

**October 25, 2020**

**St. Nicholas Orthodox Church**

*Diocese of Toledo - Orthodox Church in America*

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SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2020 **20th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST — Tone 3. Martyrs Marcian and Martyrius the Notaries, of Constantinople (ca. 355). Ven. Martyrii (Martyrius) the Deacon, Recluse of the Kiev Caves (Far Caves—13th-14th c.). Martyr Athanasius the Fuller, at Salona in Dalmatia (3rd c.). St. Tabitha, the widow raised from the dead by the Apostle Peter (1st 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 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 Third Tone: Sing praises to our God, sing praises; / Sing praises to our King, sing praises!***      **v. Clap your hands, all ye people, shout to God with loud songs of joy.**

**THE READING FROM THE EPISTLE OF THE PAUL TO THE GALATIANS (1:11-19)** *Brethren:* I would have you know that the gospel which was preached by me is not man's gospel. For I did not receive it from man, nor was I taught it, but it came through a revelation of Jesus Christ. For you have heard of my former life in Judaism, how I persecuted the church of God violently and tried to destroy it; and I advanced in Judaism beyond many of my own age among my people, so extremely zealous was I for the traditions of my fathers. But when he who had set me apart before I was born, and had called me through his grace, was pleased to reveal his Son to me, in order that I might preach him among the Gentiles, I did not confer with flesh and blood, nor did I go up to Jerusalem to those who were apostles before me, but I went away into Arabia; and again I returned to Damascus. Then after three years I went up to Jerusalem to visit Cephas, and remained with him fifteen days. But I saw none of the other apostles except James the Lord's brother.

***Alleluia, Tone 3***

**v. In Thee, O Lord, have I placed my hope; let me not be put to shame.**

**v. Be Thou a God of protection for me, a house of refuge in order to save me.**

**THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO LUKE (8:26-39)** At that time Jesus arrived at the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. And as he stepped out on land, there met him a man from the city who had demons; for a long time he had worn no clothes, and he lived not in a house but among the tombs. When he saw Jesus, he cried out and fell down before him, and said with a loud voice, "What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beseech you, do not torment me." For he had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many a time it had seized him; he was kept under guard, and bound with chains and fetters, but he broke the bonds and was driven by the demon into the desert.) Jesus then asked him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Legion"; for many demons had entered him. And they begged him not to command them to depart into the

abyss. Now a large herd of swine was feeding there on the hillside; and they begged him to let them enter these. So he gave them leave. Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and were drowned. When the herdsmen saw what had happened, they fled, and told it in the city and in the country. Then people went out to see what had happened, and they came to Jesus, and found the man from whom the demons had gone, sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind; and they were afraid. And those who had seen it told them how he who had been possessed with demons was healed. Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gerasenes asked him to depart from them; for they were seized with great fear; so he got into the boat and returned. The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him; but he sent him away, saying, "Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you." And he went away, proclaiming throughout the whole city how much Jesus had done for him.

### **COMMUNION HYMN**

Praise the Lord from the heavens! Praise Him in the highest! Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

#### **The holy Gospel according to 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.

**Saint Tabitha the Widow, raised from the dead by the Apostle Peter (October 25)** Saint Tabitha, the widow raised from the dead by the Apostle Peter, was a virtuous and kindly woman who belonged to the Christian community in Joppa. Being grievously ill, she suddenly died. At the time, the Apostle Peter was preaching at Lydda, not far from Joppa. Messengers were sent to him with an urgent request for help. When the Apostle arrived at Joppa, Tabitha was already dead. On bended knee, Saint Peter made a fervent prayer to the Lord. Then he went to the bed and called out, "Tabitha, get up!" She arose, completely healed (Acts 9:36). Saint Tabitha is considered the patron saint of tailors and seamstresses, since she was known for sewing coats and other garments (Acts 9:39).

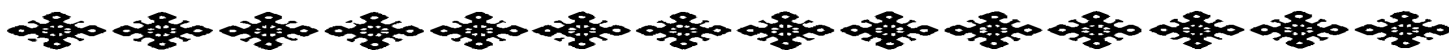
#### **Saint Tabitha - Troparion — Tone 1**

With the flow of the many-streamed river of almsgiving / you watered the dry earth of the needy. / Showering alms on the widows and the poor, / you shone with the light of your works / and were radiant with grace, O Tabitha. / Glory to Christ who loves you! / Glory to Christ who has blessed you! / Glory to Christ whom you followed as a true disciple and a spotless lamb!

#### **Saint Tabitha - Kontakion — Tone 2**

You served the Savior in holiness / by your God-fearing deeds, / and were a model of love as his disciple. / O Tabitha, we praise your memory!

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

God's blessings on my newborn great granddaughter Deklyn & parents Lauren and Luke Stewart

Buni Connie Maxim

God's blessings on my 1 yr. old & Happy Birthday on my great grandson Jayce and parents Courtney and Nate Allison. God's blessings on their grandparents

Ellyn & Michael Serra.

Buni Connie Maxim

Phil Brown Happy Birthday Oct.25<sup>th</sup>. Health & blessings

Dorothy & family

Good health to all the Panoffs

Angelo & Christine

Health for twins Lazaros & Sophie Stavridis

Teddy Stavridis

Health for my family

Bosa Kantar

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

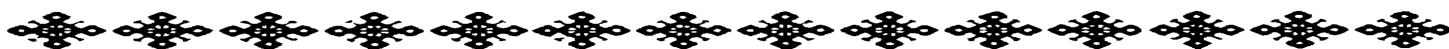
**CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR BLESSED REPOSE**

Blessed Repose to our grandsons Matthew (1 yr.) & Andrew

Baba & Dedo

Helen Bibilikow birthday Oct. 31<sup>st</sup>. Blessed Repose~Memory Eternal

Dorothy & family



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.

**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.**

**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](mailto: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.

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**CHARITY ASSISTANCE PLATE** will be set out in the narthex. This money is used for gift cards for those in need and are distributed once a month. The funds for this ministry needs replenishing.

**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 within 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

**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:**

**Monday, Oct 26** Fr. Matthew in Toledo

**Tuesday, Oct 27**

**7 pm** [OCA online church school](#)

**Wednesday, Oct 28**

**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 31**

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

**Sunday, Nov 1**

9:30 am Third and Sixth Hours

**10 am** [Divine Liturgy – streaming on our YouTube channel](#)



**Offerings for the week October 18, 2020**

*31 persons in attendance on October 18*

<i>Weekly Offerings</i>	\$ 1,311.22
<i>Estimated Average Weekly Expenses</i>	\$ 3,104.00
	<b>\$-1,792.78</b>