

March 28, 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 28, 2021 SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT – Tone 1. St. Gregory Palamas. Synaxis of the Venerable Fathers of the Kiev Caves Lavra. Ven. Hilarion the New, Abbot of Pelekete (ca. 754). Ven. Stephen the Wonderworker, Abbot of Triglia (9th c.). Monastic Martyr Eustratius of the Kiev Caves (Near Caves – 1097). Ven. Hilarion of Pskov Lake (Gdov – 1476). Martyred brothers Barachisius and Jonah, and those with them, in Persia (4th c.). Martyr Boyan, Prince of Bulgaria (ca. 830).

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 8) O light of Orthodoxy, teacher of the Church, its confirmation, / O ideal of monks and invincible champion of theologians, / O wonderworking Gregory, glory of Thessalonica and preacher of grace, // always intercede before the Lord that our souls may be saved!

(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 Fifth Tone: Thou, O Lord, shalt protect us / and preserve us from this generation forever.

v: Save me, O Lord, for there is no longer any that is godly.

THE READING IS FROM THE EPISTLE OF THE APOSTLE PAUL TO THE HEBREWS (1:10-2:3)

Brethren: "You, Lord, founded the earth in the beginning, and the heavens are the work of your hands; they will perish, but you remain; they will all grow old like a garment, like a mantle you will roll them up, and they will be changed. But you are the same, and your years will never end." But to what angel has he ever said, "Sit at my right hand, till I make your enemies a stool for your feet"? Are they not all ministering spirits sent forth to serve, for the sake of those who are to obtain salvation? Therefore we must pay the closer attention to what we have heard, lest we drift away from it. For if the message declared by angels was valid and every transgression or disobedience received a just retribution, how shall we escape if we neglect such a great salvation? It was declared at first by the Lord, and it was attested to us by those who heard him.

Alleluia, Tone 2

v: **The Lord hear you in the day of trouble! The Name of the God of Jacob protect you!**

v: **Save the King, O Lord, and hear us on the day we call!**

THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MARK (2:1-12) At that time, when Jesus returned to Capernaum after some days, it was reported that he was at home. And many were gathered together, so that there was no longer room for them, not even about the door; and he was preaching the word to them. And they came, bringing to him a paralytic carried by four men. And when they could not get near him because of the crowd, they removed the roof above him; and when they had made an opening, they let down the pallet on which the paralytic lay. And when Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, "My son, your sins are forgiven." Now some of the scribes were sitting there, questioning in their hearts, "Why does this man speak thus? It is blasphemy! Who can forgive sins but God alone?" And immediately Jesus, perceiving in his spirit that they thus questioned within themselves, said to them, "Why do you question thus in your hearts? Which is easier, to say to the paralytic, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Rise, take up your pallet and walk'? But that you may know that the Son of man has authority on earth to forgive sins" -- he said to the paralytic -- "I say to you, rise, take up your pallet and go home." And he rose, and immediately took up the pallet and went out before them all; so that they were all amazed and glorified God, saying, "We never saw anything like this!"

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!

The holy Gospel according to John 20:19-31 (9th Matins Gospel)

Then, the same day at evening, being the first day of the week, when the doors were shut where the disciples were assembled, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in the midst, and said to them, "Peace be with you." When He had said this, He showed them His hands and His side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. So Jesus said to them again, "Peace to you! As the Father has sent Me, I also send you." And when He had said this, He breathed on them, and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained. Now Thomas, called the Twin, one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. The other disciples therefore said to him, "We have seen the Lord." So he said to them, "Unless I see in His hands the print of

the nails, and put my finger into the print of the nails, and put my hand into His side, I will not believe." And after eight days His disciples were again inside, and Thomas with them. Jesus came, the doors being shut, and stood in the midst, and said, "Peace to you!" Then He said to Thomas, "Reach your finger here, and look at My hands; and reach your hand here, and put it into My side. Do not be unbelieving, but believing." And Thomas answered and said to Him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Thomas, because you have seen Me, you have believed. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed." And truly Jesus did many other signs in the presence of His disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His name.

St. Gregory Palamas - the 2nd Sunday of Lent

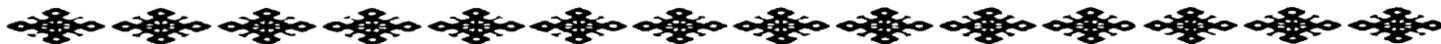
This Sunday was originally dedicated to Saint Polycarp of Smyrna (February 23). After the glorification of St Gregory Palamas in 1368, a second commemoration of Saint Gregory (November 14) was appointed for the Second Sunday of Great Lent as a second "Triumph of Orthodoxy."

