

*November 18, 2018*

*St. Nicholas Orthodox Church*

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**The Gospel according to Saint Mark  
16: 9-20 (3rd Matins Gospel)**

Now when Jesus rose early on the first day of the week, He appeared first to Mary Magdalene, out of whom He had cast seven demons. She went and told those who had been with Him, as they mourned and wept. And when they heard that He was alive and had been seen by her, they did not believe. After that, He appeared in another form to two of them as they walked and went into the country. And they went and told it to the rest, but they did not believe them either. Later He appeared to the eleven as they sat at the table; and He rebuked their unbelief and hardness of heart, because they did not believe those who had seen Him after He had risen. And He said to them, “Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned. And these signs will follow those who believe: In My name they will cast out demons; they will speak with new tongues; they will take up serpents; and if they drink anything deadly, it will by no means hurt them; they will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover. So then, after the Lord had spoken to them, He was received up into heaven, and sat down at the right hand of God. And they went out and preached everywhere, the Lord working with them and confirming the word through the accompanying signs. Amen.

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2018 25TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST — Tone 8**  
Martyr Plato of Ancyra (ca. 306). Martyr Romanus the Deacon, of Caesarea, and the youth Barulas (303).  
Martyrs Zacchæus the Deacon, and Alphæus, of Cæsarea in Palestine (303).

**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 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 Eighth Tone: Pray and make your vows / before the Lord our God!***  
**v. In Judah God is known; His name is great in Israel.**

## **THE READING FROM THE EPISTLE OF PAUL TO THE EPHESIANS (4:1-7) *Brethren:***

therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all lowliness and meekness, with patience, forbearing one another in love, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of us all, who is above all and through all and in all. But grace was given to each of us according to the measure of Christ's gift.

### *Alleluia, Tone 8*

**v. Come let us rejoice in the Lord! Let us make a joyful noise to God our Savior!**

**v. Let us come before His face with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise!**

**THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO LUKE (12:16-21)** And Jesus told them a parable, saying, “The land of a rich man brought forth plentifully; and he thought to himself, ‘What shall I do, for I have nowhere to store my crops?’ And he said, ‘I will do this: I will pull down my barns, and build larger ones; and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; take your ease, eat, drink, be merry.’ But God said to him, ‘Fool! This night your soul is required of you; and the things you have prepared, whose will they be?’ So is he who lays up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God.”

## **COMMUNION HYMN**

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

## **CHRISTMAS FAST**

**CHRISTMAS FAST** begins every year 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](http://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.

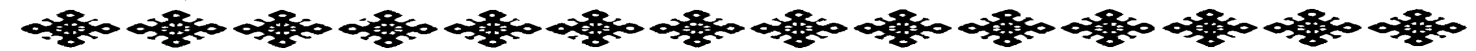
By fasting, we “shift our focus” from ourselves to others, spending less time worrying about what to eat, when to eat, how much to eat, and so on in order to use our time in increased prayer and caring for the poor. We learn through fasting that we can gain control over things which we sometimes allow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

[We live in the only society in which an entire TV network is devoted to food!] 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, while well within our control, 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.

In our fasting we are challenged to fast to the best of our ability, and to do so consistently. If we must modify the extent to which we fast 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**

Special Intentions for Eugene Akkerman

Akkerman family

Allen Adams

Adams family

Fr. Tom, Fr. Dimitrie, Fr. Anthony, Aaron, Reggie, John, Alex, Rimi, Allen, Deborah,  
JoAnn, Susan, Luba, Kosta, David, Anna, Walt, Vladimir, Dorothy, Michael, Allison,  
Stojan, Mira, Bosa, Jeanette, Christopher, Ted, Marlene, Joseph, Nicholas,  
Margaret, Gladys, my family and friends

Joe Tome

Special Intention

Joe Tome

Alex & Mary

Alex & Magda

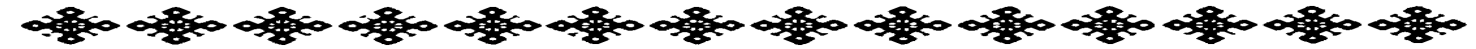
To the health & wellness of the Panoff & Gonser families

Gonser family

**CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR BLESSED REPOSE**

Peter Popoff & John Naum

Alex & Magda



**WELCOME** to all our friends and visitors. Please join us in our fellowship hall.



**COFFEE & DONUTS** Volunteers are needed for the months of December & January. Please see the signup sheet outside the kitchen.

**ANGEL PROGRAM** Our parish will participate in this program for this Christmas as part of our Advent fast helping those in need. In the parish hall is the Angel Tree with 52 children's names on it. Gifts need to be placed in a gift bag or wrapped but **you must include the child's names and code number on the gift tag.** Gift range is between \$30 & \$40. **Please return the gifts by December 2, placing them in the library.** If there are any questions, please contact Connie Maxim (810-603-7717).

