

**September 29, 2019**

**St. Nicholas Orthodox Church**

*Diocese of Toledo - Orthodox Church in America*

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**The Gospel according to Saint 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.

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2019 15TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST —Tone 6. Ven. Kyriakus the Hermit, of Palestine (556). Martyrs Dada, Gabdelas, and Casdoë (Casdoa) of Persia (4th c.). Ven. Theophanes the Merciful of Gaza.**

**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)** Dweller of the desert and angel in the body, / You were shown to be a wonder-worker, our God-bearing Father Kyriakus. / You received heavenly gifts through fasting, vigil, and prayer; / healing the sick and the souls of those drawn to you by faith. / Glory to Him who gave your strength! / Glory to Him Who granted ↑you a crown! // Glory to Him Who through you grants healing to 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 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 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 FROM THE SECOND EPISTLE OF PAUL TO THE CORINTHIANS. (4:6-15)** Brethren: it is the God who commanded light to shine out of darkness, who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. But we have this treasure in earthen vessels that the excellence of the power may be of God and not of us. We are hard-pressed on every side, yet not crushed; we are perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed – always carrying about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus, that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our body. For we who live are always delivered to death for Jesus' sake, that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our mortal flesh. So then death is working in us, but life in you. And since we have the same spirit of faith, according to what is written, "I believed and therefore I spoke," we also believe and therefore speak, knowing that He who raised up the Lord Jesus will also raise us up with Jesus, and will present us with you. For all things are for your sakes, that grace, having spread through the many, may cause thanksgiving to abound to the glory of God.

*Alleluia, Tone 6*

**v: He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will abide in the shadow of the heavenly God.**

**v: He will say to the Lord: "My Protector and my Refuge; my God, in Whom I trust!"**

**THE READING FROM THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO LUKE (6:31-36)** At that time, Jesus told His disciples, "As you wish that men would do to you, do so to them. If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. And if you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. But love your enemies, and do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return; and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the selfish. Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful."

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

**Saint Kyriakus (September 29)** was born at Corinth to the priest John and his wife Eudokia. Once, when the youth was not yet eighteen years old got onto a ship and went to Jerusalem. After visiting the holy places, Kyriakus dwelt for several months at a monastery not far from Sion in obedience to the igumen Abba Evstorgius. With his blessing, he made his way to the wilderness Lavra of Saint Euthymius the Great (January 20). Saint Euthymius, discerning in the youth great gifts of God, tonsured him into the monastic schema and placed him under the guidance of Saint Gerasimus (March 4), pursuing asceticism at the Jordan in the monastery of Saint Theoctistus.

Saint Gerasimus, seeing the youthfulness of Kyriakus, ordered him to live in the community with the brethren. The young monk easily accomplished the monastic obediences: he prayed fervently, he slept little, he ate food only every other day, nourishing himself with bread and water.

After the death of Saint Gerasimus, the twenty-seven-year-old Kyriakus returned to the Lavra of Saint Euthymius, but he was no longer among the living. Saint Kyriakus asked for a solitary cell and there he pursued asceticism in silence, communicating only with the monk Thomas. But soon Thomas was sent to Alexandria where he was consecrated bishop, and Saint Kyriakus spent ten years in total silence. At 37 years of age he was ordained to the diaconate. After several years, Saint Kyriakus was ordained priest and chosen canonarch and did this obedience for eighteen years. Saint Kyriakus spent thirty years at the monastery of Saint Chariton.

Strict fasting and total lack of evil distinguished Saint Kyriakus even among the ascetics of the Lavra. In his cell each night he read the Psalter, interrupting the reading only to go to church at midnight. The ascetic slept very little. When the monk reached seventy years of age, he went to the Natoufa wilderness taking with him his disciple John.

In the desert the hermits fed themselves only with bitter herbs, which through the prayer of Saint Kyriakus was rendered edible. After five years one of the inhabitants found out about the ascetics and brought to them his demon-possessed son, and Saint Kyriakus healed him. From that time many people began to approach the monk with their needs, but he sought complete solitude and fled to the Rouva wilderness, where he dwelt five years more. But the sick and those afflicted by demons came to him in this wilderness, and the saint healed them all with the Sign of the Cross and by anointing them with oil.

At his 80th year of life Saint Kyriakus fled to the hidden Sousakim wilderness, where two dried up streams passed by. According to Tradition, the holy Prophet David brought Sousakim to attention: "Thou hast dried up the rivers of Etham" (Ps 73/74:15). After seven years, brethren of the Souka monastery came to him, beseeching his

spiritual help during a period of debilitating hunger and illness, which God permitted. They implored Saint Kyriakus to return to the monastery, and he settled in a cave, in which Saint Chariton had once lived.

At the age of ninety-nine, Saint Kyriakus again went off to Susakim and lived there with his disciple John. In the wilderness a huge lion waited on Saint Kyriakus, protecting him from robbers, but it did not bother wandering brethren and it ate from the monk's hand.

Once in the heat of summer, all the water in the hollow of a rock dried up, where the ascetics had stored water during the winter, and there was no other source of water. Saint Kyriakus prayed, and rain fell, filling the pit with water.

