

**October 20, 2019**

**St. Nicholas Orthodox Church**

*Diocese of Toledo - Orthodox Church in America*

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**The Holy Gospel according to John**

**20:1-10 (7th Matins Gospel)**

Now on the first day of the week Mary Magdalene went to the tomb early, while it was still dark, and saw that the stone had been taken away from the tomb. Then she ran and came to Simon Peter, and to the other disciple, whom Jesus loved, and said to them, “They have taken away the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid Him.” Peter therefore went out, and the other disciple, and were going to the tomb. So they both ran together, and the other disciple outran Peter and came to the tomb first. And he, stooping down and looking in, saw the linen cloths lying there; yet he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb; and he saw the linen cloths lying there, and the handkerchief that had been around His head, not lying with the linen cloths, but folded together in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who came to the tomb first, went in also; and he saw and believed. For as yet they did not know the Scripture, that He must rise again from the dead. Then the disciples went away again to their own homes.

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2019 18TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST—Tone 1.** Greatmartyr Artemios at Antioch (362). Righteous Child Artemius of Verkholsk. Ven. Gerasimos the New Ascetic, of Cephalonia (1579). Ven. Matrona of Chios (14th c.).

**TROPARIA**

(Tone 1) When the stone had been sealed by the Jews, / while the soldiers were guarding Your most pure body, / You rose on the third day, O Savior, granting life to the world. / The powers of heaven therefore cried to You, O Giver of Life: / “Glory to Your Resurrection, O Christ! / Glory to Your Kingdom! // Glory to Your dispensation, O Lover of mankind!”

(Tone 4) Your holy martyr Artemios, O Lord, / Through his sufferings has received an incorruptible crown from You, our God. / For having Your strength, he laid low his adversaries, / And shattered the powerless boldness of demons. / Through his intercessions, save our souls!!

(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 First Tone: Let Thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us / as we have set our hope on Thee.  
v. Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous! Praise befits the just!*

THE READING FROM THE SECOND EPISTLE OF PAUL TO THE CORINTHIANS (9:6-11) Brethren: I say this: he who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each one must do as he has made up his mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that you may always have enough of everything and may provide in abundance for every good work. As it is written, "He scatters abroad, he gives to the poor; his righteousness endures forever." He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your resources and increase the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way for great generosity, which through us will produce thanksgiving to God.

*Alleluia, Tone 1*

v: God gives vengeance unto me, and subdues people under me.

v: He magnifies the salvation of the King and deals mercifully with David, His anointed, and his seed forever.

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!

As we stand in the early weeks of the new Church Year we have a renewed opportunity to pledge ourselves as followers of Christ through our annual financial pledge. This pledge is our way of saying "thank you" to God for all He has given to us. It is not only by words but by deeds, from our very substance that we must offer ourselves to God. All that we have is given to us by the Lord, and it is our sacred duty to utilize what we have—our time, our talent, our resources, our very lives—for what St. Paul calls the "building up of the Body of Christ."

Pledging is a visible expression of our commitment to Jesus as the Lord and Master of our lives. Pledging is not a rule or a law. Rather it is a challenge to all of us from our Lord to share in his work. Pledging gives us the opportunity to commit a part of our financial resources to the work of the Church. Pledging allows us to make a sincere expression of our faith and love for our Lord and His Church. Pledging allows us to practice Financial Stewardship by providing the tool to help us to make responsible decisions about the money we have and our duty as Christian Stewards.

Pledging based on Proportional Giving or Percentage Giving will allow all of us to give proportionally to what we have been given by God. Percentage Giving means to determine what part or percent of our total income we will give as our "First Portion Gift" to God in support of the work of His church, as an act of gratitude and thanks for all He has done and continues to do for us and for the life of the world.

Your Stewardship provides the foundations for our parish ministries and our efforts in meeting the formidable challenges that promote the spreading of Christ's Word and our Orthodox Faith.

**Pledge cards for 2020 will be available soon.**

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

Mary, Angelo, Helen & Alex

God’s blessings for good health to all of our grandkids & their parents

Good health for Angelo & Helen Popoff, Phil Brown, Calvin Conrad & Connie Maxim

Fr. Tom, Fr. Paul, Fr. Joe, Fr. Anthony, Matushka Rose Marie, Joan, Peggy, Bob,

Angelo, Christine, Dorothy, Anna, Alex, Irene, Allen, Deborah, Luba,

Kosta, Stojan, Mira, Bosa, Christopher, Allison, Calvin, Jeanette, Nicholas,

Margaret, Joseph, Ted, Marlene, Gladys, my family and friends

Special Intention

Alex & Magda Popoff

Angelo & Christine

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Joe Tome

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**CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR BLESSED REPOSE**

Peter Popoff & Nick Branoff

Matushka Marilyn Beronja (newly departed)

Lewis Elieff~Memory Eternal (10 yrs.)

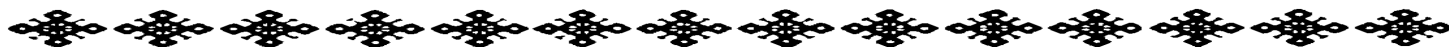
Blessed Repose for our sweet grandson Andrew


Alex & Magda Popoff

Joe Tome

His family

Angelo & Christine



**WELCOME** all our friends and visitors. Please join us in our fellowship hall for coffee, donuts & fellowship. 

**WELCOME** Fr. Jarrod Russell (who arrived last week) to Assumption Church.

**SMALL COMPLINE AND EXPLORING OUR FAITH** teaching and discussion on October 22<sup>nd</sup>, 6 pm at St. George. “Come deepen your faith with prayer, fellowship as we not only PRACTICE but also EXPLORE our faith! We will explore the role of the Holy Spirit in our lives, our relationships with others and in everything that we do! Hope to pray, fellowship and EXPLORE with you!” Father Deacon Michael. [frdnmike@gmail.com](mailto:frdnmike@gmail.com)

**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. 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.

**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.

**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, Bob Steiner. The nominees for auditor are Lucy Hogg & Cathy Steiner. Absentee ballots will be available in the office on October 21<sup>st</sup>.

**COFFE HOUR** volunteers are needed for November. 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. They are also distributing coats and winter gear in October.

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



**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 Assumption Church.

### **Weekly Schedule:**

**Today** Noisy Offering

**Tuesday, Oct. 22** Fr. Matthew in Toledo  
6 pm Small Compline at St. George

**Wednesday, Oct. 23**  
9:30 am Divine Liturgy  
11:30 am Adult Ed Class  
6:30 pm The Beginning and the End class at St. Mary Magdalene

**Friday, Oct. 25**  
7 pm OCF meeting at St. George with Fr. Gabriel as guest speaker

**Saturday, Oct. 26**  
5 pm Vespers followed by confessions  
6 pm-8 pm Trunk or Treat at Assumption

**Sunday, Oct. 27**  
9:30 am Hours  
10 am Divine Liturgy  
Church School

### **Offerings for the week October 13<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

Weekly Offerings	\$ 2,235.00
Estimated Average Weekly Expenses	\$ 3,236.00
	<b>\$-1,001.00</b>

*84 people were in attendance on Sunday, October 13<sup>th</sup>.*