

September 20, 2020

St. Nicholas Orthodox Church

Diocese of Toledo - Orthodox Church in America

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SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2020 15th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST — Tone 6. Afterfeast of the Elevation of the Cross. Sunday after Elevation. Greatmartyr Eustathius (Eustace) Placidus, his wife, Martyr Theopistes, and their children, Martyrs Agapius and Theopistus, of Rome (ca. 118). Holy Martyr and Confessor Michael and his councilor, Theodore, Wonderworkers of Chernigov (1245). Rt. Blv. Oleg, Prince of Briansk (ca. 1280). Monastic Martyr Hilarion of St. Anne Skete (Mt. Athos—1804).

FIRST ANTIPHON

God, my God, attend to me! // Why hast Thou forsaken me? **Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us!**

Why art Thou so far from helping me, // from the words of my groaning? **Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us!**

O my God, I cry by day, but Thou dost not answer; // and by night, but find no rest. **Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us!**

Thou dwellest in the sanctuary, // the praise of Israel. **Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us!**

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen. **Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us!**

SECOND ANTIPHON

O God, why dost Thou cast us off forever? **O Son of God, who arose from the dead, save us who sing to Thee! Alleluia!**

Remember Thy congregation, // which Thou hast gotten of old. **O Son of God, who arose from the dead, save us who sing to Thee! Alleluia!**

Remember Mount Zion, // where Thou hast dwelt. **O Son of God, who arose from the dead, save us who sing to Thee! Alleluia!**

God is our King before the ages; // He has worked salvation in the midst of the earth. **O Son of God, who arose from the dead, save us who sing to Thee! Alleluia!**

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen. Only-begotten Son and immortal Word of God, Who for our salvation didst will to be incarnate of the holy Theotokos and ever-virgin Mary, Who without change became man and wast crucified, O Christ our God, trampling down death by death, Who art one of the Holy Trinity, glorified with the Father and the Holy Spirit: save us!

THIRD ANTIPHON

The Lord reigns; let the peoples tremble!

(Tone 1) O Lord, save Thy people and bless Thine inheritance! Grant victories to the Orthodox Christians over their adversaries and by virtue of Thy Cross preserve Thy habitation!

The Lord reigns; let the peoples tremble! He sits enthroned upon the Cherubim; let the earth quake!

(Tone 1) O Lord, save Thy people and bless Thine inheritance! Grant victories to the Orthodox Christians over their adversaries and by virtue of Thy Cross preserve Thy habitation!

The Lord is great in Zion; He is exalted over all peoples!

(Tone 1) O Lord, save Thy people and bless Thine inheritance! Grant victories to the Orthodox Christians over their adversaries and by virtue of Thy Cross preserve Thy habitation!

Bow down in worship to the Lord in His holy court.

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TROPARIA

(Tone 6) The angelic powers were at Thy tomb the guards became as dead men. Mary stood by Thy grave, seeking Thy most pure Body. Thou didst capture hell, not being tempted by it. Thou didst come to the Virgin, granting life. O Lord who didst rise from the dead: glory to Thee!

(Tone 1) O Lord, save Thy people and bless Thine inheritance! Grant victories to the Orthodox Christians over their adversaries and by virtue of Thy Cross preserve Thy habitation!

(Tone 4) Your holy martyr Eustáthius and his wife and sons, O Lord, / through their sufferings have received incorruptible crowns from You, our God. / For having Your strength, they laid low their adversaries, / and shattered the powerless boldness of demons.// Through their 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 4) As Thou wast voluntarily crucified for our sake, grant mercy to those who are called by Thy name; make all Orthodox Christians glad by Thy power, granting them victories over their adversaries, by bestowing on them the invincible trophy, Thy weapon of peace.

INSTEAD OF “HOLY GOD...”

Before Thy Cross, we bow down in worship, O Master, and Thy holy Resurrection, we glorify!

The Prokeimenon in the Seventh Tone: Extol the Lord our God; / worship at His footstool for it is holy!

v. The Lord reigns; let the people tremble!

THE READING FROM THE EPISTLE OF PAUL TO THE GALATIANS (2:16-20) *Brethren:* We ourselves who know that a man is not justified by works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Christ Jesus, in order to be justified by faith in Christ, and not by works of the law, because by works of the law shall no one be justified. But if, in our endeavor to be justified in Christ, we ourselves were found to be sinners, is Christ then an agent of sin? Certainly not! But if I build up again those things which I tore down, then I prove myself a transgressor. For I through the law died to the law, that I might live to God. I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me; and the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

Alleluia, Tone 1

v: Remember Thy congregation which Thou hast purchased of old.

v: God is our King before the ages; He hath wrought salvation in the midst of the earth.

THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MARK (8:34-9:1) And Jesus called to Him the multitude with His disciples, and said to them, “If any man would come after Me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow Me. For whoever would save his life will lose it; and whoever loses his life for My sake and the gospel’s will save it. For what does it profit a man to gain the whole world and forfeit his life? For what can a man give in return for his life? For whoever is ashamed of Me and My words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him the Son of Man also will be ashamed when He comes in the glory of His Father with the holy angels.” And He said to them, “Assuredly, I say to you that there are some standing here who will not taste death till they see the kingdom of God present with power.”

COMMUNION HYMN

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

INSTEAD OF "WE HAVE SEEN THE TRUE LIGHT..."

(**Tone 1**) O Lord, save Thy people and bless Thine inheritance! Grant victories to the Orthodox Christians over their adversaries and by virtue of Thy Cross preserve Thy habitation!

