

*November 19, 2017*

*St. Nicholas Orthodox Church*

*Diocese of Toledo - Orthodox Church in America*

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***The Holy Gospel according to Mark***

***16:1-8 (2nd Matins Gospel)***

Now when the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, that they might come and anoint Him. Very early in the morning, on the first day of the week, they came to the tomb when the sun had risen. And they said among themselves, “Who will roll away the stone from the door of the tomb for us?” But when they looked up, they saw that the stone had been rolled away – for it was very large. And entering the tomb, they saw a young man clothed in a long white robe sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. But he said to them, “Do not be alarmed. You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He is risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid Him. But go, tell His disciples – and Peter – that He is going before you into Galilee; there you will see Him, as He said to you. So they went out quickly and fled from the tomb, for they trembled and were amazed. And they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2017 24th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST — Tone 7.** Prophet Obadiah (Abdia—9th c. B.C.). Martyr Barlaam of Cæsarea in Cappadocia (ca. 304). Ven. Varlaam, Abbot of the Kiev Caves (Near Caves—1065). Finding of the relics of Monk Martyr Adrian of Poshekhónsk (Yaroslavl’—1625). Martyr Azes of Isauria and with him 150 soldiers (3rd c.). Martyr Heliodorus in Pamphylia (ca. 273). Ven. Hilarion, Monk and Wonderworker of Thessalonica (Georgian—875). Repose of St. Philaret (Drozdov), Metropolitan of Moscow (1867).

**TROPARIA**

**(Tone 7)** By Thy Cross, Thou didst destroy death. To the thief, Thou didst open Paradise. For the myrrhbearers, Thou didst change weeping into joy. And Thou didst command Thy disciples, O Christ God, to proclaim that Thou art 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 Seventh Tone: The Lord shall give strength to His people! / The Lord shall bless His people with peace!***

**v. Offer to the Lord, O ye sons of God! Offer young rams to the Lord!**

**THE EPISTLE OF THE HOLY APOSTLE PAUL TO THE EPHESIANS (2:14-22)**

*Brethren:* Christ Himself is our peace, who has made both one, and has broken down the middle wall of separation, having abolished in His flesh the enmity, that is, the law of commandments contained in ordinances, so as to create in Himself one new man from the two, thus making peace, and that He might reconcile them both to God in one body through the cross, thereby putting to death the enmity. And He came and preached peace to you who were afar off and to those who were near. For through Him we both have access by one Spirit to the Father. Now, therefore, you are no longer strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief cornerstone, in whom the whole building, being fitted together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord, in whom you also are being built together for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit.

***Alleluia, Tone 7***

**v: It is good to give thanks to the Lord, to sing praises to Your name, O Most High.**

**v: To declare Your mercy in the morning, and Your truth by night.**

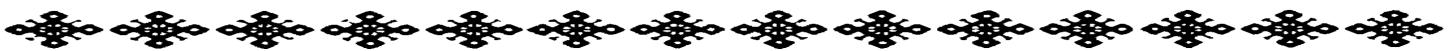
**THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO LUKE (12:16-21)** And Jesus told them a parable, saying, “The land of a rich man brought forth plentifully; and he thought to himself, ‘What shall I do, for I have nowhere to store my crops?’ And he said, ‘I will do this: I will pull down my barns, and build larger ones; 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!

“Nothing in the world happens by chance. Christ the Master administers our life, and everything in our life. In the midst of pain and bitterness, the Holy Spirit comes to meet us, and he draws out God-given joy. Often, we do not perceive his presence, because we are preoccupied with the workaday nature of our cares. But He, blowing where He wills, blows also into our hearts, and refreshes them. Divine consolation pours upon us like balsam. The mercy of God comes down from heaven, and overflows in our lives. As our griefs are increased, so the visitations of God are more abundant. You open the spiritual books, and you see God speak to you. You feel immediately the fluttering of the Spirit’s wings. You feel that God answers your doubts. You see your darkness dispelled, your way opened up whenever there is a barrier before you. You see him leave no dark scar on your road. Then, filled with joy, you cry out, ‘Now I have begun to speak to my Lord. Yet, I am earth and ashes.’ I have begun to converse with my God easily, with my Christ. But who am I, to be talking with you? I am ash, I am clay. Yet God gives his grace to me.”