This divine Father, who was from Asia Minor, was from childhood reared in the royal court of Constantinople, where he was instructed in both religious and secular wisdom. Later, while still a youth, he left the imperial court and struggled in asceticism on Mount Athos, and in the Skete at Beroea. He spent some time in Thessalonica being treated for an illness that came from his harsh manner of life. He was present in Constantinople at the Council that was convened in 1341 against Barlaam of Calabria, and at the Council of 1347 against Acindynus, who was of like mind with Barlaam; Barlaam and Acindynus claimed that the grace of God is created. At both these Councils, the Saint contended courageously for the true dogmas of the Church of Christ, teaching in particular that divine grace is not created, but is the uncreated energies of God which are poured forth throughout creation: otherwise it would be impossible, if grace were created, for man to have genuine communion with the uncreated God. In 1347 he was appointed Metropolitan of Thessalonica. He tended his flock in an apostolic manner for some twelve years, and wrote many books and treatises on the most exalted doctrines of our Faith; and having lived for a total of sixty-three years, he reposed in the Lord in 1359.

His holy relics are kept in the Cathedral of Thessalonica. A full service was composed for his feast day by the Patriarch Philotheus in 1368, when it was established that his feast be celebrated on this day.

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CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR THE HEALTH AND BLESSINGS OF

Nadja, Sean, Auden, Teri, Jeremy, Hayden, Heather, Chris & Raegan for health, blessings and protection

Lucy Hogg

Larisa, Veniamin, Timothy, Timosha, Veniamin, Vladyslav, Tanya & Valentina

Svetlana DeShaw

Karen Pavia-health & blessings

the Price family

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

Bosiljka Kantar

Health & blessings for Milica & Janja Beslach

Bosiljka Kantar

Health & God's blessings Kumovi Stojan & Mira Prusac

Bosiljka Kantar

God's blessings for good health during Lent for our grandkids & their parents and all of our relatives

Christine & Angelo

Special Intentions

Christine & Angelo

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.

Joe Tome

Special Intention

Joe Tome

CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR BLESSED REPOSE

Repose of the soul of Harry Price

the Price family

Dragan Plavšić

Bosa Kantar

Memory Eternal~Blessed Repose to our grandsons Andrew & Matthew and all deceased relatives

Christine & Angelo

Loving Memory of Joe Goodman-birthday March 29th

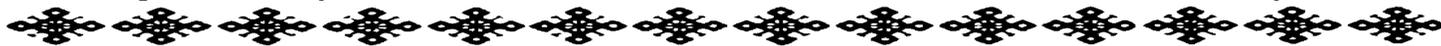
Dorothy, David,

Debbie,

Joe & Sarah

Blessed Repose~Memory Eternal Jo Sredich

Dorothy Goodman



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 April 1st 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

MEMORY ETERNAL-CHRIST IS RISEN Josephine Sredich fell asleep in the Lord on Wednesday, March 24. She is the wife of Peter Sredich and the mother of Jana Ragnone, Mara Nowak, and Krystal George. Her funeral took place at church on Saturday, March 27. Burial at Great Lakes National Cemetery on Tuesday, March 29 at 11 am. Bog da prosti! Christ is risen! Hristos vaskrese! Christ God grant His handmaiden Josephine rest in the light of His Face. God sustain her family by His grace.

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

SPRING CLEAN UP Saturday, May 8th starting at 9:30 am. Volunteers are needed to help with a variety of things such as brush removal, bush trimming & yard cleanup. If there are enough people the light poles, which have to be painted, can be done on the same day (weather permitting). Lunch will be provided. Please contact Dennis Jernigan at 810-908-3631 or the office if you are willing & able to participate so he can coordinate the jobs before hand. Everyone is welcome whether you can help a little or a lot!

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

OFFICE HOURS this week are Monday, Wednesday & Thursday 9 - 3.

WEEKLY SCHEDULE:

Monday, March 29 *Fr Matthew in Toledo*

Tuesday, March 30

11 am Burial of Josephine Sredich at Great Lakes National Cemetery

1 pm Adult education (**please note time change for this day only**)

6:30 pm Virtual adult education: kontakion of Saint Romanos, *on the prodigal son*

7 pm OCA online church school

Wednesday, March 31

10:30 am Lenten 3rd and 6th Hours

6 pm Presanctified Divine Liturgy

Thursday, April 1 Office Open

9:30 am-11:30am North End Soup Kitchen

Friday, April 2 Office Closed

Saturday, April 3 Souls' Saturday (Zadušnica)

10 am Divine Liturgy and Trisagion

2 pm 40 day parastas for Rade Beslach at Evergreen Cemetery

5 pm Great Vespers - streaming on our YouTube channel

confessions

Sunday, April 4 3rd Sunday of Lent - Veneration of the Cross

9:30 am Third and Sixth Hours

10 am Divine Liturgy - streaming on our YouTube channel

Offerings for the week March 21st, 2021

38 persons in attendance on March 21st

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| <i>Weekly Offerings</i> | \$ 2,290.47 |
| <i>Estimated Average Weekly Expenses</i> | \$ 3,104.00 |
| | \$ - 813.53 |