

November 29 2020

St. Nicholas Orthodox Church

Diocese of Toledo - Orthodox Church in America

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SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 2020 25th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST — Tone 8. Martyr Paramon and 370 Martyrs in Bithynia (250). Martyr Philumenus of Ancyra, and with him Martyrs Valerian and Phædrus (ca. 274). Ven. Acacius of Sinai, who is mentioned in The Ladder (6th c.). Ven. Nectarius the Obedient, of the Kiev Caves (Near Caves—12th c.). Hieromartyr Abibus (Avíva), Bishop of Nekresi in Georgia (6th c.).

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 3) The Virgin cometh today to the cave to give birth, ineffably to bring forth the Word Eternal. Therefore, rejoice, O earth, at the message, with the angels and shepherds give glory to Him Who shall appear by His own will as a young child, He Who is from eternity God.

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 IS FROM THE EPISTLE OF THE APOSTLE PAUL TO THE EPHESIANS (4:1-7)

Brethren: I 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 (18:18-27) At that time a ruler asked Jesus, "Good Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" And Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: 'Do not commit adultery, Do not kill, Do not steal, Do not bear false witness, Honor your father and mother.'" And he said, "All these I have observed from my youth." And when Jesus heard it, he said to him, "One thing you still lack. Sell all that you have and distribute to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me." But when he heard this he became sad, for he was very rich. Jesus looking at him said, "How hard it is for those who have riches to enter the kingdom of God! For it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God." Those who heard it said, "Then who can be saved?" But he said, "What is impossible with men is possible with God."

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

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

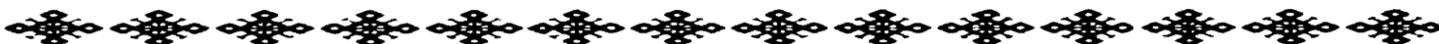
Now when Jesus rose early on the first day of the week, He appeared first to Mary Magdalene, out of whom He had cast seven demons. She went and told those who had been with Him, as they mourned and wept. And when they heard that He was alive and had been seen by her, they did not believe. After that, 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.

The Holy Martyrs Paramon and those with him (November 29). The Holy Martyr Paramon and the 370 Martyrs with him suffered for their faith in Christ in the year 250 during the rule of the emperor Decius (249-251). The governor of the Eastern regions, Aquianus, had locked up 370 Christians in prison, urging them to abjure Christ and instead offer sacrifice to idols. They subjected the captives to beatings, hoping by torture and the threat of death to persuade them to renounce Christ and worship the pagan gods. One of the local inhabitants, Paramon by name, openly denounced the cruel governor and confessed his faith in the One True God, the Lord Jesus Christ. They beheaded Saint Paramon after fierce tortures, together with the other 370 martyrs. *from oca.org*

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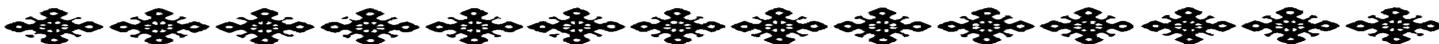


CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR THE HEALTH AND BLESSINGS OF

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

ETERNAL LIGHT AT THE ALTAR

Helen Bibilikow (6 yrs. Nov. 28) Blessed Repose~Memory Eternal	Christine, Jerry, Josh & Jenn
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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.

ANGEL TREE Please return the gifts by December 6th. 

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. You can contact Lucy Hogg at (810)-695-3110 if you have questions or for more information.

Even though all of the children's name's St. Nicholas was given have been sponsored, Catholic Charities has other needs in order to bless families at Christmas. The Lord bless you for your looking after those who are in need.

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. Donations are appreciated.

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

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PAN-ORTHODOX ADVENT LECTURE "Where did the Bible Come From?" hosted by St Mary Magdalene parish on Wednesday, December 16 at 6:30 pm. Please RSVP by signing up online [here](#) by *today*. You may sign up for the three week series. If you wish to sign-up by phone, please do so by Monday, November 30 at the St. Mary Magdalene Parish office 810-750-7401 between 10am - 3pm or email smmocafenton@gmail.com

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

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.

ASSUMPTION'S HOLIDAY 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.

Weekly schedule:

Tuesday, Dec 1

[7 pm](#) [OCA online church school](#)

Wednesday, Dec 2

[9:30 am](#) [Divine Liturgy– streaming on our YouTube channel](#)

No Adult Ed

6:30 pm "Early Roots" Lecture @ St. Mary via Zoom

Thursday, Dec 3

Father in Toledo

Saturday, Dec 5

[5 pm](#) [Pan-Orthodox Great Vespers – streaming on our YouTube channel](#)

Confessions after Vespers

Sunday, Dec 6

SAINT NICHOLAS, ARCHBISHOP OF MYRA IN LYCIA, WONDERWORKER

9:30 am Third and Sixth Hours

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

Offerings for the week November 22, 2020

23 persons in attendance on November 22nd

<i>Weekly Offerings</i>	\$ 3,848.54
<i>Estimated Average Weekly Expenses</i>	\$ 3,104.00
	\$ + 744.54