

**July 19, 2020**

*St. Nicholas Orthodox Church*

*Diocese of Toledo - Orthodox Church in America*

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**SUNDAY, JULY 19, 2020 6th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST - Fathers of the 1st Six Ecumenical Councils. Uncovering of the Relics of Ven. Seraphim of Sarov (1903). St. Theodore of Edessa, Mesopotamia (848). Ven. Macrina, sister of St. Basil the Great (380). Ven. Dius, Abbot, of Antioch (ca. 430). Rt. Blv. Román, Prince of Riazan' (1270). Ven. Paisii of the Kiev Caves (Far Caves—14th c.). Bl. Stephen (1427), King of Serbia, and his mother, St. Militsa (1405).**

### **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 8)** Most glorious are You, O Christ our God! You have established the Holy Fathers as lights on the earth! Through them you have guided us to the true faith! O greatly Compassionate One, glory to you!

**(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 6)** Protection of Christians never failing, Mediatrix before the Creator, ever constant. Do not despise the voice of prayer of sinners, but in your goodness come to help us who faithfully call upon you. Hasten to entreat, hurry to pray, O Theotokos, interceding always for those honor you.

***The Prokeimenon in the Fourth Tone: Blessed art Thou, O Lord, God of our Fathers / and praised and glorified is Thy name forever!***

***v. For Thou art just in all that Thou hast done for us.***

**THE READING FROM THE EPISTLE OF THE APOSTLE PAUL TO TITUS (3:8-15)** Titus, my son: The saying is sure. I desire you to insist on these things, so that those who have believed in God may be careful to apply themselves to good deeds; these are excellent and profitable to men. But avoid stupid controversies, genealogies, dissensions, and quarrels over the law, for they are unprofitable and futile. As for a man who is factious, after admonishing him once or twice, have nothing more to do with him, knowing that such a person is perverted and sinful; he is self-condemned. When I send Artemas or Tych'icus to you, do your best to come to me at Nicop'olis, for I have decided to spend the winter there. Do your best to speed Zenas the lawyer and Apol'los on their way; see that they lack nothing. And let our people learn to apply themselves to good deeds, so as to help cases of urgent need, and not to be unfruitful. All who are with me send greetings to you. Greet those who love us in the faith. Grace be with you all.

### ***Alleluia, Tone 1***

***v. The Lord, the God of gods, speaks and summons the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.***

***v. Gather to Me, My venerable ones, who made a covenant with Me by sacrifice.***

**THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MATTHEW (5:14-19)** At that time, Jesus taught his disciples saying: "You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hid. Nor do men light a lamp and put it under a bushel, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven. Think not that I have come to abolish the law and the prophets; I have come not to abolish them but to fulfill them. For truly, I say to you, till heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. Whoever then relaxes one of the least of these commandments and teaches men so shall be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but he who does them and teaches them shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven."

### **COMMUNION HYMN**

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

### **The Commemoration of the Holy Fathers of the First Six Ecumenical Councils.**

An Ecumenical Council is comprised of archpastors and pastors of the Church, and representatives of all the local Churches, from every land of the "oikumene" (i.e. from all the whole inhabited world). The Orthodox Church acknowledges Seven Holy Ecumenical Councils:

The First Ecumenical Council (Nicea I) (May 29, and also on seventh Sunday after Pascha) was convened in the year 325 against the heresy of Arius, in the city of Nicea in Bithynia under Saint Constantine the Great, Equal of the Apostles.

The Second Ecumenical Council (Constantinople I) (May 22) was convened in the year 381 against the heresy of Macedonias, by the emperor Theodosius the Great.

The Third Ecumenical Council (Ephesus) (September 9) was convened in the year 431 against the heresy of Nestorius, in the city of Ephesus by the emperor Theodosius the Younger.

The Fourth Ecumenical Council (Chalcedon) (July 16) was convened in the year 451, against the Monophysite heresy, in the city of Chalcedon under the emperor Marcian.

The Fifth Ecumenical Council (Constantinople II) (July 25) “Concerning the Three Chapters,” was convened in the year 553, under the emperor Justinian the Great.

The Sixth Ecumenical Council (Constantinople III) (January 23) met during the years 680-681, to fight the Monothelite heresy, under the emperor Constantine Pogonatos.

The fact that the Seventh Ecumenical Council (Nicea II) is not commemorated today testifies to the antiquity of today’s celebration. The Seventh Council, commemorated on the Sunday nearest to October 11, was convened at Nicea in the year 787 against the Iconoclast heresy, under the emperor Constantine and his mother Irene.

A brief summary of the dogmatic theology of the First Six Ecumenical Councils is formulated and contained in the First Canon of the Council of Trullo (also known as Quinisext), held in the year 692. The 318 Holy Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council are spoken of in this Canon I of Trullo as having: “with unanimity of faith revealed and declared to us the consubstantiality of the three Persons of the Divine nature and, ... instructing the faithful to adore the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit with one worship, they cast down and dispelled the false teaching about different degrees of Divinity.”