**(Elder Aimilianos of Simonopetra, Απόψεις για τη Μονή Βατοπαιδίου)**

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

Allen Adams, Calvin Conrad & Tina Pyatenko~Health & God’s Blessings

Health & Blessings for Calvin & Ruth Conrad

Fr. Tom, Fr. Gabriel, Deacon Anthony, Aaron, Reggie, Allen,

Deborah, Joann, Gloria, Luba, Kosta, Jimmy, Laurie, David, Helen, Anna, Walt,

Zina, Nicolai, Dorothy, Michael, Nicolai, Allison, Stojan, Mira, Bosa, Jeanette,

Nicholas, Margaret, Joseph, Gladys, my family and friends

Special Intention

Adelaida, Feodosiy, Irina, Oleg, Galina & Nicholay

Dorothy Goodman

Stojan & Mira Prusac

Joe Tome

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Irina Sivergina

## **CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR BLESSED REPOSE**

Mary Anne Brayan~Blessed Repose, Memory Eternal  
Vasily, Andrey, Galina, Nicholay & Vitaliy  
Helen Oginsky Phillips (1 yr.) Blessed Repose, Memory Eternal  
William Dawson (11/13/17) Father of Marilyn Branoff, Father-in-law of Peter  
Branoff

Dorothy Goodman  
Irina Sivergina  
Dorothy Goodman  
  
Linda Branoff

## **ETERNAL LIGHT AT THE ALTAR**

Health of Kuma Mira Prusac & Kuma Bosa

Kuma Bosa



**WELCOME** to all our friends and visitors. Please join us for fellowship in the Hall.

**COFFEE HOUR**  Volunteers are needed to help serve coffee and donuts for the months of November & December. Please see the sign-up sheet outside of the kitchen. Call the parish office as well as signing up if you'd like to donate the donuts and/or coffee.

**THE VÁZQUEZ FAMILY** after the birth of their baby in January will be moving to St. Panteleimon Church, Summit, IL (OCA Midwest Diocese) where Fr. Esteban is being appointed the parish priest. Beginning December 1 he will travel there on weekends to serve Liturgy. **Next Sunday, November 26 will be his last Sunday Liturgy with us. Please join us that day in offering him our prayers as he begins his new assignment.**

## **OUR CHARITY MINISTRIES**

**HOPE IN A BOX** is collecting **BLANKETS & COATS** for the month of 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

**NORTH END SOUP KITCHEN ANGEL TREE PROGRAM** Our parish will participate in this program for this Christmas. The Angel Tree is in the parish hall, 18 children's names are still on the tree. Gift range is between \$20 & \$30. Place in gift bags and attach the provided gift tag which has the child's name & code number to the gift. Please return the gifts by December 10<sup>th</sup>. If there are any questions, please see Lucy Hogg.



**COOKIE WALK** We need volunteers to hang flyers out in the community. There are flyers in the hall & a sign-up sheet so you can see where they've been taken to. Please write down where you'll be taking them so we know which places have them and which places they have yet to be posted.

**OCA STEWARD SUNDAY – NOVEMBER 19** His Beatitude, Metropolitan Tikhon and the Holy Synod of Bishops have directed that this Sunday, Nov. 19, be designated as Steward Sunday, on which we ask each parish community to take a second collection to help support the work of the Stewards and the ministry departments.

