

November 22, 2020

St. Nicholas Orthodox Church

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SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 2020 24TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST — Tone 7. Afterfeast of the Entry Into the Temple. Apostles of the Seventy Philemon and Archippus, Martyr Apphia, wife of Philemon and Equal-to-the-Apostles, and Onesimus, disciple of St. Paul (1st c.). Martyrdom of St. Michael, Prince of Tver' (1318). Rt. Blv. Yaropolk, in Baptism Peter, Prince of Vladimir in Volyn' (1086). Martyrs Cecilia, Valerian, Tiburtius, and Maximus, at Rome (ca. 230). Martyr Procopius the Reader, at Cæsarea in Palestine (303). Martyr Menignus at Parium (250). St. Agabbas of Syria (5th c.). Righteous Michael the Soldier, of Bulgaria (866). Ven. Callistus Xanthopoulos (Mt. Athos—1363).

FIRST ANTIPHON

Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised; in the city of our God. **Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Savior save us!**

Glorious things are spoken of you, O city of God. **Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Savior save us!**

Within her citadels, God has shown Himself a sure defense. **Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Savior save us!**

As we have heard, so have we seen in the city of the Lord of Hosts, in the city of our God. **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 is in the midst of her, she shall not be moved. **Save us, O Son of God, who rose from the dead, save us who sing to Thee: Alleluia!**

Honor and majesty are before Him; strength and beauty are in His sanctuary. **Save us, O Son of God, who rose from the dead, save us who sing to Thee: Alleluia!**

This is the gate of the Lord, the righteous shall enter through it. **Save us, O Son of God, who rose from the dead, save us who sing to Thee: Alleluia!**

We shall be satisfied with the goodness of Thy house, Thy holy temple. **Save us, O Son of God, who rose 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

Even the rich among the people shall entreat your favor.

(Tone 4) Today is the preview of the good will of God, of the preaching of the salvation of mankind. The Virgin appears in the Temple of God, in anticipation proclaiming Christ to all. Let us rejoice and sing to her:// “Rejoice, O divine Fulfillment of the Creator’s dispensation!”

The King’s daughter is all glorious within; her clothing is of wrought gold.

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Virgins shall be brought to the King after her; her companion shall be brought to You.

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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.

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(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 you sons of God! Offer young rams to the Lord!

THE READING IS FROM THE EPISTLE OF THE 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!

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.

ENTRANCE OF THE THEOTOKOS INTO THE TEMPLE (November 21) According to Holy Tradition, the Entry of the Most Holy Theotokos into the Temple took place in the following manner. The parents of the Virgin Mary, Saints Joachim and Anna, praying for an end to their childlessness, vowed that if a child were born to them, they would dedicate it to the service of God.

When the Most Holy Virgin reached the age of three, the holy parents decided to fulfill their vow. They gathered together their relatives and acquaintances, and dressed the All-Pure Virgin in Her finest clothes. Singing sacred songs and with lighted candles in their hands, virgins escorted Her to the Temple (Ps. 44/45:14-15). There the High Priest and several priests met the handmaiden of God. In the Temple, fifteen high steps led to the sanctuary, which only the priests and High Priest could enter. (Because they recited a Psalm on each step, Psalms 119/120-133/134 are called “Psalms of Ascent.”) The child Mary, so it seemed, could not make it up this stairway. But just as they placed Her on the first step, strengthened by the power of God, She quickly went up the remaining steps and ascended to the highest one. Then the High Priest, through inspiration from above, led the Most Holy Virgin into the Holy of Holies, where only the High Priest entered once a year to offer a purifying sacrifice of blood. Therefore, all those present in the Temple were astonished at this most unusual occurrence.

After entrusting their child to the Heavenly Father, Joachim and Anna returned home. The All-Holy Virgin remained in the quarters for virgins near the Temple. According to the testimony of Holy Scripture (Exodus 38; 1 Kings 1: 28; Luke 2: 37), and also the historian Josephus Flavius, there were many living quarters around the Temple, in which those who were dedicated to the service of God dwelt.

The earthly life of the Most Holy Theotokos from Her infancy until She was taken up to Heaven is shrouded in deep mystery. Her life at the Jerusalem Temple was also a secret. “If anyone were to ask me,” said Saint Jerome, “how the Most Holy Virgin spent the time of Her youth, I would answer that that is known to God Himself and the Archangel Gabriel, Her constant guardian.”

But there are accounts in Church Tradition, that during the All-Pure Virgin’s stay at the Temple, She grew up in a community of pious virgins, diligently read the Holy Scripture, occupied Herself with handicrafts, prayed constantly, and grew in love for God. From ancient times, the Church has celebrated the Feast of the Entry of the Most Holy Theotokos into the Temple. Indications that the Feast was observed in the first centuries of Christianity are found in the traditions of Palestinian Christians, which say that the holy Empress Helen (May 21) built a church in honor of the Entry of the Most Holy Theotokos into the Temple.

Saint Gregory of Nyssa, in the fourth century, also mentions this Feast. In the eighth century Saints Germanus and Tarasius, Patriarchs of Constantinople, delivered sermons on the Feast of the Entry.

The Feast of the Entry of the Most Holy Theotokos into the Temple foretells God’s blessing for the human race, the preaching of salvation, the promise of the coming of Christ. *from* oca.org

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CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR THE HEALTH AND BLESSINGS OF

Health & God's blessings for our St. Nicholas parish family

Nancy Krigner

Health & God's protection for our front line workers

Nancy Krigner

Health & blessings Mira & Stojan

Bosa Kantar

Health & blessings for my family & myself

Bosa Kantar

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, Taras Joseph, Ted, Marlene, Gladys, all the parishioners of St. Nicholas, my family & friends.

