

April 1, 2012
Bulletin
St. Nicholas Orthodox Church

Orthodox Church in America

2143 S. Center Rd, Burton, MI 48519

Served by: Fr. Matthew-Peter Butrie – Rector Deacon Kerry Luke Gonser

Web Page: www.saintnicholasburton.org

Church: 810-744-0070 **Fr Matthew:** 810-695-2023



SUNDAY, APRIL 1, 2012 FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT — Tone 1. St. Mary of Egypt.

Ven. Mary of Egypt (522). Ven. Euthymius of Suzdal' (1404). Martyr Abraham of Bulgaria (1229). Ven. Gerontius, Canonarch, of the Kiev Caves (Far Caves—14th c.). Ven. Macarius, Abbot of Pelecete (ca. 830). Martyrs Gerontius and Basilides (3rd c.). Righteous Achaza.

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

(Tone 8) The image of God was truly preserved in you, O Mother, / for you took up the Cross and followed Christ. / By so doing, you taught us to disregard the flesh for it passes away; / but to care instead for the soul, for it is immortal. // Therefore your spirit, O holy Mother Mary, rejoices with the angels.

(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 EPISTLE OF THE HOLY APOSTLE PAUL TO THE

HEBREWS (9:11-14) Brethren: Christ came as High Priest of the good things to come, with the greater and more perfect tabernacle not made with hands, that is, not of this creation. Not with the blood of goats and calves, but with His own blood He entered the Most Holy Place once for all, having obtained eternal redemption. For if the blood of bulls and goats and the ashes of a heifer, sprinkling the unclean, sanctifies for the purifying of the flesh, how much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without spot to God, cleanse your conscience from dead works to serve the living 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 SAINT MARK (10:32-45)

At that time, as the disciples were on the road, going up to Jerusalem, and Jesus was going before them; and they were amazed. And as they followed they were afraid. Then He took the twelve aside again and began to tell them the things that would happen to Him: Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be betrayed to the chief priests and to the scribes; and they will condemn Him to death and deliver Him to the Gentiles; and they will mock Him, and scourge Him, and spit on Him, and kill Him. And the third day He will rise again. Then James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came to Him, saying, “Teacher, we want You to do for us whatever we ask.” And He said to them, “What do you want Me to do for you?” They said to Him, “Grant us that we may sit,

one on Your right hand and the other on Your left, in Your glory.” But Jesus said to them, “You do not know what you ask. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, and be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?” They said to Him, “We are able.” So Jesus said to them, “You will indeed drink the cup that I drink, and with the baptism I am baptized with you will be baptized; but to sit on My right hand and on My left is not Mine to give, but it is for those for whom it is prepared. And when the ten heard it, they began to be greatly displeased with James and John. But Jesus called them to Himself and said to them, “You know that those who are considered rulers over the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them. Yet it shall not be so among you; but whoever desires to become great among you shall be your servant. And whoever of you desires to be first shall be slave of all. For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many.

Instead of “It is truly meet ,” All of creation rejoices in you, O Full of Grace: the assembly of Angels and the race of men. O sanctified temple and spiritual paradise, the glory of virgins, from whom God was incarnate and became a Child, our God before the ages. He made your body into a throne, and your womb He made more spacious than the heavens. All of creation rejoices in you, O Full of Grace. Glory to you!

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

On April 4th the Church celebrates the memory of Saint Isidore, Bishop of Seville, Spain.

Isidore was born into a prominent family in Carthage, Spain in the sixth century. Not only were he and his relatives members of the nobility; they were also pious Christians. His sister Florentina and his brothers Fulgentius and Leander (both bishops) are all saints. Isidore wrote that Leander was one of his greatest teachers. In this his experience was similar to that of Gregory of Nyssa, whose siblings also are saints of the Church. Gregory benefited from their teaching, too, and gratefully described the good influence and instruction of his sister Macrina and his brother Basil.

But Isidore, as a young boy, had a serious problem that the studious Gregory never encountered. Isidore did poorly in school, and hated studying. He resented the hard work it required and the harsh methods some teachers (including his brother Leander) used. He was so disheartened by his lack of success as a student that he ran away from school.

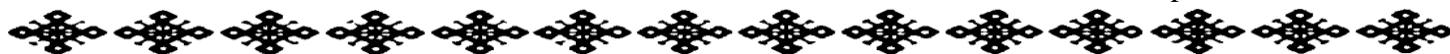
After several hours of walking, he sat down to rest by a roadside spring. Isidore noticed a large stone that had been hollowed out by the constant dripping of water. Even though each drip was very small, over time the drips had added up to a force that was stronger than the hard stone. Isidore thought about the stone for a long time, and decided to take what he saw as a lesson about his studies. If he applied himself, and said "no" to his own tendency to avoid rigorous effort, he could little by little overcome the "stone" of ignorance.

