

September 13, 2020

St. Nicholas Orthodox Church

Diocese of Toledo - Orthodox Church in America

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SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2020 14th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST — Tone 5. Forefeast of the Elevation of the Cross. Commemoration of the Founding of the Church of the Resurrection (Holy Sepulcher) at Jerusalem (335). Sunday before Elevation. Hieromartyr Cornelius the Centurion (1st c.). Martyrs Chronides, Leontius and Serapion, of Alexandria (237). Martyrs Seleucus in Scythia, and Stratonicus (3rd c.). Martyrs Macrobius and Gordian at Tomi in Romania (4th c.). Hieromartyr Julian of Galatia (4th c.). Martyrs Elias, Zoticus, Lucian, and Valerian (4th c.). St. Peter of Atroë (9th c.). Greatmartyr Ketevan, Queen of Georgia (1624). Ven. Hierotheus the Younger of Iveron (Mt. Athos—1745).

TROPARIA

(Tone 5) Let us, the faithful, praise and worship the Word, / co-eternal with the Father and the Spirit, / born for our salvation from the Virgin; / for He willed to be lifted up on the Cross in the flesh, / to endure death, / and to raise the dead // by His glorious Resurrection.

(Tone 4) We offer in supplication the life-creating Cross of Your goodness, O Lord, which You have granted to us although we are unworthy. Through the Theotokos, save all Orthodox Christians, O only Lover of mankind!

(Tone 4) You have revealed the beauty of the holy dwelling place of Your glory on earth to be like the splendor of the heavenly firmament, O Lord. Through the prayers of the Theotokos, strengthen it for ever and ever and accept our supplication which we ceaselessly offer to You therein, the life and resurrection of all!

(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 4) The Church has been revealed to be a heaven filled with light, which enlightens all the faithful. Standing within it we cry: “Establish this house, O Lord!”

The Prokeimenon in the Sixth Tone: O Lord, save Thy people / and bless Thine inheritance!

v. To Thee, O Lord, will I call. O my God, be not silent to me!

THE READING IS FROM THE EPISTLE OF THE APOSTLE PAUL TO THE GALATIANS (6:11-18)

Brethren: See with what large letters I am writing to you with my own hand. It is those who want to make a good showing in the flesh that would compel you to be circumcised, and only in order that they may not be persecuted for the cross of Christ. For even those who receive circumcision do not themselves keep the law, but they desire to have you circumcised that they may glory in your flesh. But far be it from me to glory except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. For neither circumcision counts for anything, nor uncircumcision, but a new creation. Peace and mercy be upon all who walk by this rule, upon the Israel of God. Henceforth let no man trouble me; for I bear on my body the marks of Jesus. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brethren. Amen.

Alleluia, Tone 1

v. I have exalted one chosen out of My people.

v. For My hand shall defend him and My arm shall strengthen him.

THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO JOHN (3:13-17) Jesus answered Nicodemus, saying: “No one has ascended into heaven but he who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God sent the Son into the world, not to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him.”

COMMUNION HYMN:

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

The holy Gospel according to Mark 16: 9-20 (3rd Matins Gospel)

Now when Jesus rose early on the first day of the week, He appeared first to Mary Magdalene, out of whom He had cast seven demons. She went and told those who had been with Him, as they mourned and wept. And when they heard that He was alive and had been seen by her, they did not believe. After that, He appeared in another form to two of them as they walked and went into the country. And they went and told it to the rest, but they did not believe them either. Later He appeared to the eleven as they sat at the table; and He rebuked their unbelief and hardness of heart, because they did not believe those who had seen Him after He had risen. And He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned. And these signs will follow those who believe: In My name they will cast out demons; they will speak with new tongues; they will take up serpents; and if they drink anything deadly, it will by no means hurt them; they will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover. So then, after the Lord had spoken to them, He was received up into heaven, and sat down at the right hand of God. And they went out and preached everywhere, the Lord working with them and confirming the word through the accompanying signs. Amen.

