

September 5, 2021

St. Nicholas Orthodox Church

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Welcome! We are honored that you have joined us in our celebration of the Lord's resurrection this day.

If you are a first-time visitor to our parish, we invite you to sign our guest book in the vestibule. If you have a question, a prayer request, or any need, please speak with Fr. Matthew, Deacon Luke, or with one of the ushers.

For our friends present with us who are not Orthodox Christians, please note that we have specific disciplines regarding receiving Communion. We ask that you refrain from going to Communion until you have spoken with Fr. Matthew after the Liturgy and understand our discipline and piety regarding this sacrament and its implication for responsibility towards and membership in the Orthodox Church. The bread offered at the end of the service is available to all.

If you are an Orthodox Christian from another parish who has prepared in accordance with your discipline, and have a blessing from your home priest to do so, we invite and encourage you to partake of Holy Communion.

Again, welcome!

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2021 11th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – Tone 2. **Holy Prophet Zachariah and Righteous Elizabeth, parents of St. John the Baptist (1st c.). Martyrdom of Ven. Athanasius, Abbot of Breta (1648). Martyrdom of the Holy Passionbearer Gleb (in holy Baptism David – 1015). Martyr Tathuil, and his sister, Bebaia (98-138). Martyr Sarbelus of Edessa (2nd c.). Martyrs Juventinus and Maximus the soldiers, at Antioch (361-363). Martyrs Urban, Theodore, Medimnus, and 77 companions, at Nicomedia (370). Martyr Abdias (Obadiah) of Persia (5th c.).**

TROPARIA

Tone 2 When Thou didst descend to death, O Life Immortal, Thou didst slay Hell with the splendor of Thy Godhead. And when from the depths Thou didst raise the dead, all the powers of heaven cried out: O Giver of Life, Christ our God, glory to Thee!

Tone 4 Robed in the vestments of the priesthood, according to the Law of God you offered whole-burnt offerings in a sacred manner, wise Zachariah. You became a luminary and a seer of the mysteries, bearing within yourself the signs of grace, all-wise one. Slain by the sword in the Temple of God, O prophet of Christ, intercede together with the Forerunner that our souls may be saved.

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 Joachim and Anna were freed from the reproach of childlessness, / Adam and Eve from the corruption of death, / in your holy nativity, O Pure One. / Your people also celebrate it, / delivered from the servitude of errors, as they cry out to you: // The barren one bears the Birthgiver of God and nourisher of our life.

The prokeimenon in the seventh tone: The righteous shall rejoice in the Lord / and shall hope in Him. (Ps 63/64:10)

v: Hear my voice, O God, when I pray to You! (Ps 63/64:1)

THE READING IS FROM THE EPISTLE OF THE APOSTLE PAUL TO THE HEBREWS (6:13-20)

Brethren: when God made a promise to Abraham, since he had no one greater by whom to swear, he swore by himself, saying, "Surely I will bless you and multiply you." And thus Abraham, having patiently endured, obtained the promise. Men indeed swear by a greater than themselves, and in all their disputes an oath is final for confirmation. So when God desired to show more convincingly to the heirs of the promise the unchangeable character of his purpose, he interposed with an oath, so that through two unchangeable things, in which it is

impossible that God should prove false, we who have fled for refuge might have strong encouragement to seize the hope set before us. We have this as a sure and steadfast anchor of the soul, a hope that enters into the inner shrine behind the curtain, where Jesus has gone as a forerunner on our behalf, having become a high priest for ever after the order of Melchisedek.

Alleluia, Tone 2

v: May the Lord hear you in the day of trouble! May the Name of the God of Jacob protect you! (*Psalm 19:1*)

v: Save the King, O Lord, and hear us on the day we call! (*Psalm 19:9*)

THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MATTHEW (18:23-35) At that time, Jesus said to Peter: “Therefore the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his servants. When he began the reckoning, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents; and as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and payment to be made. So the servant fell on his knees, imploring him, ‘Lord, have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’ And out of pity for him the lord of that servant released him and forgave him the debt. But that same servant, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat he said, ‘Pay what you owe.’ So his fellow servant fell down and besought him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you.’ He refused and went and put him in prison till he should pay the debt. When his fellow servants saw what had taken place, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you besought me; and should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?’ And in anger his lord delivered him to the jailers, till he should pay all his debt. So also my heavenly Father will do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart.”