He returned to school, and vowed to become a serious student. Using his natural abilities, which were very strong when he applied them, he worked hard, endured Leander's discipline, and became one of the most knowledgeable young men of his time.

Isidore's learning would become very important in later years, during which he served the Church first as a priest and then as Bishop of Seville, following Leander in that position. He became skilled at telling people about Jesus Christ in ways they could understand. Because of this, he was able to bring many who followed the Arian heresy back to the true faith, and greatly weakened the influence of Arianism all over Spain. Wanting others to be able to do the same, he encouraged the widespread establishment of seminaries and schools.

Like most true scholars, Isidore didn't confine himself to a narrow focus, but studied a broad range of topics. His book "Etymologies" has been described as a compendium or collection of "all human knowledge" of his time. In it he wrote these words about music: "And without music there can be no perfect knowledge, for there is nothing without it. For even the universe itself is said to have been put together with a certain harmony of sounds, and the very heavens revolve under the guidance of harmony."

April 1, 2012



CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR THE HEALTH & BLESSINGS OF

Prayers & God's Blessings John & Gloria Zelenko, Gladys Edwards, John Bibilikow.....	Rosemary Vuckovich
Happy Birthday & God's Blessings Rosemary Vuckovich, Allison Borkovich.....	Stojan & Mira Prusac
Safe trip Krigner Family.....	Evanka Elieff
Deacon Anthony, David, Anna, Reggie, Bosa, Allen & Deborah, Elaine, Mary, Alex, John & Gloria, Jeanette, John, Michael, Ted, Fr. David, Gladys, My family & friends	J. Tome
Happy Birthday & God's Blessings Granddaughter Michelle Zambito, Joseph Goodman	Anne Smith
John Bibilikow, Jeanette Hildreth	Deborah Gonser-Adams
Happy Birthday & God's Blessings for our Dedo.....	Joe, Sarah, Devon, Brooke & Danyelle
Special Intention Diane, Arthur Zambito & Family, Nancy, Kenneth & Maggie Laycock, Pat Miculka, Fred Oginsky, Gloria & John Zelenko, Gladys Edwards, Brett w/Cancer, Helen & Doug Phillips, Anne Smith	Anne Smith
Special Intention	J. Tome
Nova Josephine, Evdokia, Nick Ponomarenko.....	Lucy Hogg
Health & Blessings Carol & Jerry Smith, Families of Oginsky, Kuptz, Miculka, & Ron, V. Rev. John W. & Matushka Olga Govrusik, John & Helen Bibilikow, Jeanette Hildreth, Marie & Bill Haw, Sick & shut-ins of St. Nicholas.....	Anne Smith
Milica, Nikolina, Joshua, Bogdan, Rade, Jacob, Nedeljka, Malina, Dominic, Ilija, Nedeljko, Janja	Janja Beslac
Happy Birthday & God's Blessings Joe Goodman, Health & Blessings John Bibilikow, Jeanette Hildreth.....	Stojan & Mira Prusac

ETERNAL LIGHT

Evangelia & Nikolaos Bakousidis, Angela Bakousidis	Bakousidis Family
--	-------------------

ETERNAL LIGHT AT THE ALTAR

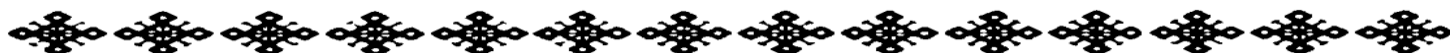
Health & God's Blessings John Bibilikow.....	Jo Ann Havens & Johnny Kantor
--	-------------------------------

CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR ALL THOSE IN BLESSED REPOSE

Lewis Elieff-Memory Eternal	Evanka & Family
Carl Smith & our son, Olga Haw, Olga Elasivich, Harold, Mary, Claribel, Brenda, & Dolores	Anne Smith
David Spence, James Rissin, Robert Travis Rogers, Verna Gonser, Ruth Ann Schultz, Marge Marsh.....	Deborah Gonser-Adams
Bogdan, Ilinka, Vaso, Anka.....	Janja Beslac

ETERNAL LIGHT

Theodora & Kosta Papalazarou.....	Bakousidis Family
-----------------------------------	-------------------



ANNOUNCEMENTS

We welcome all of our friends and visitors to St. Nicholas. Please join us in the parish hall for coffee hour.

COFFEE AND PASTRIES are being donated today in memory of John Panoff-40 days Blessed Repose, by his family.

APRIL BULLETIN was sent out on Friday. You may refer to your April calendar in the March bulletin for the schedule of services, the schedule on the reverse side of these announcements or on our website www.saintnicholasburton.org.

PALM SUNDAY BAKE SALE orders are due today. There are extra order forms in the parish hall if you are in need of one.

