

**January 27, 2019**

**St. Nicholas Orthodox Church**

*Diocese of Toledo - Orthodox Church in America*

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**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.

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 27, 2019 35TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST — Tone 2.**

**Translation of the Relics of St. John Chrysostom, Archbishop of Constantinople (438).**

**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 8)** Grace shining forth from your lips like a beacon has enlightened the universe. It has shown to the world the riches of poverty; it has revealed to us the heights of humility. Teaching us by your words, O Father John Chrysostom,// Intercede before the Word, Christ our God, to save our souls!

**(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.*

**∇: The Lord has chastened me sorely, but He has not given me over unto death.**

## **THE READING FROM THE EPISTLE OF 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 2

**∇: May the Lord hear you in the day of trouble! May the Name of the God of Jacob protect you!**

**∇: Save the King, O Lord, and hear us on the day we call!**

## **THE READING FROM THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO LUKE (18:35-43)**

At that time, as Jesus drew near to Jericho, a blind man was sitting by the roadside begging; and hearing a multitude going by, he inquired what this meant. They told him, "Jesus of Nazareth is passing by." And he cried, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" And those who were in front rebuked him, telling him to be silent; but he cried out all the more, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" And Jesus stopped, and commanded him to be brought to him; and when he came near, he asked him, "What do you want me to do for you?" He said, "Lord, let me receive my sight." And Jesus said to him, "Receive your sight; your faith has made you well." And immediately he received his sight and followed him, glorifying God; and all the people, when they saw it, gave praise to God.

## **COMMUNION HYMN**

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

## Archpastoral Message of His Beatitude, Metropolitan Tikhon

To the honorable Clergy, venerable Monastics, and pious Faithful of the Orthodox Church in America,

For forty-six years, we have lamented the Roe v. Wade decision that legalized abortion in the United States of America. And for forty-six years, those who consider life to be a sacred gift from God have gathered each January in Washington, DC and elsewhere in this nation to proclaim this most sacred gift. Created as we are in the very image and likeness of God, we turn to the One Whom we worship as the “Giver of Life” in thanksgiving for sharing His very life with “every man who comes into the world,” even “from his mother’s womb.”

In our liturgical worship, we continuously acknowledge God as the “Bestower of Life.” And in doing so, we recognize that His precious gift is imparted at the moment of conception—a reality underscored in Luke 1:41, in which we read that John the Baptist “leaped” in his mother Elizabeth’s womb, rejoicing in her encounter with the Mother of God. It has become increasingly evident, however, that proclaiming the sanctity of life involves much more than lamenting the legalization of abortion and protecting the unborn, crucial as these are.

While we so often speak of life “in the womb” and eternal life “beyond the tomb,” there are many related issues that are encountered “in between.” Our commitment to life of necessity extends to care for our infants, our infirm, our elderly—and ourselves. While expressing our concern and offering our prayers for the unborn, we are called to recognize that issues such as the opioid crisis, the cost of quality health care, capital punishment, the marked increase in addictions and suicide, to name but a few, are intimately connected to our recognition and proclamation of God’s gift of life.

Our Christian witness demands not only concern for the unborn, but a sense of responsibility to ensure that living a “life well lived”—seeking the blessedness to which we have been called—extends to the unborn and born alike. As we discern the will of God in our own lives, we are called to preserve and protect all life in recognition of God’s plan for His people on this earth and in anticipation of “the life of the world to come.”

As we mark this sorrowful anniversary, may we turn our attention to the “Giver of Life,” Who created us in His ever-abundant love. May we, each in our own way, proclaim His sacred gift. And may we embrace His will, that in all things He and He alone might be glorified as the “Fountain of Life” and the “Light of the world,” Who brings all mankind to that Kingdom which has yet to be fully revealed, but is already fully present in the life of His people, the Church.

