

November 4, 2018

St. Nicholas Orthodox Church

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**The Gospel according to Saint Matthew
28:16-20 (1st Matins Gospel)**

Then the eleven disciples went away into Galilee, to the mountain which Jesus had appointed for them. When they saw Him, they worshiped Him; but some doubted. And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, “All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age. Amen.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2018 23RD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST — **Tone 6 Synaxis of the Holy Unmercenaries. Ven. Joannicius the Great (846). Hieromartyrs Nicander, Bishop of Myra, and Hermas, Presbyter (1st c.). Ven. Merkúry, Faster, of the Kiev Caves (Far Caves—14th c.). Ven. Nikander, Abbot of Gorodénsk (Novgorod—16th c.).**

TROPARIA

(Tone 6) The angelic powers were at Thy tomb the guards became as dead men. Mary stood by Thy grave, seeking Thy most pure Body. Thou didst capture hell, not being tempted by it. Thou didst come to the Virgin, granting life. O Lord who didst rise from the dead: 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 6) Protection of Christians never failing, Mediatress 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 Sixth Tone: O Lord, save Thy people / and bless Thine inheritance!

v. To Thee, O Lord, will I call. O my God, be not silent to me!

THE READING FROM THE EPISTLE OF PAUL TO THE EPHESIANS (2:4-10)

Brethren: God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), and raised us up with him, and made us sit with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith; and this is not your own doing, it is the gift of God -- not because of works, lest any man should boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

Alleluia, Tone 6

v: He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will abide in the shadow of the heavenly God.

v: He will say to the Lord: "My Protector and my Refuge; my God, in Whom I trust!"

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!

Saint Makarios, the famous Desert Father, had decided to go to a church festival along with the monk who was subservient to him. The young monk had gone on ahead. He was a beginner and had a beginner's zeal. As he was walking along he met an idolater, a priest of a pagan temple. He spoke harshly to him and said:

"Where are you off to, you deluded soul?"

The priest was enraged and attacked the novice, leaving him virtually unconscious.

A short time later the priest met the elder. When Abba Makarios, blessed as he was by divine grace, saw the man in a state of shock and aggravation, he said to him:

"Good man of God, where are you going to?"

As soon as the priest heard these words his heart softened, he stopped in his tracks, and said:

"Your words have calmed me down."

"Yes," said Abba Makarios. "I see you're in a hurry, only you don't know where you're hurrying to."

But he said it in a humble and brotherly tone of love.

"When you speak," said the idolater, "your words open my heart, but a short time ago another monk spoke to me in a very different way and I gave him a good beating."

Abba Makarios spoke to him in such an inspired way that the idolater gradually changed his beliefs, became a monk and was saved. With his good words and manners Abba Makarios communicated the good spirit. He communicated the uncreated energy and entered the soul of the idolater. The novice, on the contrary, communicated a spirit of anger and aggression from the spirit he had within him.

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CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR THE HEALTH AND BLESSINGS OF

Peter Branoff~29th anniversary of his transplant 10/30

Happy birthday Kuma Mira

Deborah Neely, Happy Birthday Nov. 3~Health & God's blessings

God's blessings for continued good health for our son Michael on his birthday Oct. 29

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

Special Intention

Health & blessings: Tamara, Nina, Wolodja, Larrisa & their families

Feodosiy, Oleg, Irina, Galina, Nikolay & Nikolay

Health & God's blessing for Rose & John Goodman

Linda Branoff

Kuma Bosa

Mom

Mom & Dad

Joe Tome

Joe Tome

Lucy Hogg

Irina Sivergina

Ben & Mike Goodman

CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR BLESSED REPOSE

In memory of Helen Bibilikow on her birthday Oct. 31

Blessed Repose for our sweet, brave grandson Andrew. Love always

Adelaida, Vitaliy, Vasiliy, Andrey, Galina, Nikolay, Ekaterina, Ekaterina, Feodosiy & Yuliya

Donor

Loving memory~Susan Goodman

Victor Brown, birthday Nov. 8. Blessed Repose~Memory Eternal

Love, Dorothy & family

Baba & Dedo

Irina Sivergina

Linda Branoff

Ben & Mike Goodman

Dorothy Goodman



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



DESSERTS are provided today by Lori Brock in memory of Harold Brock (4 yrs.).

