the tomb early, astonished us. When they did not find His body, they came saying that they had also seen a vision of angels who said He was alive. And certain of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but Him they did not see. Then He said to them, "O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe in all that the prophets have spoken! Ought not the Christ to have suffered these things and to enter into His glory? And beginning at Moses and all the Prophets, He expounded to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning Himself. Then they drew near to the village where they were going, and He indicated that He would have gone farther. But they constrained Him, saying, "Abide with us, for it is toward evening, and the day is far spent." And He went in to stay with them. Now it came to pass, as He sat at the table with them, that He took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened and they knew Him; and He vanished from their sight. And they said to one another, "Did not our heart burn within us while He talked with us on the road, and while He opened the Scriptures to us?" So they rose up that very hour and returned to Jerusalem, and found the eleven and those who were with them gathered together, saying, "The Lord is risen indeed, and has appeared to Simon!" And they told about the things that had happened on the road, and how He was known to them in the breaking of bread.

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2018 27th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST — Tone 2.** Prophet Habákkuk (Abbacum, Avakkum—6th c. B.C.). Ven. Afanásii (Athanasius) “the Resurrected One”, Recluse, of the Kiev Caves (Near Caves—ca. 1176). Ven. Afanásii, Recluse, of the Kiev Caves (Far Caves—13th c.). Martyr Myrope of Chios (ca. 251). Ss. John, Heraclemon, Andrew, and Theophilus, of Egypt (4th c.). St. Jesse, Bishop of Tsilkani in Georgia (6th c.). St. Stephen-Urosh, King of Serbia (1367).

### **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 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 3)** The Virgin cometh today to the cave to give birth, ineffably to bring forth the Word Eternal. Therefore, rejoice, O earth, at the message, with the angels and shepherds give glory to Him Who shall appear by His own will as a young child, He Who is from eternity God.

*The Prokeimenon in the Second Tone: The Lord is my strength and my song / He has become my salvation.*

*v: The Lord has chastened me sorely, but He has not given me over unto death.*

### **THE READING FROM THE EPISTLE OF PAUL TO THE EPHESIANS (6:10-17)**

Brethren: be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we are not contending against flesh and blood, but against the principalities, against the powers, against the world rulers of this present darkness, against the spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places. Therefore take the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. Stand therefore, having girded your loins with truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, and having shod your feet with the equipment of the gospel of peace; besides all these, taking the shield of faith, with which you can quench all the flaming darts of the evil one. And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

#### *Alleluia, Tone 2*

*v: May the Lord hear you in the day of trouble! May the Name of the God of Jacob protect you!*

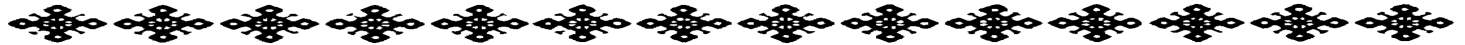
*v: Save the King, O Lord, and hear us on the day we call!*

**THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO LUKE (18:35-43)** Then it happened, as Jesus was coming near Jericho, that a certain blind man sat by the road begging. And hearing a multitude passing by, he asked what it meant. So they told him that Jesus of Nazareth was passing by. And he cried out, saying, “Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!” Then those who went before warned him that he should be quiet; but he cried out all the more, “Son of David, have mercy on me!” So Jesus stood still and commanded him to be brought to Him. And when he had come near, He asked him, saying, “What do you want Me to do for you?” He said, “Lord, that I may receive my sight.” Then Jesus said to him, “Receive your sight; your faith has made you well.” And immediately he received his sight, and followed Him, glorifying God. And all the people, when they saw it, gave praise to God.

### **COMMUNION HYMN**

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

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

Fr. Tom, Fr. Dimitrie, Fr. Anthony, Angelo, Aaron, Reggie, John, Alex, Rimi, Allen,  
Deborah, JoAnn, Susan, Luba, Kosta, David, Anna, Walt, Vladimir, Dorothy, Michael,  
Allison, Stojan, Mira, Bosa, Jeanette, Christopher, Ted, Marlene, Joseph, Nicholas,  
Margaret, Gladys, my family and friends

Joe Tome  
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Dorothy Goodman  
Alex & Magda  
JoAnn Havens & Johnny Kantor

Special Intention

Angelo Panoff Healing from surgery~God's blessings

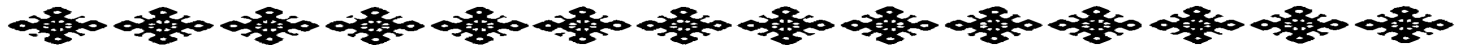
Alex & Mary

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**CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR BLESSED REPOSE**

Mary Lou Brayan~Memory Eternal 92<sup>nd</sup> birthday Dec. 26<sup>th</sup>  
John & Helen Bibilikow (4 yrs.) Blessed Repose~Memory Eternal  
Salvation of the soul of departed Roger Rice  
Peter Popoff & John Naum  
Helen Bibilikow (4 yrs.) Blessed Repose~Memory Eternal

Paul Brayan  
Christine, Jerry, Josh & Jenn  
Les Ford  
Alex & Magda  
Dorothy Goodman



**WELCOME** to all our friends and visitors. Please join us in our fellowship hall as we join with Archbishop Alexander in our St. Nicholas potluck luncheon.

