

January 3, 2021

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SUNDAY, JANUARY 3, 2021 30th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST — Tone 5. Forefeast of the Theophany. Sunday before Theophany. Holy Prophet Malachi (400 B.C.). Martyr Gordius at Cæsarea in Cappadocia (4th c.). Ven. Genevieve of Paris (5th c.).

TROPARIA

(Tone 5) Let us, the faithful, praise and worship the Word, co-eternal with the Father and the Spirit, born for our salvation from the Virgin; for He willed to be lifted up on the Cross in the flesh, to endure death, and to raise the dead// by His glorious Resurrection.

(Tone 4) Prepare, O Zebulon, and adorn thyself, O Naphtali! River Jordan, cease flowing, and receive with joy the Master coming to be baptized! Adam, rejoice with our first Mother, and do not hide yourselves as ye did of old in Paradise; for having seen you naked, He has appeared to clothe you with the first garment.//Christ has appeared to renew all creation.

(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 the Lord enters the Jordan and cries out to John: “Do not be afraid to baptize me.//For I have come to save Adam, the first-formed man.”

The Prokeimenon in the Sixth Tone: O Lord, save Thy people, and bless Thine inheritance!

v: To thee, O Lord, will I call. O my God, be not silent to me!

THE READING IS FROM THE SECOND EPISTLE OF THE APOSTLE PAUL TO TIMOTHY (4:5-8)

Timothy, my son: as for you, always be steady, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry. For I am already on the point of being sacrificed; the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Henceforth there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will award to me on that Day, and not only me but also to all who have loved his appearing.

Alleluia, Tone 8

v: God have pity on us and bless us, show His Face to us and have mercy on us.

v: That we may know Your Way upon the earth, and Your Salvation among all nations.

THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MARK (1:1-8) The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. As it is written in Isaiah the prophet, “Behold, I send my messenger before your face, who shall prepare the way’ the voice of one crying in the wilderness: Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight-“John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And there went out to him all the county of Judea, and all the people of Jerusalem; and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel’s hair, and had a leather girdle around his waist, and ate locusts and wild honey. And he preached, saying, “After me comes he who is mightier than I, the thong of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”

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

The holy Gospel according to John 20:11-18 (8th Matins Gospel)

But Mary stood outside by the tomb weeping, and as she wept she stooped down and looked into the tomb. And she saw two angels in white sitting, one at the head and the other at the feet, where the body of Jesus had lain. Then they said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping?” She said to them, “Because they have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid Him.” Now when she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, and did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you seeking?” She, supposing Him to be the gardener, said to Him, “Sir, if You have carried Him away, tell me where You have laid Him, and I will take Him away.” Jesus said to her, “Mary!” She turned and said to Him, “Rabboni!” (which is to say, Teacher). Jesus said to her, “Do not cling to Me, for I have not yet ascended to My Father; but go to My brethren and say to them, ‘I am ascending to My Father and your Father, and to My God and your God.’” Mary Magdalene came and told the disciples that she had seen the Lord, and that He had spoken these things to her.

Saint Genevieve of Paris (January 3) Saint Genevieve was born of wealthy parents in Gaul (modern France) in the village of Nanterre, near Paris, around 422. Her father’s name was Severus, and her mother was called Gerontia. According to the custom of the time, she often tended her father’s flocks on Mt. Valerien.

When she was about seven years old, Saint Germanus of Auxerre (July 31) noticed her as he was passing through Nanterre. The bishop kissed her on the head and told her parents that she would become great in the sight of God, and would lead many to salvation. After Genevieve told him that she wished to dedicate herself to Christ, he gave her a brass medal with the image of the Cross upon it. She promised to wear it around her neck, and to avoid wearing any other ornaments around her neck or on her fingers.

When it was reported that Attila the Hun was approaching Paris, Genevieve and the other nuns prayed and fasted, entreating God to spare the city. Suddenly, the barbarians turned away from Paris and went off in another direction.