**ST. NICHOLAS DAY POTLUCK** December 2<sup>nd</sup> after liturgy. There is a signup sheet in the Parish Hall. You will find an envelope in your box of offering envelopes for St. Nicholas Day.

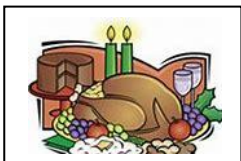
**COOKIE WALK** will be held on Saturday, December 8<sup>th</sup> from 10 am to 1 pm. This requires help from many volunteers. Please call Lucy Hogg at 810-695-3110 or 810-241-0062 to volunteer whether with baking cookies, set-up, the day of the sale, or the break-down of the hall following the sale. The baked goods need to be delivered by Friday December 7<sup>th</sup> before 3 pm. There are signup sheets & fliers in the parish hall. Please help spread the word by posting fliers in your community.

**BAKING WORKSHOP** There will be a poppy seed roll/nut roll workshop Monday, November 26<sup>th</sup> at 10 am.  
*Everyone is welcome!*

**KITCHEN USE** If you want to use the kitchen for baking please call the office to have it put on the calendar, insuring it's available when you need it.

**CHRISTMAS GREETING** If you would like to have your name(s) included in the annual Christmas greetings list please call or leave the info. in the office no later than December 10<sup>th</sup>. Please make a donation.

**NOISY OFFERING** On the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month, our grade school and elementary children will come and collect your spare change during the announcements. 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.



**KROGER COMMUNITY REWARDS** Remember to give the cashier our Non Profit Organization #85687 when checking out. They send a check to St. Nicholas for a portion of everything participants spend in their stores.

**HOPE IN A BOX** is collecting **blankets & coats** (can be gently used) for the month of November. Place the items in the blue box in the Parish Hall. Catholic Charities Community Closet will distribute the items.

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

**WINTER WARM UP** Catholic Charities is in need of hats, gloves, scarves, socks, boots, coats & other warm winter gear. For more information call 810-265-7025. Donations can be dropped off Mon-Fri 9:30-3:30 at 812 Root St, Flint.

**CATHOLIC CHARITIES' COMMUNITY CLOSET** provides clothing, household items (dishes, linens, toys, books etc.), and personal hygiene items to people in need. We are seeking individuals and groups willing to lend a hand accepting and organizing donations. Please prayerfully consider whether God might be calling you, your friends, your youth group, or organization to serve just a few hours a month.

**HOLIDAY PASTRY SALE** Assumption is having their holiday pastry sale & luncheon on December 6<sup>th</sup>, 11am – 1:30 pm. Lunch is \$10 & the deadline to pre-order pastries is November 25<sup>th</sup>. There are fliers in the parish hall with more details.

**EMERGENCY CONTACT** while Fr. Matthew is away for Thanksgiving: Fr. Joe Abud 810-444-9108.

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

**Weekly Schedule:**

Today Noisy Offering

**Monday, Nov. 19** Fr. Matthew in Toledo

**Tuesday, Nov. 20**  
6 pm Vespers Liturgy at St. George  
for the Entry of the Theotokos in the Temple

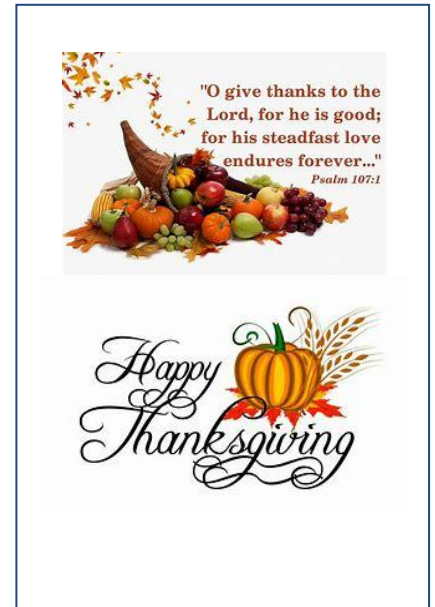
**Wednesday, Nov. 21**  
No Divine Liturgy or Adult Ed class

**Thursday, Nov. 22** Thanksgiving

**Friday, Nov. 23** Office Closed

**Saturday, Nov. 25**  
5 pm Vespers

**Sunday, Nov. 25**  
9:30 am Third Hour  
10 am Divine Liturgy



**Offerings for the week November 11, 2018**

Weekly Offerings	\$ 975.00
Estimated Average Weekly Expenses	\$ 4,034.03
	<b>\$-3,059.03</b>

80 people were in attendance on Sunday, November 11<sup>th</sup>.

“Sacrifice everything for Christ. For Christ, though, not for anything or anyone.” St. Paisios