**COFFEE & DONUTS**



Volunteers are needed for the months December & January. Please see the signup sheet outside the kitchen.

**ST. NICHOLAS** Pan-Orthodox Vespers with Divine Liturgy for the feast of St. Nicholas will be celebrated at our parish on Wednesday, December 5 at 6 pm. Please fast from after lunch to receive Holy Communion at this Liturgy.

**ANGEL PROGRAM** Please return the gifts today, December 2<sup>nd</sup>. Gifts need to be placed in a gift bag or wrapped but **you must include the child's names and code number on the gift tag.** Gift range is between \$30 & \$40 per child. If there are any questions, please contact Connie Maxim (810-603-7717).

**COOKIE WALK** will be held on Saturday, December 8<sup>th</sup> from 10 am to 1 pm. This requires help from many volunteers. Please call Lucy Hogg at 810-695-3110 or 810-241-0062 to volunteer whether with baking cookies, set-up, the day of the sale, or the break-down of the hall following the sale. The baked goods need to be delivered by Friday December 7<sup>th</sup> before 3 pm. There are signup sheets & fliers in the parish hall. Please help spread the word by posting fliers in your community.

**BAKING WORKSHOPS** There will be a cookie baking workshop Monday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> at 10 am. Saturday, December 15<sup>th</sup> at 10 am will be a workshop to bake Prosfora/Litouryia.

**CHRISTMAS GREETING** If you would like to have your name(s) included in the annual Christmas greetings list please call or leave the info. in the office no later than December 10<sup>th</sup>. Please make a donation.



**KROGER COMMUNITY REWARDS** Remember to give the cashier our Non Profit Organization when checking out. They send a check to St. Nicholas for a portion of everything participants spend in their stores.

**HOLIDAY PASTRY SALE** Assumption is having their holiday pastry sale & luncheon on December 6<sup>th</sup>, 11am – 1:30pm. Lunch is \$10 & the deadline to pre-order pastries is November 25<sup>th</sup>. There are fliers in the parish hall with more details.



- **December 17<sup>th</sup>**, 10 am we will be decorating the church for Christmas. Many hands make the work light. Please come & help.
- **December 30<sup>th</sup>**, caroling at Lockwood after coffee hour. Everyone is welcome.

**NORTH END SOUP KITCHEN** December 6<sup>th</sup>, 9 am – 1 pm. Please come & minister to Christ with our brothers & sisters.

**HOPE IN A BOX** is collecting **towels, toiletries & new toys** for the month of December. Place the items in the blue box in the Parish Hall. Catholic Charities Community Closet will distribute the items.

**FOOD DRIVE** Place non-perishable food items in the other blue box in the hall.

**WINTER WARM UP** Catholic Charities is in need of hats, gloves, scarves, socks, boots, coats & other warm winter gear. For more information call 810-265-7025. Donations can be dropped off Mon-Fri 9:30-3:30 at 812 Root St, Flint.

**Weekly Schedule:**

**Today:** St. Nicholas Day Potluck

**Monday, Dec 3**

10 am Cookie Workshop

**Tuesday, Dec 4** Fr. Matthew in Toledo

**Wednesday, Dec 5**

No Divine Liturgy

No Adult Ed class

9:30 am Decorate the Christmas tree in the Hall / Strudel workshop

6 pm **Pan-Orthodox Vespers with Divine Liturgy for the feast of St. Nicholas**

**Thursday, Dec 6**

9 am- 1 pm **ST. NICHOLAS**  
North End Soup Kitchen

**Friday, Dec 7**

7 pm Flint OCF meeting at St. George – all college-age youth are invited to attend.

**Saturday, Dec 8**

10 am-1 pm **Cookie Walk**

5 pm Vespers

**Sunday, Dec 9**

9:30 am Hours

10 am Divine Liturgy

Church School

**Offerings for the week November 25, 2018**

<i>Weekly Offerings</i>	\$ 1,417.00
<i>Estimated Average Weekly Expenses</i>	\$ 4,034.03
	<b>\$-2,617.03</b>

**“Sacrifice everything for Christ. For Christ, though, not for anything or anyone.” St. Paisios**