The 150 Holy Fathers of the Second Ecumenical Council left their mark on the theology of the Church concerning the Holy Spirit, “repudiating the teaching of Macedonius, as one who wished to divide the inseparable Unity, so that there might be no perfect mystery of our hope.”

The 200 God-bearing Fathers of the Third Ecumenical Council expounded the teaching that “Christ, the Incarnate Son of God is One.” They also confessed that “she who bore Him without seed was the spotless Ever-Virgin, glorifying her as truly the Mother of God.

The 630 Holy Fathers of the Fourth Ecumenical Council decreed that “the One Christ, the Son of God... must be glorified in two natures.”

The 165 God-bearing Holy Fathers of the Fifth Ecumenical Council “in synod anathematized and repudiated Theodore of Mopsuestia (the teacher of Nestorius), and Origen, and Didymus, and Evagrius, renovators of the Hellenic teaching about the transmigration of souls and the transmutation of bodies and the impieties they raised against the resurrection of the dead.”

The 170 Holy Fathers of the Sixth Ecumenical Council “taught that we ought to confess two natural volitions, or two wills [trans. note: one divine, and the other human], and two natural operations (energies) in Him Who was incarnate for our salvation, Jesus Christ, our true God.” [www.oca.org](http://www.oca.org)

### **The holy Gospel according to Luke 24:36-53 (6th Matins Gospel)**

Now as they said these things, Jesus Himself stood in the midst of them, and said to them, “Peace to you.” But they were terrified and frightened, and supposed they had seen a spirit. And He said to them, “Why are you troubled? And why do doubts arise in your hearts? Behold My hands and My feet, that it is I Myself. Handle Me and see, for a spirit does not have flesh and bones as you see I have. When He had said this, He showed them His hands and His feet. But while they still did not believe for joy, and marveled, He said to them, “Have you any food here?” So they gave Him a piece of a broiled fish and some honeycomb. And He took it and ate in their presence. Then He said to them, “These are the words which I spoke to you while I was still with you, that all things must be fulfilled which were written in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms concerning Me.” And He opened their understanding, that they might comprehend the Scriptures. Then He said to them, “Thus it is written, and thus it was necessary for the Christ to suffer and to rise from the dead the third day, and that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in His name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. And you are witnesses of these things. Behold, I send the Promise of My Father upon you; but tarry in the city of Jerusalem until you are endued with power from on high. And He led them out as far as Bethany, and He lifted up His hands and blessed them. Now it came to pass, while He blessed them, that He was parted from them and carried up into heaven. And they worshiped Him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy, and were continually in the temple praising and blessing God. Amen.

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

Larissa, Timothy & Vicheslav  
Health & God’s blessings for the Elieff & Krigner family  
Mira Prusac

Larissa Smith  
Nancy Krigner  
Bosa Kantar

God's blessings & good health Fr. Matthew, Dn. Kerry, Joe, Marcia, Mira, Dorothy Sharon, Dennis, Charlie, Bob, Cathy, Susie, Les, Val, Nik & beloved church family  
I miss so very much

Connie Maxim

Fr. Tom, Fr. Don, Fr. Paul, Fr. Anthony, Fr. Robert, Aaron, Milica, Calvin, Larry, Helen, Angelo, Joan, Peggy, Bob, Angelo, Christine, Dorothy, Anna, Irene, Allen, Deborah, Luba, Kosta, Stojan, Mira, Bosa, Christopher, Allison, Jeanette, Katheryn, Joseph, Ted, Marlene, Gladys, all the parishioners of St. Nicholas, my family & friends.

Joe Tome

Special Intention

Joe Tome

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

Michael Goodman (1 yr. July 24<sup>th</sup>)

Goodman family

Blessed Repose~Memory Eternal Michael Goodman (1 yr.)

Aunt Dorothy

Maria, Victor, Sergey, Alexander, Irina, Tamara, Leonid & Vasily

Larissa Smith

### **ETERNAL LIGHT AT THE ALTAR**

Blessed Repose for Jimmy Todorovsky (2 yrs. July 23<sup>rd</sup>)

His family



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.

**CONFESSIONS** The sacrament of Confession is offered on Saturdays after Vespers and by appointment.

**PANORTHODOX SOFTBALL GAME** today at St. Pius X Catholic School ballfield. The game starts at 3 pm. Food & drinks will be provided by Assumption Church. Any questions? please e-mail Fr. Gabriel at [frgabrielsmm@gmail.com](mailto:frgabrielsmm@gmail.com)

**PARISH COUNCIL UPDATE** Given our current stage of reopening, on July 14 parish council met by teleconference. In June our expenses exceeded our income by \$9,000. The parish council encourages everyone to continue their stewardship whether through the Givelify app on your phone, the [Givelify app](#) on our webpage [www.saintnicholasburton.org](http://www.saintnicholasburton.org) or by sending it to the office.

Our parish is hosting the feast of the Transfiguration of our Lord with Pan-Orthodox Vespers & Liturgy on Wednesday, August 5 at 6 pm. This will be open to in-person attendance for St. Nicholas parishioners only and will be livestreamed.



