

*March 21, 2021*

*St. Nicholas Orthodox Church*

*Diocese of Toledo - Orthodox Church in America*

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**Welcome!** We are honored that you have joined us in our celebration of the Lord's resurrection this day.

If you are a first-time visitor to our parish, we invite you to sign our guest book in the vestibule. If you have a question, a prayer request, or any need, please speak with Fr. Matthew, Deacon Luke, or with one of the ushers.

For our friends present with us who are not Orthodox Christians, please note that we have specific disciplines regarding receiving Communion. We ask that you refrain from going to Communion until you have spoken with Fr. Matthew after the Liturgy and understand our discipline and piety regarding this sacrament and its implication for responsibility towards and membership in the Orthodox Church. The bread offered at the end of the service is available to all.

If you are an Orthodox Christian from another parish who has prepared in accordance with your discipline, and have a blessing from your home priest to do so, we invite and encourage you to partake of Holy Communion. **Again, welcome!**

**SUNDAY, MARCH 21, 2021 FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT – Tone 8. Sunday of Orthodoxy. St. James (Jacob, Iago) the Confessor, Bishop of Catania (8th-9th c.). St. Cyril, Bishop of Catania (1st-2nd c.). St. Thomas, Patriarch of Constantinople (1610).**

**FIRST ANTIPHON**

The Lord reigns; He has clothed Himself with honor; the Lord has clothed and girded Himself with strength. **Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us!**

For He has established the world, which shall not be moved. **Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us!**

Who shall tell of the mighty acts of the Lord, and cause all His praises to be heard? **Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us!**

Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, whom He has redeemed from the hand of the enemy. **Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us!**

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen. **Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us!**

**SECOND ANTIPHON**

Let them give thanks to the Lord for His mercies, and for His wonderful works for the sons of men. **O Son of God who arose from the dead, save us who sing to Thee: Alleluia!**

Let them exalt Him in the congregation of the people, and praise Him in the seat of the elders. **O Son of God who arose from the dead, save us who sing to Thee: Alleluia!**

The eyes of the Lord are upon them that fear Him, upon them that hope in His mercy. **O Son of God who arose from the dead, save us who sing to Thee: Alleluia!**

To hear the groaning of those in fetters, to loosen the sons of the slain.

**O Son of God who arose from the dead, save us who sing to Thee: Alleluia!**

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen. Only-begotten Son and immortal Word of God, Who for our salvation didst will to be incarnate of the holy Theotokos and ever-virgin Mary, Who without change became man and wast crucified, O Christ our God, trampling down death by death, Who art one of the Holy Trinity, glorified with the Father and the Holy Spirit: save us!

### **THIRD ANTIPHON**

**Let the heavens and the earth praise Him.**

(Tone 2) We venerate Thy most pure image, O Good One; and ask forgiveness of our transgressions, O Christ our God. Of Thy good will Thou wast pleased to ascend the Cross in the flesh and deliver Thy creatures from bondage to the Enemy. Therefore with thankfulness we cry aloud to Thee: "Thou hast filled all with joy, O our Savior, // for Thou didst come to save the world."

**This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

(Tone 2) We venerate Thy most pure image, O Good One...

**O Lord my God, I will give thanks to Thee unto the ages.**

(Tone 2) We venerate Thy most pure image, O Good One...

### **TROPARIA**

(Tone 8) Thou didst descend from on high, O Merciful One! Thou didst accept the three-day burial to free us from our sufferings! O Lord, our Life and Resurrection: glory to Thee!

(Tone 2) We venerate Thy most pure image, O Good One; and ask forgiveness of our transgressions, O Christ our God. Of Thy good will Thou wast pleased to ascend the Cross in the flesh and deliver Thy creatures from bondage to the Enemy. Therefore with thankfulness we cry aloud to Thee: "Thou hast filled all with joy, O our Savior, // for Thou didst come to save the world."

(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 8) O victorious leader of triumphant hosts! We, your servants, delivered from evil, sing our grateful thanks to you, O Theotokos! As you possess invincible might set us free from ev'ry calamity so that we may sing: Rejoice, O unwedded Bride!

