

July 25, 2021

St. Nicholas Orthodox Church

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SUNDAY, JULY 26, 2021 5TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – Tone 4. The Dormition of the Righteous Anna, mother of the Most-holy Theotokos. Holy Women Olympias (Olympiada – 408-410) the Deaconess, of Constantinople, and the Virgin Eupraxia of Tabenna (413). Ven. Makáry, Abbot of Zheltovódsk and Unzha (1444). Commemoration of the Holy 165 Fathers of the Fifth Ecumenical Council (553).

TROPARIA

(Tone 4) When the women Disciples of the Lord learned from the Angel the joyous message of the Resurrection, they cast away the ancestral curse and elatedly told the Apostles: “Death is overthrown! Christ God is risen, granting the world great mercy!”

(Tone 4) Divinely-wise Anna, you carried in your womb the pure Mother of God who gave life to our Life. Therefore, you are now carried joyfully to the inheritance of heaven, to the abode of those who rejoice in glory,// where you seek forgiveness of sins for those who faithfully honor you, O ever-blessed one.

(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 2) We celebrate the memory of the progenitors of Christ, and with faith we ask their help, that deliverance from every affliction be granted to those who cry out:// “Be with us, O God, Who in Your good pleasure glorified them!”

The prokeimenon in the fourth tone: God is wonderful in His saints, / the God of Israel. (Psalm 67(68):35a)

v: In Churches bless God, the Lord from the springs of Israel. (Psalm 67(68):26)

THE READING FROM THE EPISTLE OF THE APOSTLE PAUL TO THE GALATIANS (4:22-31)

Brethren: it is written that Abraham had two sons: the one by a bondwoman, the other by a freewoman. But he who was of the bondwoman was born according to the flesh, and he of the freewoman through promise, which things are symbolic. For these are the two covenants: the one from Mount Sinai which gives birth to bondage, which is Hagar – for this Hagar is Mount Sinai in Arabia, and corresponds to Jerusalem which now is, and is in bondage with her children – but the Jerusalem above is free, which is the mother of us all. For it is written: “Rejoice, O barren, You who do not bear! Break forth and shout, You who are not in labor! For the desolate has many more children Than she who has a husband.” Now we, brethren, as Isaac was, are children of promise. But, as he who was born according to the flesh then persecuted him who was born according to the Spirit, even so it is now. Nevertheless what does the Scripture say? “Cast out the bondwoman and her son, for the son of the bondwoman shall not be heir with the son of the freewoman.” So then, brethren, we are not children of the bondwoman but of the free.

Alleluia, Tone 4

v: Go forth, prosper and reign, for the sake of meekness, righteousness and truth. (Psalm 44(45):4)

v: For you love righteousness, and hate iniquity. (Psalm 44(45):7)

THE READING FROM THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MATTHEW (8:28-9:1) At that time, when Jesus came to the other side, to the country of the Gadarenes, two demoniacs met him, coming out of the tombs, so fierce that no one could pass that way. And behold, they cried out, “What have you to do with us, O Son of God? Have you come here to torment us before the time?” Now a herd of many swine was feeding at some distance from them. And the demons begged him, “If you cast us out, send us away into the herd of swine.” And he said to them, “Go.” So they came out and went into the swine; and behold, the whole herd rushed down the steep bank into the sea, and perished in the waters. The herdsmen fled, and going into the city they told everything, and what had happened to the demoniacs. And behold, all the city came out to meet Jesus; and when they saw him, they begged him to leave their neighborhood. And getting into a boat he crossed over and came to his own city.

COMMUNION HYMN

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

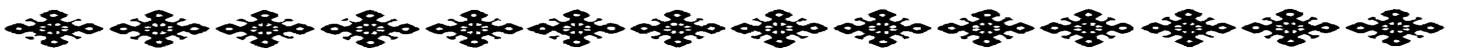
The dormition of the righteous Anna, mother of the Birthgiver of God (July 25) Saint Anna was the daughter of the priest Matthan and his wife Mary. She was of the tribe of Levi and the lineage of Aaron. According to Tradition, she died peacefully in Jerusalem at age 79, before the Annunciation to the Most Holy Birthgiver of God. During the reign of Saint Justinian the Emperor (527-565), a church was built in her honor at Deutera. Emperor Justinian II (685-695; 705-711) restored her church, since Saint Anna had appeared to his pregnant wife. It was at this time that her body and maphorion (veil) were transferred to Constantinople. Portions of Saint Anna's holy relics may be found on Mount Athos: Stavronikita Monastery (part of her left hand), Saint Anna's Skete (part of her incorrupt left foot), Koutloumousiou Monastery (part of her incorrupt right foot). Fragments of her relics may also be found in her Monastery at Lygaria, Lamia, and in the Monastery of Saint John the Theologian at Sourota. Part of the saint's incorrupt flesh is in the collection of Saints' relics of the International Catholic Crusaders. The church of Saint Paul Outside the Walls in Rome has one of the saint's wrists. Saint Anna is also commemorated on September 9.

