

January 31, 2021

St. Nicholas Orthodox Church

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SUNDAY, JANUARY 31, 2021 34th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST — Tone 1. Holy Wonderworkers and Unmercenaries Cyrus and John, and with them Martyrs Athanasia and her daughters: Theoctiste, Theodotia, and Eudoxia, at Canopus in Egypt (311). Ven. Nikita of the Kiev Caves, Bishop of Novgorod (1108). Martyrs Victorinus, Victor, Nicephorus, Claudius, Diodorus, Serapion, and Papias, of Egypt (251). Martyr Tryphænes at Cyzicus. St. Arsenios of Paros (1877).

TROPARIA

(Tone 1) When the stone had been sealed by the Jews, while the soldiers were guarding Thy most pure body, Thou didst rise on the third day, O Savior, granting life to the world. The powers of heaven therefore cried to Thee, O Giver of Life: “Glory to Thy Resurrection, O Christ! Glory to Thy Kingdom! // Glory to Thy dispensation, O Thou Who lovest mankind!”

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

THE READING FROM THE FIRST EPISTLE OF THE APOSTLE PAUL TO TIMOTHY (4:9-15)

Timothy, my son, this saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, for to this end we toil and strive, because we have our hope set on the living God, who is the Savior of all men, especially of those who believe. Command and teach these things. Let no one despise your youth, but set the believers an example in speech and conduct, in love, in faith, in purity. Till I come, attend to the public reading of scripture, to preaching, to teaching. Do not neglect the gift you have, which was given you by prophetic utterance when the council of elders laid their hands upon you. Practice these duties; devote yourself to them, so that all may see your progress.

Alleluia, Tone 1

v. God gives vengeance to me, and subdues people under me.

v. He magnifies the salvation of the king, and deals mercifully with His Christ, with David and his seed forever.

THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO LUKE (19:1-10)

At that time Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through. And there was a man named Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector, and rich. And he sought to see who Jesus was, but could not, on account of the crowd, because he was small of stature. So he ran on ahead and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see him, for he was to pass that way. When Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, “Zacchaeus, make haste and come down; for I must stay at your house today.” So he made haste and came down, and received him joyfully. And when they saw it they all murmured, “He has gone in to be the guest of a man who is a sinner.” And Zacchaeus stood and said to the Lord, “Behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor; and if I have defrauded any one of anything, I restore it fourfold.” And Jesus said to him, “Today salvation has come to this house, since he also is a son of Abraham. For the Son of man came to seek and to save the lost.”

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

The holy Gospel according to Matthew 28:16-20 (1st Matins Gospel) Then the eleven disciples went away into Galilee, to the mountain which Jesus had appointed for them. When they saw Him, they worshiped Him; but some doubted. And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and behold, I am with you always, even to the end of the age. Amen.

Holy Wonderworkers and Unmercenaries Cyrus and John, and those with them (January 31) Saint Cyrus was a noted physician in the city of Alexandria, where he had been born and raised. He was a Christian and he treated the sick without charge, not only curing their bodily afflictions, but also healing their spiritual infirmities. He would say, "Whoever wishes to avoid being ill should refrain from sin, for sin is often the cause of bodily illness." Preaching the Gospel, the holy physician converted many pagans to Christ. During the persecution by Diocletian (284-305), Saint Cyrus withdrew into Arabia, where he became a monk. He continued to heal people by his prayer, having received from God the gift to heal every sickness.

In the city of Edessa at this time lived the soldier John, a pious Christian. When the persecution started, he went to Jerusalem and there he heard about Saint Cyrus. He began to search for him, going first to Alexandria and then to Arabia. When Saint John finally found Saint Cyrus, he remained with him and became his faithful follower.

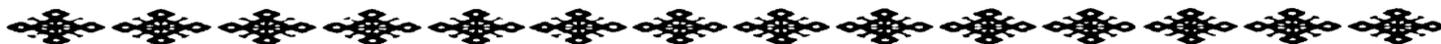
They learned of the arrest of the Christian woman Athanasia and her three young daughters. Theoctiste was fifteen; Theodota, was thirteen; and Eudoxia, was eleven. Saints Cyrus and John hastened to the prison to help them. They were concerned that faced with torture, the women might renounce Christ.

Saints Cyrus and John gave them courage to endure what lay before them. Learning of this, the ruler of the city arrested Saints Cyrus and John, and seeing their steadfast and fearless confession of faith in Christ, he brought Athanasia and her daughters to witness their torture. The tyrant did not refrain from any form of torture against the holy martyrs. The women were not frightened by the sufferings of Saints Cyrus and John, but courageously continued to confess Christ. They were flogged and then beheaded, receiving their crowns of martyrdom.