FLOWERS PASCHA we still have flowers available for donation for Holy Week and Pascha. Please call the parish office for a current list of available flowers.

SONS AND DAUGHTERS OF SAINT NICHOLAS Your help will be needed as we get closer to Pascha. At 9:00 am on Friday, April 6 we need help assembling the palms and pussywillows for Palm Sunday. *Please lend a hand and enjoy fellowship and food at lunch!*

PRESANCTIFIED DIVINE LITURGY Wednesday, April 4 at 6:00 pm at St. George. Holy Communion is given at the Presanctified Liturgy. To partake of Holy Communion, please be prepared with prayer and fasting (not eating or drinking anything after lunch). Confessions will be available only prior to the Liturgy from 5:30pm–6pm.

POTLUCK after the Presanctified Divine Liturgy on Wednesday there will be a Lenten potluck. Please bring a Lenten dish (no meat, no dairy, no eggs) to share in fellowship.

LAZARUS SATURDAY

Vespers on Friday, April 6 at 6:00 pm. Confessions at 5:30 pm and after Vespers

Liturgy on Saturday, April 7 at 10:00 am at Assumption followed by Lenten breakfast.

CONSECRATION OF BISHOP-ELECT ALEXANDER - MAY 4 THROUGH 6, 2012

Hotel rooms are available at the Holiday Inn French Quarter, 10630 Fremont Pike, in Perrysburg, OH. A short drive from St. George Cathedral, the hotel is offering a special room rate of \$89.00 per night. To book a room at this rate, please call the hotel at (888) 874-2592 and ask for the rate for the Bulgarian Diocese. You can also make your booking online at www.hifq.com; the group code for the special room rate is BDO. **Hotel reservation deadline is April 14.**

Bus If there are enough people interested in a bus to the consecration, we will charter a bus that will leave early Saturday morning, May 5, and return after the banquet. There is a sign-up sheet in the hall or you can send an email to the church at stnicholas1916@att.net or call the office at 744-0070.

Brochures with details about the banquet and the entire weekend are available at the candle stand. **Please see Matushka Lisa about making a reservation for the banquet. Reservations must be pre-paid (cash or check) by April 30. No tickets will be sold at the door.**

VIGIL AT THE TOMB OF OUR LORD It is traditional to keep a vigil at the Tomb of our Lord from Great Friday evening until the Great Saturday's Liturgy and then until the midnight service. The Vigil would be from Friday, April 13 at 10:00 pm until Saturday, April 14 at 10:00 am and then from 1:00 pm until 10:30 pm. If you are interested, please email stnicholas1916@att.net, call the office at 744-0070 or sign your name to the sign-up sheet in the hall.

Schedule of services and events for the week of April 1, 2012

Monday, April 2

6:30 pm Great Compline at St. George

Wednesday, April 4

9:00 am Third & Sixth Lenten Hours

6:00 pm Presanctified Liturgy at St. George followed by Lenten Potluck

Friday, April 6

9:00 am Assembly of the palms and pussywillows for Palm Sunday

5:30 pm Confessions

6:00 pm Vespers followed by Confessions

Saturday, April 7

Lazarus Saturday

10:00 am Preparation of Gifts, Divine Liturgy & Lenten Breakfast at Assumption

4:30 pm Great Vespers with Litya followed by Confessions

5:30 pm Choir Practice

Sunday, April 8

PALM SUNDAY

8:30 am Matins with the blessing of palms and pussywillows

10:00 am Divine Liturgy with procession

7:00 pm Vespers

Sunday Offerings for March 25, 2012

<i>Weekly Income</i>	
<i>Weekly Offering Envelope</i>	<i>\$ 1,531.00</i>
<i>Children's Offering</i>	<i>\$ 0.00</i>
<i>Cemetery Maintenance</i>	<i>\$ 6.00</i>
<i>Charity Envelope</i>	<i>\$ 46.00</i>
<i>Diocesan Support</i>	<i>\$ 11.00</i>
<i>OCA Envelope Missions</i>	<i>\$ 0.00</i>
<i>Candle Fund</i>	<i>\$ 254.35</i>
<i>Kitchen/Coffee</i>	<i>\$ 54.65</i>
<i>Seminarian Fund</i>	<i>\$ 1.00</i>
<i>Loose Offering</i>	<i>\$ 12.00</i>
<i>Pascha Offering</i>	<i>\$ 0.00</i>
<i>Total Income</i>	<i>\$1,916.00</i>
<i>Avg. Weekly Budget</i>	<i>\$3,798.56</i>
<i>+/- Budget</i>	<i>-\$1,882.56</i>

<i>Income to date</i>	<i>\$49,235.97</i>
<i>Expense to date</i>	<i>\$45,013.86</i>
<i>+/- to date</i>	<i>\$4,222.11</i>

*85 People were in attendance on
Sunday March 25, 2012.*