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The holy Gospel according to Luke 24:12-35 (5th Matins Gospel)

But Peter arose and ran to the tomb; and stooping down, he saw the linen cloths lying by themselves; and he departed, marveling to himself at what had happened. Now behold, two of them were traveling that same day to a village called Emmaus, which was seven miles from Jerusalem. And they talked together of all these things which had happened. So it was, while they conversed and reasoned, that Jesus Himself drew near and went with them. But their eyes were restrained, so that they did not know Him. And He said to them, "What kind of conversation is this that you have with one another as you walk and are sad?" Then the one whose name was Cleopas answered and said to Him, "Are You the only stranger in Jerusalem, and have You not known the things which happened there in these days?" And He said to them, "What things?" So they said to Him, "The things concerning Jesus of Nazareth, who was a Prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how the chief priests and our rulers delivered Him to be condemned to death, and crucified Him. But we were hoping that it was He who was going to redeem Israel. Indeed, besides all this, today is the third day since these things happened. Yes, and certain women of our company, who arrived at the tomb early, astonished us. When they did not find His body, they came saying that they had also seen a vision of angels who said He was alive. And certain of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but Him they did not see. Then He said to them, "O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe in all that the prophets have spoken! Ought not the Christ to have suffered these things and to enter into His glory? And beginning at Moses and all the Prophets, He expounded to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning Himself. Then they drew near to the village where they were going, and He indicated that He would have gone farther. But they constrained Him, saying, "Abide with us, for it is toward evening, and the day is far spent." And He went in to stay with them. Now it came to pass, as He sat at the table with them, that He took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened and they knew Him; and He vanished from their sight. And they said to one another, "Did not our heart burn within us while He talked with us on the road, and while He opened the Scriptures to us?" So they rose up that very hour and returned to Jerusalem, and found the eleven and those who were with them gathered together, saying, "The Lord is risen indeed, and has appeared to Simon!" And they told about the things that had happened on the road, and how He was known to them in the breaking of bread.

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CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR THE HEALTH AND BLESSINGS OF

Health & blessings on her birthday - Cathy Suhaj

Lucy Hogg

Blessings for Olga Swarthout

Lucy Hogg

Feodosiy, Galina, Nikolay, Oleg, Irina & Nikolay

Irina Sivergina

God's blessings for a long healthy life to James Thomas Panoff on his baptism on

July 24th. Blessings to his dad Thomas, mom Christy and sisters Ellie & Anna

Baba & Dedo

Fr. Tom, Fr. Don, Fr. Paul, Fr. Anthony, Fr. Robert, Aaron, Milica, Calvin,

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

Joe Tome

Special Intention

Joe Tome

CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR BLESSED REPOSE

Mike Goodman (2 yrs. July 24)

Goodman family

Remembering my loving husband Nicholas whom I married 35 years ago July 27th

Connie Maxim

Adelaida, Galina, Nikolay, Andrey, Vasiliy, Vitaliy, Ekaterina, Feodosiy, Yuliya,

Ekaterina & Adelaida

Irina Sivergina

Blessed Repose to brothers Andrew & Matthew in heaven

Baba & Dedo



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livestream, please check out [St. Mary Magdalene Church](#) [St George Church](#) [Assumption Church](#) or

[Dormition Monastery](#) for their livestreams.

MEMORY ETERNAL - CHRIST IS RISEN! DINA SALHAB-TASEVSKA fell asleep in the Lord on Monday, July 19. Christ God, grant her rest among the saints. She is survived by her parents, Kosta and Nancy Tasevsky; sister, Annie Tasevska; daughter and son, Jenna and Ryan Salhab; and many aunts, uncles and cousins. Dina was buried from church on Saturday, July 24 at Evergreen Cemetery by Swartz Funeral Home. Christ God, risen from the dead, grant His handmaiden Dina rest in the light of His Face. God sustain her family by His grace. Please remember Dina in your prayers and her family. Bog da prosti! Christos voskrese! Christ is risen!

ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN PRISON MINISTRY AWARENESS is today, July 25th in all Orthodox parishes of North America. [Deacon Luke, Deborah Gonser-Adams, and Susie Ford](#) are involved in this ministry from our parish.

May God help each of us find that level of mercy within us when it comes to people in prison. No matter what crime they may have committed, they are still human beings made in the image and likeness of God Himself. It is possible to hate the crime but to love the criminal. OCPM needs all our help to bring the mercy, forgiveness, and love of Christ to these precious souls.

The Holy Orthodox Church, through OCPM, offers both hope and healing to those living in such darkness. They correspond and provide resources with prisoners & their families as well as training Orthodox priests & laypersons.

Please remember "these the least of my brethren" by assisting OCPM with this vital ministry, not forgetting that "the very essence of the person is the image of God, and this remains in him despite every disfigurement" (St. John of Kronstadt). Please give generously to this ministry.

ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN PRISON MINISTRY

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VACATION CHURCH SCHOOL will be held August 17, 18 & 19 and will be hosted by St. Mary Magdalene this year. **We need people to volunteer** - whether you have children participating or not. Please let Popadia Lisa know if you would like to volunteer. Registration forms are in the narthex.



COFFEE, DONUTS & DESSERTS are provided today by the Nedanis family in memory of Jimmy Nedanis (1 yr.)

PARISH DEVELOPMENT FORUM The video recordings of each session and some of the presentations are available online. All of that can be found via [this link](#) to the Parish Development Forum 2021 Google doc folder. This will take you to videos and some presentations from the general sessions and the track sessions: Personal Spiritual Resilience, Back-to-Better-Parish, Being Fishers of Men.

EDUCATION DAY video at St Vladimir Seminary can be viewed at [this link](#). In the description, click on "Show More" which will give the timestamps for the various talks. Click on the time and you will be taken to that talk. Archbishop Alexander's talk on the Theophania School: the Jewish roots of Orthodox spirituality can be viewed [here](#) and Fr. Silviu Bunta's talk on the Old and New Testaments can be viewed [here](#).

LIVESTREAMING EQUIPMENT was generously donated by Arlene Timma in memory of Fr. Andrew Nowak, the Vuckovich family and a new laptop by Linda Branoff.

SHRINE FEAST OUTDOOR LITURGY & PARISH PICNIC Sunday, August 22nd. The menu for lunch is lamb/chicken, rice, coleslaw, vegetable, bread & dessert. Tickets are available now and are \$15 adult & \$8 children. Please purchase tickets from Sharon Jernigan before the 22nd to ensure there is enough food.

CRAFT & ART SHOW at Assumption Saturday, August 28. **Crafters & artists are needed.** For more information contact Laura Mersinas at 810-444-8436 or email her at lauramersinas@gmail.com.

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

CANDLE INTENTION REQUESTS email to the office at stnicholasburtonmi@gmail.com or call in.

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QUARERLY STATEMENTS will be mailed out this week. Please call the office if you have any questions.

WEEKLY SCHEDULE:

Today Parastas for Dimitrios Nedanis (1 yr.)

Monday, July 26 Fr. Matthew in Toledo

Wednesday, July 28

9:30 am Divine Liturgy
11:15 am Adult education

Saturday, July 31

10 am Jimmy Todorovsky (3 years) at Evergreen Cemetery
11:30 am Michael Aleksovski (1 year) at Gracelawn Cemetery
5 pm [Great Vespers – streaming on our YouTube channel](#)

Sunday, August 1

PROCESSION OF THE CROSS – beginning of the Dormition Fast
9:30 am Hours
10 am [Divine Liturgy - streaming on our YouTube channel](#)
Moleben to the Mother of God at the Shrine – anointing with myrrh from the myrrh-streaming Hawaiian Icon of our Lady of Iveron

Offerings for the week July 18th, 2021

45 persons in attendance on July 18th

Weekly Offerings	\$ 1,652.61
Estimated Average Weekly Expenses	\$ 3,104.00
	\$ -1,451.39