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The Holy Gospel according to John

21:1-14 (10th Matins Gospel)

After these things Jesus showed Himself again to the disciples at the Sea of Tiberias, and in this way He showed Himself: Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of His disciples were together. Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We are going with you also." They went out and immediately got into the boat, and that night they caught nothing. But when the morning had now come, Jesus stood on the shore; yet the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. Then Jesus said to them, "Children, have you any food?" They answered Him, "No." And He said to them, "Cast the net on the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So they cast, and now they were not able to draw it in because of the multitude of fish. Therefore that disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" Now when Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on his outer garment (for he had removed it), and plunged into the sea. But the other disciples came in the little boat (for they were not far from land, but about two hundred cubits), dragging the net with fish. Then, as soon as they had come to land, they saw a fire of coals there, and fish laid on it, and bread. Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish which you have just caught." Simon Peter went up and dragged the net to land, full of large fish, one hundred and fifty-three; and although there were so many, the net was not broken. Jesus said to them, "Come and eat breakfast." Yet none of the disciples dared ask Him, "Who are You?" – knowing that it was the Lord. Jesus then came and took the bread and gave it to them, and likewise the fish. This is now the third time Jesus showed Himself to His disciples after He was raised from the dead.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2019 21st SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST—Tone 4. Apostles of the Seventy: Erastus, Olympas, Herodion, Sosipater, Quartus, and Tertius (1st c.). Martyr Orestes of Cappadocia (204). Hieromartyr Milles, Bishop in Persia, and two disciples (341). Ven. Theocteristus, Abbot of Symbola on Mt. Olympus. Martyr Constantine, Prince of Georgia (852).

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) 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 4) The Most Pure Temple of the Savior; the precious Chamber and Virgin; the sacred Treasure of the glory of God, is presented today to the House of the Lord. She brings with her the grace of the Spirit, which the angels of God do praise. Truly this woman is the abode of heaven!

The Prokeimenon in the Fourth Tone: O Lord, how manifold are Thy works; / in wisdom hast Thou made them all.

v: Bless the Lord, O my soul! O Lord, my God, Thou art very great!

THE READING IS FROM THE EPISTLE OF PAUL TO THE GALATIANS. (2:16-20) Brethren: We ourselves who know that a man is not justified by works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Christ Jesus, in order to be justified by faith in Christ, and not by works of the law, because by works of the law shall no one be justified. But if, in our endeavor to be justified in Christ, we ourselves were found to be sinners, is Christ then an agent of sin? Certainly not! But if I build up again those things which I tore down, then I prove myself a transgressor. For I through the law died to the law, that I might live to God. I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me; and the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

Alleluia, Tone 4

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

v: For Thou lovest righteousness, and doth hate iniquity.

THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO LUKE (10:25-37) At that time, a lawyer stood up to put Jesus to the test, saying, "Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" He said to him, "What is written in the law? How do you read?" And he answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself." And he said to him, "You have answered right; do this, and you will live." But he, desiring to justify himself, said to Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and he fell among robbers, who stripped him and beat him, and departed, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan, as he journeyed, came to where he was; and when he saw him, he had compassion, and went to him and bound up his wounds, pouring on oil and wine; then he set him on his own beast and brought him to an inn, and took care of him. And the next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper, saying, 'Take care of him; and whatever more you spend, I will repay you when I come back.' Which of these three, do you think, proved neighbor to the man who fell among the robbers?" He said, "The one who showed mercy on him." And Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

COMMUNION HYMN

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

CHRISTMAS FAST

The Nativity or Christmas Fast begins on November 15 and continues to December 24. It is a time for us to increase our prayer, reading the Sacred Scripture, fasting and giving to those in need as we prepare to welcome the newborn Jesus Christ. From www.oca.org "We fast before the Great Feast of the Nativity in order to prepare ourselves for the celebration of Our Lord Jesus Christ's birth. As in the case of Great Lent, the Nativity Fast is one of preparation, during which we focus on the coming of the Savior by fasting, prayer, and almsgiving.

