

November 3, 2019

St. Nicholas Orthodox Church

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The Gospel according to John

20:11-18 (8th Matins Gospel)

But Mary stood outside by the tomb weeping, and as she wept she stooped down and looked into the tomb. And she saw two angels in white sitting, one at the head and the other at the feet, where the body of Jesus had lain. Then they said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping?” She said to them, “Because they have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid Him.” Now when she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, and did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you seeking?” She, supposing Him to be the gardener, said to Him, “Sir, if You have carried Him away, tell me where You have laid Him, and I will take Him away.” Jesus said to her, “Mary!” She turned and said to Him, “Rabboni!” (which is to say, Teacher). Jesus said to her, “Do not cling to Me, for I have not yet ascended to My Father; but go to My brethren and say to them, ‘I am ascending to My Father and your Father, and to My God and your God.’” Mary Magdalene came and told the disciples that she had seen the Lord, and that He had spoken these things to her.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2019 20TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST -Tone 3. Martyrs Acepshimas the Bishop, Joseph the Presbyter, and Aithalas the Deacon, of Persia (4th c.). Dedication of the Church of the Greatmartyr George in Lydia (4th c.). Martyrs Atticus, Agapius, Eudoxius, Carterius, Istucarius (Styrax), Pactobius (Tobias), and Nictopolion, at Sebaste (ca. 320). Ven. Acepshimas, Hermit, of Cyrrhus in Syria (4th c.). St. Snadulia of Persia (4th c.).

TROPARIA

(Tone 3) Let the heavens rejoice! Let the earth be glad! For the Lord has shown strength with His arm. He has trampled down death by death. He has become the first born of the dead. He has delivered us from the depths of hell, and has granted to the world // great mercy.

(Tone 3) You were pillars of the Church, O servants of godliness, and you humbled the proud worshippers of fire. Much afflicted hierarch Aképsimas, Joseph the presbyter and Aethalas the deacon, pray to ↑Christ our God to grant us His great mercy!

(Tone 4) As a liberator of captives, a helper of the poor, and a physician of the infirm, O Champion of kings, victorious great-martyr George, entreat Christ God that our souls be saved.

(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 6) Protection of Christians never failing, Mediatrix before the Creator, ever constant. Do not despise the voice of prayer of sinners, but in your goodness come to help us who faithfully call upon you. Hasten to entreat, hurry to pray, O Theotokos, interceding always for those honor you.

The Prokeimenon in the Third Tone: My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior. v:For He has regarded the low estate of His handmaiden; for behold henceforth all generations will call me blessed.

THE READING FROM THE EPISTLE OF THE PAUL TO THE GALATIANS (1:11-19) *Brethren:* I would have you know that the gospel which was preached by me is not man's gospel. For I did not receive it from man, nor was I taught it, but it came through a revelation of Jesus Christ. For you have heard of my former life in Judaism, how I persecuted the church of God violently and tried to destroy it; and I advanced in Judaism beyond many of my own age among my people, so extremely zealous was I for the traditions of my fathers. But when he who had set me apart before I was born, and had called me through his grace, was pleased to reveal his Son to me, in order that I might preach him among the Gentiles, I did not confer with flesh and blood, nor did I go up to Jerusalem to those who were apostles before me, but I went away into Arabia; and again I returned to Damascus. Then after three years I went up to Jerusalem to visit Cephas, and remained with him fifteen days. But I saw none of the other apostles except James the Lord's brother.

Alleluia, Tone 3

v. In Thee, O Lord, have I placed my hope; let me not be put to shame.

v. Be Thou a God of protection for me, a house of refuge in order to save me.

THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO LUKE (16:19-31) At that time Jesus said to His disciples: "There was a rich man, who was clothed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, full of sores, who desired to be fed with what fell from the rich man's table; moreover the dogs came and licked his sores. The poor man died and was carried by the angels to Abraham's bosom. The rich man also died and was buried; and in Hades, being in torment, he lifted up his eyes, and saw Abraham far off and Lazarus in his bosom. And he called out, 'Father Abraham, have mercy upon me, and send Lazarus to dip the end of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in anguish in this flame.' But Abraham said, 'Son, remember that you in your lifetime received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in anguish. And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been fixed, in order that those who would pass from here to you may not be able, and none may cross from there to us.' And he said, 'Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father's house, for I have five brothers, so that he may warn them, lest they also come into this place of torment.' But Abraham said, 'They have Moses and the prophets; let them hear them.' And he said, 'No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.' He said to him, 'If they do not hear Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced if someone should rise from the dead.'"

COMMUNION HYMN

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

As we stand in the early weeks of the new Church Year we have a renewed opportunity to pledge ourselves as followers of Christ through our annual financial pledge. This pledge is our way of saying "thank you" to God for all He has given to us. It is not only by words but by deeds, from our very substance that we must offer ourselves to God. All that we have is given to us by the Lord, and it is our sacred duty to utilize what we have—our time, our talent, our resources, our very lives—for what St. Paul calls the "building up of the Body of Christ."

Pledging is a visible expression of our commitment to Jesus as the Lord and Master of our lives. Pledging is not a rule or a law. Rather it is a challenge to all of us from our Lord to share in his work. Pledging gives us the opportunity to commit a part of our financial resources to the work of the Church. Pledging allows us to make a sincere expression of our faith and love for our Lord and His Church. Pledging allows us to practice Financial Stewardship by providing the tool to help us to make responsible decisions about the money we have and our duty as Christian Stewards.

