

**October 14, 2018**

**St. Nicholas Orthodox Church**

*Diocese of Toledo - Orthodox Church in America*

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**The Gospel according to Saint John**

**20:19-31 (9th Matins Gospel)**

Then, the same day at evening, being the first day of the week, when the doors were shut where the disciples were assembled, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in the midst, and said to them, "Peace be with you." When He had said this, He showed them His hands and His side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. So Jesus said to them again, "Peace to you! As the Father has sent Me, I also send you." And when He had said this, He breathed on them, and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained. Now Thomas, called the Twin, one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. The other disciples therefore said to him, "We have seen the Lord." So he said to them, "Unless I see in His hands the print of the nails, and put my finger into the print of the nails, and put my hand into His side, I will not believe." And after eight days His disciples were again inside, and Thomas with them. Jesus came, the doors being shut, and stood in the midst, and said, "Peace to you!" Then He said to Thomas, "Reach your finger here, and look at My hands; and reach your hand here, and put it into My side. Do not be unbelieving, but believing." And Thomas answered and said to Him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Thomas, because you have seen Me, you have believed. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed." And truly Jesus did many other signs in the presence of His disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His name.

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2018 20th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST - Tone 3. Fathers of the 7th Ecumenical Council. Martyrs Nazarius, Gervase, Protase & Celsus of Milan (1st c.). Ven. Paraskeva of Serbia (11th c.). Ven. Nikóla Sviatósha, Prince of Chernigov, Wonderworker of the Kiev Caves (Near Caves-1143). Hieromartyr Silvanus of Gaza (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 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 HOLY 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 SAINT 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!

**2 Corinthians 12:9 “Therefore I will rather boast most gladly in my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ tabernacles upon me.”**

“We Orthodox read this verse on Sunday, October 7 in the Apostle reading. As I was listening to it in church it struck me how much the particular translation used didn’t understand St. Paul’s point, put forth particularly by the power of his language. For the King James Version the verse reads:

“Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.”

Other English translations have for that final verb “dwell,” “live,” or even “work”! But the verb rather means “tabernacle.” A more accurate translation of this verse would be:

“Therefore I will rather boast most gladly in my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ tabernacles upon me.”

Given the history of the last verb, the language here is that of the temple. The Apostle sees the temple replicated in himself, in the presence of Christ within him. And this is the power of the language! Now the meaning becomes clearer, anticipated itself by the expression “treasure in earthen vessels” used earlier in the epistle (2 Cor 4:7). Just as Christ tabernacled in the temple, He now tabernacles in our human weakness. If we want to find Him within ourselves, we need look no further than our brokenness, failures, illnesses, mortality, struggles, and ultimately our own death.

Our brokenness is the temple of God in the world; this is where He is well pleased to dwell. And He wouldn't have it any other way."

<https://apriestoftheorthodoxchurch.wordpress.com/2018/10/08/translation-matters-2-corinthians-129/>

"Following the above, one could say that my Christian life is best defined by my relation with my own death. A Christian life is one in which one has found this proper relation."

<https://apriestoftheorthodoxchurch.wordpress.com/2018/10/09/finding-my-own-death/>

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

Health of Karen Shutsand & a successful back surgery and a speedy recovery

Dennis, Sharon & Charlie  
Mom, Dad & Joe

Happy sweet 16<sup>th</sup> birthday Sarah Neely, Oct. 9<sup>th</sup>

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

Joe Tome

Special Intention

Joe Tome

Alex & Mary

Alex & Magda Popoff

Feodosiy, Oleg, Nikolay, Irina & Galina

Irina Sivergina

**CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR BLESSED REPOSE**

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

Irina Sivergina

Peter Popoff & John Naum

Alex & Magda Popoff

Blessed Repose to Christine Marie Stathopoulos (10 yrs.)

Angelo & Christine

Blessed Repose to our precious grandson, Andrew

Angelo & Christine



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



**COFFEE & DONUTS** Volunteers are needed for the month of November. Please see the sign-up sheet outside of the kitchen. Call or email the parish office as well as signing up if you'd like to sponsor the donuts and/or coffee.

**SPECIAL PARISH MEETING** October 7<sup>th</sup> resulted in a vote to distribute \$28,000 of un-invested money from the money market fund of the Endowment Fund for the parking lot repaving. The rough coat of asphalt on the south lot has been done.

**ELECTION OF PARISH COUNCIL, AUDITORS AND LAY DELEGATES**

**As of October 12, 2018 the nominees are:**

**Parish Council Nominees (3 will be elected)**

Phil Brown

Kathy Gonser (term ending 2018)

Cathy Steiner (term ending 2018)

Val Evanencko

Dennis Goodman

Fannia Young

Michelle Gerzevske

Sharon Jernigan (term ending 2018)

**Auditors Nominees (1 need to be elected)**

Linda Branoff

Lay Delegate Nominees will also be voted on for the 2019 Diocesan Conference to be held at St. Nicholas Church, Fort Wayne, IN in the fall of 2019:



**Sunday, Oct. 21**

9:30 am Third Hour  
10 am Divine Liturgy followed by Church School  
40 day Parastas for Luka Prusac

**Offerings for the week October 7, 2018**

<i>Weekly Offerings</i>	\$ 1,170.00
<i>Estimated Average Weekly Expenses</i>	\$ 4,034.03
	<b>\$-2,864.03</b>

*83 people were in attendance on Sunday, October 7.*

“When your children are still small, you have to help them understand what is good. That is the deepest meaning of life.” **St. Paisios**