

*February 7, 2021*

*St. Nicholas Orthodox Church*

*Diocese of Toledo - Orthodox Church in America*

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**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2021 35th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST —Tone 2. Afterfeast of the Meeting. St. Parthenius, Bishop of Lampsacus on the Hellespont (4th c.). Ven. Luke of Hellas (ca. 946). The 1,003 Martyrs of Nicomedia (303).**

**FIRST ANTIPHON**

My heart is indicting a good matter, I speak of the things which I have made to the King. **Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us!**

My tongue is the pen of a ready writer, full of grace are thy lips. Therefore God hath blest thee forever. **Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us!**

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen. **Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us!**

**SECOND ANTIPHON**

Gird Thy sword upon Thy thigh, O mighty one, in Thy glory and Thy beauty!

**Save us, O Son of God, carried in the arms of Simeon the righteous, save us who sing to Thee: Alleluia!**

The scepter of Thy kingdom is a righteous scepter. **Save us, O Son of God, carried in the arms of Simeon the righteous, save us who sing to Thee: Alleluia!**

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen. Only-begotten Son and immortal Word of God, Who for our salvation didst will to be incarnate of the holy Theotokos and ever-virgin Mary, Who without change became man and wast crucified, O Christ our God, trampling down death by death, Who art one of the Holy Trinity, glorified with the Father and the Holy Spirit: save us!

**THIRD ANTIPHON**

**Hear, O daughter, consider, and incline your ear; forget your people and your father's house.**

**(Tone 1) Rejoice, O Virgin Theotokos, Full of Grace! / From you shone the Sun of Righteousness, Christ our God, / enlightening those who sat in darkness. / Rejoice and be glad, O righteous Elder: / you accepted in your arms the Redeemer of our souls, / Who grants us the Resurrection!**

**Even the rich among the people shall entreat your favor.**

**(Tone 1) Rejoice, O Virgin Theotokos, Full of Grace...**

**I will make your name to be remembered in all generations.**

**(Tone 1) Rejoice, O Virgin Theotokos, Full of Grace...**

**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 1) Rejoice, O Virgin Theotokos, Full of Grace! / From you shone the Sun of Righteousness, Christ our God, / enlightening those who sat in darkness. / Rejoice and be glad, O righteous Elder: / you accepted in your arms the Redeemer of our souls, / Who grants us the Resurrection!**

**(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 1)** By Thy Nativity Thou didst sanctify the Virgin's womb! And didst bless Simeon's hands, O Christ God. Now Thou hast come and saved us through love. Grant peace to all Orthodox Christians, O only Lover of Man!

***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 IS FROM SECOND EPISTLE OF THE APOSTLE PAUL TO THE CORINTHIANS (6:1-10)** Brethren, we then, as workers together with Him also plead with you not to receive the grace of God in vain. For He says: "In an acceptable time I have heard You, and in the day of salvation I have helped You." Behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation. We give no offense in anything, that our ministry may not be blamed. But in all things we commend ourselves as ministers of God: in much patience, in tribulations, in needs, in distresses, in stripes, in imprisonments, in tumults, in labors, in sleeplessness, in fastings; by purity, by knowledge, by longsuffering, by kindness, by the Holy Spirit, by sincere love, by the word of truth, by the power of God, by the armor of righteousness on the right hand and on the left, by honor and dishonor, by evil report and good report; as deceivers, and yet true; as unknown, and yet well known; as dying, and behold we live; as chastened, and yet not killed; as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing all things.

### ***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 MATTHEW (25:14-30)** At that time Jesus said to His disciples, "The kingdom of heaven is like a man traveling to a far country, who called his own servants and delivered his goods to them. And to one he gave five talents, to another two, and to another one, to each according to his own ability; and immediately he went on a journey. Then he who had received the five talents went and traded with them, and made another five talents. And likewise he who had received two gained two more also. But he who had received one went and dug in the ground, and hid his lord's money. After a long time the lord of those servants came and settled accounts with them. So he who had received five talents came and brought five other talents, saying, 'Lord, you delivered to me five talents; look, I have gained five more talents besides them.' His lord said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant; you were faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your lord.' He also who had received two talents came and said, 'Lord, you delivered to me two talents; look, I have gained two more talents besides them.' His lord said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant; you have been faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your lord.' Then he who had received the one talent came and said, 'Lord, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you have not sown, and gathering where you have not scattered seed. And I was afraid, and went and hid your talent in the ground. Look, there you have what is yours.' But his lord answered and said to him, 'You wicked and lazy servant, you knew that I reap where I have not sown, and gather where I have not scattered seed. So you ought to have deposited my money with the bankers, and at my coming I would have received back my own with interest. Therefore take the talent from him, and give it to him who has ten talents. For to everyone who has, more will be given, and he will have abundance; but from him who does not have, even what he has will be taken away. And cast the unprofitable servant into the outer darkness. There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

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

### ***The Holy Gospel according to Mark 16:1-8 (2nd Matins Gospel)***

Now when the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, that they might come and anoint Him. Very early in the morning, on the first day of the week, they came to the tomb when the sun had risen. And they said among themselves, "Who will roll away the stone from the door of the tomb for us?"

