

November 27, 2016

**Bulletin**

**St. Nicholas Orthodox Church**

Orthodox Church in America

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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 27, 2016 23RD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST — Tone 6** Greatmartyr James the Persian (421). Ven. Palladius of Thessalonica (6th-7th c.). St. Jacob, Bishop and Wonderworker of Rostov (1392). Uncovering of the Relics of St. Vsávolod (Gabriel) of Pskov (1192). Seventeen Monk Martyrs in India (4th c.). St. Roman (5th c.). Repose of Ven. Diodorus, Abbot of Yuriev Monastery (Solovétsky Monastery—1633). Commemoration of the Weeping Icon of the Most-holy Theotokos, called “ZNAMENIYE” (“THE SIGN”) at Novgorod in 1170, and the other Icons of the Most-holy Theotokos, “OF THE SIGN”: the “KURSK-ROOT” (1295), “ABALATSKAYA” (1637), and others.

### **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 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 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 THE HOLY APOSTLE 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 SAINT 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!

Greatmartyr James the Persian

The Holy Great Martyr James the Persian (the Sawn-Asunder) was born in the fourth century into a pious Christian family, both wealthy and illustrious. His wife was also a Christian, and the couple raised their children in piety, inspiring in them a love for prayer and the Holy Scriptures. James occupied a high position at the court of the Persian emperor Izdegerd (399-420) and his successor Barakhranes (420-438). But on one of the military campaigns James, seduced by the emperor’s beneficence, was afraid to acknowledge himself a Christian, and so he offered sacrifice to idols with the emperor.

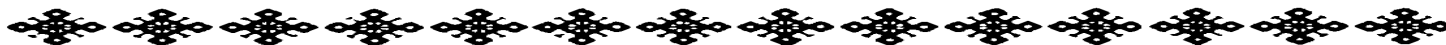
Learning of this, James’ mother and wife wrote him a letter, in which they rebuked him and urged him to repent. Receiving the letter, James realized the gravity of his sin. Faced with the horror of being cut off not only from his family, but also from God Himself, he began to weep loudly, imploring the Lord for forgiveness.

His fellow-soldiers, hearing him pray to the Lord Jesus Christ, reported this to the emperor. Under interrogation, St James bravely confessed his faith in the one True God. No amount of urging by the emperor could make him renounce Christ. The emperor then ordered the saint to be put to death.

They began to cut off his fingers and his toes one by one, then his hands and his feet, and then his arms and legs. During the prolonged torture St James offered prayers of thanksgiving to the Lord, Who had granted him the possibility of redemption from his sins by enduring these terrible torments. Finally, the martyr was beheaded. Christians gathered up the pieces of his body and buried them with great reverence.



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

Fr. Joe, Fr. Andrew, Deacon Anthony, Aaron, Jo Ann, Nicolai, Kosta, Jimmy, Gloria, Laurie, Walt & Zina, Dorothy, Helen, Joseph, Jeanette, Reggie, Calvin & Ruth, Taras, Anna, Stojan & Mira, Bosa, Helen, Ted & Marlene, Nicholas & Margaret, Gladys, my family & friends .....	Joe Tome
Special Intention .....	Joe Tome

**CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR ALL THOSE IN BLESSED REPOSE**

**ETERNAL LIGHT AT THE ALTAR**

Sophie Stavridis..... Fannia Young

**ETERNAL LIGHT**

Helen Bibilikow-2yrs Blessed Repose-Memory Eternal..... Christine, Jerry,  
Josh & Jenn



Welcome all of our friends and visitors to St. Nicholas! Please join us for fellowship, coffee and donuts in our parish hall.

**PLEDGE CARDS** 141 pledges cards were mailed, 39 have been returned, we would like to have all of them returned by December, 1.

**CHARITY MINISTRIES**

**HOPE IN A BOX** is collecting socks, towels, toiletries and new toys for the month of December. 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** We serve Thursday, December 1 from 9 am to 1 pm.

**ST. NICHOLAS DAY** Potluck luncheon and visit from St. Nicholas will be held on Sunday, December 11 following the Divine Liturgy. Please bring a meatless dish or a dessert to share. Everyone is invited to attend!

**100<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY BOOK** our final deadline is drawing near. If you have any ads and/or pictures you would like to submit for the book please do so a.s.a.p. If you have any questions please see Paul Brayan, Debbie or Fr. Matthew.

**CHRISTMAS GREETINGS** if you wish to have your named included on this year's Christmas greetings list, please see Debbie or call the parish office no later than December, 11.

*Schedule of services and events for the week of November, 27:*

**Tuesday, November 29**

6 - 8 pm Father in Toledo  
7 pm Orthodox Book Club @ St. George  
Fr. Matthew speaking at MSU OCF

**Wednesday, November 30**

9 am Divine Liturgy  
11 am Adult Education

**Thursday, December 1**

9 am – 1pm

North End Soup Kitchen

Saturday, December 3

5 pm

Vespers

Sunday, December 4

9 am

Third Hour

10 am

Divine Liturgy

Church School

*Offerings for the week November 20, 2016*

<i>Weekly Offerings</i>	\$1,700.00
<i>Estimated Average Weekly Expenses</i>	\$5,255.62
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*66 people were in attendance on  
Sunday, November 20, 2016*