

December 8, 2019

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 any parish member.

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 and understand our discipline and piety regarding this sacrament and its implication for responsibility towards and membership in the Orthodox Church. The bread and wine offered after Communion and 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.

There are coil-bound booklets available with the text for the Divine Liturgy – if you find it useful, please feel free to take one of those as well, with our compliments. We also hope you will stay and join us in our coffee and fellowship hour, which immediately follows the service. We want the opportunity to get to know you, and for you to get to know us. **Again, welcome!**

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2019 24TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST — Tone 8. Ven. Patapius of Thebes (8th c.). Ven. Kirill, Abbot of Chelmogorsk (1378). Holy Apostles of the Seventy: Sosthenes, Apollos, Cephas, Tychicus, Epaphroditus, Cæsar, and Onesiphorus (1st c.). Holy 362 Martyrs of Africa, martyred by the Arians (477). Martyr Anthusa, at Rome (5th c.).

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 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 Eighth Tone: Pray and make your vows / before the Lord our God!

v. In Judah God is known; His name is great in Israel.

THE READING FROM THE EPISTLE OF THE APOSTLE PAUL TO THE EPHESIANS (4:1-7) *Brethren:* I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all lowliness and meekness, with patience, forbearing one another in love, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of us all, who is above all and through all and in all. But grace was given to each of us according to the measure of Christ's gift.

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 LUKE. (13:10-17)

At that time Jesus was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath. And there was a woman who had had a spirit of infirmity for eighteen years; she was bent over and could not fully straighten herself. And when Jesus saw her, he called her and said to her, "Woman, you are freed from your infirmity." And he laid his hands upon her, and immediately she was made straight, and she praised God. But the ruler of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had healed on the sabbath, said to the people, "There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be healed, and not on the sabbath day." Then the Lord answered him, "You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the sabbath untie his ox or his ass from the manger, and lead it away to water it? And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen years, be loosed from this bond on the sabbath day?" As he said this, all his adversaries were put to shame; and all the people rejoiced at all the glorious things that were done by him.

COMMUNION HYMN

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

**The Holy Gospel according to Mark
16: 9-20 (3rd Matins Gospel)**

Now when Jesus rose early on the first day of the week, He appeared first to Mary Magdalene, out of whom He had cast seven demons. She went and told those who had been with Him, as they mourned and wept. And when they heard that He was alive and had been seen by her, they did not believe. After that, He appeared in another form to two of them as they walked and went into the country. And they went and told it to the rest, but they did not believe them either. Later He appeared to the eleven as they sat at the table; and He rebuked their unbelief and hardness of heart, because they did not believe those who had seen Him after He had risen. And He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned. And these signs will follow those who believe: In My name they will cast out demons; they will speak with new tongues; they will take up serpents; and if they drink anything deadly, it will by no means hurt them; they will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover. So then, after the Lord had spoken to them, He was received up into heaven, and sat down at the right hand of God. And they went out and preached everywhere, the Lord working with them and confirming the word through the accompanying signs. Amen.

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CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR THE HEALTH AND BLESSINGS OF

Happy Birthday Jeanette Brayan. Blessings to: Anna Branoff, Phil Brown, Susie & Les Ford, Angelo & Helen Popoff, Allen Adams, Kathy Major, Dorothy Goodman, Bob & Cathy Edwards and Fr. Matthew & Matushka Lisa

Adams family

My children & grandchildren, my family in Ukraine & Hannah

Lucy Hogg

Fr. Tom, Fr. Don, Fr. Paul, Fr. Anthony, Matushka Rose Marie, Calvin, Larry, Helen, Angelo, Joan, Peggy, Bob, Angelo, Christine, Dorothy, Anna, Anna, Alex, Irene, Allen, Deborah, Luba, Kosta, Stojan, Mira, Bosa, Christopher, Allison, Jeanette, Kathryn, Nicholas, Margaret, Joseph, Ted, Marlene, Gladys, my family and friends