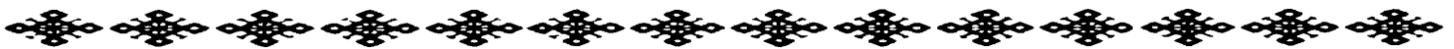
By fasting, we "shift our focus" from ourselves to others, spending less time worrying about what to eat, when to eat, how much to eat, and so on in order to use our time in increased prayer and caring for the poor. We learn through fasting that we can gain control over things which we sometimes allow to control us—and for many people, food is a controlling factor.

While fasting from food, however, we are also challenged to fast from sin, from gossip, from jealousy, from anger, and from those other things which we all too often allow to control us.

Just as we would refrain from eating a lot before going to an expensive restaurant for dinner—if we "ruin our appetite" we will enjoy the restaurant less—so too we fast before the Nativity in order to more fully feast and celebrate on the Nativity itself.

During the Nativity Fast, we are called upon to refrain from meat, dairy, fish, wine, and olive oil. Generally, Tuesdays and Thursdays during the fast oil and wine are allowed and generally Saturdays and Sundays fish, wine and oil are allowed. You can check the church calendar or the calendar in the newsletter for details on the fasting regimen. At the same time, we are challenged, within this framework, to fast to the best of our ability, and to do so consistently. If we must modify the extent to which we fast within this framework, it is of course possible, but in every instance our fasting should be consistent and regular, for Christ does not see fasting as an option, but as a something we do for the love of him, our Savior.

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CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR THE HEALTH AND BLESSINGS OF

Nancy Murphy & the Murphy family

The Panoff family, Hannah, Heather, Chris, Raegan, Nadja, Sean, Auden, Teri,

Jeremy, Hayden, Nick, Cathy & George

Mary, Angelo, Helen, Anna & Alex

Fr. Tom, Fr. Paul, Fr. Joe, Fr. Anthony, Matushka Rose Marie, Calvin, Helen,

Angelo, Joan, Peggy, Bob, Angelo, Christine, Dorothy, Anna, Alex, Irene, Allen,

Deborah, Luba, Kosta, Stojan, Mira, Bosa, Christopher, Allison, Jeanette, Kathryn,

Nicholas, Margaret, Joseph, Ted, Marlene, Reggie, Gladys, my family and friends

Special Intention

Feodosiy, Oleg, Galina, Nikolay, Irina, & Varvara

Health to all our grandkids & their parents

Lena Bakousidis & Angela Murphy

Lucy Hogg

Alex & Magda Popoff

Joe Tome

Joe Tome

Irina Sivergina

Baba & Dedo

CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR BLESSED REPOSE

Blessed Repose to our grandsons Andrew & Matthew Panoff

Peter Popoff

Adelaida, Vasiliy, Andrey, Galina, Nikolay, Vitaliy & Nikolay

Baba & Dedo

Alex & Magda Popoff

Irina Sivergina



WELCOME all our friends and visitors. Please join us in our fellowship hall after liturgy for coffee & donuts.

WELCOME to our St. Nicholas family, Larry & Delisa Deavenport!

ELECTION RESULTS

Parish Council Mary Abu-Aita, Paul Brayon & Dennis Jernigan

Auditors Lucy Hogg & Cathy Steiner

2020 PLEDGE CARDS will be mailed out on November 11th. If you have not received yours by Nov. 20th, contact the parish office by phone 744-0070 or email stnicholasburtonmi@gmail.com so that we may get a pledge card to you. Please fill out and sign your pledge card so the parish council can budget accordingly. Remember in order to be considered a member here at St. Nicholas you must return a signed pledge card. We would like for them to be returned by December, 1. **DO NOT** send your 2020 pledge back with the card or it will be credited to 2019.

RIGHT TO LIFE representatives are here today collecting signatures for a petition drive to end dismemberment abortion. Please stop at their table in the parish hall to sign and/or ask questions.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING November 12th at 6:30. Please call or email the office if you cannot attend. Meeting information will be emailed.

NOISY OFFERING will be collected next Sunday, November 17th. As you drop your change into the plate it will make noise, so the name “noisy offering.” The children will count the change and dedicate it to a charity project.

