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Bulletin

St. Nicholas Orthodox Church

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**The Gospel according to Saint 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.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2016 25th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST — Tone 8. Sunday of the Forefathers. Ven. Daniel the Stylite of Constantinople (489-490). Ven. Nikon the Dry of the Kiev Caves (Near Caves—12th c.). Martyrs Mirax, Acepisus and Aithalas, of Egypt (7th c.). Ven. Luke the New Stylite of Chalcedon (ca. 970-980).

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 2) Through faith Thou didst justify the Forefathers, / betrothing through them the Church of the gentiles. / These saints exult in glory, / for from their seed came forth a noble fruit: / she who without seed did bear Thee. // By their entreaties, O Christ God, save our souls!

(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 Fourth Tone: Blessed art Thou, O Lord, God of our fathers, / and praised and glorified is Thy name forever.

v. For Thou art just in all that Thou hast done for us.

THE READING FROM THE EPISTLE OF THE HOLY APOSTLE PAUL TO THE COLOSSIANS (3:4-11) Brethren: When Christ who is our life appears, and then you also will appear with him in glory. Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. On account of these the wrath of God is coming. In these you once walked, when you lived in them. But now put them all away: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and foul talk from your mouth. Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old nature with its practices and have put on the new nature, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator. Here there cannot be Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free man, but Christ is all, and in all.

Alleluia, Tone 4

v. Moses and Aaron were among His priests; Samuel also was among those who called on His name.

v. They cried to the Lord and He heard them.

THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO SAINT LUKE (14:16-24)

At that time Jesus said, “A man once gave a great banquet, and invited many; and at the time for the banquet he sent his servant to say to those who had been invited, ‘Come; for all is now ready.’ But they all alike began to make excuses. The first said to him, ‘I have bought a field, and I must go out and see it; I pray you, have me excused.’ And another said, ‘I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I go to examine them; I pray you, have me excused.’ And another said, ‘I have married a wife, and therefore I cannot come.’ So the servant came and reported this to his master. Then the householder in anger said to his servant, ‘Go out quickly to the streets and lanes of the city, and bring in the poor and maimed and blind and lame.’ And the servant said, ‘Sir, what you commanded has been done, and still there is room.’ And the master said to the servant, ‘Go out to the highways and hedges, and compel people to come in, that my house may be filled. For I tell you, none of those men who were invited shall taste my banquet.’”

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

Venerable Therapon the Abbot of Monza

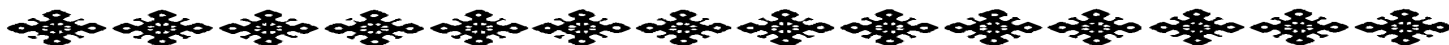
Saint Therapon of Monza was a monk in the monastery of Saint Adrian (May 5) at the River Monza. The monk began his ascetic deeds in Moscow, and then transferred to the city of Kostroma at the Elevation of the Cross monastery, and was tonsured there.

The pious monks Adrian and Paphnutius, from the monastery of Saint Paul of Obnora (January 10). Seeking solitude, they moved to the Monza and founded a monastery 25 versts from Galich. Saint Therapon transferred to this monastery, where he labored in asceticism until the end of his life. Each day, with the blessing of the igumen, he withdrew into a forest thicket and prayed. By night he read and transcribed copies of spiritually useful books.

In his life he emulated Blessed Basil of Moscow (August 2), whom he called his friend, although personally he never saw him. Even during his life, Saint Therapon was glorified with a gift of wonderworking. Before his death he predicted a year of famine (1601). He surrendered his soul to God in the year 1597. The monastery at the River Monza was called after him the Theraponov.



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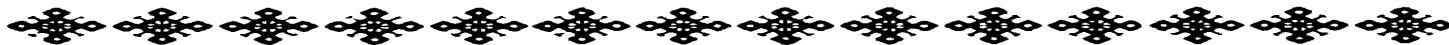
CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR THE HEALTH AND BLESSINGS OF

