

February 18, 2018

St. Nicholas Orthodox Church

Diocese of Toledo - Orthodox Church in America

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**The Gospel according to Saint Luke
24:1-12 (4th Matins Gospel)**

Now on the first day of the week, very early in the morning, they, and certain other women with them, came to the tomb bringing the spices which they had prepared. But they found the stone rolled away from the tomb. Then they went in and did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. And it happened, as they were greatly perplexed about this, that behold, two men stood by them in shining garments. Then, as they were afraid and bowed their faces to the earth, they said to them, “Why do you seek the living among the dead? He is not here, but is risen! Remember how He spoke to you when He was still in Galilee, saying, ‘The Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, and be crucified, and the third day rise again.’ And they remembered His words. Then they returned from the tomb and told all these things to the eleven and to all the rest. It was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them, who told these things to the apostles. And their words seemed to them like idle tales, and they did not believe them. 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.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2018 SUNDAY OF CHEESEFARE — Tone 4. Forgiveness Sunday. The Expulsion of Adam from Paradise. St. Leo the Great, Pope of Rome (461). Ven Cosmas of Yakhromsk (1492). St. Agapitus the Confessor, Bishop of Synnada in Phrygia (4th c.). St. Flavian the Confessor, Patriarch of Constantinople (449-450).

TROPARIA

(Tone 4) When the women Disciples of the Lord learned from the Angel the joyous message of the Resurrection, they cast away the ancestral curse and elatedly told the Apostles: “Death is overthrown! Christ God is risen, // granting the world great mercy!”

(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 4) Now the season of virtues has come, and the Judge is at the door. Let us not hold back with a darkened face, but offering tears, contrition and giving of alms let us keep the fast, and let us cry: Our sins are more in number than the sands of the sea, but forgive each of us, that we may receive an incorruptible crown, O Savior of all!

***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 HOLY APOSTLE PAUL TO THE ROMANS
(13:11 - 14:4)**

Brethren: Besides this you know what hour it is, how it is full time now for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed; the night is far gone, the day is at hand.

Let us then cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us conduct ourselves becomingly as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires. As for the man who is weak in faith, welcome him, but not for disputes over opinions. One believes he may eat anything, while the weak man eats only vegetables. Let not him who eats despise him who abstains, and let not him who abstains pass judgment on him who eats; for God has welcomed him. Who are you to pass judgment on the servant of another? It is before his own master that he stands or falls. And he will be upheld, for the Master is able to make him stand.

Alleluia, Tone 6

v. It is good to give thanks to the Lord, to sing praises to Thy Name, O Most High.

v. To declare Thy mercy in the morning, and Thy truth by night.

THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO ST MATTHEW (6:14-21)

The Lord said: “For if you forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father also will forgive you; but if you do not forgive men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses. And when you fast, do not look dismal, like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces that their fasting may be seen by men. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. But when you fast, anoint your head and wash your face, that your fasting may not be seen by men but by your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you. Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal, but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.”

COMMUNION HYMN

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

Fasting

“With Meatfare Sunday our preparation for Great Lent begins to take on a concretely dietary aspect, as its name indicates. This is the last day before Great Lent for eating meat. Thus begins, as it were, a warm up for the hard exercises, the asceticism, ahead of us. It is very easy to miss the point of such practices. The purpose of such efforts is not simply to do what is expected of us, but instead to allow ourselves to be weaned from our dependency on everything that might separate us from God—not because it is bad in itself, but because of how we relate to it or depend on it. I’m reminded of this every time I persuade myself that I can’t do anything in the morning until I’ve had a cup of coffee: there is nothing at all wrong with coffee; and it is not my body that craves it; it is rather my mental attitude towards coffee or caffeine that has made that cup into my ‘god.’

We hear Paul remind us that the food itself is not the issue: it makes no difference to God whether we eat meat or don’t. God is not concerned with our diet! We are free in all of this, and it is this freedom which makes what we do of any worth anyway. If we freely, willingly, eagerly even, undertake the disciplines which the Church sets before us, we might just come to be less dependent upon our creature comforts. Only then will we come to realize that we are in fact truly dependent only upon God, for in truth most of us, most of the time, do not realize this. Only then will we come to know God truly, and to know God acting in us.”