Pledging based on Proportional Giving or Percentage Giving will allow all of us to give proportionally to what we have been given by God. Percentage Giving means to determine what part or percent of our total income we will give as our "First Portion Gift" to God in support of the work of His church, as an act of gratitude and thanks for all He has done and continues to do for us and for the life of the world.

Your Stewardship provides the foundations for our parish ministries and our efforts in meeting the formidable challenges that promote the spreading of Christ's Word and our Orthodox Faith.

Pledge cards for 2020 will be available soon. Pledges increased at the beginning of 2019 but the amount donated has declined as the year has gone on. Please keep up with your pledges.

“I say this: he who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each one must do as he has made up his mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that you may always have enough of everything and may provide in abundance for every good work. As it is written, “He scatters abroad, he gives to the poor; his righteousness endures forever.” He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your resources and increase the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way for great generosity, which through us will produce thanksgiving to God.” **St. Paul**

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CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR THE HEALTH AND BLESSINGS OF

Strength & healing for the whole Panoff family	Linda Branoff
God’s blessing & healing to Tom, Christy, Anna & Ellie Panoff	Baba & Dedo
The Panoff family, my family & Hannah	Lucy Hogg
Mary, Angelo, Helen, Anna & Alex	Alex & Magda Popoff
Fr. Tom, Fr. Paul, Fr. Joe, Fr. Anthony, Matushka Rose Marie, Calvin, Joan, Peggy, Bob, Angelo, Christine, Dorothy, Anna, Alex, Irene, Allen, Deborah, Luba, Kosta, Stojan, Mira, Bosa, Christopher, Allison, Jeanette, Kathryn, Nicholas, Margaret, Kathryn, Joseph, Ted, Marlene, Reggie, Gladys, my family and friends	Joe Tome
Special Intention	Joe Tome

CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR BLESSED REPOSE

Blessed Repose to our grandsons Matthew Thomas & Andrew Thomas Panoff	Baba & Dedo
Peter Popoff	Alex & Magda Popoff
Baby Matthew & Andrew	Their cousins



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

THE ANNUAL ELECTION takes place today, Sunday, November 3rd. Three nominees will be elected to parish council. The nominees for parish council are: Mary Abu-Aita, Paul Brayan (*term ending 2019*), Phil Brown, Dennis Jernigan (*term ending 2019*) & Bob Steiner (*term ending 2019*). Two nominees will be elected as auditors. The nominees for auditor are Cathy Steiner & Lucy Hogg.

To vote you must have submitted a pledge card & received confession and communion with the past year. Only one vote per person.

ARCHBISHOP ALEXANDER will deliver the concluding lecture of the series “The Beginning and the End: an Orthodox Understanding of Creation and the End of the World, using Imagery from the *Chronicles of Narnia*.” His Eminence will speak on St. Symeon the New Theologian’s Tenth Ethical Discourse on “The Day of the Lord.” Following the lecture the “Burning of the Mortgage” will take place.

WHEN: Wednesday, November 6 at 6:00 pm – Moleben of Thanksgiving followed by lecture at 6:30 pm

WHERE: St. Mary Magdalene Orthodox Church 2439 S Long Lake Rd, Fenton, MI 48430

NORTH END SOUP KITCHEN Please come & minister to Christ with our brothers & sisters November 7th (North End Soup Kitchen) and November 26th (St. George at North End Soup Kitchen) from 9 am-1 pm. “Feeding the hungry is a greater work than raising the dead.” St. John Chrysostom

1st ANNUAL HOLIDAY CRAFT SHOW November 9th at Assumption 9 am-4 pm. Free admission.

RIGHT TO LIFE representatives will be here November 10th collecting signatures for a petition drive to end dismemberment abortion. If you have questions you can call Fran at (810)694-5079 or go to the Right to Life website <https://rtl.org/heartbeat-dismemberment-confusion>.

QUARTERLY STATEMENTS can be picked up in the parish hall. Call or email the office if you have any questions.

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.

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.



KROGER COMMUNITY REWARDS Remember to sign up for Community Rewards online at Kroger.com or go to the customer service desk in the store. They send a check to St. Nicholas for a portion of everything participants spend in their stores.

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 it requires help from many volunteers. Please call Stephanie at 810-658-8321 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.

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.

Weekly Schedule:

<u>Today</u>	Election after Liturgy
<u>Monday, Nov 4</u>	Fr. Matthew in Toledo
<u>Wednesday, Nov 6</u>	
9:30 am	Divine Liturgy
11:30 am	adult education class – the letters of St. Ignatius of Antioch
6:00 pm	Moleben of thanksgiving at St. Mary Magdalene followed by lecture by Archbishop Alexander then burning of the mortgage and refreshments
<u>Thursday, Nov 7</u>	Office is open
9 am-1 pm	North End Soup Kitchen
<u>Friday, Nov 8</u>	Office is closed
<u>Saturday, Nov 9</u>	
5 pm	Vespers followed by confessions
<u>Sunday, Nov 10</u>	
9:30 am	Hours
10 am	Divine Liturgy
	Church School
	Right to Life representatives will be here collecting signatures for a petition drive.

Offerings for the week October 27th, 2019

<i>Weekly Offerings</i>	\$ 1,530.00
<i>Estimated Average Weekly Expenses</i>	\$ 3,236.00
	\$ -1,706.00

74 people were in attendance on Sunday, October 27th.

Pledges increased at the beginning of 2019 but the amount donated has declined as the year has gone on. Over the last three months, \$11,700 has been used from savings leaving only \$2,861 in savings. Please keep up with your pledges.

NOISY OFFERING donations on October 27th totaled \$9. The proceeds went to the Orthodox College Fellowship organization. Thank you for your generosity.