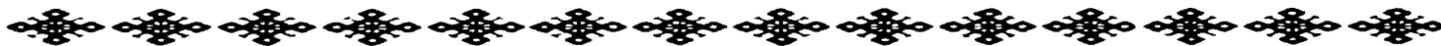
Years later, when she was fifteen, Genevieve was taken to Paris to enter the monastic life. Through fasting, vigil and prayer, she progressed in monasticism, and received from God the gifts of clairvoyance and of working miracles. Gradually, the people of Paris and the surrounding area regarded Genevieve as a holy vessel (2 Tim. 2:21).

Saint Genevieve considered the Saturday night Vigil service to be very important, since it symbolizes how our whole life should be. “We must keep vigil in prayer and fasting so that the Lord will find us ready when He comes,” she said. She was on her way to church with her nuns one stormy Saturday night when the wind blew out her lantern. The nuns could not find their way without a light, since it was dark and stormy, and the road was rough and muddy. Saint Genevieve made the Sign of the Cross over the lantern, and the candle within was lit with a bright flame. In this manner they were able to make their way to the church for the service.

There is a tradition that the church which Saint Genevieve suggested that King Clovis build in honor of Saints Peter and Paul became her own resting place when she fell asleep in the Lord around 512 at the age of eighty-nine. Her holy relics were later transferred to the church of Saint Etienne du Mont in Paris. Most of her relics, and those of other saints, were destroyed during the French Revolution.

In the Middle Ages, Saint Genevieve was regarded as the patron saint of wine makers. from oca.org

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CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR THE HEALTH AND BLESSINGS OF

Eleni, Servinis, Angelo, Helen & Pat

For good health to all our grandkids & their parents

God’s blessings for good health to our granddaughter Olivia Panoff on her 14th

Birthday

Health & blessings for my family & myself

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.

Magda Popoff

Baba & Dedo

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Bosa Kantar

Joe Tome

Special Intention
God's blessings for good health to all of our relatives & friends in the new year

Joe Tome
Angelo & Christine Panoff

CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR BLESSED REPOSE

Alex & Peter Popoff & John Naum
Blessed Repose to our grandsons Andrew & Matthew

Magda Popoff
Baba & Dedo

ETERNAL LIGHT AT THE ALTAR

Health & blessings for my family & myself

Bosa Kantar



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.

NORTH END SOUP KITCHEN is January 7th from 9 am-11:30 am. Please come & minister to Christ with our brothers & sisters "Feeding the hungry is a greater work than raising the dead." St. John Chrysostom

OUTDOOR BLESSING OF WATER will be held on Sunday, January 10th following the Divine Liturgy. Bring your empty bottles to fill with Holy Water. Dress for the weather.

THEOPHANY DOVES we are in need of an individual(s) to donate for the 2 white doves for the outdoor blessing of the water. The cost is \$60 each.

MEMORY ETERNAL! CHRIST IS RISEN! Remember in your prayers Sophie Tula Stavridis, infant daughter of Teddy and Jessica Stavridis. Sophie fell asleep in the Lord today, December 30, 2020. Her twin brother is Lazaros Dimitrios and her great-grandmother is Vasilka Karatza. Arrangements will not be finalized until next week. Sophie Tula rest in the light of Christ's face with all the righteous. God grant His comfort to her family. Memory eternal! Christ is risen!

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.

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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.

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:
 - Two from our own local priests
 - Final talk from Mother Abbess Gabriella
 - Perhaps a short Q&A session afterwards - maybe even in a panel discussion format!
- 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 the next few weeks!

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

Weekly schedule:

Tuesday, Jan 5 **Eve of Theophany**
6 pm Vespers w/Liturgy – streaming on our YouTube channel

Wednesday, Jan 6 **Theophany**
9:30 am Divine Liturgy – streaming on our YouTube channel
 No Adult Ed

Thursday, Jan 7 Fr. Matthew in Toledo
 9 am-11:30 am North End Soup Kitchen

Saturday, Jan 9
5 pm Great Vespers – streaming on our YouTube channel
 Confessions after Vespers

Sunday, Jan 10 **SUNDAY AFTER THEOPHANY**
 9:30 am Third and Sixth Hours
10 am Divine Liturgy – streaming on our YouTube channel
 Outdoor blessing of water

Offerings for the week December 27, 2020

26 persons in attendance on December 27th

<i>Weekly Offerings</i>	\$ 1,819.46
<i>Estimated Average Weekly Expenses</i>	\$ 3,104.00
	\$-1,284.54