Fr. John Behr, *The Cross Stands While the World Turns*, pp. 21-22

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CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR THE HEALTH AND BLESSINGS OF

Fr. Tom, Fr. Dimitri, Fr. Anthony, Reggie, Allen, Deborah, Joann, Gloria, Luba, Kosta, Jimmy, Laurie, David, Helen, Anna, Walt, Zina, Vladimir, Nicolai, Dorothy, Michael, Nicolai, Allison, Stojan, Mira, Bosa, Jeanette, Nicholas, Margaret, Joseph, Gladys, Ted, Marlene, my family and friends

Special Intention

Kiersten, Hellen, Anna & Eleni

God’s blessings & happy birthday to Stojan (2/20), Mark Liley (2/21),

Matushka Lisa (2/20) & Rose Goodman (2/22)

Joe Tome

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Alex & Magda Popoff

Mira & Stojan

CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR BLESSED REPOSE

Peter Popoff & John Naum

Alex & Magda Popoff



WELCOME to all our friends and visitors. Please join us in our fellowship hall for **our Cheesefare luncheon put together by our Parish Council.**



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

PRAYER PARTNER CARD FOR LENT. Cards have been provided with the names of those at Liturgy today. Pick up the card with your prayer partner's name at the veneration of the cross. Pray for your prayer partner throughout Lent especially. At Pascha you may want to let them know you were praying for them with a card or note.

OUR CHARITY MINISTRIES

HOPE IN A BOX is collecting Shampoo, Conditioner & Lotion for the month of February. 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

PAN-ORTHODOX LENTEN RETREAT – SATURDAY, MARCH 3 AT ST GEORGE

Fr. Josiah Trenham will present “Healing our Diseases: The Church as a Spiritual Hospital.” **RSVP by calling 810-732-0720 or email stgeorgeflint@gmail.com by February 28.** Fliers in the hall have details on Fr. Josiah and the timeline of the retreat.

PAN-ORTHODOX YOUTH RETREAT – MARCH 9, 10 & 11 AT DORMITION MONASTERY

Please see Matushka Lisa to make your reservation and to obtain a registration form.

DONATIONS FOR NEW COPY MACHINE

After looking at several options the parish council has decided to purchase a new copy machine rather than leasing one. The cost is \$4500, if you would like to donate the copier or towards it, please call the parish office.

MEMORY ETERNAL – CHRIST IS RISEN!

Peter Sutak, nephew of Rose & John Goodman, fell asleep in the Lord last Sunday, February 11 and was buried from Swartz Funeral Home at St. Nicholas Cemetery yesterday. May God grant him rest among the saints. Bog da go prosti!

MEMORY ETERNAL – CHRIST IS RISEN!

Mitra Tsotsos, sister of Angelo Panoff, fell asleep in the Lord on Monday, February 12 in Windsor, Ontario and was buried from St. Nicholas Church, Windsor on Friday. May God grant her rest among the saints!

Weekly Schedule:

Today 12:30 pm Trisagion for +Samuel (Rick) Naumoff following the veneration of the cross
Forgiveness Vespers

CLEAN WEEK – THE FIRST WEEK OF LENT

Monday, Feb. 19 6:30 pm **Father Matthew in Toledo**
Great Compline with Part 1 of the Canon of St. Andrew of Crete

Tuesday, Feb. 20 6:30 pm
Great Compline with Part 2 of the Canon of St. Andrew of Crete

Wednesday, Feb. 21 10am Lenten Hours
No Adult Education
6:30 pm Great Compline with Part 3 of the Canon of St. Andrew of Crete

Thursday, Feb. 22 6:30 pm
Great Compline with Part 4 of the Canon of St. Andrew of Crete

Friday, Feb. 23

6 pm

Presanctified Divine Liturgy followed by Lenten Potluck
Please bring a Lenten dish to pass (no meat, fish, dairy, eggs)

Please see Fr. Matthew if you are able to make koliva for the Presanctified and/or the Liturgy for St. Theodore Saturday

Saturday, Feb. 24

St. Theodore Saturday

9:30 am

Confessions

10 am

Divine Liturgy

5 pm

Vespers

Sunday, Feb .25

1st SUNDAY of LENT

9:30 am

Third Hour

10 am

Divine Liturgy

Procession with Icons

Offerings for the week February 11, 2018

<i>Weekly Offerings</i>	\$ 987.00
<i>Estimated Average Weekly Expenses</i>	\$4,034.03
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*31 people were in attendance on
Sunday, February 11, 2018*

“It is not that which we say, but that which we live. It is not what we do, but what we are.” *Mother Gavriilia*