***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 THE HEBREWS (11:24-26, 32-12:2)**

Brethren: By faith Moses, when he was grown up, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter, choosing rather to share ill-treatment with the people of God than to enjoy the fleeting pleasures of sin. He considered abuse suffered for the Christ greater wealth than the treasures of Egypt, for he looked to the reward. And what more shall I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets -- who through faith conquered kingdoms, enforced justice, received

promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection. Some were tortured, refusing to accept release that they might rise again to a better life. Others suffered mocking and scourging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned, they were sawn in two, they were killed with the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, afflicted, ill-treated -- of whom the world was not worthy -- wandering over deserts and mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth. And all these, though well attested by their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had foreseen something better for us, that apart from us they should not be made perfect. Therefore, having around us a cloud of witnesses, laying aside all weight and the sin which surrounds us, we also in forbearance run the race set before us, keeping our eyes on Jesus the source and perfecter of the faith, who instead of the joy set before Him forbore the cross, despising shame, and sat at the right side of the throne of God. Think then of the such one who forbore onto himself hostility from the sinners, so that you are not hard pressed weary in your souls!

*Alleluia, Tone 4*

*v: Moses and Aaron were among His priests; Samuel also was among those who called on His Name.  
v: They cried to the Lord and He answered them.*

**THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO JOHN (1:43-51)** At that time Jesus decided to go to Galilee. And he found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathaniel, and said to him, "We have found him of whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph." Nathaniel said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." Jesus saw Nathaniel coming to him, and said of him, "Behold, an Israelite indeed, in whom is no guile!" Nathaniel said to him, "How do you know me?" Jesus answered him, "Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you." Nathaniel answered him, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" Jesus answered him, "Because I said to you, I saw you under the fig tree, do you believe? You shall see greater things than these." And he said to him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, you will see heaven opened, and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man."

**INSTEAD OF "IT IS TRULY MEET ... ,":** All of creation rejoices in you, O Full of Grace: the assembly of Angels and the race of men. O sanctified temple and spiritual paradise, the glory of virgins, from whom God was incarnate and became a Child, our God before the ages. He made your body into a throne, and your womb He made more spacious than the heavens. All of creation rejoices in you, O Full of Grace. Glory to you!

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

**COMMEMORATION OF THE RESTORATION OF THE HOLY ICONS**

*After the Prayer behind the Ambo, the procession begins:*

**Choir:** We venerate Thy most pure image, O Good One, and ask forgiveness of our transgressions, O Christ our God. Of Thy good will Thou wast pleased to ascend the Cross in the flesh, and deliver Thy creatures from bondage to the enemy. Therefore with thankfulness we cry aloud to Thee: Thou hast filled all with joy, O our Savior, for Thou didst come to save the world.

*Petitions for the living:*

**Deacon:** Have mercy on us, O God, according to your great mercy, we pray you, hear and have mercy.

**Choir:** Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

**Deacon:** Again we pray for our father and Archbishop \_\_\_\_, for priests, deacons, and all other clergy, and for all our brethren in Christ.

**Choir:** Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

**Deacon:** Again we pray for all pious and Orthodox Christians.

**Choir:** Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

**Priest:** For you are a merciful God and love mankind, and to you we send up glory: to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and to the ages of ages.

**Choir:** Amen.

**Choir:** We venerate Thy most pure image...

*Petitions for those who have reposed in the faith:*

**Deacon:** Have mercy on us, O God, according to your great mercy, we pray you, hear and have mercy.

**Choir:** Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

**Deacon:** Let us pray for blessed, ever-memorable and pious rulers, Orthodox kings and queens, patriarchs, bishops, and for all our fathers, mothers, brothers, and sisters who have fallen asleep in the Lord.

**Choir:** Memory eternal! Memory eternal! Memory eternal!

**Priest:** for you, Christ our God, are the resurrection, the life, and the rest of your fallen asleep servants, and to you we send up glory, together with your unoriginate Father and your all-holy, good, and life-creating Spirit, now and ever and to the ages of ages.

**Choir:** Amen.

**Choir:** We venerate Thy most pure image...

*Petitions for the community:*

**Deacon:** Have mercy on us, O God, according to your great mercy, we pray you, hear and have mercy.

**Choir:** Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

**Deacon:** Again we pray for this city, for mercy, life, peace, health, salvation, and visitation for the builders and benefactors of our holy temple, for all those gathered here and for all the inhabitants of this city, and for all pious and right-glorifying Christians who dwell and are to be found here and throughout the world.

