

December 10, 2017

St. Nicholas Orthodox Church

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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 10, 2017 27th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST — Tone 2. Martyrs Menas, Hermogenes, and Eugephus, of Alexandria (ca. 313). St. Joasaph, Bishop of Belgorod (1754). Martyr Gemellus of Paphlagonia (ca. 361). Ven. Thomas of Bithynia (10th c.). Bl. Jovan (John), King of Serbia (1503) and his parents, Stephen (1446) and Angelina Brancovich.

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 THE HOLY APOSTLE 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!

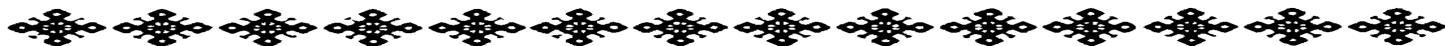
THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO SAINT LUKE (13:10-17)

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!

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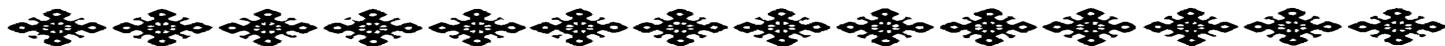


CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR THE HEALTH AND BLESSINGS OF

Health for Alex Popoff	Maggie
Carli & Shari Nicoloff on their Birthdays. For health of Noah & quick recovery	The Gonsers
Fr. Tom, Fr. Gabriel, Deacon Anthony, Reggie, Allen, Deborah, Joann, Gloria, Luba, Kosta, Jimmy, Laurie, David, Helen, Anna, Walt, Zina, Nicolai, Dorothy, Michael, Nicolai, Allison, Stojan, Mira, Bosa, Jeanette, Nicholas, Margaret, Joseph, Gladys, my family and friends	Joe Tome
Special Intention	Joe Tome
Good health & God's Blessings to all the Panoffs	Angelo & Christine
Good health to Alex Popoff	Angelo & Christine
The Bakousidis family	Lena Bakousidis
Special Intention	Dennis, Sharon & Charlie Jernigan

CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR BLESSED REPOSE

Todd Anderson	Ralph, Debbie, Joe & Sarah
Kosta & Theodora Papalazarou, Evangelia Bakousidis & Tronda Nicevski	Lena Bakousidis
Blessed Repose to Al Bruski who fell asleep in the Lord on Dec. 2 nd (Father of Janice Panoff)	Angelo & Christine



WELCOME to all our friends and visitors. Please join us for our luncheon in our fellowship hall.



COFFEE HOUR Volunteers are needed to help serve coffee and donuts for the month of December. Please see the sign-up sheet outside of the kitchen. Call the parish office as well as signing up, if you'd like to sponsor the donuts and/or coffee.



CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

Today following Liturgy

Menu
Baked Ziti
Salad
Bread

Free will offering

*There will be a Christmas movie for children 10 & under
during the Bay Chorale Concert*



CHRISTMAS CONCERT by the BAY CHORALE Today, December 10th at 2 pm. The cost is \$10 for adults, children 12 and under are free. Following Divine Liturgy there will be a free will offering luncheon with lots of baked ziti, bread & salad.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING on December 12 @ 6:30 pm. Please call the parish office (810-744-0070) if you are unable to attend this meeting.

OUR CHARITY MINISTRIES

HOPE IN A BOX is collecting **TOWELS, TOILETRIES & NEW TOYS** for the month of December. 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

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS & GREENS can be sponsored in honor of the living or as a memorial for those fallen asleep. The forms are in the parish hall. There are also envelopes available if you would like to just give a donation.

PRAYER LISTING On the table in the hall is a booklet with the names of all the living and fallen asleep members of Saint Nicholas parish. This is the booklet Fr. Matthew uses to remember our parishioner at the preparation of the bread and wine for Liturgy. Please use the red pencil on the table to make any corrections or additions. The hope is to print out a copy of this booklet to each parish family so that you may remember in prayer all of our fellow parishioners.

2018 CALENDARS have arrived and are located in the narthex. One calendar per family, please.

2017 CHRISTMAS GREETINGS If you would like to have your name(s) included on the annual Christmas greetings list please call the office no later than December 11.

2018 PLEDGE CARDS Please fill out and sign your pledge card even if you don't know the amount of your pledge yet. Remember in order to be considered a member here at St. Nicholas you must return a signed pledge card. **DO NOT** send your 2018 pledge back with the card or it will be credited to 2017.

MEMORY ETERNAL – CHRIST IS RISEN! Charles, brother of Connie Maxim, fell asleep in the Lord last week. May our Lord grant blessed repose to His newly fallen asleep servant Charles and grant him rest among the saints!

Weekly Schedule:

Monday, Dec 11 Fr. Matthew in Toledo

Tuesday, Dec. 12

11 am (tentative) Trisagion for +Nataliya K. Ellavich at Christian Memorial Cultural Center Cemetery, Rochester Hills
 6:30 pm Parish Council Meeting. Please call the parish office (810-744-0070) if you are unable to attend this meeting.

Wednesday, Dec. 13 REPOSE OF ST. HERMAN OF ALASKA

9:30 am *Divine Liturgy (NOTE TIME CHANGE)*
 11 am Adult Ed
 6 pm Advent Service at St. George



Saturday, Dec. 16

5 pm Vespers

Sunday, Dec 17

9 am Choir Practice
 9:30 am Third Hour
 10 am Divine Liturgy
 Church School

Offerings for the week December 3, 2017

<i>Weekly Offerings</i>	\$1,140.00
<i>Estimated Average Weekly Expenses</i>	\$4,034.03
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75 people were in attendance on Sunday, December 3, 2017

“Do you have compassion for the poor? Never judge them! If you can help them, help them! And even if you cannot give them anything, have compassion for them! And if you have where from, give them! Do almsgiving with both your deed and your word. Do all you can! Don't give so much that you regret it. But never judge them! And if you give, run as much as you can from pride. Tell yourself: ‘So what if I gave, I gave out of compassion? I gave to get rid of them. As if I did something! There were saints who gave even the clothes they were wearing. What great deed did I do?’”
Elder Paisie Olaru