

February 21, 2021

St. Nicholas Orthodox Church

Diocese of Toledo - Orthodox Church in America

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SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2021 37TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST. SUNDAY OF THE PUBLICAN AND THE PHARISEE. Tone 4. [Beginning of the Lenten Triodion]. Ven. Timothy of Symbola in Bithynia (9th c.). St. Eustathius (Eustace), Archbishop of Antioch (377). St. George, Bishop of Amastris on the Black Sea (802-811). The “KOZEL’SHCHANSKAYA” Icon of the Most-holy Theotokos (1881).

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) Let us flee from the pride of the Pharisee! Let us learn humility from the Publican's tears! Let us cry to our Savior: “Have mercy on us, // O only merciful One!”

The Prokeimenon in the Fourth Tone: O Lord, how manifold are Thy works! / In wisdom hast Thou made them all!

v: Bless the Lord, O my soul! O Lord my God, Thou art very great!

THE READING FROM THE SECOND EPISTLE OF THE HOLY APOSTLE PAUL TO TIMOTHY (3:10-15) Timothy, my son, now you have observed my teaching, my conduct, my aim in life, my faith, my patience, my love, my steadfastness, my persecutions, my sufferings, what befell me at Antioch, at Iconium, and at Lystra, what persecutions I endured; yet from them all the Lord rescued me. Indeed all who desire to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted, while evil men and impostors will go on from bad to worse, deceivers and deceived. But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the holy scriptures which are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.

Alleluia, Tone 4

v: Go forth, prosper and reign, for the sake of meekness, righteousness and truth.

v: For You love righteousness, and hate iniquity.

THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO LUKE (18:9-14)

At that time Jesus spoke this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and despised others: “Two men went up into the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, ‘God, I thank you that I am not like other men, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I get.’ But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, ‘God, be merciful to me the sinner!’ I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather

than the other; for everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but he who humbles himself will be exalted."

COMMUNION HYMN

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

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

Now on the first day of the week, very early in the morning, the women 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 left, marveling to himself at what had happened.

Sunday of the Publican and Pharisee The Sunday after the Sunday of Zacchaeus is devoted to the Publican and the Pharisee. At Vespers the night before, the *Triodion* (the liturgical book used in the services of Great Lent) begins.

Two men went to the Temple to pray. One was a Pharisee who scrupulously observed the requirements of religion: he prayed, fasted, and contributed money to the Temple. These are very good things, and should be imitated by anyone who loves God. We who may not fulfill these requirements as well as the Pharisee did should not feel entitled to criticize him for being faithful. His sin was in looking down on the Publican and feeling justified because of his external religious observances.

The second man was a Publican, a tax-collector who was despised by the people. He, however, displayed humility, and this humility justified him before God (Luke 18:14).

The lesson to be learned is that we possess neither the Pharisee's religious piety, nor the Publican's repentance, through which we can be saved. We are called to see ourselves as we really are in the light of Christ's teaching, asking Him to be merciful to us, deliver us from sin, and to lead us on the path of salvation. from oca.org

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CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR THE HEALTH AND BLESSINGS OF

God's blessings on my great granddaughter Adalyn born Feb. 13th and on Courtney,

Nate & her 17 mo. old brother Jace Allison

Health & God's blessings for Milica, Rade, Radmila, Nikola & Milan

Special Intentions for Dorina Lumar and Emilia

Health & blessings for Harry Price

Happy Birthday Stojan Prusac

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

Buni Connie

Bosa Kantar

Akkerman family

Ian & Stephanie

Kuma Bosa

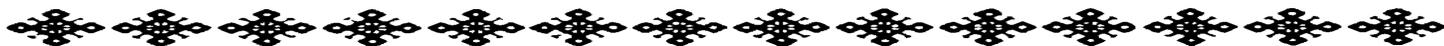
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CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR BLESSED REPOSE

Joan Dunn

Lucy Hogg



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 2pm, ends with Great Vespers at 5pm, 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.easytithethe.com/app/giving/saintgeorgeflint> ~ under “choose a fund”, click “Holy Cross”). Our speaker is *Archimandrite Maximos Conostas*. See [flier](#) for details and making reservations.

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.

YOUNG ADULTS Parish council is looking to help our youth, in college and those beginning their careers, remain engaged in their life in Christ, especially during the complexities of the pandemic and the stresses of college life. To do this we need your help. Specifically, we need the contact information (e-mail) for our young adults so that we can reach out to them. You can call the parish office 810-744-0070 or have your child, grandchild, or godchild send an email to stnicholasburtonmi@gmail.com

Weekly schedule: **FAST-FREE WEEK**

Monday, Feb 22 Fr. Matthew in Toledo

Tuesday, Feb 23

11 am 10 year memorial for Harry Matsoukis
7 pm **OCA online church school**

Wednesday, Feb 24

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)

Saturday, Feb 27

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

Sunday, Feb 28

9:30 am Third and Sixth Hours
10 am **Divine Liturgy – streaming on our YouTube channel**

Offerings for the week February 14th, 2021

20 persons in attendance on February 14th

<i>Weekly Offerings</i>	\$ 1,305.94
<i>Estimated Average Weekly Expenses</i>	\$ 3,104.00
	\$-1,798.06

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	Gladys Edwards	Mary Karayanis	Ron Salhany
Deacon John Bocek	Paul Ellis	Nick Karayanis	Bill Tadrick
Linda Branoff	Bill Haw	Macy Lemmen	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
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