**Choir:** Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

**Deacon:** Again we pray for those who bring offerings and those who make acceptable sacrifices in this holy and all-venerable temple, for those who labor, those who sing, and all the people standing here, awaiting the great and rich mercy that is from you.

**Choir:** Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

*Priest:* For you are a merciful God and love mankind, and to you we send up glory: to the Father and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and to the ages of ages.

*Choir:* Amen.

*Choir:* We venerate Thy most pure image...

*Petitions for the world:*

*Deacon:* Have mercy on us, O God, according to your great mercy, we pray you, hear and have mercy.

*Choir:* Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

*Deacon:* Again we pray for the civil authorities of this country and those serving in its armed forces.

*Choir:* Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

*Deacon:* Again we pray that this holy house, and every monastery, city, and countryside be kept from pestilence, famine, earthquake, flood, fire, sword, invasion of enemies, civil war, and sudden death; that our good God who loves mankind be gracious, favorable, and conciliatory, and turn away and dispel all the wrath and illness stirred up against us, and deliver us from his looming righteous threat, and have mercy on us.

*Choir:* Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

*Deacon:* Again we pray that the Lord God will hear the voice of our supplication, of the sinners, and have mercy on us.

*Choir:* Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

*Priest:* Hear us, God, our Savior, the hope of all the ends of the earth and of those who are far off upon the sea; and be gracious, Master, be gracious to us, upon our sins, and have mercy on us. For you are a merciful God and love mankind, and to you we send up glory, to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and to the ages of ages.

*Choir:* Amen.

**As the prophets beheld,**  
**as the Apostles have taught,**  
**as the Church has received,**  
**as the Teachers have declared,**  
**as the world has agreed,**  
**as Grace has shown forth;**  
**as Truth has been revealed,**  
**as falsehood has been dissolved,**  
**as Wisdom has become manifest,**  
**as Christ awarded**  
**- thus we declare,**  
**thus we assert,**  
**thus we preach Christ our true God,**  
**and honor His Saints**  
**in words,**  
**in writings,**  
**in thoughts,**

in sacrifices,  
in churches,  
in Holy Icons;

on the one hand worshipping and reverencing Christ as God and Lord;  
and on the other hand honoring the saints as true servants of the same Lord of all and accordingly  
offering them veneration.

This is the Faith of the Apostles,  
this is the Faith of the Fathers,  
this is the Faith of the Orthodox,  
this is the Faith which has established the universe.

These preachers of true piety, we praise as brothers and as those we long to have as our fathers, to the  
glory and honor of the true Faith for which they struggled, and we say: To the champions of  
Orthodoxy, pious Emperors, most-holy Patriarchs, Hierarchs, Teachers, Martyrs, and Confessors:

Choir: Memory eternal! Memory eternal! Memory eternal!

Priest: The Holy Trinity has glorified them. By their contests and struggles and teachings for the sake of  
the true Faith to the point of death, we entreat God that we may be guided and strengthened and beg that  
we may be shown to be imitators of their inspired way of life until the end, by the mercies and grace of the  
great and first high-priest, Christ our true God; through the intercessions of our All-glorious Lady, the  
Birthgiver of God and Ever-Virgin Mary, of the Angels, and all the Saints.

People: Amen.

### **The Great Prokeimenon - Tone 7**

**Priest:** Who is so great a God as our God? Thou art the God Who does wonders!

**Choir:** Who is so great a God as our God? Thou art the God Who does wonders!

**Priest:** Thou hast made known Thy power among the peoples.

**Choir:** Who is so great a God as our God? Thou art the God Who does wonders!

**Priest:** And I said, now have I begun; this is the change of the right hand of the Most High.

**Choir:** Who is so great a God as our God? Thou art the God Who does wonders!

**Priest:** I remembered the works of the Lord; for from the beginning will I remember Thy wonders.

**Choir:** Who is so great a God as our God? Thou art the God Who does wonders!

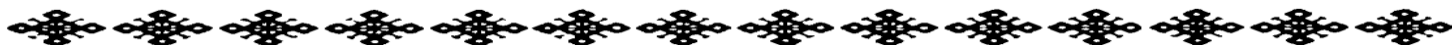
**Priest:** Who is so great a God as our God?

