

October 18, 2020

St. Nicholas Orthodox Church

Diocese of Toledo - Orthodox Church in America

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SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2020 19th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST — Tone 2. Holy Apostle and Evangelist Luke (1st c.). Martyr Marinus the Elder at Anazarbus (4th c.). Ven. Julian the Hermit, of Mesopotamia (4th c.).

TROPARIA

(Tone 2) When Thou didst descend to death, O Life Immortal, Thou didst slay hell with the splendor of Thy Godhead! And when from the depths Thou didst raise the dead, all the powers of heaven cried out: O Giver of Life! Christ our God! Glory to Thee!

(Tone 5) Let us praise with sacred songs the holy Apostle Luke, the recorder of the joyous Gospel of Christ and the scribe of the Acts of the Apostles, for his writings are a testimony of the Church of Christ: He is the physician of human weaknesses and infirmities. He heals the wounds of our souls, and constantly intercedes for our salvation!

(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 Eighth Tone: Their proclamation has gone out into all the earth; / and their words to the ends of the universe.

v. The heavens are telling the glory of God; and the firmament proclaims His handiwork.

THE READING IS FROM THE EPISTLE OF THE APOSTLE PAUL TO THE COLOSSIANS (4:5-18) Brethren:

Conduct yourselves wisely toward outsiders, making the most of the time. Let your speech always be gracious, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how you ought to answer every one. Tychicus will tell you all about my affairs; he is a beloved brother and faithful minister and fellow servant in the Lord. I have sent him to you for this very purpose, that you may know how we are and that he may encourage your hearts, and with him Onesimus, the faithful and beloved brother, who is one of yourselves. They will tell you of everything that has taken place here. Aristarchus my fellow prisoner greets you, and Mark the cousin of Barnabas (concerning whom you have received instructions -- if he comes to you, receive him), and Jesus who is called Justus. These are the only men of the circumcision among my fellow workers for the kingdom of God, and they have been a comfort to me. Epaphras, who is one of yourselves, a servant of Christ Jesus, greets you, always remembering you earnestly in his prayers, that you may stand mature and fully assured in all the will of God. For I bear him witness that he has worked hard for you and for those in Laodice'a and in Hierapolis. Luke the beloved physician and Demas greet you. Give my greetings to the brethren at Laodice'a, and to Nympha and the church in her house. And when this letter has been read among you, have it read also in the church of the Laodice'ans; and see that you read also the letter from Laodice'a. And say to Archippus, 'See that you fulfil the ministry which you have received in the Lord.' I, Paul, write this greeting with my own hand. Remember my chains. Grace be with you."

Alleluia, Tone 1

v. The heavens shall confess Your wonders, O Lord, and Your truth in the congregation of the saints.

v. God is glorified in the council of the saints.

THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO LUKE (10:16-21) The Lord said to His disciples, "He who hears you hears me, and he who rejects you rejects me, and he who rejects me rejects him who sent me." The seventy returned with joy, saying, "Lord, even the demons are subject to us in your name!" And he said to them, "I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven. Behold, I have given you authority to tread upon serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy; and nothing shall hurt you. Nevertheless do not rejoice in this, that the spirits are subject to you; but rejoice that your names are written in

heaven.” In that same hour he rejoiced in the Holy Spirit and said, “I thank thee, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that thou hast hidden these things from the wise and understanding and revealed them to babes; yea, Father, for such was thy gracious will.”

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

The holy apostle and evangelist Luke (October 18), was a native of Syrian Antioch, a companion of the holy Apostle Paul (Phil.1:24, 2 Tim. 4:10-11), and a physician enlightened in the Greek medical arts. Hearing about Christ, Luke arrived in Palestine and fervently accepted the preaching of salvation from the Lord Himself. As one of the Seventy Apostles, Saint Luke was sent by the Lord with the others to preach the Kingdom of Heaven during the Savior’s earthly life (Luke 10:1-3). After the Resurrection, the Lord Jesus Christ appeared to Saints Luke and Cleopas on the road to Emmaus.

Luke accompanied Saint Paul on his second missionary journey, and from that time they were inseparable. When Paul’s coworkers had forsaken him, only Luke remained to assist him in his ministry (2 Tim. 4:10-11). After the martyric death of the First-Ranked Apostles Peter and Paul, Saint Luke left Rome to preach in Achaia, Libya, Egypt and the Thebaid. He ended his life by suffering martyrdom in the city of Thebes.

Tradition credits Saint Luke with painting the first icons of the Mother of God. “Let the grace of Him Who was born of Me and My mercy be with these Icons,” said the All-Pure Virgin after seeing the icons. Saint Luke also painted icons of the First-Ranked Apostles Peter and Paul. Saint Luke’s Gospel was written in the years 62-63 at Rome, under the guidance of the Apostle Paul. In the preliminary verses (1:1-3), Saint Luke precisely sets forth the purpose of his work. He proposes to record, in chronological order, everything known by Christians about Jesus Christ and His teachings. By doing this, he provided a firmer historical basis for Christian teaching (1:4). He carefully investigated the facts, and made generous use of the oral tradition of the Church and of what the All-Pure Virgin Mary Herself had told him (2:19, 51).

In Saint Luke’s Gospel, the message of the salvation made possible by the Lord Jesus Christ, and the preaching of the Gospel, are of primary importance.

