

**October 11, 2020**

**St. Nicholas Orthodox Church**

*Diocese of Toledo - Orthodox Church in America*

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**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2020 18th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST — Tone 1. Fathers of the 7th Ecumenical Council. Holy Apostle Philip of the Seventy, one of the Seven Deacons (1st c.). St. Theophanes the Confessor and Hymnographer, Bishop of Nicea (ca. 850). Ven. Theophanes, Faster, of the Kiev Caves (Near Caves—12th c.). Ven. Leo of Optina (1841). Synaxis of the Optina elders. Martyrs Zenaïs (Zinaída) and Philonilla, of Tarsus in Cilicia (1st c.).**

**TROPARIA**

**(Tone 1)** When the stone had been sealed by the Jews, while the soldiers were guarding Thy most pure body, Thou didst rise on the third day, O Savior, granting life to the world. The powers of heaven therefore cried to Thee, O Giver of Life: “Glory to Thy Resurrection, O Christ! Glory to Thy Kingdom! // Glory to Thy dispensation, O Thou Who lovest mankind!”

**(Tone 8)** You are most glorious, O Christ our God! / You have established the Holy Fathers as lights on the earth. / Through them You have guided us to the true Faith. // O greatly compassionate One, glory to You!

**(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 Fourth Tone: Blessed art Thou, O Lord God of our Fathers / and praised and glorified is Thy name forever!***

**v: For Thou art just in all that Thou hast done for us!**

**THE EPISTLE OF THE APOSTLE PAUL TO TITUS (3:8-15)** *Titus, my son:* The saying is sure. I desire you to insist on these things, so that those who have believed in God may be careful to apply themselves to good deeds; these are excellent and profitable to men. But avoid stupid controversies, genealogies, dissensions, and quarrels over the law, for they are unprofitable and futile. As for a man who is factious, after admonishing him once or twice, have nothing more to do with him, knowing that such a person is perverted and sinful; he is self-condemned. When I send Artemas or Tychicus to you, do your best to come to me at Nicopolis, for I have decided to spend the winter there. Do your best to speed Zenas the lawyer and Apollos on their way; see that they lack nothing. And let our people learn to apply themselves to good deeds, so as to help cases of urgent need, and not to be unfruitful. All who are with me send greetings to you. Greet those who love us in the faith. Grace be with you all.

***Alleluia, Tone 1***

**v. The Lord, the God of gods, speaks and summons the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.**

**v. Gather to Me, My venerable ones, who made a covenant with Me by sacrifice.**

**THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO LUKE (8:5-15)** At that time Jesus told the crowd this parable: “A sower went out to sow his seed; and as he sowed, some fell along the path, and was trodden under foot, and the birds of the air devoured it. And some fell on the rock; and as it grew up, it withered away, because it had no moisture. And some fell among thorns; and the thorns grew with it and choked it. And some fell into good soil and grew, and

yielded a hundredfold.” As he said this, he called out, “He who has ears to hear, let him hear.” And when his disciples asked him what this parable meant, he said, “To you it has been given to know the secrets of the kingdom of God; but for others they are in parables, so that seeing they may not see, and hearing they may not understand. Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God. The ones along the path are those who have heard; then the devil comes and takes away the word from their hearts, that they may not believe and be saved. And the ones on the rock are those who, when they hear the word, receive it with joy; but these have no root, they believe for a while and in time of temptation fall away. And as for what fell among the thorns, they are those who hear, but as they go on their way they are choked by the cares and riches and pleasures of life, and their fruit does not mature. And as for that in the good soil, they are those who, hearing the word, hold it fast in an honest and good heart, and bring forth fruit with patience.”

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

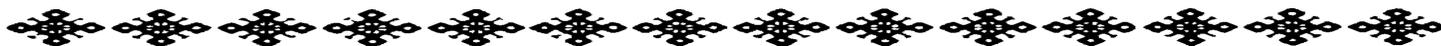
**The Holy Gospel according to John 20:1-10 (7th Matins Gospel)**

Now on the first day of the week Mary Magdalene went to the tomb early, while it was still dark, and saw that the stone had been taken away from the tomb. Then she ran and came to Simon Peter, and to the other disciple, whom Jesus loved, and said to them, “They have taken away the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid Him.” Peter therefore went out, and the other disciple, and were going to the tomb. So they both ran together, and the other disciple outran Peter and came to the tomb first. And he, stooping down and looking in, saw the linen cloths lying there; yet he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb; and he saw the linen cloths lying there, and the handkerchief that had been around His head, not lying with the linen cloths, but folded together in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who came to the tomb first, went in also; and he saw and believed. For as yet they did not know the Scripture that He must rise again from the dead. Then the disciples went away again to their own homes.

**Fathers of the Seventh Ecumenical Council.** Today the Church remembers the 350 holy Fathers of the Seventh Ecumenical Council under the holy Patriarch Tarasius (February 25). The Synod of 787, the second to meet at Nicea, refuted the Iconoclast heresy during the reign of Empress Irene and her son Constantine VI. The Council decreed that the veneration of icons was not idolatry (Exodus 20:4-5), because the honor shown to them is not directed to the wood or paint, but passes to the prototype (the person depicted). It also upheld the possibility of depicting Christ, Who became man and took flesh at His Incarnation. The Father, on the other hand, cannot be represented in His eternal nature, because “no man has seen God at any time” (John 1:18).