**Choir:** Thou art the God Who does wonders!

### **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.

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

Eleni Servinis & Patche

Health & God's blessings and a speedy recovery for Deborah Adams

Health & God's blessings and a speedy recovery for Arlene Timma

Health & God's blessings for Milan, Radmila, Bosa & family

Health & blessings for Milica & Janja Beslach

Health & God's blessings Kumovi Stojan & Mira Prusac

Blessings for good health to all our grandkids & their parents

Special Intention

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

Pavlina Grešová Högerová

Magda Popoff

Nancy Krigner

Nancy Krigner

Bosiljka Kantar

Bosiljka Kantar

Bosiljka Kantar

Baba & Dedo

Christine & Angelo

Joe Tome

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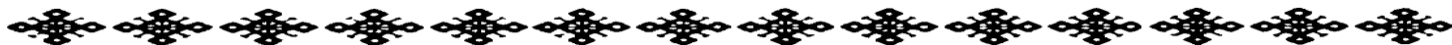
**CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR BLESSED REPOSE**

Alex, Peter & John

Blessed Repose to our grandsons Andrew & Matthew Panoff and all deceased relatives

Magda Popoff

Christine & Angelo



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.

**ONLINE YOUTH RETREAT** will take place on April 11, open to children from kindergarten through grade 12. You may register [here](#).

**VIRTUAL ADULT EDUCATION CLASS** on Tuesdays during Lent at 6:30 pm beginning on Tuesday, March 23. A link was be sent by e-mail. Please e-mail the office if you would like to receive the link. We will be reading the kontakion by Saint Romanos the Melodist, *on the prodigal son*, during these lenten classes. A copy of the text will be sent by e-mail.

**YOUNG ADULTS** Parish council is looking to help our youth, in college and those beginning their careers, remain engaged in their life in Christ, especially during the complexities of the pandemic and the stresses of college life. To do this we need your help. Specifically, we need the contact information (e-mail) for our young adults so that we can reach out to them. You can call the parish office 810-744-0070 or have your child, grandchild, or godchild send an email to [stnicholasburtonmi@gmail.com](mailto:stnicholasburtonmi@gmail.com)

**PAN-ORTHODOX SERVICES THIS WEEK**

Wednesday, March 24 6 pm Presanctified Liturgy at St Mary Magdalene Church

Thursday, March 25 10 am Divine Liturgy at Assumption Church for the feast of the Annunciation

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

**BULLETINS**, Vespers and Candle Intention Sheets are now available in the narthex. If you are on the mailing list for these but no longer need or want to receive them by regular mail please let the office know.

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

**WEEKLY SCHEDULE:**

**Monday, March 22** *Fr Matthew in Toledo*

**Tuesday, March 23**

11:15 am Adult Education  
6:30 pm Virtual Adult Education: kontakion of Saint Romanos, *on the prodigal son*  
**7 pm** **[OCA online church school](#)**

**Wednesday, March 24**

10:30 am Lenten 3<sup>rd</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Hours  
**6 pm** **[Pan-Orthodox Presanctified Liturgy at St. Mary Magdalene Church](#)**

**Thursday, March 25** ANNUNCIATION OF THE THEOTOKOS

10 am Pan-Orthodox Divine Liturgy at Assumption Church

**Saturday, March 27** Souls' Saturday (Zadušnica)

**10 am** **[Divine Liturgy & Trisagion – streaming on our YouTube channel](#)**  
**5 pm** **[Great Vespers – streaming on our YouTube channel](#)**

**Sunday, March 28** 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent – Saint Gregory Palamas

9:30 am Third and Sixth Hours  
**10 am** **[Divine Liturgy – streaming on our YouTube channel](#)**

**Offerings for the week March 14<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

*31 persons in attendance on March 14<sup>th</sup>*

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| <i>Weekly Offerings</i>                  | \$ 2,319.45        |
| <i>Estimated Average Weekly Expenses</i> | \$ 3,104.00        |
|  | <b>\$ - 784.55</b> |

**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.

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|-------------------|----------------|----------------|---------------|
| Larry Bladecki    | Gladys Edwards | Mary Karayanis | Ron Salhany   |
| Deacon John Bocek | Paul Ellis     | Nick Karayanis | Bill Tadrick  |
| Linda Branoff     | Bill Haw       | Macy Lemmen    | Wendy Tadrick |

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

|                 |                                  |                       |
|-----------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Larry Bladecki  | 3254 E. Midland Rd               | Bay City, MI 48706    |
| 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      | Victoria's House 1219 N. Dye Rd. | Flint, MI 48532       |