THE ELEVATION OF THE HOLY CROSS (SEPTEMBER 14)

The Elevation of the Holy Cross is one of the Great Feasts of the Orthodox Church, celebrated on September 14; the celebration continues through September 21. This feast is also referred to as the Exaltation of the Cross. This is also a popular name day for Stavroula/Stavros (from "stavros" meaning cross).

This feast commemorates The finding of the Cross by the Empress Helen (the mother of St. Constantine the Great) on Golgotha in 326 AD, the place where Christ was crucified.

On the spot where the Cross was discovered, St. Helen had found a hitherto unknown flower of rare beauty and fragrance, which has been named "Vasiliko," or Basil, meaning the flower of royalty. Note that the word "Vasiliko" means "of the King," since the word "Basileus" in Greek means "King"; so, the plant Vasiliko, Basil, is tied to the Precious Cross of the King of Glory, our Lord Jesus Christ.

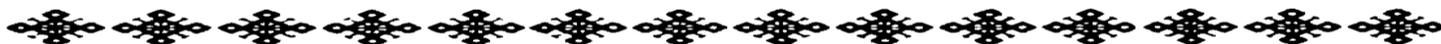
Underneath the Basil, the Cross of Christ was found, but with it were the other two crosses, those used to crucify the two thieves on either side of Christ. The sign with the inscription, "Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews", also lay among the three crosses. In order to determine which one was the true cross, a sick woman was told to kiss each of the three crosses. The woman kissed the first cross with no result. She kissed the second cross and again nothing happened. However, when the ailing woman kissed the True Cross, she was immediately made well. It so happened that a funeral procession was passing that way, and so the body of the dead man was placed on each of the crosses, and when it was placed on the True Cross, the dead man came to life — thus the name the "Life-Giving" Cross, which gives life not only to that man, but to each person who believes in the sacrifice of Christ on the Cross and His all-glorious three day Resurrection.

When the true Cross was identified, it was lifted on high for all the people to see, who then continually sang Kyrie eleison, a practice which is still enacted at current celebrations of this feast.

The holy Gospel according to Luke 24:1-12 (4th Matins Gospel)

Now on the first day of the week, very early in the morning, they, and certain other women with them, came to the tomb bringing the spices which they had prepared. But they found the stone rolled away from the tomb. Then they went in and did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. And it happened, as they were greatly perplexed about this, that behold, two men stood by them in shining garments. Then, as they were afraid and bowed their faces to the earth, they said to them, "Why do you seek the living among the dead? He is not here, but is risen! Remember how He spoke to you when He was still in Galilee, saying, 'The Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, and be crucified, and the third day rise again.' And they remembered His words. Then they returned from the tomb and told all these things to the eleven and to all the rest. It was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them, who told these things to the apostles. And their words seemed to them like idle tales, and they did not believe them. But Peter arose and ran to the tomb; and stooping down, he saw the linen cloths lying by themselves; and he departed, marveling to himself at what had happened.

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CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR THE HEALTH AND BLESSINGS OF

Special Intention

Blessing of good health for all of our grandchildren as they go back to school

Blessing for good health to all of our family & friends

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, Kathryn,

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

friends.

Special Intention

Laurie Brock

Angelo & Christine

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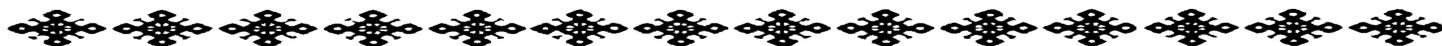
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CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR BLESSED REPOSE

Kum Luka Prusac

Kuma Bosa



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. Please call or email the office as soon as possible if you are interested and how many children you would like to sponsor. Christmas seems a long way off right now but we have to let Catholic Charities know how many children we will help this Christmas.

ADULT EDUCATION CLASS will resume on September 23rd at 11:15 am-12:15am in the pavilion. The class will be continuing our book *Early Christian Fathers*, beginning with *The Didache*.

FLOWERS for the Elevation of the Cross were donated in memory of Andrew & Matthew Panoff.

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:

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

MEMORY ETERNAL On September 18 our parish was informed that Helen Ashmun, last living sibling of the late Emil Harrison, fell asleep in the Lord on September 6. Sharp Funeral Home is handling the funeral arrangements. There will be no visitation but a graveside service only at our parish cemetery. The date and time have not yet been finalized. The finalized arrangements will be sent by e-mail. May Helen rest in the light of Christ's face together with all the saints. Memory eternal! Christ is risen! Bog da prosti!

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: The nominating committee meets today in the pavilion after Liturgy

Monday, Sept 21 Fr. Matthew in Toledo

Wednesday, Sept 23 **The Conception by St Elizabeth of St John the Baptist**
9 am **[Divine Liturgy– streaming on our YouTube channel](#)**
11:15 am adult education in the pavilion

Saturday, Sept 26
5 pm **[Great Vespers – streaming on our YouTube channel](#)**
Confessions after Vespers – other times by appointment

Sunday, Sept 27
9:30 am Third and Sixth Hours
10 am **[Divine Liturgy – streaming on our YouTube channel](#)**
Group 2 is in the church and Group 1 is in the fellowship hall

Offerings for the week Sept. 13, 2020

<i>Weekly Offerings</i>	\$ 1,620.77
<i>Estimated Average Weekly Expenses</i>	\$ 3,104.00
	\$ -1,483.23