Joe Tome

Special Intention

Joe Tome

CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR BLESSED REPOSE

Helen Bibilikow (6 yrs. Nov. 28) Blessed Repose~Memory Eternal

Dorothy Goodman


Alex & Peter Popoff

the Popoff family



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.

MANY YEARS to the servant of God Lazaros Dimitrios Stavridis who was baptized into Christ on Sunday, November 15. Parents are Teddy and Jessica Stavridis and twin sibling is Sophie Tula who was baptized in the hospital on her birthday. Grandmother is Vasilka Karatza. The godparents are Tom & Zoe Stavridis.

ANGEL TREE **Gifts 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 - no more than \$40 per child;  if you have more than one child please spend the same amount for each one. Gift cards are ok for children 15-17 years old. Several items may be requested but you only need to pick one or more of these items. Please return the gifts by the first week in December. Even though all of the children's name's St. Nicholas was given have been sponsored, Catholic Charities has other things needed to bless families at Christmas. You can contact Lucy Hogg at (810)-695-3110 if you have questions or for more information. The Lord bless you for your looking after those who are in need.

PARISH COUNCIL met on Tuesday, November 10 with four members in person and three members virtually. The parish finances remain stable. Please continue your giving whether in person, through Givelify, or by sending in your donation to the office or dropping it off during office hours. The Diocese offers a charitable matching grant program: if a parish has up to \$1,000 set aside to use for charity, the Diocese will match that \$1,000. This allows a parish to use \$2,000 for charitable purposes. Our parish plans to participate in this program as there is increased need at the time of this pandemic and our charitable fund is almost empty. Thank you to those who continue to donate to the charity fund. As was brought up at the October meeting, the interior of the church has not been painted in almost fourteen years. The parish council approved contracting Terry Lyons to paint the interior of the church for a cost between \$5,900 and \$6,400. Families with memorial funds may designate them for this project. The radiators in church will need to be cleaned to remove any soot or dust before painting begins. A new pump, dryer, and compressor were purchased for the heating system. These were costly but necessary repairs so that we will have heat this winter. Archbishop Alexander blessed the results of the parish elections on November 8. The next monthly meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, December 8 at 6:30 pm.

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 1st. Donations are appreciated.

POCKET CALENDARS We will order some from St. Tikhoh's Monastery if there is enough interest. Contact the office by November 23rd if you would like to purchase one.

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Go to the [website](#) and on the home page click on the box [Give now with Givelify](#) which will walk you through the donation process; this is a secure site. (2.9% + \$0.30 of your donation goes to Givelify as a fee). **If you do not wish to donate online, you may write a check to St. Nicholas Orthodox Church and send it to the parish address: 2143 S Center Rd, Burton, MI 48519.**

MICHIGAN GATHERINGS AND FACE MASK ORDER is in effect until December 8. **Religious worship is permitted.** Indoor gatherings outside of a residence are not permitted. Therefore adult education class will not meet for the duration of this order.

IOCC SUNDAY is today, November 22nd. International Orthodox Christian Charities is your means of reaching around the world with Christ's love. Through emergency response, education, job opportunities, and more, your gifts to IOCC help people facing natural and man-made disasters by offering hope for a better future. You can get more information on their website at relief@ioccc.org or write International Orthodox Christian Charities PO Box 17398 Baltimore, MD 21297.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS can be sponsored in honor of the living or as a memorial for the deceased. Forms will be included with the bulletin. You can also call or email the office by December 11th. The sponsors will be listed in the newsletter.

ASSUMPTION'S HOLIDY PASTRY SALE is December 10th; pickup from 11 am – 4 pm. This year's event is limited to pre-order sales only & must be placed by November 29th. Orders have to be pre-paid unless using a credit card. Call (810)771-4611 for more information. A flier is posted on the bulletin board in the parish hall.

2021 PLEDGE CARDS were mailed out November 16th. If you do not receive yours by the end of November 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 13th.**

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

OFFICE OPEN Monday & Wednesday 9am -3 pm this week.

Weekly schedule:

Tuesday, Nov 24

7 pm **OCA online church school**

Wednesday, Nov 25

9:30 am **Divine Liturgy– streaming on our YouTube channel**
No adult education

Friday, Nov 27

Office Closed

Saturday, Nov 28

5 pm **Great Vespers – streaming on our YouTube channel**

Sunday, Nov 29

9:30 am Third and Sixth Hours

10 am **Divine Liturgy – streaming on our YouTube channel**



Offerings for the week November 15, 2020

21 persons in attendance on November 15th

<i>Weekly Offerings</i>	\$ 913.02
<i>Estimated Average Weekly Expenses</i>	\$ 3,104.00
	\$-2,190.98



CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

Christmas flowers can be sponsored in honor of the living or as a memorial for the deceased. Poinsettias will be available only in the large arrangement.

Please fill out the form below as soon as possible. There are a limited number of plants available. Donations will be taken on a first come first served basis. Return the form to the office or put it into the collection basket on Sunday. The names of those honored or memorialized will be published on a later date.

I wish to donate:

_____ Red poinsettia (\$20 ea.) (10 available)
(How many)

_____ 36 inch wreath (\$85 ea.) (1 available)
(How many)

_____ 24 inch wreath (\$60) (1 available)
(How many)

_____ 10 inch wreath (\$25 ea.) (2 available)
(How many)

_____ 20 foot Garland (\$30 ea.) (2 available)
(How many)

In honor of (for the living)

Or, in memory of (deceased)

Name: _____

Amount \$ _____