Anna Branoff, Gloria Zelenko, Reggie Jehnsen, Nik Evanenko, Fred Oginsky,

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| Jake Kusluski, Kate Stevens, Alyson Wilhelm, Angelo Young..... | Adams Family |
| Special Intention | Joe Tome |
| God's Blessings and speedy recovery Angelo Young..... | Fannia Young |
| Health & Blessings Suzanne Neuman | Gabriel Paul |
| Health & God's Blessings for Nik Evanenko | Evanenko Family |
| Fr. Joe, Fr. Andrew, Deacon Anthony, Aaron, Jo Ann, Nicolai, Kosta, Jimmy,
Laurie, Walt & Zina, Pauline, Dorothy, Helen, Joseph, Jeanette, Gloria,
Reggie, Calvin & Ruth, Taras, Anna, Stojan & Mira, Bosa, Helen,
Ted & Marlene, Nicholas & Margaret, Gladys, my family & friends | Joe Tome |

CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR ALL THOSE IN BLESSED REPOSE

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| Peter Popoff | Alex & Magda Popoff |
| Walter Borkovich-5 yrs Blessed Repose, Memory Eternal..... | Allison & Family |



Welcome all of our friends and visitors to St. Nicholas!

ST. NICHOLAS DAY Potluck luncheon and visit from St. Nicholas will be held following the Divine Liturgy. Everyone is invited to attend!

ANGEL TREE Thank you to all that took cards from the Angel Tree. We are pleased to say that no child was left without an angel from St. Nicholas, as all the cards were taken. We are now in need of volunteers to help sort and package the gifts according to family on Tuesday, December 13 at 1:30 pm. We will also need volunteers to take the gifts to the North End Soup Kitchen on Wednesday, December 14 before 1 pm. If you can help on either or both days, let Debbie know as soon as possible. If you did not bring your gift with you today, we will need it before 1:30 pm on Tuesday.

PARISH COUNCIL will meet on Tuesday, December 13 at 6:45 pm, newly elected council members are encouraged to attend. Please call the parish office if you are unable to attend this meeting.

PLEDGE CARDS out of the 141 that were mailed out, 53 have been returned.

2017 CALENDARS are in the rear of the church. There are two types of calendars this year. Please, only one calendar per family at this time.

2017 OFFERING ENVELOPES will be ready next week.

CHRISTMAS WREATHS we are in need of a volunteer to pick up the wreaths and garland on Tuesday, December 20 from Carlson's Greenhouse (Torrey Rd in Fenton Township). If you are willing to help us out, please let Debbie know as soon as possible.

CHARITY MINISTRIES

HOPE IN A BOX is collecting socks, towels, toiletries and 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.

NORTH END SOUP KITCHEN We serve Thursday, January 5 from 9 am to 1 pm.

FOCUS DETROIT our four parishes in Genesee County will be assembling food backpacks for children in Detroit on Thursday, December 15 from 7 to 8 pm. Please take some time to help feed the hungry.

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS today is the last day to inform the office, if you wish to have your name included on this year's Christmas greetings list.

5TH ANNUAL PAN-ORTHODOX WINTER DINNER to support the Dormition Monastery in Rives Junction will be held on Thursday, January 19 at St. George. We are responsible for the drinks. The guest speaker this year will be our Bishop Alexander speaking on; Pain and Suffering in the Christian Life. Make your reservations now. Informational flyers/Reservation forms are available in the parish hall. If you have any questions or would like to donate see Calvin & Ruth Conrad or call them at 810-793-0101.

MAINTENANCE Please call the parish office if you see that something is in need of repair or needs some attention, whether it is here at church or at the parish cemetery. Do not tell other parishioners, by the time it gets to the correct person it may be beyond repair.

Schedule of services and events for the week of December, 11:

Monday, December 12

Father in Toledo

Tuesday, December 13

6:45 pm

Parish Council Meeting

6-8 pm

Book Club at St. George

Wednesday, December 14

9 am

Divine Liturgy

11 am

Adult Education

Thursday, December 15

7 – 8 pm

FOCUS Detroit pack food backpacks for children

Saturday, December 17

5 pm

Vespers

Sunday, December 18

9: 30 am

Third Hour

10 am

Divine Liturgy

Installation of Parish Council & Auditors – receive Confession & Communion before the installation

Church School

Offerings for the week December 4, 2016

<i>Weekly Offerings</i>	\$1,035.00
<i>Estimated Average Weekly Expenses</i>	\$5,255.62
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? people were in attendance on Sunday, December 4, 2016

Luke 11:42

⁴²“Woe to you Pharisees, because you give God a tenth of your mint, rue and all other kinds of garden herbs, but you neglect justice and the love of God You should have practiced the latter without leaving the former undone