The Liturgy for the shrine feast on August 16 will be in the church. A service of intercession to the Mother of God will take place at the shrine after the Liturgy on that day.

Vacation Church School which was to be hosted by St Mary Magdalene parish has been cancelled for this year but activity items focusing on the feasts of the Mother of God will be sent to the four parishes to be shared with our youth.

Are you willing to be an usher? We need ushers so that we can continue using both the church and the fellowship hall for in-person attendance at Sunday Liturgies. Please contact the office 810-744-0070, [stnicholasburtonmi@gmail.com](mailto:stnicholasburtonmi@gmail.com) or contact Matushka Lisa.

Susie Ford attended the virtual Parish Development Forum, sponsored in part by our diocese, on July 9. Recordings of the forum will be available in the future.

New altar cloths: blue (for August and September) and purple (for Lent) have been donated with memorial funds from Gerry Batcos and John Nastos. We hope to have the blue ones in before August 1 so that we can use them for the Dormition Fast and in September for the Nativity of the Mother of God.

Sunday, August 23 will be the 14th anniversary of Fr Raphael's falling asleep in the Lord. A Trisagion will be served at the end of the Liturgy for his repose and will be livestreamed.

Parish elections are scheduled for November and parish council discussed possibilities for holding the election given that everyone who will want to vote will not be able to be at church on the same Sunday. Among the possibilities is to hold the election over two Sundays so that those in attendance on those Sundays may cast their ballot while those not yet coming to church may request a ballot through the office. No decision was taken.

The grave marker for Cheryl Ellis will be installed soon, we hope in time for her 1 year anniversary (August 22).

The next meeting will be Tuesday, August 4 at 6:30 pm. **the Parish Council of St Nicholas Church**  
**ST. MARY'S PATRONAL FEAST - Myrrhbearer and Equal of the Apostles**, will be celebrated on Tue., July 21 with Vespers & Litija at 5 pm and Wed., July 22 with Divine Liturgy at 10 am. This is open to in-person attendance.

**PRISON MINISTRY AWARENESS SUNDAY** is July 26. The Orthodox Christian Prison Ministry (OCPM) serves those who are incarcerated and their families. They provide resources, training & support to their ministry partners so that lives are transformed & God is glorified. More information in next week's bulletin.

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

**KEEPING IN TOUCH WITH THOSE IN NURSING HOMES AND ASSISTED LIVING FACILITIES**

To aid in your outreach, here is a listing of their addresses:

Helen Ashmun	4436 Beecher Rd.	Flint, MI 48532
Larry Bladecki	3254 E. Midland Rd.	Bay City, MI 48706
Anna Branoff	Grand Blanc Fields 12628 Pagels Dr	Grand Blanc, MI 48439
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	Magnolia House 4134 N. State Rd.	Davison, MI 48423

**ROTATING SCHEDULE** You will receive a phone call and e-mail from the parish office notifying you the Sunday Liturgy you are scheduled to attend. The groups have been consolidated into two rather than three groups.

**WHEN YOUR HOUSEHOLD WISHES TO BE ADDED TO THE ROTATION, PLEASE CALL OR E-MAIL THE PARISH OFFICE: 810-744-0070 or [stnicholasburtonmi@gmail.com](mailto:stnicholasburtonmi@gmail.com)**

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**ALL OCA ONLINE CHURCH SCHOOL** check out the offerings here: <https://www.oca.org/all-oca-church-school>

**Weekly schedule:**

**Monday, July 20** Fr. Matthew in Toledo

**Tuesday, July 21**

**5 pm** [Pan-Orthodox Vespers at St. Mary Magdalene – streaming on YouTube](#)

**Wednesday, July 22**

**10 am** [ST. MARY MAGDALENE, MYRRHBEARER, EQUAL-TO-THE-APOSTLES Pan-Orthodox Divine Liturgy at St Mary Magdalene – streaming on YouTube](#)

**Saturday, July 25**

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

Confessions after Vespers

**Sunday, July 26**

**10 am** Group 1A is in the fellowship hall and Group 1B is in the church

[Divine Liturgy – streaming on our YouTube channel](#)

**Offerings for the week July 12, 2020**

Weekly Offerings	\$ 1,632.25
Estimated Average Weekly Expenses	\$ 3,104.00
	<b>\$-1,471.75</b>

That we should imagine that anger, wrath, jealousy or the such like have anything to do with the divine Nature is utterly abhorrent for us...nor again can we possibly say that He acts thus out of retribution, even though the Scriptures may on the outer surface posit this...A right way of thinking about God would be the following: the kind Lord, who in everything He does looks to ways of assisting rational beings, directs thought concerning judgement to the advantage of those who accept this difficult matter. ...He acts towards us in ways He knows will be advantageous to us, whether by way of things that cause suffering, or by way of things that cause relief, whether they cause joy or grief, whether they are insignificant or glorious: all are directed towards the single eternal good, whether each receives judgement or something of glory from Him not by way of retribution - far from it! - but with a view to the advantage that is going to come from all these things. - *St. Isaac of Nineveh*