

*May 17, 2020*  
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**SUNDAY, MAY 17, 2020 5th SUNDAY OF PASCHA—4. The Samaritan Woman. Martyr Nicholas of Sofia. Apostle Andronicus of the Seventy and his fellow-laborer, Junia (1st c.). St. Euphrosyne (Princess Eudocia) of Moscow (1407). Martyrs Solochon, Pamphamer, and Pamphalon, at Chalcedon (284-305). St. Stephen, Archbishop of Constantinople (893).**

**FIRST ANTIPHON**

Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth! Sing of His name, give glory to His praise! **Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Savior save us!**

Say to God: How awesome are Thy deeds! So great is Thy power that Thy enemies cringe before Thee! **Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Savior save us!**

Let all the earth worship Thee and praise Thee! Let it praise Thy name, O Most High! **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**

God be bountiful to us and bless us! Show the light of Thy countenance upon us and have mercy on us! **O Son of God who arose from the dead, save us who sing to Thee: Alleluia!**

That we may know Thy way upon the earth, and Thy salvation among all nations! **O Son of God who arose from the dead, save us who sing to Thee: Alleluia!**

Let the people give thanks to Thee, O God! Let all the people give thanks to Thee! **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 God arise, let His enemies be scattered; let those who hate Him flee from before His face. **Troparion:** Christ is risen from the dead...

As smoke vanishes so let them vanish; as wax melts before the fire. **Troparion:** Christ is risen from the dead...

So the sinners will perish before the face of God; but let the righteous be glad. **Troparion:** Christ is risen from the dead...

This is the day which the Lord has made! Let us rejoice and be glad in it! **Troparion:** Christ is risen from the dead...

### **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 8)** In the middle of the feast, O Savior, fill my thirsting soul with the waters of godliness as Thou didst cry to all: “If anyone thirst, let him come to Me and drink!” // O Christ God, Fountain of our life, glory to Thee!

**(Tone 4)** Your holy martyr Nicholas, O Lord, through his suffering has received an incorruptible crown from You, our God. For having Your strength, he laid low his adversaries, and shattered the powerless boldness of demons. Through his intercessions, save our souls.

**(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)** Thou didst descend into the tomb, O Immortal; Thou didst destroy the power of Death. In victory didst Thou arise, O Christ God, proclaiming Rejoice!” to the Myrrhbearing women, granting peace to Thy apostles, and bestowing resurrection on the fallen.

***The Prokeimenon in the Seventh Tone: The righteous one shall rejoice in the Lord / and shall set his hope on Him.***

**v. Hear my voice, O God, when I pray to Thee.**

**THE READING IS FROM THE SECOND EPISTLE OF PAUL TO TIMOTHY. (2:1-10)** Timothy my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus. And the things that you have heard from me among many witnesses, commit these to faithful men who will be able to teach others also. You therefore must endure hardship as a good soldier of Jesus Christ. No one engaged in warfare entangles himself with the affairs of this life, that he may please him who enlisted him as a soldier. And also if anyone competes in athletics, he is not crowned unless he competes according to the rules. The hardworking farmer must be first to partake of the crops. Consider what I say, and may the Lord give you understanding in all things. Remember that Jesus Christ, of the seed of David, was raised from the dead according to my gospel, for which I suffer trouble as an evildoer, even to the point of chains; but the word of God is not chained. Therefore I endure all things for the sake of the elect, that they also may obtain the salvation which is in Christ Jesus with eternal glory.