PAN-ORTHODOX SERVICES – NOVEMBER 2019

November 20th –eve of the Entrance of the Theotokos – 6 pm Vespers & Divine Liturgy at Assumption Greek Orthodox Church, Grand Blanc.

CHRISTMAS FAST begins on November 15 and continues to December 24. It is a time for us to increase our prayer, reading the Sacred Scripture, fasting and giving to those in need as we prepare to welcome the newborn Jesus Christ.

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS If you would like to have your name(s) included on the annual Christmas greetings list please call or email the office no later than December 2nd. There is a form in the parish hall. Donations are appreciated.

ANGEL TREE PROGRAM Our parish is participating in this program as part of our Advent fast helping those in need. The Angel Tree is in the parish hall with 43 children’s names on it. Gifts do need to be placed in a gift bag or wrapped but **you must include the child’s names and code number on the gifts.**



Gift range is between \$30 and \$40 & gift cards are ok for children 15-17 yrs. old. You can pick one or more items from their list-you **DO NOT** have to purchase all the items requested. Keep the gift amount consistent for all kids in each family Please return the gifts by December 8th. If there are any questions, contact Susie Ford (910-978-3026) or Jennifer Shann (810-728-6940).

SILENT AUCTION Three Christmas wreaths are on a table in the parish hall. This is a silent auction fundraiser. Write down your bid on one of the notepads next to the wreath you would like to bid on. Make your bid now!

HOLIDAY PASTRY SALE Assumption is having their holiday pastry sale & luncheon on December 12th, 11am – 1:30 pm. Lunch is \$10 & the deadline to pre-order pastries is December 1st. There are fliers in the parish hall with more details.

COOKIE WALK will be held on Saturday, December 14th from 10 am to 1 pm. Stephanie Stikovich will chair the Cookie Walk this year and requires help from many volunteers. Please call Stephanie at 810-658-8321 or sign up to volunteer whether with baking cookies, set-up, the day of the sale, or the break-down of the hall following the sale. The baked goods need to be delivered by Friday, December 13th before 3 pm. There are signup sheets in the parish hall
There will be a cookie baking workshop on December 11th at 11:30 am.



CATHOLIC CHARITIES CHRISTMAS DINNER Catholic Charities hopes to include a **\$20** gift card with every gift bag they give out to the adults at the dinner but they need our help. They can be from Walmart, Meijer or grocery stores. You can give the gift cards to Susie Ford, Jennifer Shann or drop them off at the office.

OUR CHARITY MINISTRIES

HOPE IN A BOX is collecting dish soap for November. Place the items in the blue box in the hall. Catholic Charities Community Closet will distribute the items.

FOOD DRIVE Place non-perishable food items in the other blue box in the hall.

COFFEE HOUR volunteers are needed. There is a signup sheet outside the kitchen window. Please commit to helping out so we can continue having this social time together.

FACEBOOK PAGE Please visit and follow our parish Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/stnicholasburton>

Weekly Schedule:

Today Right to Life Representatives are here for a petition drive

Monday, Nov 11 Communion Calls in Bay City & Caro

Tuesday, Nov 12
6:30 pm Parish Council Meeting

Wednesday, Nov 13
9:30 am **St. John Chrysostom**
Divine Liturgy
No Adult Ed Class

Friday, Nov 15 Christmas Fast Begins
Office open 12 pm - 3 pm

Saturday, Nov 16 **St. Matthew**
10 am Divine Liturgy
5 pm Vespers followed by confessions

Sunday, Nov 17
9:30 am Hours
10 am Divine Liturgy
Church School
Noisy Offering



Offerings for the week November 3rd, 2019

<i>Weekly Offerings</i>	\$ 2,731.00
<i>Estimated Average Weekly Expenses</i>	\$ 3,236.00
	\$ -503.00

92 people were in attendance on Sunday, November 3rd.

NOISY OFFERING donations on October 27th totaled **\$133.41** (corrected amount). The proceeds went to the Orthodox College Fellowship organization. Thank you for your generosity!

Someone who has actually tasted Truth is not contentious for the Truth. Someone who is considered by people to be zealous for Truth has not yet learned what Truth is really like. Once he has truly learned it, he will cease from zealousness on its behalf. St. Isaac the Syrian

