

February 14, 2021

St. Nicholas Orthodox Church

Diocese of Toledo - Orthodox Church in America

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SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2021 36th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – Tone 3. Repose of St. Cyril, Equal-to-the-Apostles and Teacher of the Slavs (869). Ven. Auxentius of Bithynia (ca. 470). Ven. Isaac, Recluse, of the Kiev Caves (Near Caves – ca. 1190). The Twelve Greeks who built the Dormition Cathedral in the Lavra of the Kiev Caves (11th c.). Translation of the Relics of Martyrs Michael and his councilor, Theodore, of Chernígov (1578). Ven. Maron, Hermit, of Syria (4th c.). St. Abraham, Bishop of Charres in Mesopotamia (5th c.).

TROPARIA

(Tone 3) Let the heavens rejoice! Let the earth be glad! For the Lord has shown strength with His arm. He has trampled down Death by death. He has become the first-born of the dead. He has delivered us from the depths of Hell, and has granted to the world great mercy.

(Tone 4) Wisdom was your sister from birth; / you loved her, O voice of God, as a pure virgin / who adorned your soul and mind as a precious jewel, / so revealing you, O blessed man, to be another Cyril: / Wise in name and understanding!

(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 6) Protection of Christians never failing, Mediatrix before the Creator, ever constant. Do not despise the voice of prayer of sinners, but in your goodness come to help us who faithfully call upon you. Hasten to entreat, hurry to pray, O Theotokos, interceding always for those honor you.

The Prokeimenon in the Seventh Tone: Precious in the sight of the Lord / is the death of His saints.

v: What shall I render unto the Lord for all that He hath rendered unto me?

THE READING FROM THE EPISTLE OF THE HOLY APOSTLE PAUL TO THE HEBREWS (7:26-8:2)

Brethren: it was fitting that we should have such a high priest, holy, blameless, unstained, separated from sinners, exalted above the heavens. He has no need, like those high priests, to offer sacrifices daily, first for his own sins and then for those of the people; he did this once for all when he offered up himself. Indeed, the law appoints men in their weakness as high priests, but the word of the oath, which came later than the law, appoints a Son who has been made perfect for ever. Now the point in what we are saying is this: we have such a high priest, one who is seated at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in heaven, a minister in the sanctuary and the true tent which is set up not by man but by the Lord.

Alleluia, Tone 3

v. In Thee, O Lord, have I placed my hope; let me not be put to shame.

v. Be Thou a God of protection for me, a house of refuge in order to save me.

THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MATTHEW (15:21-28) And Jesus went away from there and withdrew to the district of Tyre and Sidon. And behold, a Canaanite woman from that region came out and cried, "Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David; my daughter is severely possessed by a demon." But he did not answer her a word. And his disciples came and begged him, saying, "Send her away, for

she is crying after us." He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." And he answered, "It is not fair to take the children's bread and throw it to the dogs." She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." Then Jesus answered her, "O woman, great is your faith! Be it done for you as you desire." And her daughter was healed instantly.

COMMUNION HYMN

I will receive the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord. 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.

Saint Cyril Equal of the Apostles, Teacher of the Slavs (February 14), and his older brother Methodius (April 6), were born in Macedonia in the city of Thessalonica.

Saint Cyril received the finest of educations, and from the age of fourteen he was raised with the son of the emperor. Later, he was ordained as a priest. Upon his return to Constantinople, he worked as a librarian of the cathedral church, and as a professor of philosophy. Saint Cyril successfully held debates with iconoclast heretics and with Moslems.

Yearning for solitude, he went to Mount Olympos to his older brother Methodius, but his solitude lasted only a short while. Both brothers were sent by the emperor Michael on a missionary journey to preach Christianity to the Khazars in the year 857. Along the way they stopped at Cherson and discovered the relics of the Hieromartyr Clement of Rome (November 25).

Arriving at the territory of the Khazars, the holy brothers spoke with them about the Christian Faith. Persuaded by the preaching of Saint Cyril, the Khazar prince together with all his people accepted Christianity. The grateful prince wanted to reward the preachers with rich presents, but they refused this and instead asked the prince to free and send home with them all the Greek captives. Saint Cyril returned to Constantinople together with 200 such captives set free.

In the year 862 began the chief exploit of the holy brothers. At the request of Prince Rastislav, the emperor sent them to Moravia to preach Christianity in the Slavic language. Saints Cyril and Methodius by a revelation from God compiled a Slavonic alphabet and translated the Gospel, Epistles, the Psalter and many Service books into the Slavonic language. They introduced divine services in Slavonic.