***Alleluia, Tone 4***

**v: Go forth, prosper and reign, for the sake of meekness, righteousness and truth!**

**v: For You love righteousness, and hate iniquity.**

**THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO SAINT JOHN (4:5-42)** At that time Jesus came to a city of Samaria, called Sychar, near the field that Jacob gave to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and so Jesus, wearied as he was with his journey, sat down beside the well. It was about the sixth hour. There came a woman of Samaria to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." For his disciples had gone away into the city to buy food. The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans. Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." The woman said to him, "Sir, you have nothing to draw with, and the well is deep; where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our father Jacob, who gave us the well, and drank from it himself, and his sons, and his cattle?" Jesus said to her, "Every one who drinks of this water will thirst again, but whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him will never thirst; the water that I shall give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life." The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, that I may not thirst, nor come here to draw." Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come here." The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband'; for you have had five husbands, and he whom you now have is not your husband; this you said truly." The woman said to him, "Sir, I perceive that you are a prophet. Our fathers worshiped on this mountain; and you say that in Jerusalem is the place where men ought to worship." Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem will you worship the Father. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for such the Father seeks to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth." The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is coming (he who is called Christ); when he comes, he will show us all things." Jesus said to her, "I who speak to you am he." Just then his disciples came. They marveled that he was talking with a woman, but none said, "What do you wish?" or, "Why are you talking with her?" So the woman left her water jar, and went away into the city, and said to the people, "Come, see a man who told me all that I ever did. Can this be the Christ?" They went out of the city and were coming to him. Meanwhile the disciples besought him, saying, "Rabbi, eat." But he said to them, "I have food to eat of which you do not know." So the disciples said to one another, "Has any one brought him food?" Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of him who sent me, and to accomplish his work. Do you not say, 'There are yet four months, then comes the harvest'? I tell you, lift up your eyes, and see how the fields are already white for harvest. He who reaps receives wages, and gathers fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. For here the saying holds true, 'One sows and another reaps.' I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor; others have labored, and you have entered into their labor." Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman's testimony, "He told me all that I ever did." So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there two days. And many more believed because of his word. They said to the woman, "It is no longer because of your words that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is indeed the Savior of the world."

## **THE HYMN TO THE THEOTOKOS**

The Angel cried to the Lady full of grace: Rejoice, O Pure Virgin! Again I say: Rejoice! Your Son is risen from His three days in the tomb! With Himself He has raised all the dead! Rejoice, all ye people! Shine! Shine! O New Jerusalem! The Glory of the Lord has shone on you! Exult now and be glad, O Zion! Be radiant, O Pure Theotokos, in the Resurrection of your Son!

## **COMMUNION HYMN**

Receive the Body of Christ; taste the fountain of immortality! Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

## **IN PLACE OF “WE HAVE SEEN THE TRUE LIGHT...”**

Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death, and upon those in the tombs bestowing life.

## **THE SUNDAY OF THE SAMARITAN WOMAN**

The Holy Martyr Photina (Svetlana) the Samaritan Woman, her sons Victor (named Photinus) and Joses; and her sisters Anatola, Phota, Photis, Paraskeva, Kyriake; Nero's daughter Domnina; and the Martyr Sebastian: The holy Martyr Photina was the Samaritan Woman, with whom the Savior conversed at Jacob's Well (John. 4:5-42). During the time of the emperor Nero (54-68), who displayed excessive cruelty against Christians, Saint Photina lived in Carthage with her younger son Joses and fearlessly preached the Gospel there. Her eldest son Victor fought bravely in the Roman army against barbarians, and was appointed military commander in the city of Attalia (Asia Minor). Later, Nero called him to Italy to arrest and punish Christians. Sebastian, an official in Italy, said to Saint Victor, "I know that you, your mother and your brother, are followers of Christ. As a friend I advise you to submit to the will of the emperor. If you inform on any Christians, you will receive their wealth. I shall write to your mother and brother, asking them not to preach Christ in public. Let them practice their faith in secret." Saint Victor replied, "I want to be a preacher of Christianity like my mother and brother." Sebastian said, "O Victor, we all know what woes await you, your mother and brother." Then Sebastian suddenly felt a sharp pain in his eyes. He was dumbfounded, and his face was somber. For three days he lay there blind, without uttering a word. On the fourth day he declared, "The God of the Christians is the only true God." Saint Victor asked why Sebastian had suddenly changed his mind. Sebastian replied, "Because Christ is calling me." Soon he was baptized, and immediately regained his sight. Saint Sebastian's servants, after witnessing the miracle, were also baptized. Reports of this reached Nero, and he commanded that the Christians be brought to him at Rome. Then the Lord Himself appeared to the confessors and said, "Fear not, for I am with you. Nero, and all who serve him, will be vanquished." The Lord said to Saint Victor, "From this day forward, your name will be Photinus, because through you, many will be enlightened and will believe in Me." The Lord then told the Christians to strengthen and encourage Saint Sebastian to persevere until the end. All these things, and even future events, were revealed to Saint Photina. She left Carthage in the company of several Christians and joined the confessors in Rome. At Rome the emperor ordered the saints to be brought before him and he asked them whether they truly believed in Christ. All the confessors refused to renounce the Savior. Then the emperor gave orders to smash the martyrs' finger joints. During the torments, the confessors felt no pain, and their hands remained unharmed. Nero ordered that Saints Sebastian, Photinus and Joses be blinded and locked up in prison, and Saint Photina and her five sisters Anatola, Phota, Photis, Paraskeva and Kyriake were sent to the imperial court under the supervision of Nero's daughter Domnina. Saint Photina converted both Domnina and all her servants to Christ. She also converted a sorcerer, who