For the two years before his death Saint Kyriakus returned to the monastery and again settled into the cave of Saint Chariton. Until the end of his life the righteous Elder preserved his courage, and prayed with fervor. He was never idle, either he prayed, or he worked. Before his death Saint Kyriakus summoned the brethren and blessed them all. He quietly fell asleep in the Lord, having lived 109 years.

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

Phil Brown Good healing after surgery~blessings

Health for Connie, Phil Brown, Mary, Angelo & Helen Popoff

Mary, Angelo, Helen & Alex

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

Angelo, Christine, Dorothy, Peter, Anna, Alex, Irene, Allen, Deborah, Susan,

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

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

Special Intention

Feodosiy, Oleg, Irina, Nikolay, Galina & Nikolay

Dorothy Goodman

Angelo & Christine

Alex & Magda Popoff

Joe Tome

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Irina Sivergina

**CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR BLESSED REPOSE**

Blessed Repose to our sweet grandson Andrew on his 5<sup>th</sup> birthday Sept. 25<sup>th</sup>

Blessed Repose for Tom Branoff (40 days)

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Rose Goodman~Blessed Repose

Peter Popoff

Adelaida, Vitaliy, Galina, Nikolay, Vasiliy, Andrey, Ekaterina, Ekaterina, Yuliya,

Feodosiy & newly reposed Nikolay

Rose Goodman & Cheryl Ellis (40 days) Blessed Repose~Memory Eternal

Themyana Brown (27 yrs. Sept. 27, 1992) Blessed Repose~Memory Eternal

Baba & Dedo

Dennis & Eileen

Angelo & Christine

Steve, Dennis, Eileen & Ben

Alex & Magda Popoff

Irina Sivergina

Dorothy Goodman

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**ETERNAL LIGHT AT THE ALTAR**

Health & blessings~Angelo Popoff for a successful surgery & healing and continued

healing for Mary Popoff

Helen Popoff



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



**COFFEE, DONUTS & DESSERTS** are provided today by the Goodman family in memory of Rose Goodman & Cheryl Ellis (40 days).

**KONEVETS QUARTET** 65 people attended the concert on September 17. God bless everyone who baked, made food for the Archbishop and Quartet, set-up, cleaned-up, and spread the word and fliers to invite people to attend.

**Please mark your calendars for the 2020 concert which will be Tuesday, September 15 at 6:30 pm. The Quartet will sing the Slavonic Divine Liturgy on Wednesday, September 16 at 9:30 am.**

**PROSFORA FOR DIVINE LITURGY** God bless everyone who baked!

**ORTHODOX WOMEN 27<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL RETREAT** October 4, 5 & 6 at the Holy Dormition Monastery.

**DIOCESAN CONFERENCE DINNER** is on Saturday, October 5<sup>th</sup> at Goeglein's Homestead Banquet Hall, 7311 Maysville Rd., Fort Wayne, IN, 46815. Guest price for tickets are \$25 per person. To R.S.V.P. call 260-484-2277 or email [deacon@stnicholasonline.org](mailto:deacon@stnicholasonline.org)

**COFFE 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.

### **NEW KIOSK ITEMS**

**THE MODERN DOMAKINKA** An English-language Macedonian magazine is available on the kiosk table for \$17 each. This beautiful magazine by Adela Spirovska from Australia has lives of the saints, recipes, & crafts.

**“EARLY CHRISTIAN FATHERS”** is also available on the kiosk table for \$7.25 each.

**THE ANNUAL ELECTION** will take place on Sunday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>. As of today the nominees for parish council are: Mary Abu-Aita, Paul Brayon, Phil Brown, Ian Price, Bob Steiner.

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

### **OUR CHARITY MINISTRIES**

**NORTH END SOUP KITCHEN** October 3<sup>rd</sup> 9 am-1 pm. Please join us as we minister to Christ in our neighbors. There is a signup sheet in the narthex.

**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. Their Warming Center opens on Monday, December 2, with their annual Warming Center Blessing event on Friday, December 6 at 11 am in the Center for Hope Dining Room. Everyone is welcome.

**GOD BLESS** all of you who remembered my birthday with cards, gifts, and prayers. *Fr. Matthew*

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### **Weekly Schedule:**

**Today** 40 day Parastas for Rose Goodman & Cheryl Ellis

**Monday, Sept 30** Fr. Matthew in Toledo

**Tuesday, Oct 1** **PROTECTION OF THE MOTHER OF GOD**  
9:30 am Divine Liturgy

**Wednesday, Oct 2**  
11:30 am No Divine Liturgy  
Adult Ed Class

**Thursday, Oct 3**  
9 am-1 pm North End Soup Kitchen

**Friday, Oct 4**

**Diocesan Conference**

**Fr. Matthew & Fr. Gabriel will be at the Diocesan Conference. In case of emergency, please call Fr. Joe Abud 810-444-9108**

**Saturday, Oct 5**

**Diocesan Conference**

No Vespers

**Sunday, Oct 6**

9:30 am

Hours

10 am

Divine Liturgy

Church School

**Offerings for the week September 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2019**

<i>Weekly Offerings</i>	\$ 1,991.00
<i>Estimated Average Weekly Expenses</i>	\$ 3,236.00
	<b>\$-1,245.00</b>

*80 people were in attendance on Sunday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>.*