Joe Tome

Special Intention

Joe Tome

Good health for all our grandkids & their parents

Baba & Dedo

Mary, Angelo, Helen, Anna & Alex

Alex & Magda Popoff

Lydia Dorohov

Victor Dorohov

CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR BLESSED REPOSE

Peter Samaras

Joe Tome

God's Blessed Repose for our grandsons Matthew (40 days) & Andrew

Baba & Dedo

Peter Popoff

Alex & Magda Popoff

Lillian Venner, Beverly Benson, Bill Gonser, Samuel Carter, Ethel Gonser, Ethel Gonser, Imogene Carter, Amanda & Marvin Gonser, Randy Hopkins & Bill Campbell

Adams family

Helen Polzin Phillips, George Sfetkides, Mary Jensen, Mildred Spence, Boris Brayan, Nina Young, George Johnson, George Daba, Konstantinos Georgopoulos, Harold Brock, Glenn Henderson, Dorothy Bagale, Subdeacon Larry Most, Flossie Bayoff, Mrs. Marvosh & Elena (Helen) Iwanoff

Adams family



WELCOME all our friends and visitors. Please join us in our fellowship hall after liturgy for a potluck.

CHRISTMAS POINSETTAS and 1- 36" wreath can be sponsored in honor of the living or as a memorial for the deceased. The sponsors will be listed in the newsletter. Forms are in the parish hall.



COOKIE BAKING WORKSHOPS on December 9th at 11:30 am & on the 11th at 10 am.

COOKIE WALK will be held on Saturday, December 14th from 10 am to 1 pm. Please call Stephanie at 810-658-8321 or sign up 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 13th before 3 pm. There are sign-up sheets in the parish hall.

SILENT AUCTION Two Christmas wreaths are on a table in the parish hall. This is a silent auction fundraiser. Write down your bid on one of the notepads next to the wreath you would like to bid on. Make your bid now!



DECK THE HALLS December 16th at 10 am. We will be setting up the indoor Nativity scene & decorating the church. Everyone is welcome. Many hands lighten the load so any help you can offer is greatly appreciated.



CATHOLIC CHARITIES GIFT CARDS Catholic Charities hopes to include a \$20 gift card with every gift bag they give out to the adults at the Christmas dinner but they need our help. They can be from Walmart, Meijer or grocery stores. You can give the gift cards to Susie Ford, Jennifer Shann or drop them off at the office.

2020 OFFERING ENVELOPES Offering envelopes are ready to be picked up in the Parish Hall. It is extremely helpful when you use them so thank you in advance.

HOLIDAY PASTRY SALE Assumption is having their holiday pastry sale & luncheon on December 12th, 11am – 1:30 pm. Lunch is \$10 & the deadline to pre-order pastries is December 1st. There are fliers in the parish hall with more details.

OUR CHARITY MINISTRIES

HOPE IN A BOX is collecting dish soap for November. Place the items in the blue box in the hall. Catholic Charities Community Closet will distribute the items.

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

Weekly Schedule:

Today

St. Nicholas visits & Potluck after Liturgy.

Monday, Dec 9

CONCEPTION OF THE THEOTOKOS BY THE RIGHTEOUS ANNA

9:30 am

Divine Liturgy

11:30 am

Cookie baking workshop

Tuesday, Dec 10

Communion Calls in Bay City and Caro

6:30 pm

Parish Council Meeting

Wednesday, Dec 11

10 am

No Divine Liturgy or Adult Ed Class

Cookie baking workshop

Thursday, Dec 12

Fr. Matthew in Toledo

Friday, Dec 13

ST. HERMAN OF ALASKA

10 am

Liturgy @ St. Mary Magdalene

4 pm

Fr. Matthew on ABC 12 for the Cookie Walk

Saturday, Dec 14

10 am-1 pm

Cookie Walk & church tours

5 pm

Vespers followed by confessions

Sunday, Dec 15

9:30 am

Hours

10 am

Divine Liturgy

Church School

Noisy Offering



Offerings for the week December 1st, 2019

Weekly Offerings	\$ 4,326.00
Estimated Average Weekly Expenses	\$ 3,236.00
	\$ 1090.00

31 people were in attendance on Sunday, December 1st.

Someone who has actually tasted Truth is not contentious for the Truth. Someone who is considered by people to be zealous for Truth has not yet learned what Truth is really like. Once he has truly learned it, he will cease from zealotry on its behalf. St. Isaac the Syrian