But when they looked up, they saw that the stone had been rolled away – for it was very large. And entering the tomb, they saw a young man clothed in a long white robe sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. But he said to them, “Do not be alarmed. You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He is risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid Him. But go, tell His disciples – and Peter – that He is going before you into Galilee; there you will see Him, as He said to you. So they went out quickly and fled from the tomb, for they trembled and were amazed. And they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

**THE ENCOUNTER OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST IN THE TEMPLE** (February 2, celebrated until February 9) (Luke 2:22-40). Forty days after His birth the God-Infant was taken to the Jerusalem Temple, the center of the nation’s religious life. According to the Law of Moses (Lev. 12:2-8), a woman who gave birth to a male child was forbidden to enter the Temple of God for forty days. At the end of this time the mother came to the Temple with the child, to offer a young lamb or pigeon to the Lord as a purification sacrifice. The Most Holy Virgin, the Mother of God, had no need of purification, since she had given birth to the Source of purity and sanctity without defilement. However, she humbly fulfilled the requirements of the Law.

At this time the righteous Elder Simeon (February 3) was living in Jerusalem. It had been revealed to him that he would not die until he should behold the promised Messiah. By inspiration from above, Saint Simeon went to the Temple at the very moment when the Most Holy Theotokos and Saint Joseph had brought the Infant Jesus to fulfill the Law.

The God-Receiver Simeon took the divine Child in his arms, and giving thanks to God, he spoke the words repeated by the Church each evening at Vespers: “Now set free your servant, Master, according to your word in peace, for my eyes have seen your Salvation Whom you have prepared before the face of all peoples – a Light of revelation to the Gentiles, and the Glory of your people Israel” (Luke 2:29-32). Saint Simeon said to the Most Holy Virgin: “Behold, this child is set for the fall and rising again of many in Israel, and for a sign which shall be spoken against. Yea, a sword shall pierce through your own soul also, that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed” (Luke 2:34-35).

At the Temple was the 84-year-old widow Anna the Prophetess, daughter of Phanuel (February 3), “who did not leave the temple, but served God with fasting and prayers night and day. She arrived just when Saint Simeon met the divine Child. She also gave thanks to the Lord and spoke of Him to all those who were looking for redemption in Jerusalem” (Luke 2:37-38). In the icon of the Feast she holds a scroll which reads: “This Child has established Heaven and earth.”

Before Christ was born, righteous men and women lived by faith in the promised Messiah, and awaited His coming. The Righteous Simeon and the Prophetess Anna, the last righteous people of the Old Testament, were deemed worthy to meet the Savior in the Temple. from [oca.org](http://oca.org)

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**CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR THE HEALTH AND BLESSINGS OF**

Health & blessings for Harry Price

Ian, Stephanie, Kate & Alex

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.

Joe Tome

Special Intention

Joe Tome

Blessings for good health to all our grandchildren & their parents

Angelo & Christine Panoff

Birthday blessings for good health to Deacon Kerry on his birthday (Jan. 29)

Angelo & Christine Panoff

**CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR BLESSED REPOSE**

The Georgopoulos family

Anonymous

Nicholas Brock on 6<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his death, love

Mom

Nicholas Brock on the anniversary of his death, love

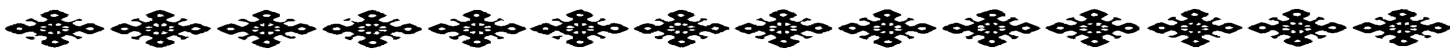
Ian, Stephanie, Kate & Alex

Hannah (Feb. 2<sup>nd</sup>)

Lucy Hogg

Blessed Repose to our grandsons Andrew & Matthew and 5 yrs for Sam Panoff

Angelo & Christine Panoff



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.

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

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**CANDLE INTENTION REQUESTS** can be emailed to the office at [stnicholasburtonmi@gmail.com](mailto:stnicholasburtonmi@gmail.com) or called in.

**PARISH COUNCIL** meets on Tuesday, February 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm. This is an in-person meeting with the option of virtual attendance. Please notify the office if you are unable to attend.

**Weekly schedule:**

Today @ 1:30 pm 40 day Parastas for Sophie Tula Stavridis at Elmwood Cemetery, Detroit

**Monday, Feb 8** Fr. Matthew in Toledo

**Tuesday, Feb 9**

6:30 pm Parish Council Meeting – parish council members check your email for info  
7 pm OCA online church school

**Wednesday, Feb 10**

**Saint Haralambos**

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 13**

11 am Parastas for Nevena Kočovski at Evergreen Cemetery

4 pm Great Vespers at St. Mary Magdalene with Archbishop Alexander– streaming on their YouTube channel

**Sunday, Feb 14**

9:30 am Third and Sixth Hours

10 am Divine Liturgy – streaming on our YouTube channel

**Offerings for the week January 31, 2021**

*29 persons in attendance on January 31<sup>st</sup>*

Weekly Offerings	\$ 2,815.22
Estimated Average Weekly Expenses	\$ 3,104.00
	<b>\$ - 288.78</b>

**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
Jo Sredich	Victoria's House 1219 N. Dye Rd.	Flint, MI 48532