

January 10, 2021

St. Nicholas Orthodox Church

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SUNDAY, JANUARY 10, 2021 31st SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST — Tone 6. Afterfeast of the Theophany. Sunday after Theophany. St. Gregory, Bishop of Nyssa (4th c.). St. Dometian, Bishop of Melitene (601). St. Marcian, Presbyter, of Constantinople (5th c.). Ven. Paul, Abbot of Obnora (Vologdá—1429). Ven. Macarius, Abbot, of Pisma (14th c.). Bl. Theosebia the Deaconess, sister of Ss. Basil the Great and Gregory of Nyssa (385). Ven. Antipas the Athonite (1882). St. Theophan the Recluse, Bishop of Tambov (1894).

FIRST ANTIPHON

When Israel went forth from Egypt, the house of Jacob from a people of strange language. **Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us!**

Judah became His sanctuary, Israel His dominion. **Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us!**

The sea looked and fled, Jordan turned back. **Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us!**

What ails you, O sea, that you flee? O Jordan, that you turn back? **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

I love the Lord because He has heard the voice of my supplication. **O Son of God baptized in the Jordan, save us who sing to Thee: Alleluia!**

Because He inclined His ear to me, therefore I will call on Him as long as I live. **O Son of God baptized in the Jordan, save us who sing to Thee: Alleluia!**

The snares of death encompassed me; the pangs of hell laid hold on me. I suffered distress and anguish, then I called upon the name of the Lord. **O Son of God baptized in the Jordan, save us who sing to Thee: Alleluia!**

Gracious and righteous is the Lord, and our God is merciful. **O Son of God baptized in the Jordan, 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

O give thanks to the Lord, for He is good, for His mercy endures forever!

(Tone 1) When Thou, O Lord, wast baptized in the Jordan, the worship of the Trinity was made manifest! For the voice of the Father bare witness to Thee, and called Thee His beloved Son! And the Spirit, in the form of a dove, confirmed the truthfulness of His word. O Christ our God, Who hast revealed Thyself and hast enlightened the world, glory to Thee!

Let the house of Israel say: For He is good, for His mercy endures forever!

When Thou, O Lord, wast baptized in the Jordan...

Let the house of Aaron say: For He is good, for His mercy endures forever!

When Thou, O Lord, wast baptized in the Jordan...

Let those who fear the Lord say: For He is good, for His mercy endures forever!

When Thou, O Lord, wast baptized in the Jordan...

THE SMALL ENTRANCE

Deacon: Wisdom! Upright!

Choir: Come, let us worship and fall down before Christ...

TROPARIA

(Tone 6) The angelic powers were at Thy tomb the guards became as dead men. Mary stood by Thy grave, seeking Thy most pure Body. Thou didst capture hell, not being tempted by it. Thou didst come to the Virgin, granting life. O Lord who didst rise from the dead: glory to Thee!

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(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) Today Thou hast appeared to the universe, and Thy light, O Lord, hast shone on us, who with understanding praise Thee: Thou hast come and revealed Thyself, O Light Unapproachable!

The Prokeimenon in the First Tone: Let Thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us / as we have set our hope on Thee.
v. Rejoice in the Lord, O ye righteous! Praise befits the just!

THE READING FROM THE EPISTLE OF THE APOSTLE PAUL TO THE EPHESIANS (4:7-13)

Brethren: Grace was given to each of us according to the measure of Christ's gift. Therefore it is said, "When he ascended on high he led a host of captives, and he gave gifts to men." (In saying, "He ascended," what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? He who descended is he who also ascended far above all the heavens, that he might fill all things.) And his gifts were that some should be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ.

Alleluia, Tone 5

v. I will sing of Your mercies, O Lord, forever; with my mouth I will proclaim Your truth from generation to generation.

v. For You have said: Mercy will be established forever; Your truth will be prepared in the heavens.

THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MATTHEW (4:12-17) At that time when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew into Galilee; and leaving Nazareth he went and dwelt in Caper'na-um by the sea, in the territory of Zeb'ulun and Naph'tali, that what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: "The land of Zeb'ulun and the land of Naph'tali, toward the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles -- the people who sat in darkness have seen a great Light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death Light has dawned." From that time Jesus began to preach, saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."

COMMUNION HYMN

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

THE OUTDOOR BLESSING OF WATER WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE DIVINE LITURGY.

The holy Gospel according to John 20:19-31 (9th Matins Gospel)

Then, the same day at evening, being the first day of the week, when the doors were shut where the disciples were assembled, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in the midst, and said to them, "Peace be with you." When He had said this, He showed them His hands and His side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. So Jesus said to them again, "Peace to you! As the Father has sent Me, I also send you." And when He had said this, He breathed on them, and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained. Now Thomas, called the Twin, one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. The other disciples therefore said to him, "We have seen the Lord." So he said to them, "Unless I see in His hands the print of the nails, and put my finger into the print of the nails, and put my hand into His side, I will not believe." And after eight days His disciples were again inside, and Thomas with them. Jesus came, the doors being shut, and stood in the midst, and said, "Peace to you!" Then He said to Thomas, "Reach your finger here, and look at My hands; and reach your hand here, and put it into My side. Do not be unbelieving, but believing." And Thomas answered and said to Him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Thomas, because you have seen Me, you have believed. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed." And truly Jesus did many other signs in the presence of His disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His name.

Saint Gregory, Bishop of Nyssa (January 10), was a younger brother of Saint Basil the Great (January 1). His birth and upbringing came at a time when the Arian disputes were at their height. Having received an excellent education, he was at one time a teacher of rhetoric. In the year 372, he was consecrated by Saint Basil the Great as bishop of the city of Nyssa in Cappadocia.

Saint Gregory was an ardent advocate for Orthodoxy, and he fought against the Arian heresy with his brother Saint Basil. Gregory was persecuted by the Arians, by whom he was falsely accused of improper use of church property, and thereby deprived of his See and sent to Ancyra.

In the following year Saint Gregory was again deposed in absentia by a council of Arian bishops, but he continued to encourage his flock in Orthodoxy, wandering about from place to place. After the death of the emperor Valens (378), Saint Gregory was restored to his cathedra and was joyously received by his flock. His brother Saint Basil the Great died in 379.

Only with difficulty did Saint Gregory survive the loss of his brother and guide. He delivered a funeral oration for him, and completed Saint Basil's study of the six days of Creation, the Hexaemeron. That same year Saint Gregory participated in the Council of Antioch against heretics who refused to recognize the perpetual virginity of the Mother of God. Others at the opposite extreme, who worshipped the Mother of God as being God Herself, were also denounced by the Council. He visited the churches of Arabia and Palestine, which were infected with the Arian heresy, to assert the Orthodox teaching about the Most Holy Theotokos. On his return journey Saint Gregory visited Jerusalem and the Holy Places.

In the year 381 Saint Gregory was one of the chief figures of the Second Ecumenical Council, convened at Constantinople against the heresy of Macedonius, who incorrectly taught about the Holy Spirit. At this Council, on the initiative of Saint Gregory, the Nicene Symbol of Faith (the Creed) was completed.

Together with the other bishops Saint Gregory affirmed Saint Gregory the Theologian as Archpastor of Constantinople.

In the year 383, Saint Gregory of Nyssa participated in a Council at Constantinople, where he preached a sermon on the divinity of the Son and the Holy Spirit. In 386, he was again at Constantinople, and he was asked to speak the funeral oration in memory of the empress Placilla. Again in 394 Saint Gregory was present in Constantinople at a local Council, convened to resolve church matters in Arabia.

Saint Gregory of Nyssa was a fiery defender of Orthodox dogmas and a zealous teacher of his flock, a kind and compassionate father to his spiritual children, and their intercessor before the courts. He was distinguished by his magnanimity, patience and love of peace.