With love in Christ,

+ **Tikhon**

*Archbishop of Washington*

*Metropolitan of All America and Canada*

January 27, 2019



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

Calvin, Nik, Helen, Angelo, Christine, John, Rose, Dorothy & my family  
God’s blessings for healing to Calvin Conrad, Helen Ethington, Dorothy Goodman  
& John and Rose Goodman

Lucy Hogg

Angelo & Christine

Fr. Tom, Fr. Dimitrie, Fr. Anthony, Angelo, Aaron, Reggie, John, Alex, Irene, Rimi,  
Allen, Deborah, JoAnn, Susan, Luba, Kosta, David, Anna, Helen, Walt, Calvin,  
Vladimir, Dorothy, John, Allison, Stojan, Mira, Bosa, Jeanette, Christopher, Ted,  
Marlene, Joseph, Nicholas, Margaret, Gladys, my family and friends

Joe Tome

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Special Intention

### **CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR BLESSED REPOSE**

Our grandson Andrew

Angelo & Christine



**WELCOME** to all our friends and visitors.



**COFFEE & DONUTS** are provided today by Lena & Gerry Bakousidis in memory of Kosta Papalazarou (60 yrs.)

**ANNUAL MEETING REPORTS** Copies are available in the parish hall. As was noted at the meeting, the year 2017 ended with a \$65,000 deficit from which we haven't recovered in 2018. There are funds enough to cover two months' worth of expenses. Many good fundraising ideas were presented at the annual meeting. Additionally, a letter will be sent to all parish households outlining the financial summary and with prayerful requests for those who are already tithing, those for whom tithing is something new, and for those who cannot commit to a proportional gift, to prayerfully consider increasing financial donation by 10%.

**7<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL PAN ORTHODOX WINTER DINNER**

**from Protodeacon Michael Bassett:**

Many thanks to each parish for your contribution. Please thank your parishioners and especially those who worked hard to provide food, donations, attendance and bring guests. The average giving (donations and purchases from monastery store) over the previous 6 years is \$7,327. This year the total was \$7,101 so we did well! 146 for dinner and 174 total contributors. Please note that these numbers (except for the \$ amount) are approximate given that there are numerous anonymous donations and it is always hard to tell who actually showed up for dinner and who didn't. For accountability: donations from the faithful of our parish (33 contributors) amounted to \$1,122. This does not include any direct contributions with the prayer lists or purchases at the store.

	Contributors	\$\$
Grand Total	174	\$5,791
Monastery Store		\$955
Donation with prayer lists		\$355
	TOTAL	\$7,101

Protodeacon Michael Bassett, St. George Church, Flint.

**YEAR END STATEMENTS** are ready to be picked up in the parish hall. Please look them over and contact the office if you have any questions.

**HOPE IN A BOX** is collecting **toilet paper** for the month of January. Place the items in the blue box in the Parish Hall. Catholic Charities Community Closet will distribute the items.

**FOOD DRIVE** Place non-perishable food items in the other blue box in the hall.

**Weekly Schedule:**

**Today** 40 Trisagion for Ponte Brown

**Tuesday, Jan 29** Fr. Matthew in Toledo

**Wednesday, Jan 30** Three Holy Hierarchs – Ss Basil the Great, Gregory the Theologian & John Chrysostom  
9:30 am Divine Liturgy  
11:15 am Adult Ed class

**Saturday, Feb 2**

10 am

5 pm

**MEETING OF OUR LORD IN THE TEMPLE**

**Liturgy at St. Mary Magdalene**

Vespers

**Sunday, Feb 3**

9:30 am

Hours

10 am

Divine Liturgy

Church School

Parastas for the fallen asleep of the Vuckovich & Spankie families

**Offerings for the week January 20, 2018**

<i>Weekly Offerings</i>	\$ 1,052.00
<i>Estimated Average Weekly Expenses</i>	\$ 4,034.03
	<b>\$-2,982.03</b>

*35 people were in attendance on  
Sunday, January 20<sup>th</sup>.*

**Here's the shortest and easiest path to salvation: Be obedient, restrained, don't judge, and guard your heart and mind against wicked thoughts. Think well of everyone and bear in mind that the Lord loves them. Because of these humble thoughts, the grace of the Holy Spirit will dwell in your heart and you'll say: 'The Lord is merciful'.**

**- St Silouan the Athonite**