The Founding of the Church of the Resurrection (Holy Sepulchre) at Jerusalem (Sept. 13)

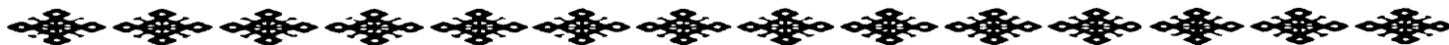
The Dedication of the Temple of the Resurrection of Christ at Jerusalem celebrates the dedication of the Church of the Resurrection, built by St Constantine the Great and his mother, the empress Helen. When the Roman emperor Titus conquered Jerusalem in the year 70, he razed the city and destroyed the Temple of Solomon on Mount Moriah, leaving there not a stone upon a stone, as even the Savior foretold (Mt.13:1-2). Later on the zealous pagan emperor Hadrian (117-138) built on the site of the Jerusalem destroyed by Titus a new city named Aelia Capitolina for him (Hadrian Aelius). It was forbidden to call the city by its former name. He gave orders to cover the Holy Tomb of the Lord with earth and stones, and on that spot to set up an idol. On Golgotha, where the Savior was crucified, he constructed a pagan temple dedicated to the goddess Venus in 119. In Bethlehem, at the place the Savior was born of the All-Pure Virgin, the impious emperor set up an idol of Adonis. He did all this intentionally, so that people would forget completely about Christ the Savior and that they would no longer remember the places where He lived, taught, suffered and arose in glory.

At the beginning of the reign of St Constantine the Great (306-337), the first of the Roman emperors to recognize the Christian religion, he and his pious mother the empress Helen decided to rebuild the city of Jerusalem. They also planned to build a church on the site of the Lord's suffering and Resurrection, in order to reconsecrate and purify the places connected with memory of the Savior from the taint of foul pagan cults. The empress Helen journeyed to Jerusalem with a large quantity of gold, and St Constantine the Great wrote a letter to Patriarch Macarius I (313-323), requesting him to assist her in every possible way with her task of the renewing the Christian holy places. After her arrival in Jerusalem, the holy empress Helen destroyed all the pagan temples and reconsecrated the places desecrated by the pagans. She was zealous to find the Cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, and she ordered the excavation of the place where the temple of Venus stood. There they discovered the Sepulchre of the Lord and Golgotha, and they also found three crosses and some nails. The Cross of the Lord was revealed when it brought to life a dead man. Patriarch Macarius raised up the Life-Creating Cross and displayed it to all the people standing about. (the Feast of the Elevation of the Cross – September 14)

The holy empress quickly began the construction of a large church which enclosed within its walls Golgotha, the place of the Crucifixion of the Savior, and the Sepulchre of the Lord, located near each other. The Church of the Resurrection was ten years in building, and the holy empress Helen did not survive to see its completion. She returned to Constantinople, and reposed in the year 327. After her arrival in Jerusalem, the holy empress built churches in Bethlehem, on the Mount of Olives, at Gethsemane and in many other places connected with the life of the Savior and events in the New Testament.

The construction of the church of the Resurrection, called "Martyrion" in memory of the sufferings of the Savior, was completed in the same year as the Council of Tyre, and in the thirtieth year of the reign of St Constantine the Great. Therefore, at the assembly of September 13, 335, the consecration of the temple was particularly solemn with bishops from many lands attending. On this day all the city of Jerusalem was consecrated. The Fathers of the Church established September 13 as the commemoration of this remarkable event. *from oca.org*

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CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR THE HEALTH AND BLESSINGS OF

Jerry Brucksch

Health & God's blessings, a speedy recovery for Jerry Brucksch

Jerry & Christine Brucksch

Special Intention

Fr. Tom, Fr. Don, Fr. Paul, Fr. Anthony, Fr. Robert, Aaron, Milica, Calvin, Larry,

Helen, Angelo, Joan, Peggy, Bob, Angelo, Christine, Dorothy, Irene, Allen,

Deborah, Luba, Kosta, Stojan, Mira, Bosa, Christopher, Allison, Jeanette, Katheryn,

Joseph, Ted, Marlene, Gladys, all the parishioners of St. Nicholas, my family &

friends.

Special Intention

Christine, Josh & Jennifer
Nancy, Tom, Danny & Megan
Teta Dorothy & family
Laurie Brock

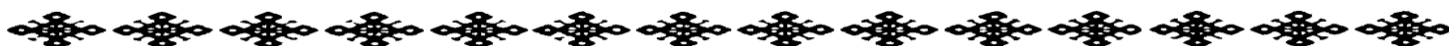
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CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR BLESSED REPOSE

Beverly Svetcos - Blessed Repose~Memory Eternal

Dorothy Goodman & family



Many years to our Archbishop and Father Alexander who joins us for the Divine Liturgy today.

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.