At the same place they executed the Holy Unmercenaries Cyrus and John. Christians buried their bodies in the church of the holy Evangelist Mark. In the fifth century the relics of Saints Cyrus and John were transferred from Canopis to Manuphin. Later on their relics were transferred to Rome, and from there to München (Munich) (another account is located under June 28). Saints Cyrus and John are invoked by those who have difficulty in sleeping.

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CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR THE HEALTH AND BLESSINGS OF

Health & God's blessings for Harry Price

Baby Beckham, Carli, Brent, Shari & Steve

Milica Beslach, Milan & Radmila

Health & blessings for Marieka, Eugenia Canterbury & family

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

Stephanie & Ian

Gonser family

Teta/Mama

Lucy Hogg

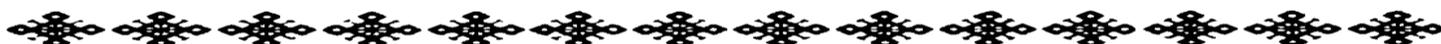
Joe Tome

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CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR BLESSED REPOSE

Steve Canterbury

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 VESPERS WITH LITURGY Monday, February 1st - 6 pm at Assumption Church for the great feast of the Encounter of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, in the Temple with Symeon and Anna. In-person attendance. Not livestreamed. Please fast from after your noontime meal to receive Holy Communion.

NORTH END SOUP KITCHEN is February 4th 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

9th ANNUAL DORMITION MICRO RETREAT *from Protodeacon Michael Bassett* We were blessed to have over 400 join the Webinar over the course of the 2 hour event with others watching on Youtube and over 2,500 views on Facebook. Of course the Youtube and FB recordings of the event continue to live and the "view count" continues to grow. Donations to the Monastery are around the \$15,000 mark at this point (a more "final" number is forthcoming) along with around \$500 of purchases from their online gift shop and more than 75 requests for prayer. More importantly many, many individuals who have been unable to make a pilgrimage to, or who were previously unaware of the monastery were touched and are now "friends". The future impact is something that we can only anticipate knowing that God is at work! This was the 9th year of the Orthodox Churches of Genesee County, MI (Flint area) joining with Dormition Monastery in our desire to strengthen the relationship between those in our Churches and our monastics. Each year we gather together physically for worship, fellowship, dinner, and themed talks on a subject of importance to the faithful from three vantage points: The individual, the Church and the Monastic wisdom. Through the pandemic our Lord has opened the path to expanding this event both this year and in the future and for this we are most grateful!

PLEDGE CARDS If you haven't returned your pledge card please do so today. There are some next to the office door or you can call the office if you need one mailed to you (810-744-0070).

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

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

TAKING DOWN CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS TODAY if you can stay to lend a hand taking down the poinsettias, greens, tree, decorations, and Nativity scenes, it would be much appreciated.

MAKE YOUR FAITHFUL GIVING EASY AND CONVENIENT WITH GIVELIFY

Go to the [website](#) and on the home page click on the box [Give now with Givelify](#) which will walk you through the donation process; this is a secure site. (2.9% + \$0.30 of your donation goes to Givelify as a fee). **If you do not wish to donate online, you may write a check to St. Nicholas Orthodox Church and send it to the parish address: 2143 S Center Rd, Burton, MI 48519.**

Weekly schedule:

Monday, Feb 1

6 pm

Pan-Orthodox Vespers w/Liturgy for the Meeting of the Lord at Assumption Church

Tuesday, Feb 2

7 pm

Fr. Matthew in Toledo

[OCA online church school](#)

Wednesday, Feb 3

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)

Thursday, Feb 4

9 am-11:30 am

North End Soup Kitchen

Saturday, Feb 6

5 pm

Great Vespers – streaming on our YouTube channel

Confessions after Vespers

Sunday, Feb 7

9:30 am

Third and Sixth Hours

10 am

Divine Liturgy – streaming on our YouTube channel

1 pm

40 day memorial for +Sophie Tula Stavridis at Elmwood Cemetery, Detroit

Offerings for the week January 24, 2021

38 persons in attendance on January 24th

<i>Weekly Offerings</i>	\$ 1,916.60
<i>Estimated Average Weekly Expenses</i>	\$ 3,104.00
	\$-1,187.40

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
Deacon John Bocek
Linda Branoff**

**Gladys Edwards
Paul Ellis
Bill Haw**

**Mary Karayanis
Nick Karayanis
Macy Lemmen**

**Ron Salhany
Bill Tadrack
Wendy Tadrack**

To aid in your outreach, here is a listing of the addresses and phone numbers of our Homebound:

**Larry Bladecki
Gladys Edwards
Paul Ellis
Vasilka Karatza
Jo Sredich**

**3254 E. Midland Rd
2 Harbor Dr.
2360 Stonebridge Dr.
Regency 1330 Grand Pointe Ct
Victoria's House 1219 N. Dye Rd.**

**Bay City, MI 48706
St. Clair, MO 63077
Flint, MI 48532
Grand Blanc, MI 48439
Flint, MI 48532**