Saint Luke also wrote the Acts of the Holy Apostles at Rome around 62-63 A.D. The Book of Acts, which is a continuation of the four Gospels, speaks about the works and the fruits of the holy Apostles after the Ascension of the Savior. At the center of the narrative is the Council of the holy Apostles at Jerusalem in the year 51, a Church event of great significance, which resulted in the separation of Christianity from Judaism and its independent dissemination into the world (Acts 15:6-29). The theological focus of the Book of Acts is the coming of the Holy Spirit, Who will guide the Church “into all truth” (John 16:13) until the Second Coming of Christ.

The holy relics of Saint Luke were taken from Constantinople and brought to Padua, Italy at some point in history. Perhaps this was during the infamous Crusade of 1204. In 1992, Metropolitan Hieronymus (Jerome) of Thebes requested the Roman Catholic bishop in Thebes to obtain a portion of Saint Luke’s relics for the saint’s empty sepulchre in the Orthodox cathedral in Thebes.

The Roman Catholic bishop Antonio Mattiazzo of Padua, noting that Orthodox pilgrims came to Padua to venerate the relics while many Catholics did not even know that the relics were there, appointed a committee to investigate the relics in Padua, and the skull of Saint Luke in the Catholic Cathedral of Saint Vico in Prague.

The skeleton was determined to be that of an elderly man of strong build. In 2001, a tooth found in the coffin was judged to be consistent with the DNA of Syrians living near the area of Antioch dating from 72-416 A.D. The skull in Prague perfectly fit the neck bone of the skeleton. The tooth found in the coffin in Padua was also found to fit the jawbone of the skull.

Bishop Mattiazzo sent a rib from the relics to Metropolitan Hieronymus to be venerated in Saint Luke’s original tomb in the Orthodox cathedral at Thebes.

Saint Luke is also commemorated on April 22. oca.org

The holy 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.

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CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR THE HEALTH AND BLESSINGS OF

Health for my family
Health & God's blessings for the Krigner & Elieff family
For comfort for the Cameron & Des Ormeau families
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.
Special Intention

Bosa Kantar
Nancy Krigner
Lucy Hogg

Joe Tome
Joe Tome

CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR BLESSED REPOSE

Memory Eternal for Lewis Elieff (11 yrs.) Oct. 16th~Blessed Repose
Mary Lou Brayan~Memory Eternal (9 yrs. Oct. 17)
Lazor & Thomka Panoff on their anniversary of death
Madeline Cameron

Nancy Krigner
Paul Brayan
Gonser family
Lucy Hogg

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.

PARISH COUNCIL met on October 13 with five members in person and three members virtually. The parish finances remain stable. Please continue your giving whether in person, through Givelify, or by sending in your donation to the office or dropping it off during office hours.

The parish council appointed Marla Houser to the endowment committee and re-appointed Bob Russell. Endowment committee terms are five years with the option to reappointment by the parish council. Next year the parish council plans to re-appoint the other members of the endowment committee so that terms are staggered as the endowment committee bylaws require. Current members of the endowment committee are: Bob Russell, Ruth Conrad, Deacon Luke Gonser, Marla Houser, and Milan Stikovich.

The interior of the church needs to be painted, perhaps those with memorial funds may designate them for this project. Next year the light posts outside need to be painted as they are rusting. A new metal door and frame from the storage room to the courtyard was installed with memorial funds in memory of John and Rose Goodman. A wooden case for the icon of our Lord in the tomb (plashchanitza) has been installed in church together with the icon both of which were done with memorial funds in memory of Joe Goodman.

At the diocesan conference on October 3 the diocesan assessment for each parish was set at 3% of income for Sept 2020 to Aug 2021. In 2021-2022 it will be 4% and in 2022-2023 it will be 5% which will bring income and expenses for the diocese to break even.

ANGEL TREE We will participate in the Angel Tree program again this year and sponsor 50 children.

Commitments have been made for 29 children so far, only 21 more need to be sponsored. We do not yet have the names of the children. **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.

CANDLE INTENTION REQUESTS can be emailed to the office at stnicholasburtonmi@gmail.com or called in.

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

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.

PARISH MEETING FOR THE ELECTION OF PARISH COUNCIL, AUDITORS & LAY DELEGATES

takes place on Sunday, Nov. 8. **To vote you must have submitted a pledge card & received Confession and Communion with the past year.** Absentee ballots are available in the office. Only one vote per person. If you fill out an absentee vote please do not fill out a ballot on November 8. Absentee ballots must be returned by November 8. The nominees are:

Parish Council (3 will be elected)

Shari Nicoloff (term ending this year)
 Ian Price
 Stephanie Price
 Ellyn Serra
 Michael Serra
 Jennifer Shann
 Jonathon Shann

Auditor (1 will be elected)

Calvin Conrad
 Fannia Young

Lay Delegate - Oct. 2021 Diocesan Conference (1 will be elected)

Deborah Gonser-Adams
 Susie Ford
 Joe Tome

Lay Delegate - July 2021 OCA All-American Council (1 will be elected)

Deborah Gonser-Adams
 Susie Ford
 Joe Tome

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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 access without stairs, come 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.

Weekly schedule:

Tuesday, Oct 20

Fr. Matthew in Toledo
[7 pm OCA online church school](#)

Wednesday, Oct 21

[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)

Saturday, Oct 24

[5 pm Great Vespers – streaming on our YouTube channel](#) / Confessions after Vespers

Sunday, Oct 25

9:30 am Third and Sixth Hours
[10 am Divine Liturgy – streaming on our YouTube channel](#)

Offerings for the week October 11, 2020

34 persons in attendance on October 11

<i>Weekly Offerings</i>	\$ 1,468.00
<i>Estimated Average Weekly Expenses</i>	\$ 3,104.00
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