THE ELEVATION OF THE CROSS OF THE LORD The second great feast of the new Church year is the elevation of the Cross of the Lord which we celebrate on September 14. The Orthodox parishes of Genesee County will keep this feast with [Vespers here tonight at 6:30 pm – livestreamed](#) including the service of the elevation of the Cross and then tomorrow, [Monday, September 14 at 10 am the Pontifical Divine Liturgy at St Mary Magdalene Church](#) - livestreamed on their YouTube channel. **All of these services are open to everyone to attend in person.**

ADULT EDUCATION CLASS will resume on September 16th at 11:15 am-12:15am in the pavilion. The class will be continuing our book *Early Christian Fathers*, beginning with *The Didache*.

PARISH COUNCIL met on September 8 by teleconference. Susie Ford was elected as lay delegate to attend the virtual Diocesan Conference on Saturday, October 3. The election for parish council members & auditors will be held on Sunday, November 8. Parish council members whose terms expire in 2020 are Calvin Conrad, Susie Ford, and Shari Nicoloff. The auditor whose term ends in 2020 is Mary Batzos. We hope to have absentee ballots ready by Sunday, October 18. If you would like an absentee ballot, please call or email the office. Absentee ballots must be returned by Sunday, November 8.

The parish finances remain stable. Please continue your giving whether in person at Liturgy, through Givelify, or by sending in your donation to the office or dropping it off during office hours. The Lord repay you!

GOD BLESS newborn twins, Lazaros Dimitrios and Sophie Tula Stavridis, children of Teddy and Jessica Stavridis, great-grandchildren of Vasilka Karatza. The babies were born on Wednesday, September 9. Sophie Tula was baptized the same day and is expected to go home under hospice care. Please keep Lazaros and Sophie in your prayers together with their parents, Teddy and Jessica, and their great-grandmother, Vasilka Karatza.

MEMORY ETERNAL David Gerzevske, stepfather of Dat Gerzevske, fell asleep in the Lord in Chicago on Thursday, September 10 and will be buried in Minnesota. May he rest in the light of Christ's face. God grant His comfort to Dat and his family. Memory eternal! Christ is risen!

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

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

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KEEPING IN TOUCH WITH THOSE IN NURSING HOMES AND ASSISTED LIVING FACILITIES

To aid in your outreach, here is a listing of their addresses:

Helen Ashmun	4436 Beecher Rd.	Flint, MI 48532
Larry Bladecki	3254 E. Midland Rd.	Bay City, MI 48706
Gladys Edwards	2 Harbor Dr.	St. Clair, MO 63077
Paul Ellis	2360 Stonebridge Dr.	Flint, MI 48532
Vasilka Karatza	Regency 1330 Grand Pointe Ct	Grand Blanc, MI 48439
Jo Sredich	Serenity 11328 N Bray Rd	Clio, MI 48420 *Note new address

ROTATING SCHEDULE You will receive a phone call and an e-mail from the parish office notifying you of the Sunday Liturgy location you are scheduled to attend. The groups have been consolidated into two rather than three groups. **Please arrive at least 10 minutes before Liturgy.**

WHEN YOUR HOUSEHOLD WISHES TO BE ADDED TO THE ROTATION, PLEASE CALL OR E-MAIL THE PARISH OFFICE: 810-744-0070 or stnicholasburtonmi@gmail.com

Weekly schedule: **SUNDAY BEFORE THE ELEVATION OF THE CROSS OF THE LORD**
6:30 pm **[Pan-Orthodox Vespers for the Elevation of the Cross followed by the service of the elevation of the Cross](#)** – streaming on our YouTube channel –
Archbishop Alexander will be present

Monday, Sept 14 Elevation of the Cross
10 am **[Pan-Orthodox Pontifical Divine Liturgy at St. Mary Magdalene– streaming on their YouTube channel](#)**

Wednesday, Sept 16
9 am **[Divine Liturgy– streaming on our YouTube channel](#)**
11:15 am adult education in the pavilion

Saturday, Sept 19
5 pm **[Great Vespers – streaming on our YouTube channel](#)**
Confessions after Vespers – other times by appointment

Sunday, Sept 20 **SUNDAY AFTER THE ELEVATION OF THE CROSS OF THE LORD**
9:30 am Third and Sixth Hours
10 am **[Divine Liturgy – streaming on our YouTube channel](#)**
Group 1 is in the church and Group 2 is in the fellowship hall

Offerings for the week Sept. 6, 2020

Weekly Offerings	\$ 2,626.70
Estimated Average Weekly Expenses	\$ 3,104.00
	\$ - 477.30