

**October 13, 2019**

**St. Nicholas Orthodox Church**

*Diocese of Toledo - Orthodox Church in America*

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**The Holy Gospel according to Luke 24:36-53 (6th Matins Gospel)**

Now as they said these things, Jesus Himself stood in the midst of them, and said to them, “Peace to you.” But they were terrified and frightened, and supposed they had seen a spirit. And He said to them, “Why are you troubled? And why do doubts arise in your hearts? Behold My hands and My feet, that it is I Myself. Handle Me and see, for a spirit does not have flesh and bones as you see I have. When He had said this, He showed them His hands and His feet. But while they still did not believe for joy, and marveled, He said to them, “Have you any food here?” So they gave Him a piece of a broiled fish and some honeycomb. And He took it and ate in their presence. Then He said to them, “These are the words which I spoke to you while I was still with you, that all things must be fulfilled which were written in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms concerning Me.” And He opened their understanding, that they might comprehend the Scriptures. Then He said to them, “Thus it is written, and thus it was necessary for the Christ to suffer and to rise from the dead the third day, and that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in His name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. And you are witnesses of these things. Behold, I send the Promise of My Father upon you; but tarry in the city of Jerusalem until you are endued with power from on high. And He led them out as far as Bethany, and He lifted up His hands and blessed them. Now it came to pass, while He blessed them, that He was parted from them and carried up into heaven. And they worshiped Him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy, and were continually in the temple praising and blessing God. Amen.

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2019 17th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST — Tone 8. Fathers of the 7th Ecumenical Council. Martyrs Carpus, Papyrus, Agathodorus, and Agathonica, at Pergamum (251). Ven. Benjamin of the Kiev Caves (Far Caves—14th c.). Martyr Florentius of Thessalonica (1st-2nd c.). Martyr Benjamin, Deacon, of Persia (421-424). St. Nicetas the Confessor of Paphlagonia (838). New Martyr Chryse (Zlata) of Bulgaria (1795). Translation of the “IVERON” (“IBERIAN”) Icon of the Most-holy Theotokos to Moscow (1648). The “SEDMIYEZERNAYA” Icon of the Most-holy Theotokos (17th c.)**

**TROPARIA**

**(Tone 8)** Thou didst descend from on high, O Merciful One! Thou didst accept the three-day burial to free us from our sufferings! O Lord, our Life and Resurrection: glory to Thee!

**(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!

**From the Martyrdom of St. Polycarp (ca. 167 AD)**

They did not nail him (Polycarp) then, but simply bound him. And he, placing his hands behind him, and being bound like a distinguished ram taken out of a great flock for sacrifice, and prepared to be an acceptable burnt-offering unto God, looked up to heaven, and said,

O Lord God Almighty, the Father of your beloved and blessed Son Jesus Christ, by whom we have received the knowledge of You, the God of angels and powers, and of every creature, and of the whole race of the righteous who live before You, I give You thanks that You have counted me worthy of this day and this hour, that I should have a part in the number of Your martyrs, in the cup of your Christ, to the resurrection of eternal life, both of soul and body, through the incorruption [imparted] by the Holy Spirit. Among whom may I be accepted this day before You as a fat and acceptable sacrifice, according as You, the ever-truthful God, have foreordained, have revealed beforehand to me, and now have fulfilled. Wherefore also I praise You for all things, I bless You, I glorify You, along with the everlasting and heavenly Jesus Christ, Your beloved Son, with whom, to You, and the Holy Spirit, be glory both now and to all coming ages. Amen.

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

Anna Branoff, Angelo Popoff, Jo & Pete Sredich, Bob Edwards, Hannah,

Calvin Conrad, Phil Brown & Connie Maxim

Health for Phil, Angelo, Mary, Les, Calvin & Connie

Mary, Angelo, Helen & Alex

Adams family

Dorothy Goodman

Alex & Magda Popoff

Good health to Helen & Angelo Popoff  
Good health to Phil Brown  
God's blessings for good health to all of our grandkids & their parents  
God's blessings on my new great grandson, Jayce Taylor Allison

Angelo & Christine  
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Connie Maxim

### **CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR BLESSED REPOSE**

Peter Popoff  
Blessed Repose for Andrew Panoff, Tom Branoff, John, Rose & Mike Goodman,  
Cheryl Ellis & Dr. George Politis

Alex & Magda Popoff  
Angelo & Christine



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



**COFFEE & DONUTS** are provided today by Ellyn & Michael Serra and Connie Maxim in honor of Jayce Taylor Allison (6 wks.- born on Sept. 6<sup>th</sup>) and for continued good health for the family. Jayce is Ellyn & Michael's grandson and Connie is his great grandmother,.

**THE BEGINNING & THE END** Fr. Gabriel will be giving a lecture series about creation, giving an Orthodox understanding of creation and the end of the world. The classes will be at St. Mary Magdalene Oct. 16, 23, 30 & Nov. 6 at 6:30. Archbishop Alexander will be the speaker for the last session on Nov. 6<sup>th</sup>. More details are on the flyer in the parish hall.

**THE ANNUAL ELECTION** will take place on Sunday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>. As of today the nominees for parish council are: Paul Brayan, Phil Brown, Ian Price, Bob Steiner. The nominees for auditor are Lucy Hogg & Cathy Steiner. If your name is listed above and you do not wish to run for the parish council please call the parish office at 810-744-0070.

\*To vote you must have submitted a pledge card & received confession and communion with the past year. Absentee ballots will be available in the office on October 21<sup>st</sup>.

**COFFEE HOUR** volunteers are needed. There is a signup sheet outside the kitchen window. Please commit to helping out so we can continue having this social time together.

### **OUR CHARITY MINISTRIES**

**HOPE IN A BOX** is collecting toothpaste & toothbrushes for the month of October. Place the items in the blue box in the hall. Catholic Charities Community Closet will distribute the items.

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

**SOCKTOBER!** During Socktober we encourage donations of warm socks of all sorts. We will also begin distributing coats and winter gear in October.

**RIGHT TO LIFE** Their annual benefit dinner is October 15<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 pm at Captain's Club Woodfield in Grand Blanc. The guest speaker is Dr. David Russell. The cost is \$20 student, \$35 individual & \$250 for a table of 8. For more information contact Fran Schihl at 810-694-5079 or franschihl@comcast.net.

**SALAD LUNCHEON** at Assumption on Thursday, Oct. 24<sup>th</sup>, 11:30-1:30. There will also appetizers & a bake sale.

**TRUNK OR TREAT** will be hosted by Assumption October 26<sup>th</sup> 6 pm-8 pm. See the flyer in the parish hall for more information.



**1<sup>st</sup> ANNUAL HOLIDAY CRAFT SHOW** November 9<sup>th</sup> at Assumption 9 am-4 pm. Free admission.

**PAN-ORTHODOX SERVICES** November 20<sup>th</sup> – eve of the Entrance of the Theotokos – 6 pm Vespers & Divine Liturgy at location to be determined.

**Weekly Schedule:**

**Monday, Oct. 14** Communion calls in Bay City & Caro

**Tuesday, Oct. 15** Fr. Matthew in Toledo

**Wednesday, Oct. 16**  
9:30 am Divine Liturgy  
11:30 am Adult Ed Class

**Saturday, Oct. 19**  
5 pm Vespers followed by confessions

**Sunday, Oct. 20**  
9:30 am Hours  
10 am Divine Liturgy  
Church School  
Noisy Offering

**Offerings for the week October 6<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

<i>Weekly Offerings</i>	\$ 1,388.00
<i>Estimated Average Weekly Expenses</i>	\$ 3,236.00
	<b>\$-1,884.00</b>