The holy brothers were then summoned to Rome at the invitation of the Roman Pope. Pope Adrian received them with great honor, since they brought with them the relics of the Hieromartyr Clement. Sickly by nature and in poor health, Saint Cyril soon fell ill from his many labors, and after taking the schema, he died in the year 869 at the age of forty-two. Before his death, he expressed his wish for his brother to continue the Christian enlightenment of the Slavs. Saint Cyril was buried in the Roman church of Saint Clement, whose own relics also rest there, brought to Italy from Cherson by the Enlighteners of the Slavs. more at oca.org

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CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR THE HEALTH AND BLESSINGS OF

Fr. Tom, Fr. Don, Fr. Paul, Fr. Anthony, Fr. Robert, Aaron, Milica, Calvin, Larry, Angelo, Joan, Peggy, Bob, Angelo, Christine, Dorothy, Irene, Allen, Deborah, Luba, Kosta, Stojan, Mira, Bosa, Christopher, Allison, Jeanette, Kathryn, David, Taras, Joseph, Ted, Marlene, Gladys, all the parishioners of St. Nicholas, my family and friends.

Special Intention

Joe Tome

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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.



PAN ORTHODOX PRE-LENTEN RETREAT is Saturday, March 6 at St. George. The retreat begins at 2 pm, ends with Great Vespers at 5 pm, and is completely free (donations will be accepted for our Pan-Orthodox activities by sending a check made out to St. George with “Holy Cross” in the memo or online at: <https://app.easytithes.com/app/giving/saintgeorgeflint> ~ under “choose a fund”, click “Holy Cross”). Our speaker is *Archimandrite Maximos Constas*. See flier for details and making reservations.

PARISH COUNCIL UPDATE Parish council met on Tuesday, February 9 at 6:30 pm with attendees in person and virtually. The parish finances are stable with \$1,583.82 to the good for January. A draft list of our college students and young adults has been made. Many parishioners have expressed their willingness to be part of telephone outreach within the parish. The relay for the air handler needs to be replaced as it is the original from when the church was built. This is important for circulating heat. The replacement will cost between \$600 to \$800. Joe Tome has donated the cost for our back-up air compressor. Council expressed thanks for his doing this. We will not contract out lawn treatments. Last year we did not. Dennis Jernigan treated for dandelions and the lawn was fine. The parish council re-appointed Mike Stikovich and Protodeacon Luke Gonser as members of the endowment committee (five year term). Parish council also named to the nominating committee Paul Brayan, Ruth Conrad, Connie Maxim, Christine Panoff and Joe Tome. Compensation (salaries) were reviewed. Burton Fire Department is not doing training for Automatic External Defibrillators (AED) at this time. **If anyone is interested in learning how to operate the AED, please contact the office for details on a virtual class through the American Red Cross.** The next parish council meeting is Tuesday, March 9 at 6:30 pm with in-person attendance and the virtual option.

ADULT EDUCATION CLASS If you are at work during the day and would like to participate in adult education classes, a virtual option in the evening is being explored. Please contact the office 810-7844-0070 stnicholasburtonmi@gmail.com or Father Matthew if you are interested. This evening class will be virtual only.

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

OFFICE HOURS are Monday, Wednesday & Friday 9 – 3.

Weekly schedule:

Tuesday, Feb 16

7 pm **OCA online church school**

Wednesday, Feb 17

9:30 am **Divine Liturgy – streaming on our YouTube channel**

11:15 am Adult education in the fellowship hall (physical distancing and wearing of masks)

Thursday, Feb 18

Fr. Matthew in Toledo

Saturday, Feb 20

5 pm **Great Vespers – streaming on our YouTube channel**

Confessions after Vespers

Sunday, Feb 21

PUBLICAN AND PHARISEE – beginning of the Lenten Triodion

9:30 am Third and Sixth Hours

10 am **Divine Liturgy – streaming on our YouTube channel**

Offerings for the week February 7th, 2021

20 persons in attendance on February 7th

<i>Weekly Offerings</i>	\$ 4,742.67
<i>Estimated Average Weekly Expenses</i>	\$ 3,104.00
	\$ 1,638.67

DAILY INTERCESSION FOR OUR SICK AND HOMEBOUND

The following are our brothers and sisters of St. Nicholas who are currently homebound, suffering from chronic illness, in recovery or in need of special prayers. Please remember them in your prayers and reach out to them with a card, or a phone call! Please call the office to schedule a visit for Holy Communion.

Larry Bladecki
Deacon John Bocek
Linda Branoff

Gladys Edwards
Paul Ellis
Bill Haw

Mary Karayanis
Nick Karayanis
Macy Lemmen

Ron Salhany
Bill Tadrick
Wendy Tadrick

To aid in your outreach, here is a listing of the addresses and phone numbers of our Homebound:

Larry Bladecki	3254 E. Midland Rd	Bay City, MI 48706
Gladys Edwards	2 Harbor Dr.	St. Clair, MO 63077
Paul Ellis	2360 Stonebridge Dr.	Flint, MI 48532
Vasilka Karatza	Regency 1330 Grand Pointe Ct	Grand Blanc, MI 48439
Eleni Servinis	Regency 1330 Grand Pointe Ct	Grand Blanc, MI 48439
Jo Sredich	Victoria's House 1219 N. Dye Rd.	Flint, MI 48532