Our [Department of Youth, Young Adult and Campus Ministry](#), through the [many resources](#) they provide, helps to keep our children connected to the Orthodox Church and to their faith. Our [Department of Liturgical Music and Translations](#) helps to provide [essential resources for the liturgical life](#) of our parishes. And our [Department of Evangelization](#), through its very successful [Mission Planting Grant program](#), has given away more than \$1 million to help plant, support and grow mission communities throughout North America. These are just a few examples of the tremendous work being done by all of our [ministry departments](#), and I encourage you to learn more about what they do by visiting [our website](#) and [our Facebook page](#). I invite you to join us this Sunday, November 19, in financially supporting the work of these department ministries. It is with your help and with your support that we can effectively expand the mission of Christ and His Church here in North America. **Archdeacon Joseph Matusiak**

**When you come to venerate the cross at the conclusion of Liturgy, you may make a donation in the plate at the front of church. The donations will be collected today and next Sunday, November 26.**

**CHRISTMAS CONCERT by the BAY CHORALE** December 10<sup>th</sup> at 2 pm. The cost is \$10. Following Divine Liturgy St. Nicholas will visit & there will be a free will offering luncheon with lots of baked ziti, bread & salad. Please bring desserts to share.

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**2017 CHRISTMAS GREETINGS** If you would like to have your name(s) included on the annual Christmas greetings list please call the office no later than December 11.

**MEMORY ETERNAL** William Dawon fell asleep in the Lord November 12<sup>th</sup>. William is the father of Marilyn Branoff & the father-in-law of Peter Branoff.

**FREE HOSPITAL BED** available. Contact Helen Ethington at 248-369-8207.

**DIOCESAN ASSESSMENT** You will find in your box of offering envelopes one marked “Diocesan Assessment.” Each parish in the Diocese is assessed \$35 per pledging adult. We have been paying this directly out of our Sunday offerings, presently \$5,320 per year. If every adult will make the \$35 assessment above and beyond their regular pledge, our parish will save \$5,320 per year. If you have not yet turned in your envelope, please do so as soon as possible.

**2018 PLEDGE CARDS** have been mailed out. If you did not received yours contact the parish office by phone 744-0070 or email [stnicholasburtonmi@gmail.com](mailto:stnicholasburtonmi@gmail.com) so that we may get a pledge card to you. Please fill out and sign your pledge card even if you don't know the amount of your pledge yet. 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 2018 pledge back with the card or it will be credited to 2017.

**HOLIDAY ROLLS & STUFFED CABBAGE SALE** at St. Michael Byzantine Catholic Church. Baked nut, poppy seed, apricot, & prune rolls (\$10 each) are available Wednesdays 2-6 pm, November 15<sup>th</sup> – November 29<sup>th</sup>. For more information or to place an order call 810-659-4887.

**EMERGENCY CONTACT** while Fr. Matthew is away for Thanksgiving (Wednesday through Saturday): Fr. Esteban 810-875-4417.

**Weekly Schedule:**

**Monday, Nov. 20**

6 pm Pan-Orthodox Vesperal Liturgy at our church for the entrance of the Theotokos

**Tuesday, Nov. 21**

6 to 8 pm Book Club at St. George

**Wednesday, Nov. 22**

**NO LITURGY  
NO ADULT EDUCATION CLASS**

**Saturday Nov 25**

5 pm Vespers

**Sunday, Nov. 26**

9:30 am Third Hour  
10 am Divine Liturgy  
Church School  
5 pm Baptism at St. George by Fr. Matthew

**Offerings for the week November 12, 2017**

<i>Weekly Offerings</i>	\$4,300.00
<i>Estimated Average Weekly Expenses</i>	\$4,034.03
	<b>\$+265.97</b>

*90 people were in attendance on  
Sunday, November 12, 2017*

**“Do not ask for love from your neighbour, for if you ask and he does not respond, you will be troubled. Instead show your love for your neighbour and you will be at rest, and so will bring your neighbour to love.”**

**St. Dorotheos of Gaza**