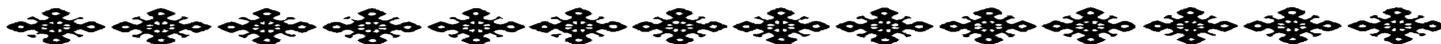
had brought her poisoned food to kill her. Three years passed, and Nero sent to the prison for one of his servants, who had been locked up. The messengers reported to him that Saints Sebastian, Photinus and Joses, who had been blinded, had completely recovered, and that people were visiting them to hear their preaching, and indeed the whole prison had been transformed into a bright and fragrant place where God was glorified. Nero then gave orders to crucify the saints, and to beat their naked bodies with straps. On the fourth day the emperor sent servants to see whether the martyrs were still alive. But, approaching the place of the tortures, the servants fell blind. An angel of the Lord freed the martyrs from their crosses and healed them. The saints took pity on the blinded servants, and restored their sight by their prayers to the Lord. Those who were healed came to believe in Christ and were soon baptized. In an impotent rage Nero gave orders to flay the skin from Saint Photina and to throw the martyr down a well. Sebastian, Photinus and Joses had their legs cut off, and they were thrown to dogs, and then had their skin flayed off. The sisters of Saint Photina also suffered terrible torments. Nero gave orders to cut off their breasts and then to flay their skin. An expert in cruelty, the emperor readied the fiercest execution for Saint Photis: they tied her by the feet to the tops of two bent-over trees. When the ropes were cut the trees sprang upright and tore the martyr apart. The emperor ordered the others beheaded. Saint Photina was removed from the well and locked up in prison for twenty days. After this Nero had her brought to him and asked if she would now relent and offer sacrifice to the idols. Saint Photina spit in the face of the emperor, and laughing at him, said, "O most impious of the blind, you profligate and stupid man! Do you think me so deluded that I would consent to renounce my Lord Christ and instead offer sacrifice to idols as blind as you?" Hearing such words, Nero gave orders to again throw the martyr down the well, where she surrendered her soul to God (ca. 66). On the Greek Calendar, Saint Photina is commemorated on February 26.

**Christ is risen! Indeed He is risen! Christos voskrese! Voistinnu voskrese! (Slavonic)**  
**Christos anesti! Alithos anesti! (Greek) Al Maseeya kam! Hakkan kam! (Arabic)**  
**Hristos vaskrese! Voistinnu vaskrese! (Serbian)**  
**Hristos a înviat! Adeverat a înviat! (Romanian)**

### **The holy Gospel according to John - 20:1-10 (7th Matins Gospel)**

Now on the first day of the week Mary Magdalene went to the tomb early, while it was still dark, and saw that the stone had been taken away from the tomb. Then she ran and came to Simon Peter, and to the other disciple, whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken away the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid Him." Peter therefore went out, and the other disciple, and were going to the tomb. So they both ran together, and the other disciple outran Peter and came to the tomb first. And he, stooping down and looking in, saw the linen cloths lying there; yet he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb; and he saw the linen cloths lying there, and the handkerchief that had been around His head, not lying with the linen cloths, but folded together in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who came to the tomb first, went in also; and he saw and believed. For as yet they did not know the Scripture, that He must rise again from the dead. Then the disciples went away again to their own homes.

