

October 7, 2018

St. Nicholas Orthodox Church

Diocese of Toledo - Orthodox Church in America

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The Gospel according to Saint 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.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2018 19th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST — Tone 2. Martyrs Sergius and Bacchus in Syria (290-303). Ven. Sergius the Obedient, of the Kiev Caves (Near Caves—ca. 13th c.). Ven. Sergius, Abbot of Nurma (Vologdá—1412), disciple of Ven. Sergius of Rádonezh. Uncovering of the relics of Ven. Martinian, Abbot of Belozersk (1514). Martyrs Julian the Presbyter and Cæsarius the Deacon, at Terracina (1st c.). Virgin Martyr Pelagia of Tarsus (290). Martyr Polychronius the Presbyter (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 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 Second Tone: The Lord is my strength and my song / He has become my salvation.
v: The Lord has chastened me sorely, but He has not given me over unto death.

THE READING FROM THE SECOND EPISTLE OF PAUL TO THE CORINTHIANS (11:31-12:9) Brethren: The God and Father of the Lord Jesus, he who is blessed for ever, knows that I do not lie. At Damascus, the governor under King Aretas guarded the city of Damascus in order to seize me, but I was let down in a basket through a window in the wall, and escaped his hands. I must boast; there is nothing to be gained by it, but I will go on to visions and revelations of the Lord. I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven -- whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows. And I know that this man was caught up into Paradise -- whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows -- and he heard things that cannot be told, which man may not utter. On behalf of this man I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. Though if I wish to boast, I shall not be a fool, for I shall be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think more of me than he sees in me or hears from me. And to keep me from being too elated by the abundance of revelations, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan, to harass me, to keep me from being too elated. Three times I besought the Lord about this, that it should leave me; but he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." I will all the more gladly boast of my weaknesses, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

Alleluia, Tone 2

v: May the Lord hear you in the day of trouble! May the Name of the God of Jacob protect you!

v: Save the King, O Lord, and hear us on the day we call!

THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO LUKE (7:11-15) Now it happened, the day after, that Jesus went into a city called Nain; and many of His disciples went with Him, and a large crowd. And when He came near the gate of the city, behold, a dead man was being carried out, the only son of his mother; and she was a widow. And a large crowd from the city was with her. When the Lord saw her, He had compassion on her and said to her, "Do not weep." Then He came and touched the open coffin, and those who carried him stood still. And He said, "Young man, I say to you, arise." So he who was dead sat up and began to speak. And He presented him to his mother. Then fear came upon all, and they glorified God, saying, "A great prophet has risen up among us"; and, "God has visited His people."

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

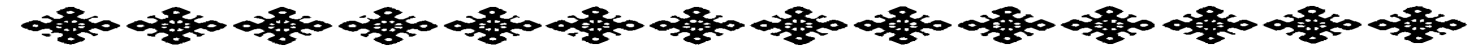
Be patient with your own passions and be patient with mine. Then you'll become a saint. **Papa Ephrem of Katoukia**

We, led astray by the thoughts which the serpent puts in us, regard some of our neighbors as good and love them, but regard others as bad and detest them. It is precisely this distinction between good and bad that is the tree of the knowledge of good and evil; that is to say, we do not put up with our neighbor's mistakes, but ensnare each person by his shortcomings. Those who seem good we love, but those whom we consider bad we hate. When the mind tastes the fruits of this tree, it immediately falls into those same mistakes that it condemned, thereafter realizing its own nakedness through the malicious discovery of a neighbor's faults. **Abba Mark**

It is good not to judge a person until Christ comes, for He knows the mind of humans and reveals the secrets of our hearts. For the Father has given all judgment to the Son, and so the one who judges his neighbor usurps the office of the Lord; such a person is an antichrist. Moreover, there are some who receive remission of sins through various temptations, of which we know nothing. Others are cleansed through bodily infirmity and lengthy illness. 'The Lord has chastened me sorely, but He has not given me over to death' (Psalm 117:18). **St. Anastasios the Sinaite**

We need humility more than any other virtue; let us always be ready, whatever word we might say or hear, or whatever we might do, to say 'forgive me'; for through humility, all of the evil works of the devil are foiled. **Abba Isaiah**

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CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR THE HEALTH AND BLESSINGS OF

God's blessings for good health to our granddaughter Angela, on her 10th birthday
Set. 29th.