ELECTION OF PARISH COUNCIL, AUDITORS, LAY DELEGATES & NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Parish Council Nominees (3 will be elected)

Michelle Gerzevske Sharon Jernigan (term ending 2018) Fannia Young
Kathy Gonser (term ending 2018) Cathy Steiner (term ending 2018)

Auditors Nominees (1 need to be elected)

Linda Branoff

2019 Diocesan Conference Lay Delegate Nominees (1 will be elected)

Deborah Gonser-Adams J. Joseph Tome

Nominating Committee Nominees (all are currently on the Nominating Committee 5 need to be elected):

Deborah Gonser-Adams Paul Brayan Christine Panoff J. Joseph Tome

The annual elections will take place today.

To vote at this meeting, you must meet these requirements from the Parish Bylaws (rev. 2013):

Article VI - Parish Members in Good Standing

1. A member of the parish "in good standing" must be 18 years of age or over and must be baptized and chrismated (confirmed) in the Orthodox Church or have been duly and properly received, if a convert, into the Church according to the decisions of the parish priest and, if necessary, the Diocesan Bishop...
3. A member of the parish must make Holy Confession and receive Holy Communion at least once a year especially during Great Lent or Holy Week.

Additionally, a parish member must sign a Pledge card.

HANDICAPPED PARKING Please leave ample parking spots available that are nearest the parish hall door for the handicapped. *Thank you.*

HOPE IN A BOX is collecting **blankets & coats** 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.

WORK READY ROOM Catholic Charities Work Ready Room wants your new & gently used career clothes to help individuals in need! i.e. Khakis, Scrubs, Shoes, Work Boots, Dress Pants & Collared Shirts.

For more information call 810-265-7025. Donations can be dropped off Mon-Fri at 812 Root St, Flint.

GENESEE HEALTH SYSTEM is offering a luncheon meeting to meet with their staff and talk about their resources, community needs, church mental health needs, and how they can be of help. The luncheon will be hosted on Friday, November 9 from 11:30 am to 2 pm at Brookwood Golf Club at 6045 Davison Rd, Burton. If you are interested in representing our parish at this luncheon, please see Fr. Matthew.

COOKIE WALK If anyone is interested in baking poppy seed & nut rolls for the cookie walk we'll be meeting today in the conference room after the election or you can call Lucy Hogg (810-695-3110). The Cookie Walk will be held on Saturday, December 8 from 10 am to 1 pm.

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. If there are any questions, please contact Connie Maxim (810-603-7717).

NOISY OFFERING On the 3rd 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. Please bring your spare change on Sunday, November 18 when the children will take up this collection.

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

Weekly Schedule:

Today Election. Meeting for the Cookie Walk

Monday, Nov. 5 Communion calls in Bay City, Caro & Lapeer

Wednesday, Nov. 7

9:30 am

Divine Liturgy

11:15 am

Adult Ed. Class

Thursday, Nov. 8

Office Open

Fr. Matthew in Toledo (changed from November calendar)

Friday, Nov. 9

Office Closed

Saturday, Nov. 10

5 pm

Vespers

Sunday, Nov. 11

9:30 am

Third Hour

10 am

Divine Liturgy followed by Church School. Red Cross Presentation

Offerings for the week October 28, 2018

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| <i>Weekly Offerings</i> | \$ 2,586.00 |
| <i>Estimated Average Weekly Expenses</i> | \$ 4,034.03 |
| | \$-1,448.03 |

70 people were in attendance on Sunday, October 28.

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