COMMUNION HYMN Praise the Lord from the heavens! Praise Him in the highest! Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!
(*Psalm 147:1*)

The holy Gospel according to John 21:15-25 (11th Matins Gospel)

So when they had eaten breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, “Simon, son of Jonah, do you love (*agapas*) Me more than these?” He said to Him, “Yes, Lord; You know that I love (*philo*) You.” He said to him, “Feed My lambs.” He said to him again a second time, “Simon, son of Jonah, do you love (*agapas*) Me?” He said to Him, “Yes, Lord; You know that I love (*philo*) You.” He said to him, “Tend My sheep.” He said to him the third time, “Simon, son of Jonah, do you love (*phileis*) Me?” Peter was grieved because He said to him the third time, “Do you love (*phileis*) Me?” And he said to Him, “Lord, You know all things; You know that I love (*philo*) You.” Jesus said to him, “Feed My sheep. Most assuredly, I say to you, when you were younger, you girded yourself and walked where you wished; but when you are old, you will stretch out your hands, and another will gird you and carry you where you do not wish. This He spoke, signifying by what death he would glorify God. And when He had spoken this, He said to him, “Follow Me.” Then Peter, turning around, saw the disciple whom Jesus loved following, who also had leaned on His breast at the supper, and said, “Lord, who is the one who betrays You?” Peter, seeing him, said to Jesus, “But Lord, what about this man?” Jesus said to him, “If I will that he remain till I come, what is that to you? You follow Me.” Then this saying went out among the brethren that this disciple would not die. Yet Jesus did not say to him that he would not die, but, “If I will that he remain till I come, what is that to you?” This is the disciple who testifies of these things, and wrote these things; and we know that his testimony is true. And there are also many other things that Jesus did, which if they were written one by one, I suppose that even the world itself could not contain the books that would be written. Amen.

The Holy Prophet Zachariah and the Righteous Elizabeth (September 5) were the parents of the holy Prophet, Forerunner and Baptist of the Lord, John. They were descended from the lineage of Aaron: Saint Zachariah, son of Barach, was a priest in the Jerusalem Temple, and Saint Elizabeth was the sister of Saint Anna, the mother of the Most Holy Theotokos. The righteous spouses, “walking in all the commandments of the Lord” (Luke 1:6), suffered barrenness, which in those times was considered a punishment from God.

Once, during his turn of priestly service in the Temple, Saint Zachariah was told by an angel that his aged wife would bear him a son, who “will be great in the sight of the Lord” (Luke 1:15) and “will go before Him in the spirit and power of Elias” (Luke 1:17).

Zachariah doubted that this prediction would come true, and for his weakness of faith he was punished by becoming mute. When Elizabeth gave birth to a son, through the inspiration of the Holy Spirit she announced that his name was John, although no one in their family had this name.

They asked Zachariah and he also wrote the name John down on a tablet. Immediately the gift of speech returned to him, and inspired by the Holy Spirit, he began to prophesy about his son as the Forerunner of the Lord.

When King Herod heard from the Magi about the birth of the Messiah, he decided to kill all the infants up to two years old at Bethlehem and the surrounding area, hoping that the new-born Messiah would be among them.

Herod knew about John's unusual birth and he wanted to kill him, fearing that he was the foretold King of the Jews. But Elizabeth hid herself and the infant in the hills. The murderers searched everywhere for John. Elizabeth, when she saw her pursuers, began to implore God for their safety, and immediately the hill opened up and concealed her and the infant from their pursuers.

In these tragic days Saint Zachariah was taking his turn at the services in the Temple. Soldiers sent by Herod tried in vain to learn from him the whereabouts of his son. Then, by command of Herod, they murdered this holy prophet, having stabbed him between the temple and the altar (MT 23: 35). Elizabeth died forty days after her husband, and Saint John, preserved by the Lord, dwelt in the wilderness until the day of his appearance to the nation of Israel. oca.org

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God's blessings & good health to all of the St. Nicholas church family

Tasevski family

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Blessed Repose~Memory Eternal Dina Tasevska

Tasevski family

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COFFEE SOCIAL after Liturgy in the fellowship hall. Everyone is welcome. There is a signup sheet next to the service window for those who would like to donate donuts & coffee or just help.

CHURCH SCHOOL will begin September 26th. Registration forms are in the narthex as well as on our website.

OFFICE HOURS this week are: **office will be closed on Monday, September 6th** but will be open on Wednesday & Friday 9-3.

CANDLE INTENTION REQUESTS email to the office at stnicholasburtonmi@gmail.com or call.

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WEEKLY SCHEDULE:

Monday, September 6

Labor Day
Office Closed



Tuesday, September 7

6 pm Pan-Orthodox Vespers @ St. Mary Magdalene for the Nativity of the Theotokos

Wednesday, September 8 NATIVITY OF THE THEOTOKOS

9 am Pan-Orthodox Divine Liturgy @ St. Mary Magdalene
No adult education

Thursday, September 9 *Father in Toledo*

Saturday, September 11

5 pm [Great Vespers - streaming on our YouTube channel](#)

Pan-Orthodox Movie Night with refreshments after vespers. The movie "Остров" (The Island) will be featured. Everyone is welcome! There will be a movie night every second Saturday of the month through December.

Sunday, September 12

9:30 am Third and Sixth Hours

10 am [Divine Liturgy - streaming on our YouTube channel](#)

Offerings for the week August 29, 2021

45 persons in attendance on August 29

<i>Weekly Offerings</i>	\$ 1,526.60
<i>Estimated Average Weekly Expenses</i>	\$ 3,104.00
	\$ -1,577.40