May 17, 2020



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

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  
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Bosa Kantar  
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Special Intention

God's blessings and health for everybody (May 10)

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**CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR BLESSED REPOSE**

Sophie Stavridis & Tula Nastos

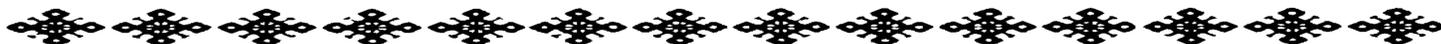
Teddy Stavridis

Fr. Paul Lazor

Joe Tome

Evanka Elieff (5 yrs. May 19)

Her family



**CHRIST IS RISEN! INDEED HE IS RISEN!** Welcome to everyone joining us via our YouTube channel: [St Nicholas Orthodox Church Burton.](#)

**From the PARISH COUNCIL**

Dear faithful of our St. Nicholas parish, Christ is risen!

At our parish council teleconference on Tuesday, May 12 we learned that our income for the month of April was \$15,531 plus an additional \$695 in donations in Pascha. This is an encouraging sign in our stewardship as it means our donations exceeded our expenses. Thanks be to God for all of you who are being mindful of His blessings by making an offering to the church, especially at this time of uncertainty.

Additionally, we discussed the directives from the Holy Synod and Archbishop Alexander related to looking toward a safe re-opening of our parish to more people. At Father Matthew's suggestion, the members of parish council will rotate attendance at the Divine Liturgy beginning May 13 and continuing for at least the next two Sundays (not to exceed 10 people at Liturgy which includes priest, deacon, chanter, and reader) to see the layout and procedures that will be required on entering the church, lighting candles, making a donation, receiving Holy Communion, and leaving the church at the end of Liturgy. In this way the leadership of the parish will be able to offer insights and answers to possible questions.

It is our hope that by the end of May we may move to Stage 4 in the Archbishop's directives to slowly and safely add more persons attending Liturgy on a rotating schedule, by household (alphabetically by last name).

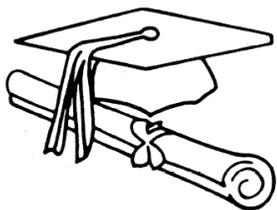
With our prayers for you and your families and for everyone, with love in Christ,

Sharon Jernigan

Fr. Matthew-Peter Butrie

*parish council president*

*rector*



**GRADUATIONS** It's that time of year again. If you have anyone in your family that will be graduating from High School or College please let us know so that we may put their name in our June bulletin. We will need the following information no later than May, 22<sup>nd</sup>. 1) Name of Graduate 2) School they are graduating from 3) If they are graduating with honors 4) Name of the parents and grandparents and 5) Where they will be attending in the fall if they are a high school graduate.

**MEMORIAL DAY GRAVE BLESSINGS** at all the cemeteries usually visited are being postponed until we all may safely gather for these prayers. On St. Thomas Sunday at our St. Nicholas Cemetery, a Trisagion was held remembering all of the fallen asleep of our parish, in whichever cemetery they may be laid to rest.

**THANK YOU** to all of you for your cards, e-mails, texts, well-wishes, prayers and thoughts on the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of my ordination to the holy priesthood on May 14. God bless you! Love, *Fr. Matthew*

### **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
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Gladys Edwards	2 Harbor Dr.	St. Clair, MO 63077
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+Visit our YouTube page [here](#)

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+Updates will be posted on our [Facebook page](#) as well

+If you miss the live-stream, the service will be archived. Be aware that once the live-stream ends it will take some time for the video to render to be able to be archived so if you don't see the video right away don't worry.

+Treat the live-stream as you were in the church, get dressed, light a candle, stand in your icon corner, stand for the Gospel, etc.

+If you have a difficult time accessing the live-stream please email [stnicholasburtonmi@gmail.com](mailto:stnicholasburtonmi@gmail.com) so we can help you.

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### **Weekly schedule:**

**Monday, May 18** Fr. Matthew with Archbishop Alexander

**Wednesday, May 20**

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

**Saturday, May 23**

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

**Sunday, May 24**

**6<sup>th</sup> Paschal Sunday – the Man born Blind**

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

### **Offerings for the week May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2020**

Weekly Offerings	\$ 8,234.00
Estimated Average Weekly Expenses	\$ 3,236.00
	\$ 4,998.00