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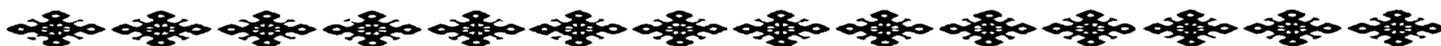


**CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR THE HEALTH AND BLESSINGS OF**

Health for my family	Bosa Kantar
Health & God’s blessings for the Krigner & Elieff family	Nancy Krigner
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, Joseph, Ted, Marlene, Gladys, all the parishioners of St. Nicholas, my family & friends.	Joe Tome
Special Intention	Joe Tome
Blessings for good health and a speedy recovery for our President Donald Trump & all the others who are suffering from Covid-19	Anonymous

**CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR BLESSED REPOSE**

Memory Eternal for Lewis Elieff (11 yrs.) Oct. 16 <sup>th</sup> ~Blessed Repose	Nancy Krigner
Olga Samaras	Julia Peck



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.

## **LETTER FROM ARCHBISHOP ALEXANDER**

Prot. 10072020

7 October 2020

Martyrs Sergios and Bacchos

My dear Fathers, brothers and sisters,

I have recently lightened the burden somewhat with respect to precautions regarding the virus but some of the wording was perhaps ambiguous. I wish, therefore, to make it clear, the wearing of face coverings will be required in parishes and missions of our Diocese until the crisis abates. This may occur with a vaccine or with the virus itself degrading to the level of an ordinary flu (which can happen). In the meantime, however, the danger of transmission remains. My focus is on reduction of risk through the primary means of transmission, which is airborne. Therefore, face coverings are non-negotiable in my parishes and missions.

Further, as I have insisted from the beginning, please minimize the risk introduced through singing by limiting the non-masked singers in any choir to the maximum number that can remain six feet apart (if your choir is comfortable singing with face coverings, this is even better).

The matter of physical distancing inside the temple, however, might be adjusted within the limits of your respective civil authorities in order to allow more persons inside and I therefore bless it.

With love in Christ,

+Alexander

*Archbishop of Toledo and the Bulgarian Diocese – Orthodox Church in America*

**He has further clarified that those attending may NOT use “restaurant-style” face-covering but must wear masks at all times except coming when receiving holy Communion.**

**ATTENDANCE AT DIVINE SERVICES** Seating at the divine services is now on a “first come, first seated” basis. Come to the front door of the church or if needing no-step access, through the hall as usual, and an usher will lead you to a pew. Once the maximum capacity (with physical distancing) in church is reached, all others will be seated in the fellowship hall. There are no rotating groups, no need to call the office, when you wish to attend, simply come to church as usual.

**SERVICE DURING PREGNANCY & INFANT LOSS AWARENESS MONTH** October 15 at 6 pm will be a moleben (prayer service) for families who have lost an infant at any stage of development – miscarriage, stillbirth, SIDS, disease, abortion, accident, or other causes – and for their infants who have gone into their rest before us.

**ABSENTEE BALLOTS** will be available on October 12<sup>th</sup>. Please call or email the office to request one, which can be mailed to you or picked up. They must be returned by November 8<sup>th</sup>.

**ANGEL TREE** We will participate in the Angel Tree program again this year. **Please call or email the office as soon as possible** if you are interested and let us know how many children you would like to sponsor. Christmas seems a long way off right now but we have to let Catholic Charities know how many children we will help this Christmas.

**CATHOLIC CHARITIES** is collecting socks for their annual “Socktober”. This is a great way to give the gift of warmth. Another way we can help them is to deliver the donations we’ve collected to their downtown facility. If you are willing & able to do this please contact Marcia in the office.

**ADULT EDUCATION CLASS** meets on Wednesdays after Liturgy at 11:15 am-12:15 pm. The class will be continuing our book *Early Christian Fathers*, continuing with *The Letter to Diognetus*. Contact the office if you'd like to join the class through Zoom.

**CANDLE INTENTION REQUESTS** can be emailed to the office at [stnicholasburtonmi@gmail.com](mailto:stnicholasburtonmi@gmail.com) or called in.

**OFFICE OPEN** Monday, Wednesday & Friday 9am -3 pm

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**“BENEATH YOUR COMPASSION”** When restrictions on attendance at the divine services began because of the pandemic of COVID-19, we began singing at the end of every service the ancient prayer “Beneath your compassion we take refuge, Virgin Theotokos, despise not our prayers in our necessities but deliver us from harm, O only pure and only blessed one.” As Christians so often turn to the Mother of God for her intercession in times of distress (see [the feast of her Protection on October 1](#)), we, too, turn to her asking her intercession for us before Christ Jesus, her son and our God at this time.

**Weekly schedule:**

**Monday, Oct 12** Fr. Matthew in Toledo

**Tuesday, Oct 13**

6:30 pm Parish Council Meeting. Please call or email the office if you cannot attend.  
**7 pm** [OCA online church school](#)

**Wednesday, Oct 14**

**9:30 am** [Divine Liturgy– streaming on our YouTube channel](#)  
11:15 am Adult education in the fellowship hall (physical distancing and wearing of masks)

**Thursday, Oct 15**

6 pm Moleben for families grieving the loss of a child in the womb or as an infant

**Saturday, Oct 17** No Vespers, No Confessions

**Sunday, Oct 18**

9:30 am Third and Sixth Hours  
**10 am** [Divine Liturgy – streaming on our YouTube channel](#)  
Group 1 is in the church and Group 2 is in the fellowship hall

**Offerings for the week October 4, 2020**

*33 persons in attendance on October 4*

<i>Weekly Offerings</i>	\$ 3,105.47
<i>Estimated Average Weekly Expenses</i>	\$ 3,104.00
	\$ + 1.47