Having reached old age, Saint Gregory of Nyssa died soon after the Council of Constantinople. Together with his great contemporaries, Saints Basil the Great and Gregory the Theologian, Saint Gregory of Nyssa had a significant influence on the Church life of his time. His sister, Saint Macrina, wrote to him: "You are renowned both in the cities, and gatherings of people, and throughout entire districts. Churches ask you for help." Saint Gregory is

known in history as one of the most profound Christian thinkers of the fourth century. Endowed with philosophical talent, he saw philosophy as a means for a deeper penetration into the authentic meaning of divine revelation. Saint Gregory left behind many remarkable works of dogmatic character, as well as sermons and discourses. He has been called “the Father of Fathers.” from oca.org

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CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR THE HEALTH AND BLESSINGS OF

Health & God’s blessings for the Elieff & Krigner family	Nancy Krigner
Health & God’s blessings and a speedy recovery for Rosanne Bagale	Nancy Krigner
Health & God’s blessings for Jennifer & Rosanne	Dorothy Goodman
Health & blessings for my family & myself	Bosa Kantar
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, Taras Joseph, Ted, Marlene, Gladys, all the parishioners of St. Nicholas, my family & friends.	Joe Tome
Special Intention	Joe Tome

ETERNAL LIGHT AT THE ALTAR

Health & blessings for my family & myself	Bosa Kantar
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All services are open to in-person attendance to everyone. 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.

ANNUAL MEETING With the blessing of Archbishop Alexander there is no in-person Annual Meeting this year but all written reports need to be submitted by January 24th. All of the reports will be e-mailed/mailed. If you have any questions, please send them in and the parish council will work to answer them.

9TH ANNUAL DORMITION MONASTERY FUNDRAISER Our Genesee County Orthodox Community is working hard to bring to you our 9th Annual Winter Dinner for Dormition Monastery on January 21st, 2021 as a VIRTUAL ONLINE event!

- Vespers LIVE from Dormition of the Mother of God Monastery in Rives Junction, Michigan
- Themed talks on a subject important to our lives:
 - Fr. Joseph Abud - "Giving Thanks To God in All Things "
 - Fr. Gabriel - "Being the Gentle Presence of Christ in the Midst of Chaos"
 - Mother Abbess Gabriella will be giving a monastic view on our Christian life during these trying times
 - Q&A with all three speakers

We are excited at the possibility of not only continuing this January tradition this year, allowing you to participate in Vespers in the Monastery Church and to offer this event to a wider audience (using our online capabilities to invite the whole world to our local event!). More to come in a few days!

OFFERING ENVELOPES can be picked up in the narthex. **If there are boxes for family members who have not been attending whom you will be seeing this month, please deliver them to help save on postage costs (\$5 per box of envelopes).**

2021 CALENDARS are available in the narthax.

OFFICE HOURS are Monday, Wednesday & Friday 9 – 3. You are welcome to pick up your envelopes & calendar during the week. If you call ahead (810-744-0070) Marcia will have them ready for you.

PLEDGE CARDS Please send in your pledge card if you haven't already done so. The office needs them as soon as possible.

DOVES were sponsored by Angelo & Christine Panoff in memory of grandsons Matthew & Andrew and by Calvin & Ruth Conrad.

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

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Weekly schedule:

Today Outdoor blessing of water after Liturgy

Tuesday, Jan 12

[7 pm](#) [OCA online church school](#)

Wednesday, Jan 13

[9:30 am](#) [Divine Liturgy – streaming on our YouTube channel](#)
No adult education

Saturday, Jan 16

[5 pm](#) [Great Vespers – streaming on our YouTube channel](#)
Confessions after Vespers

Sunday, Jan 17

9:30 am ST. ANTHONY THE GREAT
Third and Sixth Hours
[10 am](#) [Divine Liturgy – streaming on our YouTube channel](#)

Offerings for the week January 3, 2021

20 persons in attendance on January 3rd

<i>Weekly Offerings</i>	\$ 3,772.19
<i>Estimated Average Weekly Expenses</i>	\$ 3,104.00
	\$ + 668.19

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