Sarah Neely Happy 16th ~ birthday blessings

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

Special Intention

Alex & Mary

Baba & Dedo

Baba

Joe Tome

Joe Tome

Alex & Magda Popoff

CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR BLESSED REPOSE

Memory Eternal for Lydia Dobrofalovna~Blessed Repose

Blessed Repose to our beloved grandson Andrew

Peter Popoff & John Naum

Luka "Louie" Večnaja ja Pamjat'!

Agnes Lazar Yalda Memory Eteranl~Blessed Repose

Luka (Louie) Prusac Belssed Repose~Memory Eternal. We love you

Val Evanenko

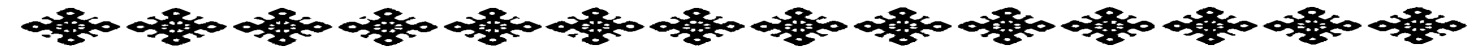
Baba & Dedo

Alex & Magda Popoff

Mom & Dad

Dorothy Goodman

Mom & Dad



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



COFFEE & DONUTS today are provided by the Gonser family in memory of Christine Marie Stathopoulos.

PARKING LOT RE-PAVING The proceeds from last year and this year's Macedonian Open will go towards the re-paving of the entire parking lot which will cost over \$100,000. With capital improvement funds, funds on hand, and donations, that leaves a shortfall of \$29,960. If anyone would like to donate or dedicate a memorial fund or make an anonymous donation to the Capital Improvement Fund (formerly Parish Pride), please contact the office.

SPECIAL PARISH MEETING- The sole item on the agenda for this meeting is whether:

-the parish shall take out a loan for \$28,000 to cover the remaining costs for the parking lot OR

-the parish shall distribute \$28,000 un-invested money from the money market fund of the Endowment Fund (2/3 majority required to approve)

ELECTION OF PARISH COUNCIL, AUDITORS AND LAY DELEGATES

As of October 5, 2018 the nominees are:

Parish Council Nominees (3 will be elected)

Tom Batzos

Michelle Gerzevske

Sharon Jernigan (term ending 2018)

Phil Brown

Kathy Gonser (term ending 2018)

Cathy Steiner (term ending 2018)

Val Evanenko

Dennis Goodman

Fannia Young

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:

2019 Diocesan Conference Lay Delegate Nominees (1 will be elected)

Deborah Gonser-Adams J. Joseph Tome

If your name is listed above and you do not wish to run for the parish council or auditor OR if you would like to nominate someone, please call the parish office at 810-744-0070.

The annual elections will take place on Sunday, November 4.*Absentee Ballots will be made available in the parish office beginning October 21*****

QUARTERLY STATEMENTS can be picked up in the Parish Hall. Please call the office at (810) 744-0070 if you have any questions.

HOPE IN A BOX is collecting **socks** for the month of October. Place the items in the blue box in the Parish Hall. Catholic Charities Community Closet will distribute the items.

FOOD DRIVE Place non-perishable food items in the other blue box in the hall.

WORK READY ROOM Catholic Charities Work Ready Room wants your new & gently used career clothes to help individuals in need! i.e. Khakis, Scrubs, Shoes, Work Boots, Dress Pants & Collared Shirts. For more information call 810-265-7025. Donations can be dropped off Mon-Fri at 812 Root St, Flint.

Weekly Schedule:

Today Special Parish Meeting
Parastas for Christine Marie Stathopoulos

Monday, Oct. 8 Fr. Matthew in Toledo

Tuesday, Oct. 9
6:30 pm Parish Council Meeting. Parish Council members - please check your email for minutes and reports. If you cannot attend please contact the parish office.

Wednesday, Oct. 10
9:30 am Divine Liturgy
11:15 am Adult Ed. Class

Saturday, Oct. 13
5 pm Vespers

Sunday, Oct. 14
9:30 am Third Hour
10 am Divine Liturgy / Church School

Offerings for the week September 30, 2018

Weekly Offerings	\$ 1,621.00
Estimated Average Weekly Expenses	\$ 4,034.03
	\$-2,413.03

74 people were in attendance on Sunday, September 30.

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